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Hamtramck students could use a helping hand in getting a head start on their college career.

A fundraiser is being held today (Friday, Feb. 10) at PLAV Post 10 hall to pay for a bus trip for 7th and 8th graders at Middle Kosciuszko School to the University of Ann Arbor campus.

It's being called the "Cougar College Tour," because the official mascot of the school is a cougar - just in case you were wondering.

The benefit starts at 5 p.m. and goes until 9, and for \$10 you get to dive into a pasta buffet, enjoy drink specials and entertainment by a DJ.

We're sure the campus visit will be inspiring for our young scholars, so give them a little boost. Post 10 is located at 11824 Jos. Campau.

Go Cougars!

### Quote of the week ...

Who said this, and what is it about? You can find the quote and the story it belongs to somewhere in the pages of this issue.

> "It does not rise to non-performance of duty."

## Receivership board hints it will play a role in keeping city manager

#### **By Charles Sercombe**

If the City of Allen Park is any guide, Hamtramck can expect to be under the financial supervision of the state for another six months.

Last week the state Treasury Department announced that Allen Park was no longer under the control of a Receivership Transition Advisory Board.

In other words, full local control has been restored to Allen Park.

Hamtramck has been under the supervision of an RTAB for two years, but recently that board agreed to take a reduced role in looking over the city's fi-

That is the first step toward being declared free of state oversight.



It's likely that the Hamtramck Receivership Transition Advisory Board will have a say in whether City Manager Katrina Powell (left) will remain on the job after her contract expires this June.

last week's announce-

Like Hamtramck, Allen Park had several final directives to meet that were

In Allen Park, the RTAB left over by its emergency to win voter approval of a plish, said Mayor William B. Matakas: Finding a way to meet future pension

obligations. But Allen Park was able

remained in a reduced manager. But there was 10-year millage to fund role for six months until one thing it didn't accompublic safety, and also a 10-year millage to pay for road maintenance, among other financial accomplishments.

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When it comes to good food and great times, Hamtramck has plenty to offer. In this column, we'll talk about what's happening at our bars, restaurants and other events throughout the city.

#### **By Charles Sercombe**

A couple of Saturday evenings ago we here at Toast started out earlier

than usual for our night out.

Hamtramck's cultural scene isn't just about bars, restaurants and art galleries. Sometimes, it can involve visiting a local church, like Our Lady Queen of Apostles.

A special Mass was held at the parish to kick off a

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## **New ZBA** appointee is a no-show

#### By Charles Sercombe

There is one thing you can say about newly appointed Zoning Board of Appeals member Mohammed A. Rahman: He's consistent.

Rahman lived up to his record of not attending ZBA meetings by missing his first meeting as a regular member of the board.

Rahman's appointment to the ZBA several weeks ago stirred controversy among the city council.

Three councilmembers, Anam Miah, Mohammed Hassan and Saad Almasmari, went against the recommendation of City Planner Melanie Markowicz on who to appoint to the board.

The councilmembers insisted on appointing Rahman, who had been an alternate member for three years but who had also attended only one meeting in that time.

Two councilmembers, Andrea Karpinski and lan Perrotta, voted against that appointment and lashed out at their colleagues for ignoring the recommendation of a city department head.

Perrotta called the appointment "reckless and foolish."

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The Polonaise Chorale performed at a special Mass for the kickoff celebration of Our Lady Queen of Apostles' 100th anniversary.





## Receivership board hints it will play a role in keeping city manager continued from front page

Funding the city's pension is also going to be a challenge for Hamtramck. It is predicted that in three years the city won't be able to fully fund it. The state has assigned financial experts to help Hamtramck overcome this challenge.

It is not known what progress the city has made under this arrange-

Meanwhile, the Republican-controlled state legislature is moving toward overhauling the pension system for police officers, firefighters and teachers by shifting their pension to a 401k plan.

If Hamtramck's RTAB does leave in six months, that would coincide with the expiration of the city manager's contract.

As of now, it does not appear City Manager Katrina Powell would receive a bare majority support to extend her contract. Under her management, the city has been able to balance its budget and grow a \$4 million surplus.

Powell was hired two years ago by the city's former emergency manager.

At last month's RTAB meeting there was a hint that the board may play a role in keeping Powell on. RTAB member Mark

ence to the city council. "I mean, without know-

ing their plan, and stuff like that, I don't know if I feel comfortable stepping back yet, because, are they just going to let it run out and promote somebody without negotiat(ing) - you know, I have concerns about that."

Stema credited Powell for

the city's financial stabil-

ity, and questioned what

would happen if the coun-

"We're comfortable with

the way the city's going

because Katrina's here. I

mean, it's almost Febru-

ary (and) her contract's

said in an apparent refer-

"What's their plan?" he

up at the end of June.

cil replaced her.

The chairperson of the RTAB, Deborah Roberts, said the board can change the emergency manager's final orders.

"That's where we can amend the order, and so we can require that there are certain things that are before brought board," Roberts said.

"Or we can prohibit other things from happening. So that's where we'll need to look at the EM's order, and figure out which things need to be amended, and at what levels."

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## New ZBA appointee is a no-show Continued from front page

Mayor Karen Majewski also criticized the appointment.

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"Why appoint someone who hasn't done their duty for the last three years?" she said at the time.

Rahman told The Review in a telephone interview that the reason he missed last week's meeting was because he was ill and in the hospital.

Asked why he only attended one meeting in three years as an alternate, he said: "That was the past."

Pressed further to explain, he said: "I can't remember, but now I'll attend all the meetings."

Rahman was scheduled to be sworn into office last. He said he called City Clerk August Gitschlag this week to reschedule his oath of office and left a message with him.

Gitschlag told The Review he did not receive a call from Rahman.

"If I had I would have scheduled an appointment for a swear-in," Gitschlag said.

Before the vote to appoint Rahman, Councilmember Hassan said he was owed "one more chance" to show he will attend ZBA meetings.

Hassan, who championed Rahman's appointment, said he would talk with Rahman. "I take this seriously,"

should resign."

Hassan said. "If he does-

n't want to do it, he

Markowicz declined to

comment and "someone from city hall" would speak about the matter.

That turned out to be City Attorney Travis Mihelick who said that one missed meeting in Rahman's new role as a full ZBA member is not enough to call for his removal.

"It does not rise to non-performance duty," he said.



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## This week at the library...

ESL Class - Monday, Feb. 13, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

**ESL Class** – Wednesday, Feb. 15, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

ESL Class - Friday, Feb. 17, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

Movie Night Wednesday, February 22, 6:30 p.m. "Hacksaw Ridge" - WWII American Army Medic Desmond T. Doss, who served during the Battle of Okinawa, refuses to kill people, and becomes the first man in American history to receive the Medal of Honor without firing a shot.

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# Second Front Page



## School Bell

The following letter was sent to Superintendent Thomas Niczay and Hamtramck Public Schools from Mayor Karen Majewski to thank HPS students for their participation singing at Hamtramck Tree Lighting Ceremony and the support of the schools at the ceremony:

"As we move into 2017 with optimism and excitement for the new year, I wanted to reach back to you in gratitude and thanks for your generous participation in the City of Hamtramck Tree Lighting Ceremony.

"I trust that you enjoyed the event and took the opportunity to meet business and community leaders, as well as our wonderful residents. The City of Hamtramck Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony was an excellent opportunity to showcase everything that is good about our city.

"With your help we will continue to make Hamtramck a place where people want to live, work, shop and visit. It is because of community leaders and business people like you that we are so successful!

"Please remember to patronize the businesses and support the organizations that were a part of the City of Hamtramck Tree Lighting Ceremony: Institute, Hamtramck Area Veteran's Council, Detroit Donuts, Campau Botsford, Trixie's, P.L.A.V. Post 10, DJ Topkat, Hamtramck **Public** Schools and the Yemeni American Leadership Association.

"Thank you again for your tremendous support. We look forward to seeing you at the next city sponsored event!"

## Kosciuszko Middle

**School News** P.L.A.V. Post 10 will be holding a fundraiser for KMS students to attend a field trip to the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor this spring. The funds raised will be used to pay for bus transportation.

The fundraiser will be held at P.L.A.V. Post 10 (11824 Joseph Campau) on Friday, February 10 from 5 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for a pasta buffet, basket raffles, drink specials, cash bar and a DJ.

They can be purchased from any Hamtramck Public School building, Post 10, Polish Sea League or at the door on the day of the event.

If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation in

any amount that will be graciously accepted as well. Hope to see everyone there.

### **Holbrook Elementary**

School

Mrs. Laurie O'Dell's third grade class is enjoying the benefits of DonorsChoose.org. Mrs. O'Dell submitted two grants on behalf of her class and her projects

music. Students aged 5 to 12 sang a total of 14 different songs during the school's winter concert on Friday, December 23. Sixty parents, staff members and community members attended the concert, including Hamtramck School Board Treasurer Dennis Lukas.

Holbrook music teacher Max Spayde programmed a diverse slate of songs

Above and below: Laurie O'Dell's third graders at Holbrook Elementary School recently toured the state capital in Lansing.





have received full fund-

The first project, "Hitching a Ride," raised \$979 to provide a motor coach trip to visit the Michigan State Capitol in Lansing. While there the students met State Representative Rahbi and toured the State Capitol building.

The second project, "Mama Read to Me," raised \$650 to buy English/Arabic books as part of a take-home literacy program. This project was made possible by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which matched the funds that donors gave to the project.

Soon, books and bags will arrive and students will be able to check them out and share their reading skills with their parents.

Holbrook Elementary finished the month of December with a rousing chorus of seasonal for the concert. songs focused on the Mexican tradition Piñatas and one of them included a verse in Spanish. Another song referenced New Year holiday traditions in Japan.

The majority of the program was made up of American favorites such as "Jingle Bells" and "Frosty the Snowman."

Students in grades 4th -6th particularly enjoyed "Here Comes the Snow," holiday rock song based upon the rhythmic and harmonic framework of the 2013 pop song "Timber."

#### **Upcoming Events at** Holbrook

 Thursday, February 24 - Birthday Celebration at 1-1:55 p.m.

#### **All Schools**

 Friday, February 17 – Half day for students all Professional Development for teachers in the afternoon.

- Monday, February 20 - No school for students and staff. President's
- Tuesday, February 21 - School resumes.

#### **Athletic Events**

- Monday, February 13 - KMS Girls' Varsity Basketball vs. River Rogue at 4:30 p.m. Home.
- Tuesday, February 14 HHS Boys' JV Basketball vs. Star Academy at 4:30 p.m. Away.
- Tuesday, February 14 - HHS Boys' Varsity Basketball vs. Star Academy at 6:30 p.m. Away.
- · Wednesday, February 15 - KMS Girls' Varsity Basketball vs. Highland Park at 4:30 p.m. Away.
- Friday, February 17 HHS Boys' JV Basketball vs. Lutheran Westland at 5:30 p.m. Away.
- Friday, February 17 HHS Boys' Varsity Basketball vs. Lutheran Westland at 7 p.m. Away.

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# Technology drove this year's auto show

#### By John Kovach The Review Special Writer

It was technology galore at this year's North American International Auto Show held last month at Detroit's Cobo Center.

With over 750 vehicles on display, the 29th annual show was focused on new technology more than flashy styles. More hybrid and electric models were added to automakers' lineups than in previous years.

The newest self-driving, or "autonomous" cars, were also on hand.

Chrysler is adding a hybrid version of its popular Pacifica minivan. This is the first hybrid mini-van by any automaker.

The electric Chevrolet Bolt production model made its debut and won the Motor Trend Car of the Year award.

Volkswagen had the I.D Buzz, a concept micro bus, which will be self-driving.

Hyundai had a mid size ICONIQ, also a self-driving concept car.

Suppliers of this new technology were on hand with displays and to answer questions about the technology.

Style was still in vogue though with completely new or freshened versions of current models.

The Buick LaCrosse was a knockout with the production version on display.

Lincoln displayed a Navigator concept with both front and rear doors lifting



Above and below: The newest auto models were on display at this year's auto show in Detroit.



"gull wing" style. A set of stairs juts out to help those who enter or exit the vehicle.

The Hyundai Sonata was updated with tweaked styling, and the Elantra has some interesting new tail lights. The Genesis was considered a Hyundai model until now. Genesis will now be a brand of its own.

The Genesis is a great looking vehicle and rivals the likes of Jaguar. The price is much lower though.

Honda revealed the new Odyssey minivan.

There was even a Chinese automaker, GAC, with several models that may

find their way to America.

Trucks were there in full force. Truck and SUV models now dominate sales.

The Ford Super Duty

won the Motor Trend Truck of the Year award.
Chevrolet introduced the

next generation Traverse SUV.

The future seems unclear as to how self-driving vehicle technology will play a part on American roads. Electric and hybrid vehicles are now popular and accepted but we will have to see how the "autonomous" vehicles are received.

This was another well-attended auto show and a success for our area.



#### **Continued from front page**

year-long celebration of its 100th anniversary. What made it so special was a performance by the Polonaise Chorale.

If you have never heard them before, be sure not to miss out the next time they perform. The hair on our arms stood straight up when they launched into "Ave Maria."

We asked Debbie Warren, a parishioner who is helping to coordinate upcoming anniversary events, what's in store for the coming year. Here's what she had to say:

"Our next event is a special Mass for married couples on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 5:30 p.m. at the church. Father will do a special blessing and vow renewal. It's in conjunction with a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser the same day. Proceeds go to the 100th anniversary fund.

"Our main celebration will be on Sunday, April 30, with a special 1 p.m. Mass at the church, scheduled to be celebrated by Archbishop Allen Vigneron. There will be some other things planned during the year, but those are the two items we're working on right now."

Sto Lat! Queen of Apostles, and here's to many more.

Next on our agenda was a stopover at Recycled Treasures for its annual "Chair Affair."

Recycled Treasures has been holding down the northend of Jos. Campau for 10 years now. Former City Councilmember Catrina Stackpoole started the shop as a way to help out low-income families who are facing emergenYes, if all things go as planned, the store is moving out of Hamtramck several blocks into Detroit.

But that's no sure deal. The City of Detroit is insisting the building Recycled Treasures wants to move into be outfitted with a fire suppressant system, which will likely cost about \$40,000.



Above and below: Those attending the recent fundraiser at Recycled Treasures browsed in the store before dinner was served.



cies

As the name of the shop suggests, you can find all sorts of used household items there, and yes, if you look hard enough there are some buried treasures you can buy for dirt cheap.

The Chair Affair is a whimsical way to raise some money for the general operation of the store. The concept is that local artists are given a used chair to redesign and then they are put up for auction at the dinner/fundraiser.

Twelve artists got chairs this year, but only four of them returned them by deadline time. Hmmmm ... what's with that?

Well, the chairs aren't the main thing anyway. It's the camaraderie and good food that makes this fundraiser an annual sellout.

Some 75 folks attended the event, and helped raise \$3,000. The money this year will go toward a downpayment for a building up the avenue, on Jos. Campau just before Davison.



A local artist submitted this chair for the "Chair Affair" portion of the night's fundraiser.

That's no small amount of money to raise, and Stackpoole admits it might be unattainable.

But she's thinking posi-

"We started with nothing, lived on a shoestring, and we're not giving up," she said.

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## **Coming events**

**SATURDAY, Feb. 11, 2-4 p.m.** – Holy Cross Parish Soup Kitchen, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. All Are Welcome.

**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 meets at the Hamtramck Senior Plaza, 2620 Holbrook.



# Review: Opinion Page

## In Our Opinion

## **School district building** upgrades is money well spent

Money well spent.

Hamtramck's march toward upgrading its infrastructure continues on. In the past we have talked about the city's ongoing street repairs and new sewer line installations.

Last week we highlighted the public school district's turn in making Hamtramck a better place to live in.

The district is about to distribute a booklet. printed in English, Polish, Arabic, Bosnian and Bengali, highlighting what it did with a special

millage that was passed in 2014.

The millage raised \$2.2 million and the district kicked in other revstreams that totaled \$2.7 million – all of it spent on many needed major repairs, such as roofs and security devices.

Voters were wise enough to invest in our schools. These improvements will go a long way in securing our housing values.

Our school district deserves praise for bringing this proposal forward

and making sure the public was well-informed why this project was needed.

The impressive booklet provides proof on how well the improvements were made.

Hamtramck schools continue to improve on many levels - financially, academically and now in providing renovated buildings.

This is an exciting time for our school district as well as the city. Let's keep moving forward.

### Letters • Letters

## Learn how to speak to an audience and sharpen organizational skills

It was heartening to nia asking for a list of read about our lovely, "high-energy," Mayor Karen Majewski's participation in the Women's March on Washington, D.C on Jan. 21.

For many us who could not march we were there in spirit. My participation took the form of phoning our legislators' offices both in Washington, D.C. and in Detroit. Contact information is listed on senate.gov, house.gov, and whitehouse.gov. My request was for the Electoral College to be abolished.

Also, I recently contacted the Toastmasters Headquarters in Califor-

Clubs in the Metro Detroit Locations and area. times of meetings may also be found on toastmasters.org

Having worked through the Toastmasters' Program in the 1990s while living in New York City, I know how intellectually stimulating and empowering it is.

It is my belief that if young people join a Toastmasters Club at 18 years of age, before they decide to choose a college or career path, and complete the entire program they will be far better prepared for the challenges of life and will be able to make

better choices.

Adults will absolutely recognize the huge value offered in the training programs.

Members of Toastmasters learn to become comfortable speaking to large groups of people while developing leadership, organizational and parliamentary skills.

As citizens of the United States, and of the world, we must utilize all these excellent skills in order to exercise our Constitutional Rights most effectively.

**Felicia Davey Hamtramck** 

## Odds & Ends

Tick tock... There is still time to help raise money for the continued improvements being made to Pope

The Karol Wojtyla Park Committee is raising funds for the park, and you have until Feb. 15 to be a part of a special donor drive.

The names of donors of \$1,000 or more that are received by Feb. 15 will be included on the donor recognition plaque that will be installed later this year.

Donations may mailed to the Karol Wojtyla Park Committee, PO Box 12248, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

Some of the improvements to the park include the installation of pavers, benches and lighting.

One hundred percent of the funds raised will be used for improvements to the monument at Pope

Park.

The Karol Wojtyla Hamtramck Park Committee is 501(c)(3) non-profit group whose primary goal is to raise funds for the renovation of the park. Donations are tax deductible.

Crime trend... Last week we mentioned that there has been a spike in the theft of catalytic convertors from cars.

This week, the newest crime trend still involves cars. There were four instances of cars being broken into where their radios and navigation systems were stolen.

McDougall, Klinger and So-your gut instinct. bieski, and were all within several hours of each other.

The theft of car radios was pretty common in the 1990s when they were

worth something. Now, not so much. Why? Who's going to buy a radio with a bunch of wires cut off?

To replace navigation systems it can cost upwards of \$500. Some of the top-of-the-line models go for as much as \$4,000.

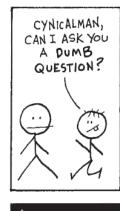
There is not a lot one can do about preventing the thefts, especially since they tend to happen at night. One thing to do is make sure your porch light is bright and shiny and keep it on all night.

The biggest deterrent, and this really works, is to report anything that seems suspicious or just not right The thefts happened on to the police station. Trust

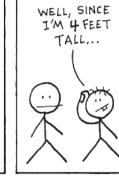
> You can even call the 911 emergency service to make a report. The best defense is to stay alert to your surroundings.

## The Amazing CYNICALMAN 🕒

by Matt Feazell

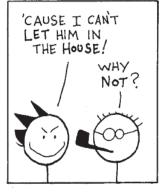














## Just a couple of weeks left to pre-register for 5K Paczki Run

shoes.

Hamtramck will once again play host to the annual 5K Paczki Run, which is now in its fifth year and will be held on Feb. 25.

In order to participate, you can pre-register online www.tour-de-troit.org through Feb. 22. The cost is \$40, but if you wait to register on-site, at 9401 Jos. Campau, on the day of the run the cost bumps up to \$45. The race takes off at 10 a.m.

Last year about 3,000 runners participated, and it seems like that number grows each year.

And since Paczki Day is just a few days after the run, there will be free paczki and beer at the end of the race. Does it get any more Hamtramck than that?

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"The Paczki Run celebrates the rich immigrant tradition that makes Ham-

tramck one of the most di-

verse communities in

Southeast Michigan," said

Dust off those running Vittoria Katanski, Director of Tour de Troit, in a press

> release. Tour de Troit is the spon-

The Tour de Troit organization raises awareness of biking as a mode of transportation; publicizes the



The city's streets will be packed with runners on Feb. 25 for the annual 5K Paczki Run.

sor of the run.

On the same day as the run the city's Downtown Development Authority will also once again sponsor its "Countdown to Paczki Day" at the shopping center parking lot next to the starting place of the run.

Inside a heated tent, you can get a free sampling of local paczki and dance to live polka music.

Funds raised from the 5K go to renovating Hamtramck parks and assists the Hamtramck DDA with its non-motorized transportation plans. The runs so far have raised over

\$7,500 for the DDA.

growing greenways network in the City of Detroit and all of Southeastern Michigan; and raises funds for greenway development in Detroit, including the Southwest Detroit Greenlink and the GREEN Taskforce Vision for Greenways on Detroit's Lower Eastside.

The organization hosts six events each year: Martin Luther King Memorial Ride, Paczki Run, Cycle into Spring, Rouge-A-thlon, Tour-de-Troit and Bike the Bridge. For more information, visit www.tour-detroit.org.

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## Obituaries

#### **BUGAJ**



was born in Poland on September 24, 1920. Shortly after WWII, she married Feliks Bugaj in Poland. The young couple immigrated to the United States in 1951. They lived in Hamtramck for most of their lives and were devout members of Our Lady Help of Christians Church and later St. Philomena Catholic

Church. The most impor-

tant things in Waleska's

life were her faith and love

of her family. Mrs. Bugaj was predeceased by Feliks in 1994. She was proud of her children, Lydia (Roger) Woloczyk, Zig Bugaj (Molly), and Sandy Kondrat (Kevin). She adored her grandchildren, David, Kelly, Yvette, Christopher, Jessica, Valerie, Annie, Kyle, Jourdan, and Tesha. She is survived by her great-grandchildren. Aidan, Dayna, Gabrielle, Olyvia, Jacob, Benjamin, Emma, Avery, Reace, Anya, and Harlan. She was predeceased by her brother, Pawel, and sister, Honka. Mrs. Bugaj is survived by her sister-in-law, Helen Nawrat, and nieces and nephews.

Visitation is Friday, February 10, from 2 p.m. until 9 p.m., at A.H. Pe-Funeral Home, 20705 Mack Ave., at

Vernier Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods. Mrs. Bugaj will lie in state on Saturday, from 10 a.m. until the time of the Mass of the Resurrection at 11 a.m., at St. Philomena Catholic Church, 4281 Marseilles, Detroit.

#### **HAMLING**



Peter Hamling Jr., 74, died February 6, 2017. Mr. Hamwas ling

born May 25, 1942, son of the late Peter and Rose Hamling. Mr. Hamling was predeceased by siblings, Phyllis Davis, Russell Davis (Dennis), Ester Maye Hamling, Mary Ellen Hamling and Angela Hamling. Mr. Hamling is survived by two daughters, Pamela Brodersen, Amy White; three grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Hamling was a chimney repairman, roofer, artist and accomplished pool player.

Mr. Hamling had a private cremation and memorial service for close family and friends. Donations can be made to Leader Dogs for the Blind 1039 S. Rochester Rd. Rochester Hills, Arrangements were made by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.



### **In Loving Memory James Jennings**

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#### **OLKO**



Ravmond P. Olko, 60, died February 4, 2017. Mr. Olko

the

brother of Patricia; uncle of Jennifer, Jason, Crystal; brother in law of Constance; great uncle of Lillian, Abigail, Kemper, Harmony; dear friend of Carol Kmiecik.

was

Raymond was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Cardinal Mercer and a St. Florian Usher. Visitation was Tuesday and Wednesday at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home. Mr. Olko will lie in state Friday, February 10, at 9:30 a.m. until the funeral Mass at 10 a.m., at St. Florian Catholic Church. Interment will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

#### **PLANKO**

Andrew M. Planko, 56, died January 28, 2017.

Mr. Planko, a Hamtramck native and resident died unexpectedly of cardiac arrest. Andrew was well known in the Hamtramck area as a musician, excellent welder, friend, and all around good guy.

Mr. Planko is survived by sisters, Audry Planko of Colorado Springs, CO, Deanna (Annie) Brown of Rochester Hills; brother in law, Keith Brown; nieces, Aja Brown, Lana (Shaun) Kosnik; nephew, Evan Brown; many cousins. He was preceded in death by parents, Helen (Baranski) and Adam Planko; many other relatives. Friends and family knew him affectionately as "Moe."

A 1978 graduate of St. Ladislaus H.S., Andrew served in the U.S. Army. He was a UAW member and former union steward

who received his Journeyman's designation and worked at Murray Equipment for 23 years (1980-2003). He went on to hold similar positions at Milton Manufacturing and Staff Line. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

A lifelong love of music led Andrew to pick up the guitar at age 18. He was taught by Joe Mazzola of the Detroit group, Sponge, and went on to play in several area bands, including Nyte Mirror, who recorded a You Tube video and performed at the Hamtramck Festival in 2009.

His most well known musical endeavor was Sister Elsewhere, which featured his sister, Annie, on vocals and released two CD albums ("A Shadow of Peace" in 1995 and "SE2" in 2000). Andrew wrote most of the band's music and lyrics, along with playing guitar and occasionally filling in on bass

and keyboards. The group was once under consideration by Atlantic Records, and often played Hamtramck night clubs, including Smalls, Hamtramck Pub, Baker's Streetcar, and Paycheck's Lounge, which will host a memorial celebration and jam session in honor of Andrew on Saturday, February 11, from 6 p.m. until midnight.

Musicians, family and friends of Andrew are invited to attend, bring instruments and remember him in the spirit of his life with good food, drinks and rock and roll. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Prader Willi Syndrome Association of America. Donations will be accepted at the memorial celebration, or may be sent in the name of Andrew Planko and niece Aja Brown to www.pwsausa.org. Arrangements were entrusted to Krot Funeral Home.

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#### By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Jan. 31-Feb. 6.

#### Tuesday, January 31

- A McDougall resident reported that someone broke into his vehicle and stole its radio while it was parked in front of his residence.
- A Klinger resident reported that someone broke into his vehicle and stole its navigation system while it was parked in front of his residence.
- · A Yemans resident reported that someone scratched his rental car.
- At about 11:30 a.m. a Fleming resident reported he was knocked to the ground by two males who then stole his vehicle while it was parked in front of his residence.
- A Sobieski resident reported someone broke into his vehicle and stole its navigation system while it was parked in front of his residence.

· An Edwin resident reported that someone stole a package off of his porch.

· An Evaline resident reported someone broke into his vehicle at Conant and Evaline and stole his backpack.

#### Wednesday, February 1

· A Waterford resident reported his car was damaged while it was parked in the area of Jos. Campau and Yemans.

· A Yemans resident reported a break-in of her garage.

#### Thursday, February 2

 At a little after 1 a.m. a resident was arrested for drunk driving and a hit-and-run accident after striking a car in the 2600 block of Pulaski.

 A resident reported their Jeep Liberty was stolen in the 2400 block of Grayling.

 A resident reported their license plate was stolen from their car

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while it was parked in the 3200 block of Evaline.

- A Madison Heights resident reported the windshield of her car was damaged while the car was parked in the area of Florian and Brombach.
- · Detroit police recovered a Chevy Malibu that was stolen out of Hamtramck.
- An employee of Homestyle Foods on Edwin reported being assaulted by another employee.

#### Friday, February 3

 A Hamtramck resident and a Sterling Heights resident were arrested after a traffic stop for possessing a stolen car and possessing narcotics.

 A Royal Oak resident reported the theft of her vehicle from the 8500 block of Lumpkin.

 At a little after 3 a.m. a Detroit resident was arrested after breaking into a garage in the 2300 block of Neibel.

- · A man reported the theft of his 2015 Honda Civic while it was parked in the 2000 block of Yemans.
- A person reported a suspicious situation involving the purchase of a

#### Saturday, February 4

- A representative from Detroit Jewelry on Jos. Campau reported a male fled the store with a gold Rolex watch.
  - · At about 1:30 p.m. a

resident reported being assaulted by her brother at her residence in the 3000 block of Jacob.

#### Sunday, February 5

No incident report was available for this date.

#### Monday, February 6

- A Hanley resident reported her ex-boyfriend entered her residence without permission and assaulted her.
- · A car that had been reported as being stolen was identified as actually being repossessed.
- · A Lumpkin resident reported fraudulent activity on his bank account.

## Kowalski Sausage president makes donation to veterans

#### **By Charles Sercombe**

Hamtramck's Kowalski Sausage Company has a very special customerbase: Our military veterand service members.

The company has long sent care packages to U.S. troops deployed in Iraq.

Recently, the company donated \$45,000 to the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund. The Livoniabased nonprofit assists Michigan soldiers and their families.

Michael Kowalski, President of Kowalski Sausage Co., has been a supporter of veterans and veteran charities over the years.

"Kowalski Sausage Company is proud to support our veterans for the many sacrifices they have made," said Kowalski in a press release. "We have always felt an obligation to give back to those who



Kowalski Sausage Co. President Mike Kowalski recently donated \$45,000 to a veterans support group.

have given us so much." Established in 2006,

the veteran support group is an all-volunteer organization that provides financial support assistance, from medical expenses to housing costs, for Michigan veterans and their families.

"We appreciate the support and generosity of Kowalski Sausage Company," said Dr. Lynn Phillips, Director of The Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund, "The Kowalski

family has donated to many local causes over the years, and we are proud that they support our veterans."

Kowalski Sausage Co. has been in Hamtramck since 1920 and is one of the city's largest job providers.

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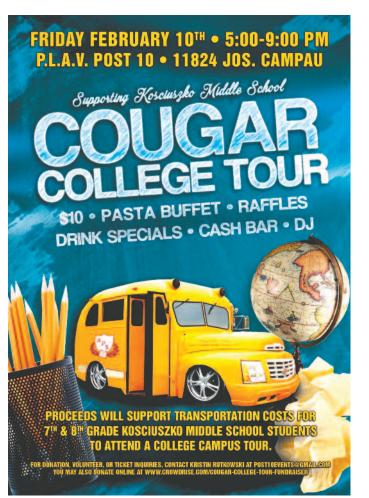
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