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Quick Hits

Museum sports a new look

After being closed for several weeks for renovations, the Hamtramck Historical Museum will reopen to the public on Friday, March 18.

And it doesn't look the same. Artist Dennis Orlovski's fabulous mural "Coming to Hamtramck" hanging along the upper walls remains the museum's impressive centerpiece, but visitors' gazes will also be drawn downwards.

The museum's main gallery is now boasting a new carpet that has replaced the tattered, stained old carpeting that was a genuine eyesore.

That alone has changed the appearance of the museum, but there's more. The exhibits in the museum have been re-configured to give a better flow to the narrative focusing on the impact immigration has had on Hamtramck.

The new design shows how immigrants came to this area and converted it from farms to factories. And how they made their homes here.

Also, a new exhibit has been added to show how Hamtramck streets got their names and are a reflection of the ever changing demographics of Hamtramck.

More attention is being paid to historical detail to make visiting the museum an engaging experience.

"Our motto is 'we're different'," said Greg Kowalski, executive director. "We're not like most community museums."
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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Cosmos' championship season comes to an end

By **Brian Anderson**
HPS Athletic Director

For the first time since the mid-1980s, the Hamtramck Cosmos boys basketball team won a District Championship.

The team was on its way to taking it all in state competition. They got close.

The Cosmos magical season ended on Wednesday night. The Cosmos lost to number-one ranked Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 83-72, in a regional final played at Detroit Renaissance.

In spite of the loss, the Cosmos received 25 points from Robert Davis Jr., while Hershel Marion had 14 points and 9 rebounds, and Amari and Aaron Allen had 12 points apiece.

To get to the Regional Final, the Cosmos defeated number-four ranked in the state University of Detroit Jesuit, 61-48, on Monday. Davis had 23 points, while Aaron Allen scored 17, and Her-

shel Marion had 10 points, 6 assists and 6 rebounds.

Prior to that, the Cosmos defeated Grosse Pointe South on Friday, March 11, to win the District Championship. Davis scored 26 points, while Aaron Allen had 10 points and 10 rebounds. This was the first district championship won by Hamtramck since 1985.

While the season was brought to a close Wednesday night, it was certainly a successful one. The team won its 2nd league championship in a row, won its first district title in 37 years, and finished with 20 wins overall, leading to a Top-10 ranking in the state of Michigan.



Scenes from this season's Cosmos boys basketball games.

Judge tosses lawsuit

By **Charles Sercombe**

A federal lawsuit filed against Hamtramck City Attorney James Allen and the City of Hamtramck has been thrown out.

The lawsuit was filed by Charles Blackwell, a self-described "activist" and government watchdog.

Blackwell, who was paralyzed from the waist down in a drive-by shooting, had been filing various Freedom of Information Act requests with the City of Inkster, which Allen's law firm also represents, and in Hamtramck.

Some of the FOIA's had been denied and others were complied with.

The lawsuit claimed that Allen violated the Americans with Disabilities Act, and that he attempted to suppress Blackwell's First Amendment right.

Bad blood eventually developed between Allen and Blackwell, and that led to Allen sending Blackwell a series of what the court described as "vulgar" messages.

Blackwell alleged that those demeaning emails curtailed his First Amendment right.

But none of that was a factor in federal district court Judge Mark Goldsmith's decision.
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City attorney responds to lawsuit decision

By **James Allen**

Hamtramck City Attorney

I am pleased about Judge Goldsmith's well-reasoned decision. I would like to thank my private attorneys and the city's litigation counsel, Marc Deldin, of the Schenck & Bruetsch law firm for his tireless and tenacious defense of this frivolous lawsuit.

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smith's dismissal of the lawsuit.

The judge noted that the federal laws that Blackwell cited did not apply.

Blackwell's lawsuit attracted media attention, mostly because of the comments Allen made.

Allen later apologized for his language.

The lawsuit also prompted former City Councilmember Carrie Beth Lasey to propose firing Allen and his law firm. But, her council colleagues at the time did not offer support

to move her resolution forward for a vote.

Allen and his law firm continue to represent Hamtramck, as well as other local government entities.

City attorney responds to lawsuit decision

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I am both humbled and inspired by the skill they all brought to bear on behalf of their clients. While we can expect an appeal and the waste of more of my own private resources and the public's on the sort of nuisance litigation clogging our courts, for the moment at least, justice prevailed.

On a personal note, this has been an extraordinarily trying experience for me and the many people who ran to my aid and carried me through what has been the most challenging six months of my career.

I want to thank Hamtramck City Manager Kathy Angerer for believing in me and helping me use this experience to become a stronger, better, and more humble man. Her compassion and guidance left an indelibly positive impact on my life.

I'd also like to thank those elected officials, current and former, who allowed the judicial process to sort this dispute out. As I said, there was much more to this story than I could previously discuss given the pendency of the litigation.

As for Mr. Blackwell, I have been shown an outpouring of compassion and understanding from family, friends, some old foes, and even complete strangers, as I have come to grips with and taken responsibility for my mistakes.

I pay that forward; Mr.

Blackwell has my compassion and understanding in return.

As a lawyer constantly mired in conflict, it is easy to lose perspective, especially when you are devoted to something as important as saving a city full of some of the most vulnerable people in the country.

I have now had many months to reflect upon the dark source of Mr. Blackwell's actions toward me and the many people he has needlessly hurt in my life.

In the midst of discord and struggle, we all face a fundamental choice of whether to respond in anger or seek understanding. No one needs to tell me how self-destructive anger can be. The alternative is to accept responsibility, learn, grow, and receive healing as your

reward.

A central tenet of my faith is to love enemies. I've learned what that means and the wisdom behind it. It's no mere platitude or convenience. Love saves both enemy and self.

It's no secret that this incident forced me to re-evaluate my life and the way in which I have decided to make my living. I hope that others can learn from my example that, if we surrender to them, adversity and pain, can lead to rebirth and a better understanding of the tragedy of the human condition.

While I regret the decisions I made that brought me here, I do not now, and never will, regret the opportunity that my mistakes gave me to live a better life and be a better man and father.

Quick Hits

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We don't just put things in cabinets for people to stare at. We link the history and heritage of items to show what meaning they have to the lives of all of today," Kowalski said.

The cost of the new carpeting was partially covered by a matching grant from the Michigan Arts and Cultural Council. Donations from museum supporters and members

in the Friends of Historical Hamtramck organization also contributed.

"We deeply appreciate the grant, and the donations from all of our supporters," Kowalski said.

The museum is at 9525 Jos. Campau. It is open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays and Sundays and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, and by appointment.

Email the museum at hamtramckhistory@gmail.com, or call (313) 690-9390. Visit the museum at hamtramckhistory.com.

This week at the Library . . .

March 18, 2022

Friday Morning Movement: You are invited to Friday morning fitness program to relieve stress and cultivate wellness in a safe, senior friendly way. Tai chi sessions (offered in partnership with the RIM Foundation) begin at 9:30 am, starting March 18th. Chair based yoga sessions (offered in partnership with Oak Street Health) begin at 10:30 am. Please note that the group size is limited to 10 for both events. Comfy, stretchy clothes are recommended.

Checkers TV: Snoozer Storytime Adventures are about the Man, the Myth, the Legend: Dad. See how great dads can be and enjoy an inspirational craft that has your kids aim for the stars when it comes to life goals. Watch them anytime by visiting our library website at (www.hamtramck.lib.mi.us) and click on Checkers Library TV under the Programs.

Game Night: If you are tired of screens and virtual meetings, we would like to welcome you to a different kind of social scene. Drop in on a Friday Game Night, starting at 4 pm (open to all ages).

Foreign Language Day: Quelle surprise, March 20th is French Language Day. If you are looking to brush up on your foreign vocabulary - French or otherwise - then be sure to check under the eResources tab on our website for access to the Transparent Language Online learn-

ing platform. Over 110 languages to pick from, with multiple areas of focus for each (including proper pronunciation) to help users immerse themselves. Give it a try. Bonne chance!

Women's History Month Continues: Let's shine the spotlight on Bangladeshi author Jahanara Imam. Growing up in pre-partition India, Imam's family defied social pressures in supporting her desire for higher education. Later, Imam went on to advocate for women's access to education as the Head Mistress of a prestigious all-girls school and as the prime editor of a monthly women's magazine. Advancing in her career until the Liberation War, Imam fought a new battle in the war's aftermath, organizing an international committee to hold those responsible for wartime atrocities accountable. Learn more about this luminary figure.

ESL Classes: The classes are held four days a week, from Monday to Thursday, from 9 am to 2:30 pm. The program is free to all Hamtramck residents.

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Second Front Page

Mayor: Covid appears to be going away, and maybe his updates

By Charles Sercombe

It may be close to the time that Mayor Amer Ghalib stops reporting on the weekly Covid cases.

Why? Well, it appears, for the time being, that the number of new cases is so low that it's akin to reporting on the number of flu cases each week.

Which is nothing to report about, he said.

"At some point, I will decide to stop counting the number cases of Covid, because there will be no point to counting since it's an endless process," Ghalib said.

The mayor may want

to reconsider. State health officials say that it appears another Covid strain is working its way through the metro area, and several European countries are reporting new outbreaks.

What happens in Europe, Covid-wise, has been working its way across the pond to our shores.

The mayor's weekly Monday talk with the community, via the city's Facebook page, said that there had been 18 new Covid cases in the city since last week.

That brings the number of Covid cases here

for the past two years up to 4,643 (this number changes daily). The number of deaths from Covid for this same period remains at 73.

Another development that adds credence to the mayor's news about Covid's declining numbers is that a Wayne County health clinic that had been offering free Covid vaccinations and boosters six days a week in city hall is now open only on Tuesdays, from noon to 7 p.m.

In other news, Ghalib said the city is starting up its street restoration project, and that the 31st

District Court is offering a ticket amnesty program through May 31.

Go to the court's website for more information.

Got a beef about the city's code enforcement ordinance?

If so, the mayor is urging the public to comment during upcoming city council meetings, so that a council sub-committee can incorporate the public's views in its own review of the ordinance.

Ghalib ended his seven-minute talk by saying that he may also cut down on the weekly reports in the weeks to come, and do it only "as needed."

School Bell

Winners

Four Kosciuszko Middle School student represented their school well in a recent Optimists of Downtown Detroit Oratorical competition.

Teacher and coach Rahiel Housey-Johnson provided the details:

On March 16, four Kosciuszko Middle School students competed via Zoom.

The topic was "Staying optimistic in challenging times". Students worked on an original essay, starting in October 2021. It had to be presented orally, lasting 4-5 minutes.

Here is how the students finished:

- Erna Baliya - 4th place
- Nura Uddin - 3rd place
- Taufiq Islam - 2nd place
- Onanna Jacy - 1st place

All four students will attend a Winners' Circle Luncheon on May 18. Keynote speaker, Robert Cleary,



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Councilmember Hassan tries again to move up the political ladder

By Charles Sercombe

The first Hamtramck resident has thrown his hat into the ring for the open state senate district seat.

And he's a familiar face. City Councilmember Mohammed Hassan, who has previously attempted to run for Hamtramck mayor, county, and state seats, all without any luck, announced his run for the newly created 3rd district in the state senate race.

"Good morning Michigan, Salam and Adab. I am Mohammed Hassan Mayor Pro Tem, City of Hamtramck. I'm extremely excited to officially announce that, after a lot of community support and thought, I have decided to run for State senate Dist. #3," Hassan recently said on his Facebook page.

"Please, I need your support and help. Thanks for continuously supporting me. May Allah bless you and your family."

The new district is one of several that were recently drawn up by an in-

dependent commission. Detroit lawmakers filed a lawsuit over the new districts because there are none that include only Detroit.

The new senate district for Hamtramck extends into part of Warren and Madison Heights, and even butts up to Sterling Heights.

The current senator serving Hamtramck, Adam Hollier, is among those protesting the new districts. He has opted to enter a race in a new congressional representative district that includes Hamtramck.

That congressional race has an open seat now that Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence has retired.

Hollier's abandonment of the state senate race also opens up his seat for grabs.

Hassan, a Bengali-American, is likely betting on winning votes from a large chunk of Bengali-American voters who live in Warren.

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In Our Opinion

Time to act on talk of a police commission

In the last campaign season for city council and the mayor, there was some talk of establishing a civilian police commission.

With the string of recent criminal charges and convictions of Hamtramck police officers, the need for such a commission takes on more importance.

The public needs more community engagement with the police department, and the best way to do that is to create an oversight commission. Residents should

be able to have input on what our department is focusing on.

We've had our share, and more, of bad apples in the department. It's unfortunate that the behavior of a few have tarnished the department. It's time to take a hands-on approach and tackle this issue.

Hamtramck has been racking up a number of lawsuits from the behavior of some of our officers, and this has got to stop.

But what we don't need either is a com-

mission to micro-manage the department. The commission, as we see it, could serve as a sounding board to what the department is focusing on.

Hamtramck needs smart and focused police enforcement.

Establishing a commission is a productive first step in making sure our community has a say in what the department should be doing.

To those candidates who spoke in favor of a commission, now is the time to follow through.

Odds & Ends

Sock it to them!... The Ukrainian relief drive continues in town.

The Piast Institute, located on Jos. Campau Ave., has approached the effort in a unique way: collecting new socks.

So far, there has been overwhelming response.

It may seem odd to focus on a thing like socks, but they are often overlooked in clothing drives. There is a great need for clean socks.

Piast is calling their donation drive "Socks for Ukraine," and you can either drop some off at their building (11633 Jos. Campau), or order socks online, say at Amazon, and have them delivered there.

The drive will go through March 24.

For more information about Piast go to their website at www.piastinstitute.org.

More Ukrainian aid... Holy Cross Parish is teaming up with Immaculate Conception in its collection effort.

They are seeking for first aid supplies, like aspirin, Advil, medical tape, Vaseline, vitamins, cold and flu medicine, Band-Aids and just about anything else you can get at drug stores.

Also needed are sleeping bags, flashlights, protein bars, batteries, underwear and on and on.

You can drop off your donation at 11700 McDougall. For more information, call (313) 893-1710.

Donation... The good folks with the John W.

Smith Oldtimer's Club opened their wallets last week, and made a \$1,000 donation to the Hamtramck Goodfellows.

The club recently presented their check to Mike Wilk, the chairman of the Goodfellows, during a dinner get-together at Polish Village Café.

The Oldtimer's club is named after a former mayor of Detroit, John Smith, who also held many other impressive political positions.

Smith, who died in 1942, dedicated his life to the service of others – just like the Oldtimers are doing.



Richard Sosin (left) of the John W. Smith Oldtimer's Club presents a check for \$1,000 to Mike Wilk of the Hamtramck Goodfellows.

Suds and fun... Those fun folks at Planet Ant and Profs & Pints are once again teaming up for an evening both lively and informative.

In a program "ripped right from today's news," as the saying goes, the joint series will continue on Sunday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m., with a program entitled, "Did Your Great Grandparents Sneak Here?"

The presenter will be Dr. Ashley Johnson Bavary, author of the book "Boot-

legged Aliens: Immigration Politics on America's Northern Border."

Don't let the big, long title scare you off – this program sounds like a real good time.

"Back in the 1920s," the press release lures us in, "it was the Detroit River, not the Rio Grande, that many immigrants crossed to sneak into the United States..."

Moreover, they "... typically came from Europe."

They often came from Eastern and Southern Europe, and so many of them found work in the auto industry's factories, the auto

makers actually ran huge ESL (English as a Second Language) classes right on site.

So that's the prof angle – what about the pints?

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Struck out... There are more than 500 major

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Other Voices: Guest Editorial

Owe the county back taxes? you still have time to pay up

By Eric Sabree
Wayne County Treasurer

County residents who owe back property taxes for 2019 or prior years have until March 31, 2022, to get into a payment agreement.

The move extends the payment arrangement deadline from March 14. Individuals may also pay their delinquent property taxes in full by the end of the month. Otherwise, they risk having the property go into foreclosure.

We continue to work on ways to make it easier to keep individuals in their home. Giving them more time to get into a payment plan certainly will be help-

ful to residents.

Last week I announced that his office will be open on Saturdays through the month of March to host more appointments for delinquent taxpayers to make payment arrangements.

The office will be open on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for residents who make an appointment to be seen. For information, go to <https://www.waynecounty.com/elected/treasurer/taxpayer-assistance.aspx>.

This will mark the first year that occupied properties will have been foreclosed upon since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. In both 2020 and

2021, I have successfully petitioned the 3rd Circuit Court to halt the foreclosure of occupied properties, because of hardships caused by the pandemic.

It is particularly important that individuals who owe back property taxes for the year 2019 or prior either pay the tax bill in full or work with our office to make payment arrangements.

The Wayne County Treasurer's Office has several options to help residents stay in their homes, including financial hardship extensions and other payment plans.

I also hope that a new program, the Michigan Homeowner Assistance Fund (MIHAF), will help save many owner-occupied Wayne County homes from foreclosure.

For more information, go to treasurer.waynecounty.com or contact the office by email at taxinfo@waynecounty.com. To apply for MIHAF, call 211, or go to:

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Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for 18 New American Flags

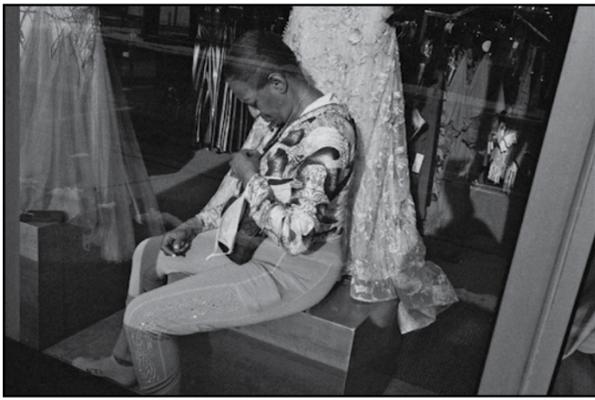
Our American Flags are normally raised at least during Memorial Day week and Independence Day Week. Existing flags are in bad shape.

Date:	Location:	Tickets:	Time:
Saturday, March 26, 2022	Post 10, PLAV 11824 Joseph Campau	\$15/plate \$12/plate for seniors	1500 hr. to 1900 hr. (3-7 pm for civilians)

Optional Halal or Vegetarian dishes available.
Several Raffles will be held during the dinner for:
• Four (4) Outfield Box Seats for the Detroit Tigers Home Opener
• Two (2) Baskets loaded with goodies
• A 50/50 Raffle
Raffle tickets will sell for \$1.00 each or 15 tickets for \$10.

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Post 10 PLAV - 11824 Joseph Campau
Tekla Vintage - 9600 Joseph Campau

The Look...



By Suraj Bhamra

East down Holbrook then North on Campau, I stop for a moment to watch a woman sitting in a window illuminated by the hanging evening sun.

Surrounded by gowns and evening dresses, she takes a moment to adjust her necklace, the dress of one mannequin running into her sleeve like the branches of two trees brushing in the wind.

A frustrated man clangs the handles of a closed liquor store on Sunday like church bells, three men converse next to Burke's, and a figure takes shelter in wait, all appearing less like human forms and more like granite monuments to man.

(Suraj Bhamra is a Detroit-area photographer who specializes in street photography.)



Notice of Public Hearing – City of Hamtramck

Plan Commission

NOTICE is hereby given that the city of Hamtramck Plan Commission will conduct a public hearing in the 2nd Floor Council Chambers of Hamtramck City Hall (3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212) on April 6th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Public comments will be limited to three minutes. Public comments may also be heard by submitting a written comment to Assistant Community and Economic Development Manager at kfaulkner@hamtramckcity.com.

The subject of the hearing is: A application by CitySwitch LLC for special land use approval to allow a new wireless communications device at 3901 Christopher Street, Hamtramck MI 48212. Parcel ID: 41005990007000. Hamtramck Zoning Ordinance 155.185 – 155.188.

The City of Hamtramck will provide necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids, and services for individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon advance notice by writing or by calling the Clerk's Office at 313-800-5233 x343. Please contact the Clerk's office at least 10 days in advance.

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CIRCUIT COURT

Jeffrey Tranchell, Plaintiff v Mark Munoz,
Defendant. Robert K. Ochodnický (P75766)
Attorney for Plaintiff, 126 N. Hagadorn
East Lansing, MI 48823.

CASE NO. 22-002359-CH

TO: MARK MUNOZ

YOU ARE BEING SUED IN THIS COURT BY PLAINTIFF TO
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9th – 12th Grades

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9th - 12th Grades

Odds & Ends

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league baseball players who retired before 1980, who didn't accrue at least four years' worth of service time, and who, under current rules, don't draw a pension.

Among them is former St. Lad's grad Doug Konieczny.

Konieczny, born in Detroit in 1951, was a pitcher who was originally drafted in the 23rd round by his hometown Detroit Tigers. He never ended up pitching a single inning for them, however.

He did end up pitching in 44 total games for the Houston Astros, between

1973-75 and in 1977. He started all but six of those games, compiling a not-exactly-stellar 7-18 record, with a 4.93 earned run average.

In 221 full innings, he struck out 110 batters - but walked 111, indicating more than a little issue with command of his pitches.

But hey - he made the majors, and lasted there for multiple seasons.

Just not quite long enough.

Now 70 years old and living in Spring, Texas, he does receive what's termed an "annual non-

qualified retirement payment" of not more than \$10,000 - before taxes.

Additionally, these players who fell through the cracks get no health coverage, something that most players who played that long ago could probably sorely use at this point.

All of this is outlined in Douglas J. Gladstone's 2010 book "A Bitter Cup of Coffee: How MLB and the Players' Association Threw 874 Retirees a Curve." The book was updated with a 2019 edition, per Amazon.

Let's hope baseball finds its heart, and rights the situation while it can still make a difference in some lives.

Including that of Doug Konieczny.

CRIME LOG

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in the area of Jos. Campau and Holbrook for obstructing officers.

A complaint was made about a couple arguing in their vehicle while it was parked in the area of Holbrook and Brombach.

Monday, March 14

Officers reported that when they arrived at a residence in the 12000 block of St. Aubin to investigate a domestic assault, the person who called the police department then refused to speak.

A hit-and-run accident occurred at Conant and Casmere.

A theft was reported on Selfridge St.

A disorderly customer was reported at a Caniff Ave. business.

A hit-and-run accident happened on Lumpkin St.

School Bell

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Obituaries

LOY



Loretta C. Loy (nee Dale), 84, passed in peace on March 14, 2022.

Loretta was the dear mother of Marlene Kwapisz (Adam), Robert Loy (Nancy), Ronald Loy (Sandy); grandmother of Jessica (Chris), Stephanie (Dave); great grandmother of Avery.

Mrs. Loy was an avid fan of the Detroit Tigers. She loved her family and enjoyed making puzzles, reading books and shopping at the dollar stores.

Loretta was a long-time resident of Hamtramck, living here for over 60 years. She was fondly loved and will be missed by her family.

Memorial visitation is Tuesday, March 22, 2022, from noon till 3 p.m. at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck, MI.

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