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Quick Hits

The Hamtramck Public School District will present its "State of the District Address" next Wednesday, Jan. 25.

But before that, a "call to action" will be held outside the high school's community center at 3:30 p.m. School Board Vice President Evan Major said the event is being held in light of recent political developments.

"We have seen attacks on teacher retirement plans, income tax changes that would cut funds to schools, the rise of hate crimes targeting immigrants and people of color across the country, and the nomination of Betsy DeVos for Education Secretary," Major said in an email he sent on Tuesday.

Major further explained that reasons for the get-to-gether are to:

- Demand that policymakers increase investment in public schools and protect Title I funds.
- Make Wall Street and billionaires pay their fair share.
- Affirm that our schools are centers of learning and protected against bullying, racism, and deportation.

The State of the District Address will follow immediately after the call to action.

— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Historic baseball stadium scores a national grant to kick start repairs

By Charles Sercombe

In the not-too-distant future – say, maybe two or three years – you might hear the phrase "Batter Up" at the baseball stadium in Veterans Memorial Park.

That stadium has been in the news in recent weeks regarding future plans to renovate it and bring back baseball and other activities.

For years the grandstands have been an eyesore, falling apart and being torn apart by vandals. All that while city and school officials debated what to do with it: tear it down or build it

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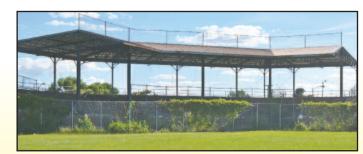
thing was discovered about the stadium's past that was a game-changer in what to do with it: The stadium was once the home to the Negro League ball club, the Detroit Stars.

Back in the 1930s, when African-Americans were barred from playing for major league baseball teams, legends like Satchel Paige and Turkey Stearns played here, in their own league.

That was all part of America's shameful past when segregation was protected by law.

Hamtramck's stadium is now one of only five surviving stadiums that

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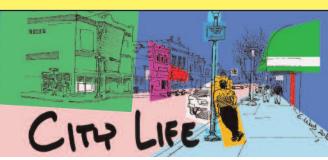


The National Parks Service recently awarded a \$50,000 grant to find out what repairs are needed to renovate the baseball stadium in Veterans Park. Below: Gary Gillette, the founder of the Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium, talked about the future of the stadium at Monday's MLK Prayer Breakfast at the community center.





Wayne Kramer of the legendary rock group the MC5 was captured in action by teenage journalist Walter Wasacz. He has been documenting the Detroit music and arts scene since the 1970s.



A marriage that works

By Walter Wasacz

I went to the Detroit Institute of Arts this week to see the photography exhibition "Detroit After Dark." It's been up since October and I was remiss in not finding time to see it sooner

I know several of the photographers featured in the show, including Doug Coombe and Sue Rynski, two artists with whom I've collaborated as a music writer and editor; and longtime friends Scott

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Police may see a boost in pay

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's Police Department has become a revolving door when it comes to keeping new officers.

Over the past year, there have been four vacancies the department had to deal with. That may not sound like a lot, but when the department has only 31 members – which includes detectives and supervisors – the cost to train new recruits can be staggering.

The result of the departures has led to an increase in overtime spending, said City Manager Katrina Powell at last month's Receivership Transition Advisory Board (RTAB) – the state appointed body that oversees all city financial

transactions.

In the month of November, said Powell, overtime was up citywide by 523 hours – mostly in the police and fire departments.

"In the police department, we are in the process of training new officers," said Powell, according to the RTAB's minutes of the December meeting.

"We've lost officers to another county, which

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Police may see a boost in pay

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has done a massive recruiting of our people. Apparently we're a really good training ground for good police officers, so people are coming after our officers."

In order to turn this around, Powell told the RTAB that she and her administration are considering a new tactic to retain officers - give them a better pay and benefit package.

"If we want to continue to keep good people here, we're going to have to kind of look at that, because a lot of people those things," Powell

"So it costs more to bring people in and train them, put them through, you know, everything that they have to go through, and then to lose them. It costs us a lot of money. So it may be more prudent for us to apply money upfront versus having to completely retrain the majority of our department. So that's something that we're going to be looking at over the next few

Any increase in pay and are leaving because of benefits would obviously be welcomed by the officers' union. New recruits have complained that their co-pay and limited health insurance coverage leaves them with little left over from their paycheck.

The timing for considering an increase in salary and benefits couldn't be better: The officers' contract with the city expired several months ago.

But before any talks start, the city must first wait for an analysis of the department to be completed.

That study was ordered by former Emergency Manager Cathy Square before she left office. According to her final set of directives, the city must make any changes to the department that the study suggests.

The study is expected to be presented sometime this month.

If the past is any implementing those changes will likely meet resistance. Past studies and suggestions for changes in the department were met with hostility by members of the union, and proposed changes were never adopted.

This time, however, the emergency manager's final directive may trump objections by the police union.

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Historic baseball stadium scores a national grant to kick start repairs

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served the Negro League, as it was called back

Since that discovery about Hamtramck's stadium the Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium, was formed by baseball historian Gary Gillette to raise money and bring the structure back to its former glory.

The effort is paying off. Last week it was announced the National Parks Service, through its African American Civil Rights Program, awarded Hamtramck \$50,000 to fund pre-planning for the stadium's renovation.

The grant will specifically be used to find out the condition of the grandstands.

Gillette said it is not known at this point how much money it will take to fix the structure.

"I'm hoping it's less than \$1 million," Gillette said.

The stadium was renovated in the 1940s by Wayne County after it was

damaged in a wind storm. The county also cut

down the length of the stadium and replaced its

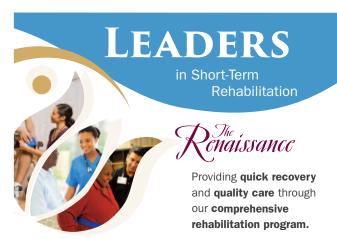
That grant will also be teamed up with an online fundraising effort to be held sometime in the next couple of months with the hopes of raising \$50,000. The money raised will be used to recondition the playing

Gillette spoke at the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast held Monday at the Hamtramck High School Community Center.

He said plans call for the site to host a variety of events and sports outings, including baseball, football, soccer cricket.

In the meantime, Gillette said he is encouraging the public to pitch in. He is hoping there are some in the area who have family photos of the structure.

"We really do need more photographs and documentation," he said.



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ESL Class - Wednesday, Jan. 25, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

Movie Night - Wednesday, Jan. 18, 6:30 p.m. "Sully" - The story of Chesley Sullenberger, an American pilot who became a hero after landing his damaged plane on the Hudson River in order to save the flight's passengers and crew.

Family Night at the Library – Wednesday, Jan. 25, 3:30 p.m. Join the Hamtramck Drug free

Community Coalition for Family Night. Make a bracelet with your parents, friends, and family to keep. We will also create one with the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority's 24 Hour Helpline so that you always have it on hand when you need help in any mental health crisis.

ESL Class – Friday, Jan. 27, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

Wayne Metro's Free Tax Program - Mondays beginning Jan. 23, 10 a.m-4 p.m. The service offers accessible services throughout Wayne County, with different times and locations. While appointments are encouraged, walk-ins are also accepted. To make an appointment, please call (734) 284-6999 or (313) 388-9799.

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Movie Night - Wednesday, February 1, 6:30 p.m. - "The Accountant" - As a math savant uncooks the books for a new client, the Treasury Department closes in on his activities and the body count starts to rise.

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Second Front Page

Annual MLK Prayer Breakfast paid

honor to civil rights legend

By Charles Sercombe

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s message of peace and unity was heard loud and clear in Hamtramck on Monday.

The annual MLK Breakfast Prayer, held at the ing to do likewise. Hamtramck High School Community Center, was packed even more this year. The event, sponsored by the Concerned Women of Hamtramck, attracted about 100 participants.

As usual, students in the public school district entertained those attending with a talent contest.

Keynote speaker Mike Wilson, who was an execu-

Above and below: Scenes

from last Monday's annual

Prayer Breakfast to celebrate Martin Luther King,

Jr. Day. After the breakfast, which featured keynote

speaker Mike Wilson (top right) and a student talent

contest, a unity march was

held. March participants

walked to Zussman Park

from the high school com-

munity center.

tive with Chrysler before starting up a non-profit agency with his wife to help at-risk youths, stressed that "we need to give back in some capacity."

He urged those attend-

"Learn, earn and return," he said.

After the breakfast, a Unity March was held, starting from the community center to Zussman

The 30 or so who joined the march, and braved freezing rain, heard messages inspired by King.

"Victory will be found in doing things together," said Rev. Michael Nelson.

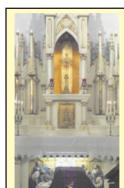












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Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the City of Hamtramck is announcing its objectives and possible uses for developing projects using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

For Program Year 2017, the City of Hamtramck anticipates receiving an allocation of approximately \$214,190 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds.

The City of Hamtramck, City Council will be holding the initial Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212, to receive initial comments related to the stated objective below from the public on the PY 2017 allocation. A list of possible projects allowable under this funding is available in the Hamtramck City Clerk's Office.

CITY OF HAMTRAMCK OBJECTIVE

To promote economic health and financial equity through activities that improve the business environment, facilitate regionalism and collaborations, create and retain jobs, improve job skills, and provide an overall high quality of life in the City of Hamtramck focusing on activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons and meet national objectives for the program.

The public is invited to attend and comment at the public hearing or to make written comments on or before the dates of the hearing. Written comments should be made to the attention of the Kathy Angerer, Director Community and Government Affairs, 3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

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School Bell

Dickinson West Elementary School News

Kahmora Kennedy, a 4th grade student a Dickinson West, won the Grand Prize at the 2016 Detroit Children's Business Fair. The following is what Katrina D. LeFlore, Kahmora's mentor for 4-H Tech Wizards at Farwell Center, had to say about



Kahmora Kennedy

The 2016 Detroit Children's Business Fair which was sponsored by the Junior Achievement of Southeast Michigan and the Mackinac Center for Public Policy was held re-Miss Kahmora cently. Kennedy, a 9-year-old 4th grade student of Dickinson West Elementary School, won the Grand Prize for best presentation of a business concept for her business KahMora Empire.

Kahmora is a two-year member of the 4-H M-YEARS Tech Wizards of Farwell Recreation Center in Detroit. A nationally chartered organization, 4-H in partnership with the Michigan State University Extension, provides mentorship, educational op-

portunities and leadership development for youth.

With the support of her mother, Ms. Shamika Lays and younger sister Jayla Kennedy, age 7 and also a student of Dickinson West Elementary School, Kahmora easily captivated the attention and interest of those attending.

As Kahmora's mentor, I entered her in the competition and held 4-H group meetings where our members worked together to discuss entrepreneurship, business development and the ways to promote products.

Kahmora spoke powerfully about her love of her school and her desire to assist her classmates from various countries who struggle with English literacy comprehension. She spoke of creating a business, KahMora Empire, to develop multilingual books written in English and in a student's native language to increase their ability to understand English.

Kahmora wants to use money she earns from sales to fund the development and publishing of her books. Many wellknown business owners were amazed by her savvy knowledge and offered their support and assistance to help her develop her company.

Kahmora was interviewed and filmed for her participation in this event. I was awed by her phenomenal presentation and her desire to use part of her profits to help the homeless — especially

those who are children.

I believe Kahmora did an amazing job in representing her school community and organization. It is my pleasure to recognize the hard work and efforts of Kahmora Kennedy and to witness the positive achievements of someone so young.

She is a great testament to the educational success of her school. Congratulations Kahmora!

Holbrook Elementary School News

Holbrook Elementary is celebrating its 120th year of educating residents of Hamtramck. Many changes to the building have occurred over those years but one thing stays constant and that is the dedication of its staff members.

Holbrook has welcomed two new staff members, Ms. Kathy Hill (Reading Specialist) and Ms. Nadia Shqair (ELL teacher). Both teachers have been an added bonus to our building and are working very hard toward the common goal which is to crereaders, writers, mathematicians, scientists and master learners of our students.

This month we are preparing for our second round of NWEA testing and finishing up mid-year DRA results. We will also administering the WIDA test to our ELL students and our 3rd through 8th grade students will be getting ready for the Spring MSTEP.

Holbrook Elementary

may be a small school but we are big on providing a nurturing and productive work environment for all students so they can achieve academic success.

Hamtramck High School News

The Hamtramck High School Cosmos Times (the school newspaper) staff went on a field trip to the Detroit Free Press/Detroit News printing plant in Sterling Heights last week.

They saw a video that showed how the newspapers start out in downtown Detroit with the writers and layout persons and when they are finished with the papers they are sent by fiber optic lines to the printing plant for printing and distribution.

 Wednesday, January 25 – School Improvement Parent Committee meeting at 7:45 a.m. in Ms. Agic's room. All parents are welcome to attend to give their input and suggestions.

Kosciuszko Middle **School News**

Mid-term exams will be given on January 26 and 27. There will be three exams per day, each lasting approximately an hour. Dismissal will be at 11:20 a.m. on these days. Remember that these exams count for 20% of your child's semester grade.

Early Childhood Elementary School News

Students are learning the many contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as they learn his message of hope and equal rights. Students in preschool through second grade have read books, wrote stories, made art projects viewed and videos about Dr. King. His legacy lives on through our children.

Students also celebrated the New Year by setting goals, sharing stories and writing resolutions for 2017. Students Rosemary Mrs. Haacke's first grade class were given many prizes and goodies for their class by Mrs. Haacke's The students cousin. were very appreciative of the generosity.

All Schools

 Thursday, January 26 - Hamtramck High School and Kosciuszko Middle School Midterm Semester Exams, half day for Hamtramck High and Kosciuszko Middle School

p.m. Home.

 Tuesday, January 24 – HHS Girls' Varsity Basketball vs. Taylor Prep at 6 p.m. Home.

 Tuesday, January 24 – HHS Boys' Varsity Basketball vs. Taylor Prep at 7



The Hamtramck High School journalism class recently toured the printing plant for the Detroit Free Press and Detroit News.

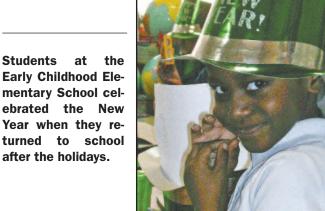
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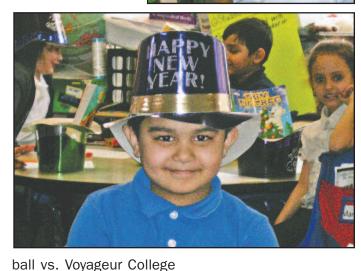
- Friday, January 27 Hamtramck High School, Horizon High School and Kosciuszko Middle School Mid-Term Semester Exams, half day for all students including elementary school students. End of 2nd quarter and the 1st semester.
- Thursday, February 2 -- Report card #2 distributed.
- Wednesday, February 8 -- Supplemental Count Day.

Athletic Events

 Monday, January 23 – KMS Girls' Varsity Basketp.m. Home.

- · Wednesday, January 25 -- KMS Girls' Varsity Basketball vs. Trillium Academy at 4:30 p.m. Home.
- Friday, January 27 HHS Boys' JV Basketball vs. Pontiac Academy of Excellence at 4:30 p.m. Home.
- Friday, January 27 HHS Girls' Varsity Basketball vs. Pontiac Academy of Excellence at 6 p.m. Home.
- Friday, January 27 HHS Boys' Varsity Basketball vs. Pontiac Academy of Excellence at 7:30 p.m. Home.





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Metro news

It's said that whatever happens to Detroit, so goes Hamtramck. Our friends over at modeldmedia.com have been reporting on fascinating development projects for the past several years.

With their permission, here is an edited version of this week's story:

Hamtramckans, take note of this novel idea.

While Detroit's greater downtown area has seen fantastic growth the last

few years, much of the city

still struggles. One way low

income Detroiters survive is by making use of the gift economy, according to an article in Bloomberg News.

"When the city didn't have the capacity to provide, alternative systems were created," says Erik Howard, co-founder of the Southwest Detroit youthdevelopment organization Young Nation, in the article penned by Model D contributor Valerie Vande

Panne. The article describes a potluck barbecue where at-

tendees exchanged and

gifted items, and which eventually morphed into the Free Market of Detroit. Detroiters also exchange

skills. "Jane Slaughter, who's on the time bank's volunteer-run steering committee, offers writing and fruit-drying services; in exchange, she's gotten rides to the airport, shiatsu bodywork, and a garbage disposal installed," writes Panne. The gift economy has

other benefits as well. By lifting each other up, communities are strengthened.

Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

In the long run, a pay increase for police officers will save money

You will read in this we have enough officers week's issue about a vexing problem in recruiting and retaining police officers here in Hamtramck.

At last month's meeting of the Recovery Transition Advisory Board, City Manager Katrina Powell and Police Chief Moise talked Anne about this ongoing situation.

Almost as fast as officers settle in here, other communities come looking to grab them with promises of pay and benefit increases. Hamtramck has proven to be a great training ground.

When the department is not fully staffed, that requires officers to work overtime to make sure

on the road. From what we have heard, that is not always possible.

And when the city is able to attract officers to work here, they are often brand new and require the supervision of veterans to assist their transition. That, too, requires overtime.

As a consequence, the city is spending more than it planned on overtime.

How does the city combat this apparent revolving door in the police department and the ever-increasing amount of money doled out for overtime?

That's the challenge for our city manager.

What she told the TAB

is that the city may have to rethink the salary and benefit package offered to officers.

New hires do not get the same deal as those who have been on the force for a number of years. New officers have to pay more for health insurance coverage.

Privately, we have heard from some that by the time all the deductions are made from their paycheck, they can barely make ends meet.

So, the situation has now prompted Powell to sweeten the overall employment package for new officers.

It reminds us that sometimes in order to save money, you have to spend money.

City's Historical Museum ready to take on new project

By Greg Kowalski

The official launch of the "Coming to Hamtramck" mural project took place last Wednesday at the Hamtramck Historical Museum.

More than 20 persons representing a variety of ethnic groups participated in the event, which outlined the scope and process for creating the mural. The mural is being made possible by a \$15,000 initial grant from the Michigan Humanities Council.

When completed, it will be approximately 140 feet long by 8 feet high and be installed at the top of the main floor walls of the Hamtramck

Historical Museum. It will be painted by noted Hamtramck mural artist Dennis Orlowski.

Each mural panel will highlight a different ethnic group that has immigrated to Hamtramck over the years. And to ensure accuracy as well as make this a community project, nearly two dozen ethnic groups present in Hamtramck have been asked to directly participate in the project by making suggestions for subject matter and posing as figures to be depicted in the mural.

Many of them have alpositively ready sponded and will be a

part of the project.

The mural is projected to be completed by next

November.

During the months the project is being done, Orlowski will paint the mural panels at a specially designated area by the front windows of the museum so that persons walking by can see the work in progress.

There also will be a specially designated time when school children will be allowed to paint a panel of the mural.

Orlowski is a wellknown mural artist who has done works across the Midwest, including several in Hamtramck.

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Hocking and Steve Shaw, two people whose multilayered talent I've long admired.

Leni Sinclair, who documented the revolutionary days and nights of the Detroit music scene of the late 1960s, is represented in the show. I've never met Leni but I have collected her prints, later selling or trading away shots she did of Iggy Pop and Fred "Sonic" Smith of the MC5 but keeping a brilliant performance shot of the MC5's Wayne Kramer playing guitar on an outdoor stage in an Ann Arbor park.

As a sidebar: for anyone interested in Sinclair's "Sonic" Smith photo, see Mikel Smith at Detroit Threads. That's where I traded it for some record cases (when Mikel's store was located where Richie Wohlfeil's Lo & Behold shop is now). It's matted and framed. Look for it on the wall in the back of his current store at 10238 Jos. Campau, above racks of vintage clothing, among other posters and flyers from the 1970s and 1980s, to the left of long

rows of records.

I've been thinking quite a lot about photography of late. When I say "of late" I really mean the last 25 years or so. Long before cameras were included in every phone, even before phones were a ubiquitous accessory in every pocket or purse, I began carrying a camera that shot real

If you wanted to do documentary work, an obsessive, repetitive practice, you had to haul heavy hardware around in a shoulder bag with extra rolls of film.

I did it even though I was primarily a writer that carried a small notebook in which I scribbled quotes from people I interviewed, started reviews for records I listened to or concerts I attended. I was writing community news stories and covering the Detroit music scene, publishing work locally and out of town.

One of my heroes was a British music journalist named Nick Kent, who infamously rejected the use of a typewriter and wrote out his stories longhand.

He was brilliant, I thought, perfectly representing the sassy spirit of rock 'n'

Nick wrote for the New Musical Express (NME) in London but also for Creem magazine in Detroit. One of my first regular freelance gigs was writing for Creem. I also managed to hook up with the NME, contributing pieces on the Detroit scene under various pen

names. This was the late 1970s and early 1980s, when print not digital was the standard, still a time when journalists in the art and music worlds were pushing the envelope in many ways more radical (or dumb, or both) than much of what is being

Following Kent's irreverent lead, feeling liberated from the typewriter, I submitted a cover story I was assigned by Metro Times founding editor/publisher Ron Williams in longhand on four or five handwritten notebook pages. I remember sitting with him across the desk as he puzzled over my submis-

done today.

"Take it or leave it. that's how I work," I said with snotty youthful arrogance. "I'll leave it, get out," he said.

My brash punk-inspired move was rejected and it

Continued on page 8

Hamtramck High School earns a 'B' in student achievement, study says

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck **Public** Schools has earned another good grade in student performance.

Just weeks after celebrating continued success in getting more and more students in advanced placement studies, the district again achieved high marks in student testing.

The Mackinac Center for Public Policy ranks Hamtramck High School 130th out of 639 high

schools in student academic achievement. The Mackinac Report Card is based on four years of Michigan Merit exam results from the years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

But also factored in is district's poverty level. Most of the students in the public school district qualify for free lunches, which is a major factor in determining their families' income.

Students who come ents," Niczay said.

from low-income families often have to struggle harder to make good grades. When that is considered in the district's academic grading, the high school earned a grade "B."

Schools Hamtramck Superintendent Tom Niczay praised the district's success.

"The Hamtramck Board of Education is extremely proud of the work by HHS staff, students and par-

Missing man found 'alive and well'

By Charles Sercombe

Credit the power of social media for solving the disappearance of a 70-Hamtramck year-old man.

Hamtramck police announced on Monday that James Kobeski, who had been missing almost two was found months, "alive and well" at a Detroit-area care facility.

Police declined to comment on specifics about his exact whereabouts. niece, Megan

Mininni, said it was be-



James Kobeski was found alive at an area care facility. He had been missing for two months.

cause of information being shared on Facethat led Kobeski's finding.

"Social media is how we found him," she said. "Thanks to everybody for sharing information because that's how we found him."

Kobeski left his apartment on Nov. 5 at about 2:30 a.m. He had left his girlfriend behind. She told police that there had been no fight between the two prior to his leav-

It was not clear if Kobeski is going to remain at the care facility.

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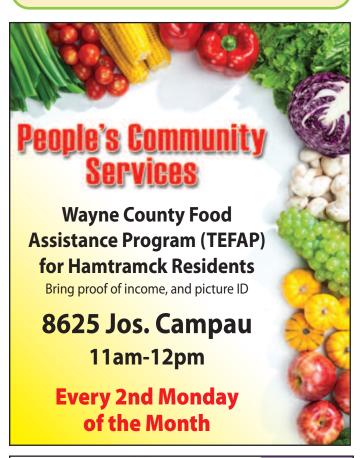
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SUNDAY, Jan. 22, 8 a.m.-noon – Our Lady Queen of Apostles 100th Anniversary Pancake Breakfast. Activities Center (enter off Harold St.); \$7 adults (ages 10 & up); \$4 kids (ages 4-9), 3 & under free; all you can eat (pancakes only), sausage links, coffee/juice, fruit cup. Proceeds benefit 100th anniversary. Call (313) 891-1520 for more information.

SUNDAY, Jan. 28, 5:30 p.m. - Our Lady Queen of Apostles Parish in Hamtramck, corner of Conant and Prescott, will kick off their 100th Anniversary Year celebration with a special Mass. The Polonaise Chorale Group will be singing during the Mass and will perform a special concert afterward. All are invited to attend.

SATURDAY, Feb. 11, 9-3 p.m. - Hamtramck's Recycle Center is open at Caniff and McDougall. Drop off your recyclables for free.

TUESDAY, Feb. 21, 6:30 p.m. – The Hamtramck NAACP meet at the Hamtramck Senior Plaza, 2620 Holbrook.









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Obituaries

ADAIR

Ephire H. Adair, 43, died January 12, 2017.

Mr. Adair is survived by his wife, Connie; children, Brittany Adair, Brandon Adair, Rebecca Perkins, Perkins, Amy D'arcy Coeur, Katelynn Fisher; sister, Angel Adair; siblings in-law, Roger Perkins, Mark Van Riper, Karen Hawley; two grandchildren.

Mr. Adair was a self employed carpenter.

Services were held Thursday, January 19, 2017. Arrangements were entrusted to Krot Funeral Home in Hamtramck, MI.

BOWMAN

Caroline Bowman, 70, died January 17, 2017.

Mrs. Bowman was the mother of Charlotte Edwards. Mrs. Bowman was predeceased by her father. Auburn Dorthel Garmany; brother, Bruce

Garmany. She is survived by nieces, April Garmany, Christine Killian Smith; sister-in-law. Susan Killian; many dear friends.

Private services were conducted by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

CIESLAK



Cieslak. 50. died suddenly January on 11, 2017.

Mr. Cieslak was born January 30, 1966. Mr. Cieslak was preceded in death by parents, Stanley and Marcella. Mr. Cieslak is survived by his wife, Beverly; siblings, Stanley (Sue), Mark (Laura), Germaine (Jarod) Jacobs, Joseph, Cynthia (David) Meligan, Marcy (Christopher) Gignilliat, Maria Walsh. Martyn is also survived by friend/brother, Bruce Jackson and was a loving uncle to many nieces and nephews.

The Funeral Mass was Wednesday at Transfiguration Church, with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit. Arrangements were made by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home in Hamtramck.

cession to Michigan Memorial Cemetery burial. In lieu of flowers, it was Mel's wish to support the Detroit Rescue Misnate

LISKA



March 21, 1942. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, son, uncle, godfather and friend.

Theodore

home, followed by a pro-

https://drmm.org/do-

(Ted) A. Liska. 68, died January 8, 2017. Our loving

father and grandfather, Theodore (Ted), of Sterling Heights, passed away suddenly Sunday, January 8. Mr. Liska was a graduate of Hamtramck High School and Walsh College, a proud Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, and a 30+ year employee of Chrysler Corporation.

Mr. Liska is survived by son, Douglas (Christina);

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KAPLANI Martyn



Visitation is Saturday,

January 21, 6 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, January 22, 1 to 9 p.m. at R.J. Nixon Funeral Home, 2544 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192. The funeral service will be Monday Januarv 23, at the funeral

daughter, Hannah; grand-

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Jan. 10-16.

Tuesday, January 10

- Officers arrested one of three suspects wanted in an armed robbery of a person in the 11300 block of Charest.
- A Detroit juvenile was arrested for stealing a bicycle in the Fleming/Commor area. Officers witnessed the theft.
- At almost 3 a.m. four Detroit residents were arrested after a car chase for cutting off catalytic converters from parked cars in the area.
- · Officers responded to a complaint about a resident on Klinger who was threatening neighbor with weapons.
- A resident was arrested for driving without a license.

Wednesday, January 11

 Officers responded to a call at Subway about a fight. There was no one fighting there on their arrival, but officers arrested a woman for misusing the 911 emergency system.

 A Belmont resident reported that someone stole his catalytic converter.

Thursday, January 12

- · A Trowbridge resident reported the theft of his catalytic converter from his car.
- A Detroit resident was arrested for attempting to cash a fraudulent check at a Conant business.
- A Danforth resident was arrested by Detroit police for being wanted on a felony warrant.

Friday, January 13

- Officers transported Belmont/Gallagher a stray dog to the Humane Society.
 - A resident reported the theft of his license plate tab.
 - A Royal Oak resident was arrested by Royal Oak police for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.

Saturday, January 14

- Three males in an older model Buick fled at the scene of a traffic
- Officers responded to a report of gunshots in the 12000 block of

Dequindre. Officers found no evidence of gunfire at the site.

- · A person was ticketed for being disorderly at the scene of a police investigation at Caniff and Dequindre.
- A Trowbridge resident reported the theft of his catalytic converter.
- · A Detroit resident was arrested after a traffic stop for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant possessing heroin.

Sunday, January 15

- · A woman reported her granddaughter had run away from home.
- · A Sobieski resident reported someone broke out his car's rear window.
- · The owner of a house in the 11600 block of Mitchell reported someone broke into his rental property and stole a hot water heater.
- A resident in the 9200 block of Conant reported someone broke into his car and stole a number of items.
 - · A resident was ar-

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rested on Jos. Campau near Pulaski for being disorderly.

Monday, January 16

· At about 5 a.m. a Madison Heights resident was arrested in the 5100 block of Yemans for domestic violence.

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stung, but it taught me a

valuable lesson: don't

make life more difficult for

your editor. I never again

worked for Williams, who

sold the paper some

years later, but I did work

for other editors at the

Metro Times and later

penned a seven-year long

column on techno and

club culture called the

among other things, was

the name of a punk band

that Kent fronted in the

I learned how to be col-

laborative and subversive

at the same time, how to

get my point across with a

nod and a wink. That has

kept me sharp and served

Documentary workshop

Creative photography in

this pre-digital age was all

about what Henri Cartier-

Bresson famously called

"the decisive moment." It

was about capturing an

image with precision, bal-

ancing intuition with tech-

which

Subterraneans,

1970s.

me well.

 A business owner reported that in the process of someone attempting to gain entry into his store, the door lock was damaged.

- reported the theft of his catalytic converter from his 2002 Honda.
- During a traffic stop, officers discovered the license plate to be stolen. Three juveniles were arrested and

nical skill. Nothing was

too ordinary for a photog-

rapher considered one of

the most influential of the

20th century. Cartier-Bres-

son died in 2004 at

"In photography, the

smallest thing can be a

great subject," he said.

Probably even more im-

portantly, Cartier-Bresson

also said: "Once you miss

the moment, it is gone for-

I believe what he said

wholeheartedly, yet docu-

mentary work is different

in the current digital

media age. The instru-

ments have changed, and

no doubt will continue to

change. Our phones are

now recording devices,

But some of the funda-

mentals of good journal-

ism still apply. I use my

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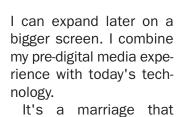
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later released to their parents.

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- · Officers responded an incident on to Lehman regarding a fight involving weapons. · A Sobieski resident The people involved in the incident refused to cooperate with officers.
 - · A Hamtramck missing person was located following a tip. The man was in good health.



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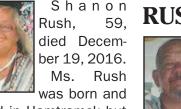
tramck who started his professional writing life in 1979 by submitting stories on speculation by handwritten post to media outlets in New York and London.

Obituaries

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daughters, Sofia, Ella; step-children, Christopher, Ryan, Hailey; former wife, Leslie; brothers, John (Sue), Danny (Cindy); sister, Linda; mother in law, Mary; sister in law, Barbara (Dave). Mr. Liska was preceded in death by his wife, Linda; parents, Ted and Frances; brother, Mike.

Visitation was January 13, at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, Hamtramck. A funeral Mass was held January 14, at St. Florian Catholic Hamtramck. Church, Those wishing to make an expression of sympathy may consider a donation Ted's honor at www.woundedwarriersproject.org, or call 877-832-6997.



raised in Hamtramck but lived the last 6 years of her life in Florida.

RUSH

Ms. Rush was a pillar of the Hamtramck community. At a young age, she was trained in tennis by the late, great Jean Hoxie. Shanon chose to pass her knowledge down by coaching children in tennis at Memorial Park for many years. Later, she was employed at Arties Locker Room and then went on to own Shenanigans. In all her years in the service industry, Shanon held fundraisers to support not only Muscular Dystrophy but also, breast and skin cancer. She also supported many charities including the Fraternal Order of Police.

Her kindness and willingness to help others never stopped. Upon her move to Florida, she volunteered at the Disability Center of Florida to help those in need find whatever they needed to improve their quality of life.

Shanon was preceded

in death by her beloved soul mate, **Jaques** Goyette; parents, George and Alice Rush; grandparents, John and Alice Rush; uncles, Richard Rush, Gary Fulton, Henry, Edward, and Albert Sloniawski; aunts, Grace and Ann Sloniawski. She will be dearly missed by her loving brothers, William and John (Teresa); her beloved sister, Roseanna; dear family friend, John Monroe; adopted daughter. Shawn Bileki and Shawn's sons, Brandon and Ben. Shanon leaves behind many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and numerous friends.

Memorial visitation is Saturday, January 21, 2017, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff Hamtramck MI 48212.

RUSH



William Rush, 58, died January 18, 2017. Mr. Rush

passed away

after a long battle with cancer. Bill was born and raised in Hamtramck. Bill was the brother of John, Roseanna and the late Shanon; ex husband of Teresa; dear friend of John Monroe and Marty Melkus. Bill was predeceased by his parents, George and Alice. He is survived by aunts, uncles, and many dear friends.

Bill started his culinary career at the Clock Restaurant and then furthered his talents at Little Caesers, Port Bar, Holbrook Cafe, Kelly's, and the Farmers Restaurant in Eastern Market. Who can forget his wonderful "Taco Pizza." There was a good chance that if you ate in Hamtramck in your lifetime, Bill prepared you a meal, or catered your wedding or one of the many of the events that took place in the city. He had a passion for the Detroit Red Wings and Tigers. He volunteered at the Ronald

McDonald house with his sister Rose.

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Visitation is Saturday, January 22, 2017, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212.

RUSNAK

George Robert Rusnak Jr., 72, died January 18, 2017.

Mr. Rusnak is survived by his wife, Cathie; sons, George (Carolyn) Rusnak, Joseph (Carissa) Rusnak; sister, Veronica (John) Pinto; sisters-in-law, Pattie Geipel, Wanda McDonald, Frances Clark; grandchild,

Mr. Rusnak was a construction laborer and member of Laborers' Union Local #1191.

Funeral services were January 19, 2017 with arrangements entrusted to Krot Funeral Home in Hamtramck.

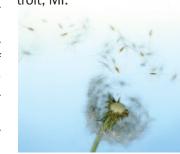
TILICKI



Edward Haba' Tilicki, 90, died January 16, 2017. Mr. Tilicki

was the husband of the late Annette; father of Denise (Randy) Rubaga, Niedzwiewcki, Barbara and the late Edward. Mr. Tilicki is also survived by many nieces nephews.

Visitation was Thursday at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home in Hamtramck. Mr. Tilicki will lie in state Friday, January 20, 2017 at 9:30 a.m., until the Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at Our Lady Queen of Apos-Catholic Church, 11200 Conant, Hamtramck. Interment will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit, MI.









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