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# **Quick Hits DIA to host Black** History Month

**By Alan Madlane** 

Black History Month is here, and the DIA has plans in place to be the place to go for Black History Month (BHM) this month.

The DIA promises a "deep. wide-ranging set of programs," and they aren't kidding.

Certainly, one of the highlights will be the special exhibition "Regeneration: Black Cinema 1898-1971," opening Sunday, Feb. 4.

Best of all, this special exhibit is free to the public, in recognition of BHM but also in celebration of the Detroit Film Theatre's 50th year. A hearty congratulations to them, indeed. Other events happening throughout the month of February to honor BHM include special speakers; visiting artists; educator workshops; "Friday Night Live" performances; children's film and storytelling selections; and more.

# — HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD — New police chief marks an historical moment in Hamtramck

### **By Charles Sercombe**

The search for a new chief of police in Hamtramck didn't take long. The job had been posted for only 10 days, with a deadline of Jan. 19 to apply. In a special meeting on Monday Jan. 29, the city council and mayor approved hiring Jamiel Altaheri, who is currently a chief inspector in the New York Police Department.

Altaheri is a Yemeni-American who immigrated to this country when he was 4 years old. He was not present at Monday's meeting.

His appointment, which is dependent upon him getting credentials from the state and also passing a background check, would mark a historical moment in Hamtramck. He will be the first Yemeni-American to serve as police chief, and he is also able to communicate in Arabic.

The city manager will negotiate a contract with Altaheri.



### Jamiel Altaheri

Wayne County Sheriff acted as chief with the title of Public Safety Director, although that hiring was met with resistance from officers in the department at the time.

That was also a time of great political turmoil here in town.

Mayor Amer Ghalib said he expects this transition "will be smooth," and he has the "confidence in our police department to work as a team."

Ghalib added that Altaheri and his family plan to live in Hamtramck.

Councilmember

lice Department, Andrew Mileski and David Cornwell.

In addition to hiring Altaheri, Mileski will now fill a new position as deputy police chief, and will assume command until Altaheri can move here and take on the duties of the office.

Hamtramck Police Chief Anne Moise, who was the city's first female appointed to the position, retired this week, on Jan. 31, after serving as chief for nine years.

Altaheri will not be able to take on the role as police chief until April or March.

Altaheri does have an impressive background.

According to the Center of Homeland Security, an organization that provides training and educational programs for those in leadership positions, "He earned a Master of Arts Degree in Human Resource Management from Seton Hall University; a Bachelor of Science religion. I'm not a big one in Business Management to claim discrimination, and Finance, and a Certificate of Achievement in Accounting from Brooklyn College; a Graduate Certif- ful to the NYPD."

icate in Policing in a Multicultural City from John Jay College of Criminal Justice: a Certificate of Achievement in Criminal Justice from the University of Virginia; and graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA, in 2016, the first Muslim-American Police Executive to do so. He is currently a doctoral student at Liberty University."

Altaheri told the Center of Homeland Security that he was inspired to become a police officer after 9/11, saying:

"I always saw myself as an American and I believe there is no conflict between that and being a Yemeni-American and a Muslim."

"I wanted to protect my country and to lead a campaign to help face the challenges that Muslims face. My presence in the NYPD was needed at the time. Many felt they were being targeted for their race and but there were tough times and I had to approach [superiors] about it. I'm grate-

According to state law,

public school boards are

required to meet at least

once a month, and viola-

tions of the law include a

One boardmember, Re-

gan Watson, has not at-

tended a meeting since

last February; nor has

fine and jail time.

# Mayor says death threat seemed real

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### **By Charles Sercombe**

Mayor Amer Ghalib says he is no stranger to death threats, but recently he received one that required the attention of the police department.

In a message he posted on his Facebook page, Ghalib said he has not taken past death threats "seriously," but said a recent one "determined the time and place, and said he will implement his threat at the next session of the municipal council."

That meeting was on Monday, but no incident happened.

City Manager Max Garbarino said it is believed the threat came from someone in Canada, but had no other details.

Ghalib is the city's first Arab-American to serve as Hamtramck's mayor and is also the city's first Muslim to hold that position.

Local, national and international media outlets have reported on his election, as well as the fact of Hamtramck's city councilmembers all being Muslim. For most of Hamtramck's 100-plus year history, it has been a Polish-American enclave. During the past several years, the city's population has become majority Muslim, particularly from Bangladesh and Yemen, with a few Bosnians mixed in.

Admission to the DIA is free to residents in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Check out dia.org for all the specifics.



Traditionally, an officer from within the department is promoted to chief, although, for a brief time in the 1990s, a retired Refai said that Altaheri "will bring in diversity."

The other candidates for the job were long-time officers in the Hamtramck Po-

School board will look into an

attendance policy for its members

Ghalib said the threats will not deter him, and that he will seek re-election next year.

"I will continue to do my duties as mayor of this city, and to serve its people despite the bats of darkness and advocates of racism," he said.

"I will run again next year, supported by the efforts and support of the community members in our city, and armed with integrity and loyalty and a vast and busy historical

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The Hamtramck School Board is considering a policy

### **By Charles Sercombe**

The Hamtramck Board of Education wants to do something about its poor attendance record.

Last year, the board failed to meet at least once in three separate months. Some of those meetings were canceled ahead of time, but there has also been another nagging reason: not enough board members show up in order to call a meeting to go forward, and some miss meetings for months on end.

she provided a reason for her absences. Board President Jihan Aiyash missed just about every meeting in 2022. Aiyash says she notified the then-Board President,

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on boardmember absences.

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would not be attending.

However, Aiyash never

explained her absences

to the public, nor would

she answer emails from

The Review about those

The board does not

missing meetings.

record of achievements and reforms, that have taken place in two years like never before!"

Ghalib and city councilmembers came under criticism last summer for banning the display of pride flags on public property, which drew backlash nationally.

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel, who is openly gay, called the city's decision on pride flags a "national embarrassment."



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Sal Hadwan, that she es in its bylaws - something that most public bodies do have.

School board will look into an attendance policy

In Watson's case, she stopped attending after the board stripped her of the title of board treasurer after initially re-appointing her to that role at an earlier meeting last year.

Aiyash says she has tried contacting Watson in various ways and has yet to get a response. Watson has also not replied to The Review for an explanation.

"Regan Watson has been completely ineffective since she checked

out," Aiyash said. "She has not responded to calls or texts or emails from me, from the superintendent's office, from the superintendent's secretary. I know she's around. I know she exists."

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# **Review:** Opinion Page

# In Our Opinion A cautionary warning to our elected leaders

We've noticed a disturbing trend, over recent months, that could get out of hand.

And that is the mayor and city council inserting themselves into the decision making of the city manager.

The latest development was the mayor and some councilmembers interviewing candidates for the position of police chief.

Let us say this upfront: We welcome the newly appointed Police Chief Jamiel Altaheri, who we are confident will make an excellent addition to the department, and whose hiring marks an important historical moment for the city.

(He has been a top-ranking officer in the New York Police Department, and will be the city's first Yemeni-American and Muslim police chief.)

What disturbs us, however, is elected officials acting like they have administrative duties.

The city charter is clear about what role the city manager plays, as well as the roles of the mayor and city council.

Chapter 5-01, (section f) spells it out:

"All appointed department heads shall be ap-

pointed by the city manager, subject to approval by a majority vote of the council and mayor-elect. 'Department head' shall mean the city clerk, city treasurer, police chief, fire chief, city controller, city assessor, city attorney, and such other department heads as may be established by ordi-

nance." We point this out as cautionary warning а because we have seen what happens when a mayor and city council start to control a city manager's decision-making: it leads to political deadlock and paralysis.

You have to have faith in the city manager. Now, if elected officials lose that faith, well, that's a different issue.

Let the city manager make their decision on who should be a part of their administrative team, and then present their choice to the city council. Yes, the city charter calls for final approval by the council, but that comes after the city manager presents their recommendation.

The wording of the resolution approving the new chief says it's a recommendation made by the mayor and council not the city manager.

Certainly, input from the mayor and council on what qualities they desire for candidates for such an important role as police chief is welcomed, and even encouraged.

However, overstepping the lines of authority didn't really work out that well when the mayor and council took on outsized roles deciding who to hire as deputy city manager - a position that was created by them, and which is not in the city charter.

That person didn't work out, and eventually agreed to a paid separation from the city.

The revised and updated city charter, adopted in 2004, purposely reduced the roles of the mayor and city council in administrating city affairs. That was to diffuse the decades-long power struggle between the mayor and council over who makes day-to-day decisions.

You have to put your trust in your city manager, and let the manager make their own decisions.

Then you can either approve or disapprove of the choice.

# Odds & Ends

Reminder... Winter weather isn't going to stop this year's celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The Jan. 15 event had to be scrubbed because of the extreme cold.

But now the Concerned Women of Hamtramck, in conjunction with the Hamtramck Public School District, will try again on Feb. 19.

The details are the same as before.

It goes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on that date, at the Hamtramck Community Center, 11350 Charest St.

This is the 26th year for the celebration. As in prior years, the breakfast will be followed by a talent show put on by students from the district, any age K-12. The showcase's theme this year is, "A Change is Gonna Come."

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students ages 13-18, and ages 12 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite, but also from the HPSD Administrative Office or from the main offices of each individual school.

The idea behind the event's theme and title this year is to promote better futures for all HPSD students.

Bugging out... The folks at Orkin, the pest control company, have some bad news for the City of Detroit. And it affects Hamtramck, as well, since we are an enclave surrounded by Detroit.

So here it is: we're stuck in the middle of one of the worst cities afflicted trip, when a service worker visits, or after guests stay overnight.

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**Go green...** We're talking about the power of cannabis sales in the state, not Michigan State University's basketball team.

According to Mlive.com, marijuana outlets raked in a whopping \$3 billion in 2023, compared to \$2.3 billion in sales in 2022.

As for employment, the industry in Michigan employs 35,000 people.

While the sales figures are healthy, some industry experts believe that the industry may have tapped out on what it can expect to generate in revenues.

For the consumer, prices for cannabis products have drastically dropped as more and more competitors open up shops in the state.

And for Hamtramck, revenue from the city's four pot shops has generated about \$250,000 a year in taxes and fees.

The competition is so fierce here that one store closed last year, and there does not appear to be anyone waiting in the wings to give that location another try.

Meanwhile, there are a number of people in town who, if they had their way, would shut down the shops because of the perceived fear of increased crime, and their own religious moral beliefs.

stores, or because of cannabis consumption.

So, naysayers should just chill, mind their own business, and enjoy the tax revenue.

Cracking down... This week, Michigan State Police warned that they will now be issuing tickets to anyone driving alone in carpool lanes that are reserved for "High-Occupancy Vehicles (HOV)."

These "High-Occupancy" lanes are the left-most I-75 lanes in Oakland County, stretching about 14 miles each way from 12 Mile to South Blvd.

Enforcement will only be during rush hours - 6-9 a.m. and 3-6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Those seen driving alone in the left, or "fast" lanes in those areas, at those times, will receive tickets with fines ranging from \$110 to \$128, plus court fees and taxes.

There must be at least two people in a vehicle to legally travel on an HOV lane during enforcement hours.

(For those who are wondering, yes, there are people who use blow-up dolls or mannequins to fake out the police. If you get caught, you'll still get a ticket, and you'll probably tick off the officer, who will then find more reasons to issue other tickets.)

You are also not permitted to use the HOV lane, commonly known as the left passing lane, to pass another vehicle during enforcement hours.

This is yet another reason to avoid Oakland Coun-

**Other Voices:** Guest Editorial

### Uniting volunteers in our community

### By Max Gilginas

community unity, the Office of Community Involvement in Hamtramck is spearheading a coalition-building initiative.

The goal is to bring together а diverse cross-section of the dedicated population to addressing volunteer coordinating projects, city-wide clean-ups, and fostering stronger neighborhood bonds.

Current projects on our agenda include snow shoveling and weed service to maintain the well-being of senior and disabled residents, food delivery, medical transport, and various other essential services within the community.

Our mission is to en- tiative, please reach out In an effort to foster gage every neighbor in the spirit of mutual exchange-time, knowledge, and service given back to the community.

> For those interested in actively participating in this transformative ini-

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to us at mgilginas@hamtramckcity.com. Let's build a stronger,

more connected Hamtramck together!

(Max Gilginas is the city's Community Involvement Coordinator.)

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with bed bugs, according to Orkin, who knows a few things about pesky insects and how to get rid of them (or at least control them, whatever that means).

Detroit comes in at number 6, out of 50, for the worst city offenders. The number one buggy city is the "Windy City" - Chicago - followed by New York City, Philadelphia, Cleveland and Los Angeles.

So what can we do about it at home?

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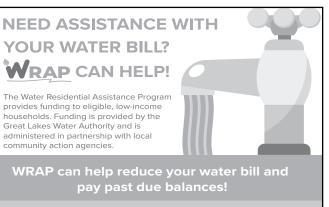
· Look at places like mattress tags and seams, as well as behind baseboards, headboards, electrical outlets and picture frames.

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As for crime, the outlets are more heavily guarded than local banks, and there have been no - repeat, no - reports of a spike in crime anywhere near the

ty, but we know a number of residents do work out that way.

So, word to the wise: Be aware.



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### **By Charles Sercombe**

This week's Crime Log covers Jan. 23-29. Tuesday, Jan. 23

· At 1:30 a.m., officers responded to a call about a disturbance in the 2200 block of Danforth

 Family trouble was reported in the 2600 block of Commor.

· An assault was reported in the 9400 block of Conant. An assault was also reported in the 2200 block of Danforth.

A hit-and-run accident was reported on Jos. Campau.

· A suspect was arrested on Belmont for carrying a concealed weapon without a permit.

A domestic assault • was reported on Norwalk. · A break-in was re-

ported on Dyar.

### Wednesday, Jan. 24

· Gunshots were reported in the 12000 block of Oklahoma.

· A theft was reported in the 2900 block of Evaline.

• An auto theft was reported on Selfridge.

· Family trouble was reported on Selfridge.

### Thursday, Jan. 25

 Officers investigating a domestic assault, in the 2300 block of Caniff. arrested a male suspect.

ported in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau.

· A theft was reported on Edwin.

An assault was reported at Poland and Dequindre.

Retail fraud was reported at a business on Jos. Campau.

• A domestic assault

was reported on Dyar. Two suspects were arrested for a domestic

assault that happened on Belmont.

 A male in the 2000 block of Caniff was reported to have exposed himself.

• A family dispute was reported in the 12000 block of Dyar.

### Saturday, Jan. 2

• At about midnight, a business in the 2000 block of Caniff reported trouble with a customer.

· At 1 a.m., a suspect was arrested, in the 9800 block of Conant, for stealing an item from an auto.

· A break-in was reported in the 9700 block of Conant.

• At 3:30 a.m., a complaint was made about noise in the 12000 block of Dyar.

 A domestic assault was reported in the Self-12000 block of ridge.

• A complaint was made about a juvenile in the 10000 block of Jos. Campau.

### Sunday, Jan. 28

• A complaint was made about noise in the 2000 block of Yemans.

· A suspicious situation was reported in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.

 Property damage was reported in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.

### Monday, Jan. 29

 A domestic assault was reported in the 12000 block of Charest.

 A complaint was made about two disorderly people in the 2000 block of Caniff.

· A break-in was reported on Trowbridge.

· A resident on Jacob reported that their property had been damaged.

• A business on Jos. Campau reported a disorderly customer.

 Family trouble was reported on Oklahoma.

· An auto theft was re-





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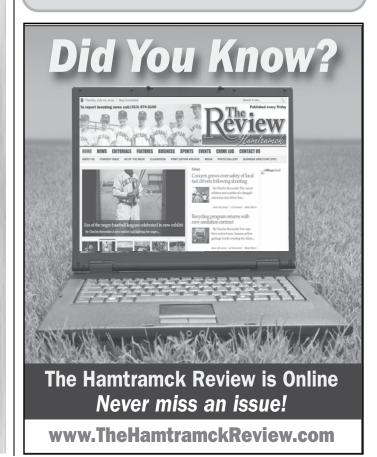
· An incident of fraud was reported on Botsford.

Officers assisted a motorist with a road hazard.



# **Coming Events**

SATURDAY, Feb. 10, 2-4 p.m. - Take-out only Soup Kitchen at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. Everyone is welcome!





Friday, February 2, 2024



### BAUER



Neal A. Bauer, 64, died January 27, 2024. Beloved

husband of Frances (neé Spraga) was born May 2, 1959, in Salina Kansas to the late Bill and Nora. Neal is survived by his daughter Sherry and his brother Jay in Hawaii. Neal was known and

loved by a lot of people. He loved to do woodworking, home repairs, NA-SCAR, model race cars, comic books, and family gatherings where he loved to cook. Neal was his own person, stern but loving. He loved the family cat, Katirah. Neal was a semitruck driver and worked for the Detroit Machinery Center. He was fun loving and loved the holiday seasons,

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especially Christmas, Thanksgiving and Easter. He enjoyed making others happy.

Neal beat cancer in 2021, was in a nursing home of late and in and out of the hospital. He passed away Saturday at 2:30 a.m. at Ascension Hospital in Warren. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

The family will have private services and asks that in lieu of flowers please donate to a chari-

### CITY OF HAMTRAMCK NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Please take notice that the public testing of the equipment and the program to be used for tallying the results of the Presidential Primary Election of Tuesday, February 27, 2024, will be held on February 6, 2024, at 2 p.m. The test will take place in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall located at 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212. All interested parties are invited to observe.

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of the late John "Rich" Sr and loving mother of Mary (Jim) Casper, Thomas (Rachelle), Michael (Cindy) and the late John Jr, and Carol Ann. Grandmother of Kelly (Perry) Casper Vogiatzis, Laura, Bradley, Brianna, Jack, Samuel, Jacob, and Great Grandmother of Sophia and Petros John Vogiatzis.

Mary is also survived by her siblings Evelyn (late Don) Parshall, Josie (late Victor) Abdo, Bob (Mark), Frances Gutierrez and her sister-in-law Joyce. Mary was predeceased by her parents Joseph and Rita (nee Grech), and siblings Joe (Rosemary), Fred, Carmen (Gene) Urbanczyk, and Jeannie.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to St Jude's Hospital or the Capuchin's in Mary's name. Visitation, Thursday, February 1, 2024, from 1 – 9 p.m. at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212.

Lying in state Friday, February 2, 2024, at 10 a.m. until time of funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 1050 Porter, Detroit MI 48226. Interment, Mount Olivet Cemetery, Detroit MI.

### RIGSTAD



tramck, Michigan on January 17, 2024.

Mark was born to Robert and Anita Rigstad in Roseburg, Oregon and grew up in Woodland Hills, California and Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mark attended college at the University of Puget Sound, where he made many life-long friendships, and University of Utah, from which he earned his bachelor's degree in philosophy.

Mark continued his education at The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, where he teams, who he led to win regional championships and to compete for national titles.

Mark was also known for his innovative research into the ethical dimensions of contemporary political questions about war, terrorism, rebellion, and human rights. Mark's excellent reputation spread beyond the walls of academia, and he was frequently interviewed by various media outlets for his perspective on current political and news events.

While Mark's academic and professional career accomplishments were stellar, Mark's character and reputation as a true, loyal, and trusted friend, confidante and mentor outshine them all.

Mark's love for his family and friends was paramount in his life. Mark was well known as the person who you could call when you needed advice, a listening and compassionate ear, a helping hand, or a good laugh.

He often spoke of the values that his parents Bob and Anita, instilled in him as a child and he lived his life in a way that honored them. Mark was a true renaissance man and had many passions in life; spending time with his beloved life partner, Geaneen, surfing, reading, art, music of all genres, traveling, eating good food and hiking being among them.

He was a lover of life and learning and had a zeal for discovering interesting things about the world. Mark's intelligence, wit and genuineness drew people to him.

He had a special ability to find a friend in anyone he met and enjoyed talking to everyone. Mark made anyone with whom he engaged in conversation feel heard and important. He loved seeing his family and friends and always made a special effort to be present for them when they needed him. During his many travels, he would always check in with family and friends whenever he was in their area. Mark is survived by his brother Peter (Marcy) Rigstad, his nephew Ryan and his niece Natalie of Holladay, UT; his beloved life partner Geaneen Arends of Royal Oak, MI and her daughters Alanna and Amanda; his uncle Paul (Barbara) Rigstad of Duluth, MN and their children Jill, Roger and Kay; his uncle John (Nancy) Rigstad of Indianapolis, IN and their daughters Sarah and Elizabeth; his uncle Jim (Marcy) Rigstad of Superior, WI and their children Jeremy, Deana and Amy; and many close and life-long friends and extended family. He is preceded in death by his parents Bob and Anita. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to the American Civil Liberties Union (aclu.org).

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as awarded a fellowship nd earned his master's nd doctorate degrees.

Mark taught at California Institute of Technology (Caltech), California State University, LA, and Dowling College before moving to Michigan in 2002 to accept a faculty position at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan.

Mark's work at Oakland University was exceptional. Mark was the Chair of the University's Department of Philosophy for 9 years, served as a University Senator and was the Director of the University's Center for Ethics.

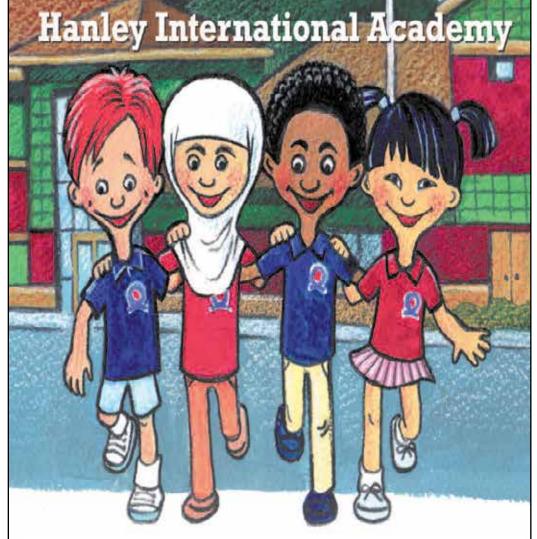
He developed several new programs and courses and led many university committees and special initiatives.

Mark was well known for his teaching and mentorship and helped to shape the careers of many of his colleagues and two generations of college students. He taught the history of ethics, political philosophy, philosophy of law, and the philosophy of war and peace.

Mark was particularly proud of his role as coach of OU's Ethics Bowl teams. He coached more than a dozen Oakland University A Celebration of Life will be held at Aretha's Jazz Café at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Street, Detroit, MI on February 17th, 2024, from 1to 3 p.m. **Hamtramck Review** 

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