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Quick Hits

The third and last Music in the Park is coming up next Thursday, Aug. 24.

The music series has been a success, and a great addition to Hamtramck's rich cultural scene.

Bangladeshi singers Syed Shafi Ahmed and Shahnaz Nodi. Opening up for the evening will be the Bangladesh School of Music. If you haven't experienced seeing this group perform, be sure to get yourself over to Zussman Park.

The music kicks off at 6:30 p.m.

Bring a chair or a blanket to spread out on, and enjoy the night.



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.

"Everyone is into deep dish."

— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Reckless drivers threaten safety of kids at Pulaski Park

By Charles Sercombe

Local TV news cameras were focused on the streets surrounding Pulaski Park this week.

Neighbors have been complaining about young drivers speeding down the one-way streets surrounding the park, and one Norwalk resident even caught a driver burning his tires at the intersection of Norwalk and Lumpkin.

"The police have been almost completely absent from patrolling the park this year, it's ridiculous. I'm sure they'll be around plenty after someone is killed," said Catherine Roach on her Facebook page after submitting a recording of speeders and reckless drivers to WXYZ Channel 7 news.

The concern is that a child will be hit by one of the drivers. Pulaski Park is packed with kids and



Residents near Pulaski Park are concerned about speeding cars and reckless drivers, especially at the intersection of Norwalk and Lumpkin. Kids dart across the street and neighbors say a terrible accident is waiting to happen.

families in the early evening. That's when teenage boys and older males congregate at the Norwalk and Lumpkin corner.

The Review spent an evening witnessing the goings-on, and indeed there were speeding drivers and a group of youths at the intersection. Often the youths would shout out "F— you" to no one in particular, and in other instances cars with young males would drive by with passengers giving the finger to those at the intersection.

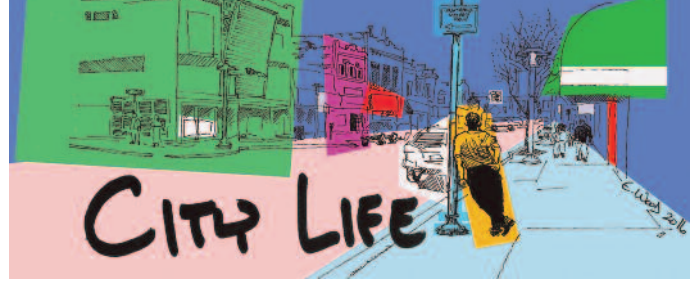
One neighbor who declined to be identified said the situation was "out of control."

Many, like Roach, are wondering why there isn't a greater police presence. That includes

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Illustration by Emily Wood



CITY LIFE

Radiant landscapes

By Walter Wasacz

Soul searching is a common practice. We all do it, usually by going deeper into ourselves to sort through complicated feelings, or to examine our motivations for certain actions or behaviors.

But looking for the soul in a place, or in people that share time and space in a community like Hamtramck, well, that's a project, the kind that can last a lifetime, perhaps a series of lifetimes.

That was what Emily Wood and I set out to do when we went out walking last week. I had just read

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State to pay for CM search

By Charles Sercombe

The search for a permanent city manager is underway.

Recently, in a convoluted vote by the city council, the search firm GovHR was hired. The vote was complex because there was a bare quorum of city councilmembers present, and they split 2-2.

Mayor Karen Majewski broke the tie to hire the Illinois-based company. But City Attorney John Clark said at the time he had to research whether there were enough councilmembers present to allow the vote to go forward.

He decided later it was a legal vote.

The split on council was part of an ongoing trend that led to former City Manager Katrina Powell not having her employment contract extended. Councilmembers Anam Miah, Mohammed Hassan, Abu Musa and Saad Al-masmari formed a majority on council of those opposed to Powell.

Councilmembers Andrea Karpinski and Ian Perrotta wanted Powell to remain on the job.

Oddly, though, the four councilmembers who were against Powell initially wanted to hire a search firm to look for her replacement. But when it came to actually hiring a search firm, they balked and rejected a resolution to do so.

With two of the councilmembers in that ma-

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Reckless drivers threaten safety of kids at Pulaski Park

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Councilmember Saad Al-masmari, who wrote on his Facebook page:

"This must stop. We all should report anything like that. And HPD (Hamtramck Police Department) should do their job and take it serious. Too many people complain about HPD not doing very good," Almasmari said.

On Tuesday, the day after Channel 7 ran its story, a Hamtramck officer was on Norwalk, waiting with a radar gun to catch speeders. He said he planned to be there all week, working overtime in the traffic enforcement program that allows officers to work up to 20 hours per pay period.

The reason why there aren't more officers on the road is complicated. The short answer is that the department is under-

staffed and keeps losing officers to better paying jobs in other cities.

The city administration has asked The Review to not publish how many patrol cars are on duty throughout the day, but many in the community already know it's a low number.

How did it get that way?

It goes back about five years ago when the state declared the city was in a financial crisis and appointed an emergency manager to take over. That manager, Cathy Square, took a knife to the Police Department's budget and eliminated about 10 officers, despite protests by former Police Chief Max Garbarino.

Needless to say, the two continued to clash over cuts.

"I told her we wouldn't be able to function," Garbarino told The Review.

Square didn't stop there. She also got salary and benefit cuts in both the police and fire departments.

Officers lost about 25 percent of their salaries and benefits.

"That devastated the department," Garbarino said.

After that, he said, it was hard to retain officers.

"No one wanted to stay, and no one wanted to come to the department," he said.

When Square left and former City Manager Katrina Powell took over, it didn't get any better.

"My pleas for more officers fell on deaf ears," Garbarino said.

To her defense, Powell was constrained on spending, especially overtime for the police and fire departments, by the state-appointed Receivership Transition Advisory Board.

The department continues to have difficulty in retaining officers. A few months ago the department was five officers short. New ones have since been hired, but it takes a few months to train them within the department.

Police officers are currently working with an expired contract. No new negotiations will take place until the city hires a permanent city manager, which could take several more months.

In the meantime, Pulaski Park is by no means the only area that attracts reckless drivers. Gallagher has long been a hot spot for speeders, and a resident on Roosevelt, Ilene Andrus, told The Review her block is menaced by speeders.

"It's the same guys," she said.

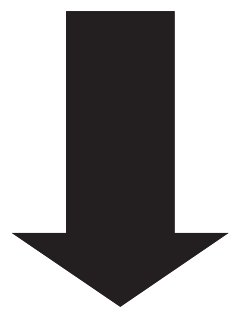
While the city is strapped financially, there is one alternative. Several months ago the state announced it would send extra patrols of state police officers to Hamtramck.

Initially, they made their presence known, but lately, state troopers have not been seen so much.

Acting City Manager Kathy Angerer said she is going to call the state to get more state troopers assigned here.

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School Bell

Here's a reminder of the school district's dress code:

- 1) Clothing should be modest and avoid distracting influences.
- 2) Clothing with holes, tears, or inappropriate patches will not be allowed if obscene.
- 3) No skin is to be revealed between pants and tops. This must be true while the student is standing as well as when seated. Bare midriffs and bare sides should not show even when arms are extended above the head. Tops should reveal no more than a very modest amount of cleavage. Clothing that is too tight, sheer (see-through), or revealing is unacceptable.
- 4) Jerseys or tank tops with large armholes must have a shirt underneath if they are to be worn. Shoulders must be covered.

- 5) Shorts and skirts must end no more than 3 inches above the knee and may not be excessively tight. Absolutely no undergarments/boxer shorts will be exposed. The waist of the pants must be at hip level or higher. Yoga pants or leggings can only be worn with long shirt or tunic.
- 6) Clothing displaying offensive or inappropriate pictures or writing which includes but is not limited to topics of sex, tobacco, alcohol and other drugs is not permitted. (Spirit wear is acceptable)
- 7) Outerwear, including hats and jackets, is not to be worn in school.
- 8) Clothing, jewelry, symbols, or other things that may be perceived as denoting membership in a gang are not permitted. Garments and/or jewelry which display or suggest sexual, vulgar, drug, alcohol, or tobacco related

- wording/graphics or may tend to provoke violence or disruption in school shall not be worn.
- 9) Jewelry, symbols, clothing, tattoos, or other things that can cause safety concerns are not permitted. Large chains with or without medallions/large charms are not to be worn in school. This includes wallets with chains.
 - 10) No headwear allowed except for religious reasons. (for example hats, bandanas, hood, hoodie, head wraps and do rags)
 - 11) Combs, picks, etc., are not allowed to be kept in student's hair.
 - 12) Writing on one's own skin or allowing others to write on you is not permitted.
 - 13) Solid dress or casual shoes are recommended. Students may also wear athletic shoes. No house slippers/shoes, open-toed shoes, or flip flops are permitted.
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- See the Hamtramck High School and Kosciuszko Middle School Fall 2017**



A search is on for a permanent city manager. The state Treasury Department is paying \$19,000 to finance the search.

State to pay for CM search

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jority absent, the vote to hire a search firm was split, thus allowing Karpinski, Perrotta and Majewski to clear the way for a search.

In the meantime, the city's community events director, Kathy Angerer, is serving as acting city manager. Again, her appointment was made possible by the aforementioned council majority.

Councilmembers Karpinski and Perrotta opposed her hiring.

Angerer had some good news about the hiring of a search firm, despite the conflicting views on council. She convinced the state to pick up the cost of the service, which amounts to a savings of \$19,000.

The state didn't stop there. Angerer also got the state to pay for the hiring of accounting firm Plante Moran for the next six months. The company will oversee

day-to-day financial services as well as conduct an audit of the city's new budget to make sure the budget is accurate.

That budget was recently prepared by Powell before her contract with the city ran out.

Powell's budget has a \$5 million budget surplus – which is something that Plante Moran has been asked to verify.

The cost for Plante Moran is \$60,000, which the state is paying.

The total state package amounts to a \$79,000 savings to the city. Hamtramck is still under state financial supervision.

Angerer said she requested the state to cover the costs because of the city's ongoing financial situation. Angerer is a former state legislator. She has been with the city for the past several years, serving in a number of roles.



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an article about a current exhibition of works by Edward Munch, best known for his 1893 painting “The Scream.” What struck me was Munch’s break from being a talented observational artist – that is, painting what is seen on the surface of reality – to becoming a visual investigator of inner life.

He once called his most famous painting – “The Scream,” which depicts an agonized figure standing on what appears to be a pier in front of heavily saturated strokes of color representing the sea and sky – an autobiographical study of his own soul.

More inspiration came from an artist friend in Port Huron who recently began a photography project that

aims to find the soul via that medium.

Finally, Emily Wood’s own radiant, increasingly phantasmagorical Hamtramck landscapes inspired a journey into what is behind or inside them.

So we walked along Carpenter to Conant, then crossed into the Detroit neighborhood sometimes called Hamtramck Heights. I’ve come this way before on solo trips and with groups, once leading people on what I called a psychogeographic stroll during the Porous Borders Festival in 2015.

The objective then was to bring 8-10 strangers to this area, drift through its diagonal streets and alleys and ‘make love’ to the neighborhood, a sassy

idea influenced by what some have called the world’s first ‘happening’ or rave, documented in the 1967 film “Tonight, Let’s All Make Love in London.”

Let’s all make love in Hamtramck Heights? Yes, why not?

But the soul is different than the heart. Both are elusive, but when the heart is found, you know it immediately, don’t you? The pain you feel when you lose it, inescapable. The heart is interpersonal and shareable. But the soul? If it is anywhere, or everywhere, then where is it?

The word itself is appropriately amorphous. It can be replaced by the word “spirit” or “ghost” and not lose much of its impact. I prefer soul, not as a nod to

the catechism training of my pre-teen years, but because, yes, George Clinton asked and answered the question in 1970 on the first Funkadelic LP: “What is soul? I don’t know.”

Is it in a blue house with a red brick porch surrounded by green trees, streets and sidewalks at the intersection of Fenelon and Commor, the house in Emily’s illustration for this column?

I have walked past this house countless times. Sometimes it is just a house; other times it triggers a memory, and I leave this time and place for other times and places. Is there a connection between transportable souls going on?

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Hamtramck Labor Day Festival 2017

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1:30	Dinner Music	2:00	After Dark Amusement Park	1:30	The Redones	2:00	Polish Johnny Salvage				

New style of pizza is a bite out of the Big Apple

By Mike Murphy
The Review Special
Writer

New York-style pizza has come to town and NY Pizza Baby and Burgers and Shakes owner Marju Chowdhury is hoping that the Empire State variety will win out when Hamtramck residents pick their pies.

take-out location but has several booths for dining in, features pizza, several specialty pizza pies, Italian-style pasta dishes, as well as shakes and burgers.

Chowdhury is especially proud of his gourmet halal burgers, which he says are made fresh, seasoned, and never



Kamrul Ahmed and Marju Chowdhury are the owners of Hamtramck’s newest food offering, NY Pizza Baby and Burgers and Shakes on Jos. Campau.

"New York pizza is rare to find here," Chowdhury said. "Everyone is into deep dish. Thin crust is something different to offer. In the south, it is very famous. But, in Michigan? Well, why not?"

For the past seven years, the former Hamtramck High School student has been busy growing his business in Orlando, Florida, where his single NY Pizza Baby location blossomed into four.

Since then, he's sold one of the Florida locations and launched another right here in Hamtramck where he wants to make a mark on his hometown with his relatively rare pizza pies.

What distinguishes New York pizza from pizza concoctions made outside the Big Apple is its ultra-thin crust. Dished up in large slices, New York pies are also generally baked in brick ovens. Chowdhury's got all those bases covered, and he offers a deliciously authentic New York-style pizza.

(Editor's note: You can bank on that, writer Mike Murphy lives in New York City.)

But that's not all he's offering.

The restaurant, which primarily serves as a

frozen.

The same is true of the pizza. Chowdhury said pizza dough is made fresh every morning.

"You don't want to keep it too long in the cooler," Chowdhury said. "And when we stretch our pizza, it's completely hand tossed."

Chowdhury, a self-taught pizza-maker and chef, said he learned the pizza business by doing it himself.

"It took a long time to learn this stuff," Chowdhury said. "The trick is to keep it affordable, and I want to offer it to my hometown. It's another option."

Chowdhury, who still maintains the Orlando locations while he's kept busy with all of the duties that come with opening his Hamtramck restaurant, jets back and forth between Michigan and Florida, hoping to keep an eye on everything concerning his burgeoning pizza empire.

"I'm very busy," Chowdhury said. "But that's the way to go. If you want to keep your quality, you have to be there."

New York Pizza Baby and Burgers and Shakes is located at 11401 Jos. Campau. Call (313) 332-0362 for more information.

Coming events

WEDNESDAYS, 7 p.m., every second Wednesday of the month – The 3C7 and Midtown Block meets at 2339 Caniff PCS Senior Day Center. This block club includes all residents and businesses west of Jos. Campau and north of Holbrook.

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



Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Football club’s success is also a big win for the city

Hooray for the Detroit City Football Club. The soccer team completed another successful year – in fact, a wildly great year. Schools Superintendent Tom Niczay said the relationship between the team and the school district has been a “match made in soccer heaven.”

Indeed. It’s also been a great pairing with many businesses in the city that enjoy the spillover of fans looking for places to eat and drink after the games. We’re pretty sure

thousands of dollars are spent here in town after a game. It has been a tremendous boost for bars and restaurants. Niczay nurtured the relationship with the team a few years ago, and one immediate payoff has been the club investing hundreds of thousands of dollars into Keyworth Stadium, where the soccer team plays. The school district owns the stadium. The last game of the season boasted a record high attendance

of over 7,000 fans. Back in Hamtramck’s glory days in sports the stadium would be packed just like that. It gives us goose bumps to see this stadium revitalized. Next year the team may step it up a notch by going professional. Their fan base is sure to continue growing. The DCFC has certainly shown that its success spells success for the city and school district. We can’t wait for next year.

Thieves target American Axle lots holding new trucks

By Charles Sercombe

It’s been easy pickings for thieves over at the American Axle & Manufacturing plant site. Over the past few weeks about a dozen Ford-150 pickup trucks have been stolen from the company’s lots on Holbrook and St. Aubin. Police aren’t sure of the total number because portions of the lots are on the Detroit side of the Hamtramck border.

Hamtramck Police Chief Anne Moise said it appears truck thieves are jumping over the fence around the lots and crashing through locked gates, or driving out behind the lots where the railroad tracks are located.



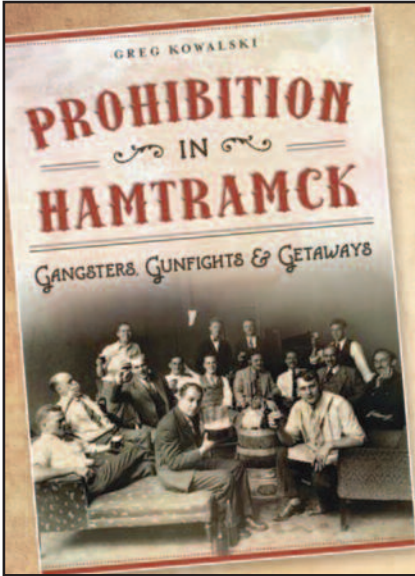
Thieves have been stealing new Ford-150 pickup trucks from the American Axle & Manufacturing lots on Holbrook and St. Aubin.

There are a few hundred new trucks being stored on the lots waiting for shipment out to various dealers. Ford has been using the lots for its overflow stock for the past few years. The trucks sell for about \$27,000 to

\$33,000 depending on the size. Recently, security at the site has been stepped up, Moise said. Concrete barriers have been placed at exits and there are now additional security guards.

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Week of 8/28 – 9/2						
Friday	9/1	HHS	Varsity Football	Pontiac	7:00	H
Week of 9/4 – 9/9						
Tuesday	9/5	HHS	Boys Soccer	Taylor Prep	4:30	A
Thursday	9/7	HHS	Varsity Volleyball	Trillium Academy	5:00	A
Friday	9/8	HHS	Varsity Football	Voyageur	7:00	H
Week of 9/11 – 9/16						
Tuesday	9/12	HHS	Boys Soccer	River Rouge	4:30	H
Tuesday	9/12	HHS	Varsity Volleyball	Henry Ford Acad.	5:30	A
Thursday	9/14	HHS	Varsity Volleyball	Det. Community	5:30	A
Friday	9/15	HHS	Varsity Football	River Rouge	7:00	H
Week of 9/18 – 9/23						
Tuesday	9/19	HHS	Boys Soccer	Univ Prep	4:30	H
Tuesday	9/19	KMS	Girls Volleyball	Ecorse	4:30	H
Tuesday	9/19	HHS	Varsity Volleyball	Ecorse	5:30	H
Wednesday	9/20	HHS	Co-ed Cross Country	MMAC #1	4:30	A
Thursday	9/21	KMS	Girls Volleyball	Melvindale ABT	4:30	H
Thursday	9/21	HHS	Varsity Volleyball	Melvindale ABT	5:30	H
Friday	9/22	HHS	Varsity Football	Ecorse	7:00	A
Week of 9/25 – 9/30						
Tuesday	9/26	HHS	Boys Soccer	Harper Woods	4:30	A
Tuesday	9/26	KMS	Girls Volleyball	UPSM	4:30	A
Tuesday	9/26	HHS	Varsity Volleyball	UPSM	5:30	A
Wednesday	9/27	HHS	Co-ed Cross Country	MMAC #2	4:30	A
Thursday	9/28	HHS	Boys Soccer	River Rouge	4:30	A
Thursday	9/28	KMS	Girls Volleyball	Henry Ford Acad.	4:30	H
Thursday	9/28	HHS	Varsity Volleyball	Henry Ford Acad.	5:30	H
Friday	9/29	HHS	Varsity Football	Univ Prep	7:00	H
Week of 10/2 – 10/7						
Tuesday	10/3	HHS	Boys Soccer	Taylor Prep	4:30	H
Tuesday	10/3	KMS	Girls Volleyball	Eaton Academy	4:45	H
Tuesday	10/3	HHS	Varsity Volleyball	Det. Community	5:30	H
Wednesday	10/4	HHS	Co-ed Cross Country	MMAC #3	4:30	A
Thursday	10/5	HHS	Boys Soccer	Univ Prep	4:30	A
Thursday	10/5	KMS	Girls Volleyball	Ecorse	4:30	A
Thursday	10/5	HHS	Varsity Volleyball	Ecorse	5:30	A
Friday	10/6	HHS	Varsity Football	Det. Community	7:00	H
Week of 10/9 – 10/14						
Tuesday	10/10	KMS	Girls Volleyball	Melvindale ABT	4:30	A
Tuesday	10/10	HHS	Varsity Volleyball	Melvindale ABT	5:30	A
Wednesday	10/11	HHS	Co-ed Cross Country	MMAC #4	4:30	A
Thursday	10/12	HHS	Boys Soccer	Harper Woods	4:30	H
Thursday	10/12	KMS	Girls Volleyball	UPSM	4:30	H
Thursday	10/12	HHS	Varsity Volleyball	UPSM	5:30	H
Friday	10/13	HHS	Varsity Football	Harper Woods	7:00	H
Week of 10/16 – 10/21						
Tuesday	10/17	KMS	Girls Volleyball	Henry Ford Acad.	4:30	A
Tuesday	10/17	HHS	Varsity Volleyball	Taylor Prep	5:30	H
Thursday	10/19	KMS	Girls Volleyball	Eaton Academy	4:30	A
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The lore of Hamtramck ...

Tales of Hamtramck long ago

By Greg Kowalski

Considering that Hamtramck has such a rich history, it's almost shocking at how little we know of the town prior to 1910.

There are few pictures from that time, and village records are scarce and relate almost nothing of what life was like in this town in those days. But we do know that Hamtramck prior to the opening of the Dodge Main factory would be unrecognizable to anyone today.

But every so often, an old document or item surfaces that gives us a clue as to what life was like here when fields, not factories, dominated the landscape.

One such insight can be found in the Jan. 24, 1936, edition of The New Deal newspaper. Under the heading "Personality Sketch" is a rather folksy piece on John Fritz, who had been a 42-year resident of Hamtramck and had joined the Hamtramck Police Department in 1912. He was getting ready to retire when he was interviewed

by a New Deal reporter on a day when a major snowstorm had just hit.

The New Deal Story related: "Looking outside through his window of his well-heeled home (on Faber Street) Wednesday evening while an Arctic blizzard raged through his street, Fritz said he couldn't help wondering what would happen to the Hamtramck of 1905 in a similar storm.

"There just wouldn't be a Hamtramck after this blizzard." Fritz tucked a small blanket around his fast-widening waist and looking though his partially frozen windows continued. 'Those old wooden shacks that used to stand on a lonely horse trail, Jos. Campau Ave. to you youngsters, would probably heave a long sigh and collapse.

"After a heavy snow in the old days a familiar sight would appear on the streets. The Path-Master, a 1905 D.P.W. superintendent who did most of his own dirty work, would come driving down Jos. Campau on his nag, slowly dragging a thick plow in back of him.

"There were no heavy D.P.W. trucks to take snow away. The Path-Master would simply plow the snow from the street onto the sidewalk.

"There were only about 100 German families at the time when some real estate sharks started a rumor that the Dodge plant was going to be built on Jos. Campau. We can still hardly believe the result of that rumor. This group of about 100 families was soon swallowed by an avalanche of Polish immigrants who jammed within the boundaries of Hamtramck until they bulged.

"But that wasn't all. Real estate prices soared like a giant skyrocket, houses sprung up overnight like mushrooms in a damp cellar. Huge factory chimneys soon surrounded the city ..."

Fritz concluded by saying he had seen a lot of changes in town. We only wish he had said more.

Now for something else: A reader asked that we do a piece on Hamtramck school teachers. Remember Annie Shelly? Or Bea Olmstead at Hamtramck High? Or Mr. Alan from St. Florian?

Whatever Hamtramck school you went to, send us your memories. This would not only make a nice column but also create a valuable addition to the Hamtramck Historical Museum archives.

Send your memories of your favorite teachers to hamtramckhistory@gmail.com, or by mail to the Hamtramck Historical Museum, 9525 Jos. Campau, Hamtramck, MI 48212. And don't forget to visit the Hamtramck Historical Museum.

Obituaries

KUPINSKI

Genevieve Kupinski, 90, died August 13, 2017.

Ms. Kupinski was a Hamtramck resident and was retired from Michigan Bell Telephone Co. Ms. Kupinski was a former member of St. Theresa Guild Choir.

Ms. Kupinski was predeceased by her parents, Stephan and Anna; sister, Gertrude Frankow. She is survived by her niece, Cynthia (Ted) Brunke.

Visitation and the Parish and St. Theresa Guild Rosary were Tuesday, August 15. The funeral Mass was Wednesday, August 16, at St. Florian Church, with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Krot Funeral Home in Hamtramck.

SZYMANSKI



Tina Szymanski (nee Kozakowski), 53, died August 11, 2017.

Mrs. Szymanski was the mother of Zachary and Steven; sister of Vivian Kozakowski, Patricia (Gregory) Ploshehanski, and the late Sandra Skalski. Tina is also survived by nieces, Christina (Derek) Webb, Jill (Rico) Quarker, Sara (Melvin) Minor.

Mrs. Szymanski was a graduate of St. Florian High School.

Private services were held by the family. Arrangements were entrusted to Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home in Hamtramck.



Radiant landscape

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Maybe. I don't know.

That might be a definition of the kind of soul we are talking about here, one found at the intersection of history and geography, science and spiritual ecstasy. Parse, ponder and recombine that loaded phrase as you like.

Me? I'm done pondering

and parsing for now, going for a walk in the warm August rain. See you out there.

Walter Wasacz is a Hamtramck writer. His subject is walkable discovery. Check out Emily Wood's art at <http://emilyjanewood.com/>

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By Charles Sercombe
This week's Crime Log covers Aug. 8-12

Tuesday, August 8

- A man about 25 years old and wearing a white "Snoopy" T-shirt was seen fleeing a scene where gunshots were heard. The suspect fled from the 2200 block of Danforth in a gray two-door truck. No one was injured.
- A Detroit resident was ticketed for careless driving.
- A Klinger resident reported someone stole his bicycle.
- A Trowbridge resident reported someone damaged his bedroom window.

Wednesday, August 9

- A resident in the 12000 block of Dyar reported a break-in.
- At 4:30 a.m. a Grand Haven resident reported being threatened by her boyfriend with a knife.
- A resident in the 12000 block of Oklahoma reported her car was

Thursday, August 10

- Several Ford-150s pickup trucks were stolen out of the American Axle & Manufacturing lot on Holbrook. One of the trucks was found crashed into a chain link fence.
- A resident on Selfridge reported her live-in boyfriend threatened to assault her and took her cellphone and car without her permission.
- At a little after 1 a.m. a Warren resident was arrested for possessing an open intoxicant and drunk driving. Officers were responding to a large group fight in the 12000 block of St. Aubin when the arrest was made.
- A resident reported his son's bike was stolen from outside a business in the 3300 block of Can-

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