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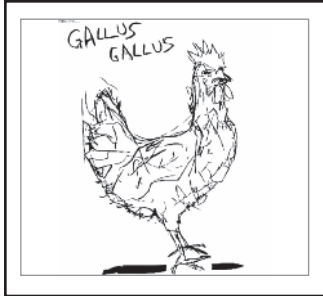
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Quick Hits

Something to crow about

By Alan Madlane

Want to put a little cock-a-doodle-doo in your new year?

Hamtramck's unique art gallery, Public Pool and those merry artists and scribes on Caniff, are throwing a rooster-themed fundraiser, and you're invited to get in on what will, no doubt, be Grade AAA fun.

Yes, we know, roosters don't lay eggs.

They're setting a goal of \$10,000 for keeping their gallery going, as well as for programming. And they're trying to get there one \$40 piece of rooster art at a time.

See, some of their associated or supportive artists are obligingly donating art to the cause. Art with a rooster theme. And you can own one – or more – of these beauties and have the warm fuzzy (or feathery) feeling of helping out a swell bunch of art-folks.

Just Google "Public Pool Hamtramck" and you can get to their website (OK, it's apublicpool.com) and follow the links. You'll be pre-paying, and then you can pick your bird up on Jan. 19 (from 7 to 11 p.m.) at their opening party, cheekily being called "Night of One Thousand Cocks."

You can email them at PublicPoolArt@gmail.com for more info too.

If you've always wanted to get the bird, here's a great way to do it.

Er-eh-err-eh-ERRR!
 (Public Pool is located at 3309 Caniff.)

— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

What does 2019 have in store? Let's take a look

By Charles Sercombe

Once again, we dusted off our crystal ball and peered into what the future holds for Hamtramck.

Well, hello 2019, you look awfully familiar to last year.

In other words, the city has several leftover issues festering (rotting?) in the metaphorical refrigerator.

Nothing new about that.

In no particular order, let's take a look at what's ahead.

The partnership between city officials and the public school board proved a success. That mutual cooperation led to the award of an \$800,000 grant from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation which will be used to replace the artificial turf at Keyworth Stadium and fund a master plan study on what improve-

ments are needed in Veterans Memorial Park.

The hope is this partnership could lead to a massive grant from the foundation to renovate the historic baseball stadium located in Veterans Park.

We are talking about possibly receiving an \$18 million grant to repair the stadium and create a recreational area that could become a major cultural attraction.

The stadium was once home to the Negro National Baseball League back in the day when African-Americans were not permitted to play in the white-only Major League.

It is only one of a handful of stadiums still standing that was used in that era.

Street repairs have been a huge newsmaker in the past few years,

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A news crew for a German television station came to this past week's city council meeting to revisit an old story.

New Year starts with a familiar look at city council

By Charles Sercombe

It may be a new year but there is one story that keeps repeating here in Hamtramck – almost like the movie "Groundhog Day."

A few years ago, it seemed the world was abuzz that Hamtramck

had the first-elected majority Muslim city council in America.

Reporters and documentarians from all over – and especially from Europe – swarmed here to get "the story."

On the most part, the

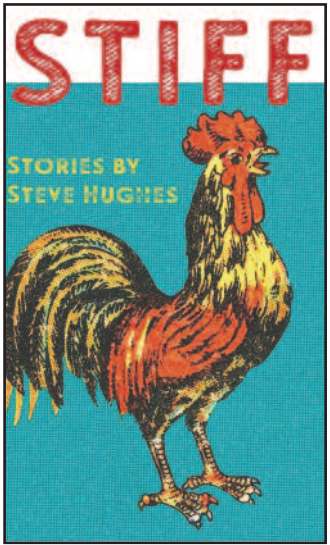
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Author's Homage to Hamtramck

By Alan Madlane

Local resident Steve Hughes must be a pretty interesting guy. That's a conclusion easily reached once you start reading about his background.

A Hamtramck resident, Hughes is probably best known to townies as the co-founder of the Public



The cover of a newly published book of short stories by local author Steve Hughes.

The lore of Hamtramck ...



Helen (Grudzien) Livingston, who just turned 100 years old, recounts meeting First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt back in the 1930s.

A memorable meeting with Mrs. Roosevelt

By Greg Kowalski

"It was terrific!"

That's how Helen (Grudzien) Livingston remembers the day in 1936 when she presented a bouquet of roses to Eleanor Roosevelt, First Lady of the United States and wife of President Franklin Roosevelt.

Recently, Helen, who

just turned 100, visited the Hamtramck Historical Museum to recount her memorable meeting.

The presentation took place at the Masonic Temple in Detroit, but the roots of the 47 yellow roses she presented to Mrs. Roosevelt were drawn straight from Hamtramck. (By the way there

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Pool art space on Caniff St. at Gallagher.

Serving as both art gallery and performance-slash-meeting space, Public Pool has been packing them in since 2010, in a way that manages to be both cozy (the space is small as galleries go) and yet showy (the big glass window façade, bright lights and hipsters spilling out the doorway make it hard to miss).

But, as with so many art types these days, Hughes is a multi-

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New Year starts with a familiar look at city council

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reports were fair and balanced. Some, on the other hand, didn't resemble reality. And that reality is, Hamtramck wasn't transformed, life went on, people for the most part get along and there is still plenty of political bickering just like there has been for decades.

As January kicked off, the first city council meeting of this year was attended by a journalist from a German television company.

We didn't get a chance to chat much, but the reporter said his television outlet was interested in simply "following up" on the city council ethnic/religious make-up.

If he was looking for sparks, the council did not disappoint. First some background:

During a closed meeting at the last council meeting in December, there was a dustup between Councilmembers

Ian Perrotta, Anam Miah and Saad Almasmari ... and maybe a couple of others in the room.

There were no fisticuffs but there were implied physical threats and maybe even a little poking.

Long story made short, Perrotta filed a police report after the meeting, and Miah and Almasmari may have also followed suit. But then things quieted down and the complaints appeared to be going nowhere.

The nature of the disagreement has not been made public.

But former Councilmember Cathie Gordon stirred the pot at Tuesday's council meeting and "for shamed" Perrotta for his behavior.

Perrotta's brother, Andrew, also jumped into the fray, blaming whatever happened on a mutual "toxic masculinity."

The brief, but fiery, ex-

changes will probably make what's considered good television for the folks in Germany. And the reporter, who we did not get his name, thought it was, well, something.

"Did you see that?" he said to a Review reporter.

The dust has still not settled over the closed-door incident. There is a tentative resolution that might come forth to "censure" Perrotta for whatever happened in the closed-door meeting as well as other actions that occurred in 2017.

Just to keep things in perspective, Hamtramck has a long history of physical combat among city officials. Around here, it's known as a city council meeting.

For those of you who have been here a number of years, think of the infamous garbage can incident at a council meeting in the 1990s era.

We can also remember a 1980s incident where a certain councilmember "invited" another councilmember to a challenge of fisticuffs.

Trust us, this is just touching the surface of Hamtramck's bare-knuckled politics.

As the saying goes: "What's old is new again."

And as they say in television land, stay tuned.

What does 2019 have in store? Let's take a look

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and that story continues.

The second half of the Holbrook repaving project will begin as soon as warm weather returns (which by our estimate is in another three months or so).

Last year Holbrook was repaved from Jos. Campau to Gallagher. This year it continues from Gallagher to Conant.

Also, Jos. Campau will get a new look when bike lanes are added.

There is no word yet whether the city's alley repaving project will continue this year. Although the city's budget has a surplus of about \$5 million, there are some serious financial challenges heading our way.

And there could be a major setback – money-wise.

GM has announced it is closing the Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly Plant, also commonly known as the Poletown Plant, this coming June. Actually, GM says it will halt production at the plant as well as four

other North American plants.

Insiders have told us that the plant will be closed permanently, and if that happens, there is a question whether the city will continue to receive \$800,000 a year from the plant via a special agreement with Detroit.

It's a complicated deal, but word is if production shuts down, so goes that revenue stream.

If GM is able to wiggle out of that payment, and you can bet the company is looking into it, the city will suffer a major financial hit. The city operates on a drum tight \$16 million budget per year with little room to make cuts.

City officials are already facing a daunting task of figuring out how to fund the fire department once a federal grant runs out this coming January.

On the political front, City Councilmembers Saad Almasmari, Anam Miah and Abu Musa are in the last year of their

terms. Will they seek re-election?

Are they even still electable?

A huge factor that has emerged in the last year is that the Yemeni-American community has become a powerful and united political force.

Also, a number of young adults have become politically active. This year look for a major shift in the city's political landscape.

Retail-wise, look for more young entrepreneurs to fill out the empty storefronts on Jos. Campau – a trend that has been steadily playing out in recent years.

Well, the crystal ball is beginning to fog up. That's it for now, but remember, in Hamtramck nothing is predictable!

Get Out on the Hamtown!

MLK Day will be celebrated with high school talent show

By Alan Madlane

Martin Luther King Jr. Day will again be getting its proper respect this year in Hamtramck, thanks to the 22nd Annual Prayer Breakfast being held at the Community Center at 11350 Charest.

Once again overseen by The Concerned Women of Hamtramck, the keynote speaker is Pastor Wallace R. Mills, Jr. of the New Ebenezer Baptist Church.

The date, as a reminder, is Monday, Janu-

ary 21 from 9 to 11 a.m. There is a requested donation of \$20 for adults, \$10 for children. If you have 10 people in your party, you qualify for a group discount of \$190 per table. Checks will be accepted, and should be made out to: Concerned Women of Hamtramck.

The breakfast will consist of a buffet featuring all the usual morning favorites, from eggs to, yes, pancakes.

It should be noted that the donation covers all you can eat, so be sure

to bring a hearty appetite.

Also on the bill, is a Hamtramck Public Schools Talent Show.

Advance tickets for the breakfast are available at the Hamtramck Public School District Office at 3201 Roosevelt.

Want more info?

Contact Hamtramck Concerned Women member Madelyn Porter at (313) 573-0782, or Sharon Streat at (313) 892-5170.



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School Bell

Dickinson East Elementary School News

On Dec. 14, 2018 Adam Wolf from the Japanese Consulate of Detroit visited room 12W at Dickinson East.

As a liaison, he came to teach Ms. Housey-Johnson's sixth graders about Japanese culture, education and language. Alaa Omar and other students had the opportunity to play with a traditional wooden toy called kendama.

Mohammed Zilani and other students were able to look at what a traditional lunch would be like in a bento box. Sensei Wolf is interested in visiting other classrooms free of charge.

Early Childhood Elementary (ECE) School News

In December the students at the Early Childhood Elementary had a special visitor from the North Pole, Clarice the reindeer, from Carousel Acres in South Lyon, Michigan.

Students were overjoyed to meet Rudolph's girlfriend up close in school. Clarice is just one of the reindeer you can visit at



Above: Dickinson East student Alaa Omar demonstrates a Japanese toy. Adam Wolf shows a typical lunch Japanese students get in school. Below: Hamtramck High School graphic arts students recently visited a business that produces T-shirts.



the Carousel Acres Farm in South Lyon.

There are many animals and events going on, including a "unicorn" you can meet. Check out the website or Facebook link for Carousel Acres.

Admission is \$5 at the farm but the students met our reindeer friend for free in school.

Students were busy preparing for the Winter Music Concert which was on Thursday, December 20. Students were in the spirit singing songs with music teacher, Ms. Lisa Papas. Teachers as well shared the spirit by reading stories about "The Gingerbread Man," making Polish matryoshka dolls, writing stories, learning about all different holidays around the world and so much more.

Hamtramck High School News

Mr. Katopodis' Graphic Arts 2 class went on a field trip to All-American T-shirts in Sterling Heights.

The students learned how to make silkscreen T-shirts and everyone made their own shirts to take home.

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faceted threat. He publishes a zine called “Stupor,” filled with literary pieces culled from his gentle eavesdroppings on local barflies; runs the Public Pool; works on his books of stories; and is always scoping the city for more.

We caught up with Hughes by email.

Review: So, you’ve got a new book out, “Stiff” (which is published by Wayne State University Press). A big achievement, even as a collection of smaller pieces brought together. First off, how far back do these stories go?

Hughes: I wrote the first story in this collection back in 2010. This is the one that talks about the armored truck driving down I-75 between Caniff and Clay that somehow didn’t get locked right and loses a bag of 100 dollar bills which hits the pavement at 70 mph, scattering everywhere, causing all sorts of happy chaos. The story also refers to the bum-deal closing of American Axle’s Hamtramck factory and wraps up on a stool at Kelly’s Bar.

Review: When you

were writing them, was it always with the idea of putting together a book, or did that occur to you somewhere along the way?

Hughes: I did think it was important that the stories fit together as a book. So, I kept the setting for most of the stories in Hamtramck and Detroit. Many of them take place either in our neighborhood houses and streets, or at various bars around town like Motor City Sports Bar, New Dodge Lounge, Kelly’s, and Baker’s Streetcar.

Review: Your writing and subject matter remind me a bit of Raymond Carver, albeit somewhat less dark or cynical. Who are your favorite writers? Do you feel consciously influenced by any of them, or not particularly?

Hughes: I have read everything by Raymond Carver. He’s great. I like it that he’s a poet as well as a fiction writer. Seems to me that having a background in poetry helps a writer to pay more attention to their word choices, and to the sound of the story as well. I mean like how it



Steve Hughes lives in Hamtramck, and the city and its people provide a backdrop to many of his stories. Photo by Mira Hughes

sounds when it’s read aloud. I also really like the writers Barry Hannah, Denis Johnson, and my old professors Janet Kauffman and Jack Ridl. Yes, I am consciously influenced by them all.

Review: How is the book being received? What platforms have you made it available to?

Hughes: I’m still waiting for more reviews to come in. So far, Booklist really liked it. They said, “Hughes’ debut is fun and adventurous, an imaginative barrage of raw emotion.” I was really pleased about that. I’m happy that you can buy the book at just about any online book-seller, like Amazon or Barnes and Noble. Though what I’d really recommend is

buying local. Bank Suey should have it by now. Also, there’s Pages Book Shop in Detroit and Book Beat in Southfield.

Review: Are you part of a larger writing community locally, say with some of the other folks that have given readings at Public Pool for example? Do you ever collaborate directly with other writers, or have any future plans to?

Hughes: I read the stories in the book at The Good Tyme Writers Buffet. That’s my potluck/literary series that I run out of the Public Pool. The whole reason for starting this series was to try to build a community of writers here in Hamtramck.

Over the years, we’ve had 100-plus writers

reading and eating there together. Mostly though, my collaborations are with artists. We work together at the gallery and also on my zine “Stupor.”

Oh, and over the past two years I’ve had the pleasure of collaborating with the actors at Planet Ant who built performances around “Stupor.” They are terrific. Shout out to Planet Ant!

Review: Do you have plans for another book of your own, and if so, more of the same, or something off on a different tangent?

Hughes: I’m working on a series of stories that reads as a novel, set in the small city of Jugville, Michigan; also a Hamtramck-based book of bar

room poetry, and of course more issues of “Stupor” are forthcoming as well.

Review: Lastly, anything of note coming up at Public Pool before or around the new year?

Hughes: We’re having a fundraiser at the gallery in January. We’ll be asking over 100 artists to donate work which celebrates the rooster, very much like the one on the cover of my book.

The show is titled “Night of 1000 Cocks.” We’ll be selling the art for only \$40 a piece, so it will be affordable for the community, and hopefully will help us fill coffers so that we can continue showing great art, on and on into the future.

A memorable meeting with Mrs. Roosevelt

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were supposed to be 48 roses, but Helen kept one as a souvenir.)

In October of 1936, President Roosevelt paid a visit to Hamtramck to dedicate the new stadium, which was being renamed Keyworth Stadium. The stadium was paid for in a large part with Works Progress Administration funds.

Roosevelt wanted to promote that, plus Hamtramck had a large population that voted solidly Democratic and usually had a 90-plus percent voter turnout at elections.

Coincidentally, Helen grew up on Playfair Street, which led up to the stadium and was soon renamed Roosevelt Street in honor of the presidential visit.

Helen remembers seeing the president drive by.

About a month later, Eleanor Roosevelt visited Detroit to promote girls’ sports. Helen was the captain of the championship Hamtramck High School girls field hockey team, and she was invited to meet with Mrs. Roosevelt on stage at the Masonic to receive a scroll imprinted with the names of the field hockey team.

“I think that Mrs. Roosevelt was too-o divine,” Helen was quoted as saying in a newspaper at the time. “She is such a splendid lady, so generous and pleasant. Meeting her has been the greatest thrill of my life.”

Looking back, Helen further described the experience as “a thrilling day.”

The years have not dimmed her faculties. She remembers Mrs.

Roosevelt as being “very gracious.” She added, “She was very nice and sweet.”

And she wore dazzling jewelry, Helen said.

A short time later, Helen received a letter from Mrs. Roosevelt. It said: “I want to thank you, and all the members of the Hamtramck High School Field Hockey Squad, for the lovely flowers. They were a real joy to have and I think you were all more than kind to send them to me. I am also pleased with the delightful greeting card and I think it is very cleverly done.”

Helen still has the letter.

After graduating from HHS Helen got a job at the Parke-Davis pharmaceutical company in Detroit. It was there she met Roy Livingston, and they were married in 1949. They soon moved to Detroit, then East Detroit (now Eastpointe) and had several children. Roy died in 2009. They had been married for more than 59 years.

It would be an exaggeration to say that Helen today (she turned 100 on Jan. 2) has the energy that she had when she met Mrs. Roosevelt. But there’s still a youthful gleam in her eyes that shines especially brightly as she holds the letter from Eleanor Roosevelt.

You can learn more about Hamtramck’s great history at the Hamtramck Historical Museum, 9525 Jos. Campau. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and by appointment. Call us at (313) 893-5027, or email at: hamtramckhistory@gmail.com.

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Despite local protests, we now face an environmental threat

Several weeks ago community leaders held a protest outside of the US Ecology waste plant, located about a mile east of Hamtramck. Those participating included Hamtramck Public Schools Superintendent Tom Niczay, elected officials, clergy and community activists.

The ironically named US Ecology, which has nothing to do with safeguarding the environment, plans to accept radioactive waste from fracking.

Those protesting this move say allowing radioactive waste so close to schools and neighborhoods poses a serious health risk.

At the time, last December, there were two pending bills in the Michigan legislature that would impose a \$5 per ton fee on the radioactive waste and allow an increase of radioactive waste to be dumped in landfills. The bills passed the legislature in a lame duck session and for-

mer Gov. Rick Snyder signed the bills into law just days before his term ended. This is the same governor whose administration was responsible for the Flint water contamination crisis. Thanks for nothing, Snyder.



Local community leaders recently held a protest against US Ecology, located about a mile east of Hamtramck, where radioactive fracking waste is processed.

It is unclear if Gov. Gretchen Whitmer can undo this. Probably not. There is no reason for why we have to have this type of waste. Fracking is part of the old-school way of thinking on how to meet our energy needs. Fracking has also led

to the poisoning of ground water in various communities to the point where the water is unusable. There is much evidence to support a massive investment in green technologies – technologies that do not produce poison waste.

Yet, this country refuses to invest in this while European countries are leading the way. It is unfortunate, to say the least, we now have to live with the possible consequences of the past state legislature. If anything, it shows that elections do have consequences.

Celebrate MLK Day with a bike ride through historic sites

By Alan Madlane

Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday by hopping aboard your bicycle and joining a bunch of other local, civically like-minded souls

for a bracing but cheery ride. Although King was actually born on Jan. 15, 1929, the nation celebrates his birthday on the third Monday of Janu-

ary, which this year falls on Jan. 21. Correspondingly, the bike ride will also be that day, beginning at 10 a.m. at the McGregor Memorial Conference Center on Wayne State University's campus.

The address is 495 Gilmour Mall, in the center of campus, west off Cass Ave. roughly at W. Ferry Ave. There are parking structures nearby if you have to drive to get there initially. This is the seventh year in a row for the ride. It will stop at several spots of historical interest relating to King and others. Typically, several hundred riders participate each year.

The event is free of charge. Go to tour-detroit.org to register. Dress warm.

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.

MONDAY, Jan. 21, 9-11 a.m. – The Concerned Women of Hamtramck 22nd Annual Dr. Martin L. King Prayer Breakfast. The breakfast will be held at the Hamtramck High School Community Center located at 11350 Charest. Donation is \$20 for adults, \$10 for students, or \$190 for a table (sits 10 people). MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO CONCERNED WOMEN OF HAMTRAMCK. CALL: Madelyn Porter – (313) 573-0782 or Sharon Strean – (313) 892-5170. TICKETS available at Hamtramck Public School District Office – 3201 Roosevelt St - (313) 872-9270, or at any of our Hamtramck Public Schools and at the door.

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City Hall Insider ...

What is our City Council up to these days?
We have the highlights of the latest council meeting.

By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on Sept. 11, and all councilmembers and the mayor were present.

Before the meeting a work session was held. At that meeting there was a discussion on a FEMA grant awarded to the Fire Department. Fire Chief Danny Hagen said the \$19,000 the department received will be used to replace hoses.

Some of the hoses, he said, have not been replaced for 15-20 years. Councilmember Fadel Al-Marsoumi asked what chance the city has to receive another FEMA grant in the following years.

Hagen said it's a "crap shoot" and depends on how each grant is written.

The city awarded a contract to LandUse USA for \$75,000. The company will perform a marketing

study, which should be completed this March.

The study will allow the city to market itself to companies and investors.

During the regular meeting, a moment of silence was observed to commemorate 9/11. Mayor Karen Majewski thanked the police and fire departments for their service.

"Thank you for putting our lives ahead of your own," Majewski said.

A proposal to offer Kathy Angerer a three-year employment contract to be city manager was discussed. Councilmember Andrea Karpinski was opposed.

"I feel like there are a lack of qualifications," Karpinski said.

She added that the proposed \$115,000 salary is the same as the previous city manager. Karpin-

ski said that since Angerer has less experience in this position, she should not receive the same salary.

Councilmember Saad Almasmari disagreed, saying the salary is "even less than what she deserves."

Karpinski said she wants to have a performance evaluation after the first six months Angerer is on the job instead of waiting one year.

Councilmember Anam Miah said he thinks the contract is "fine."

"Are we going to dissect this contract?" he said.

Councilmember Ian Perrotta said he has no personal issue with Angerer but thinks the process of her hiring had issues.

Perrotta and Karpinski were the only two votes against the contract.



School Bell

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The students will be making self-screen T-shirts this year at Hamtramck High School.

Upcoming Calendar:

- January 16 – Hamtramck High School and Kosciuszko Middle School Semester Exams. Half day for Hamtramck High School Students.
- January 17 – Hamtramck High School and Kosciuszko Middle School Semester Exams. Half day for Hamtramck High School and Kosciuszko Middle School Students.
- January 18 – Hamtramck and Horizon High School and Kosciuszko Middle School Semester Exams. Half day for all Hamtramck Public School students including all Elementary Schools.
- January 18 – End of 2nd quarter and 1st semester.
- January 21 – No school for staff and students. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- January 24 – Report

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Recreation Department News

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Compiled by Janice Gandelman



Above: A graphic arts student at HHS shows off a T-shirt he made. Below: Early Childhood students got to meet a real reindeer.



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Longtime podiatrist was a fixture on Jos. Campau

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck lost a much-loved doctor and friend to many last December.

Dr. Myron Lederman, 68, a podiatrist, died on Dec. 6. Many in the community were in shock. Dr. Lederman died at his home, apparently from a heart issue.

Dr. Lederman had a practice on Jos. Campau for about 40 years. He was known for his friendly demeanor, and he still made old-fashioned house calls for his patients.

Attorney Jerry Kaminski, who had been a fellow Rotary Club member with Dr. Lederman when the club was still active here, remembers him as "always being upbeat. He never had a bad word about anybody and was always available for anyone."

"He will be truly missed," Kaminski added.

On the Facebook page "Hamtramck Memories – Back in the Day" a number of his patients and friends commented on his passing.

"He was the absolute best in Hamtramck!! I



Dr. Myron Lederman

have been going to him for years!! I'm so heart-broken!" said Mary Mokrzan.

Cynthia Luberski Cervenak summed up what many said in one way or another: "Loved going to Dr. Lederman. Such a good, kind doctor."

There are no immediate plans regarding his practice.

Dr. Lederman is survived by his daughters, Sara "Shayna" (Doug) Sweeney, Laura "Layli" Lederman and Rebecca "Ricki" Lederman; sister, Linda Lederman, as well as Sandra Lederman, Sharon Braver and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Dr. Lederman were held Dec. 9 and interment was at Hebrew Memorial Park Cemetery.

Three named to Piast Institute's Board of Directors

By Alan Madlane

Hamtramck's Piast Institute recently elected three new members to its board of directors: Judge Alexis Krot; Levi F. Smith, J.D.; and Dominik A. Stecula, Ph.D.

Alexis Krot is Hamtramck's 31st District Court Judge. She has a bachelor's of science degree from Tulane University in management, a master's degree in business administration from UD Mercy, and her Juris Doctorate from Loyola University. She is an active member of the Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition (HDFCC).

Levi Smith has spent much of his career in real estate development, including for corporations and residential condominiums, as a broker. He received his bachelor's of arts in American History from American University, thereafter obtaining his

Juris Doctorate at Wayne State University. He is considered a skilled presenter and negotiator.

Dominik Stecula is currently a post-doctoral fellow at both the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania, and at the Center for Public Opinion and Political

Representation at Simon Fraser University.

He holds a dual bachelor's of arts in both Political Science and History from UM-Dearborn and a master's degree in Political Science from McGill University. His doctorate is also in political science, obtained at the University

of British Columbia. He often collaborated in publishing with the Piast's founder, the late Dr. Thaddeus Radzilowski.

Dr. Radzilowski's position as head of the Piast Institute was recently filled by Ms. Virginia Skrzyniarz.

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By Charles Sercombe
This week's Crime Log covers Jan. 1-7.

Tuesday, January 1

- A malicious destruction of property incident was reported in the 3800 block of Yemans St.
- At about 7 a.m. during an investigation a resident was arrested in the 2600 block of Zinow for being disorderly and being wanted on a felony warrant.
- A home invasion was reported in the 3800 block of Yemans St.
- A Detroit resident was arrested for driving without a license (with six prior incidents of this offense), driving with improper license plates and being wanted on a felony warrant.
- A resident in the 2300 block of Danforth St. reported that a person he had been involved in an auto accident in Warren came to his residence and smashed out his car windows with a baseball bat. The suspect fled in a white vehicle.
- A resident in the

11400 block of McDougall reported an incident of domestic violence.

Wednesday, January 2

- A Detroit cab driver was arrested for driving without a license and being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
- Six people reported someone keyed their cars while the cars were parked in the 9200 block of Jos. Campau.
- A Detroit resident was arrested after a traffic stop for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
- A Detroit resident, who was accompanied by a child, was arrested in the 11300 block of Conant for attempting to cash a \$30,000 fraudulent check.
- A Detroit resident was arrested for possessing a stolen gun and also being wanted on a warrant.

Thursday, January 3

- A resident was arrested after causing property damage at a building on the 3900 block of Christopher St.

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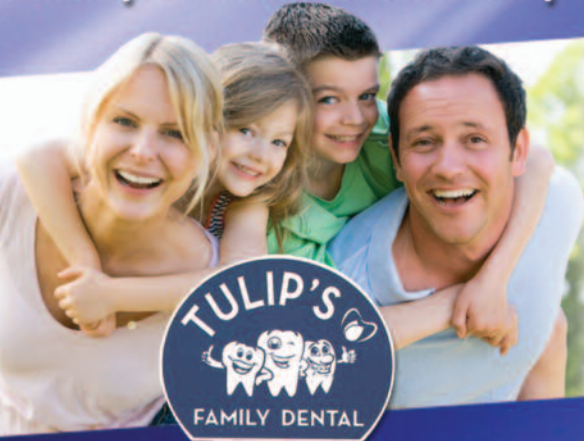
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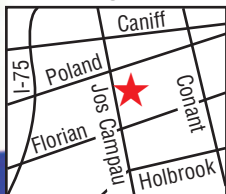
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If anyone knows the identity of the persons pictured below, Detectives would like to speak with them concerning any information they may have regarding the shooting.



Detectives also believe there may be other witnesses to the shooting. The Hamtramck Police urges anyone who saw the incident or anyone who knows the identity of the two persons to contact 313-800-5280.



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- A Detroit resident was arrested for driving without a license and possessing an open intoxicant.

- A resident was struck by a car while crossing at a crosswalk. (The crosswalk was not identified in the daily incident report.)

- A highly intoxicated Detroit resident was found passed out in the 3400 block of Holbrook. The person was treated at Detroit Receiving Hospital.

Friday, January 4

- Two Detroit residents were arrested for being wanted on warrants.

- A resident in the 12000 block of Dequindre reported being the victim of domestic violence and that the suspect took her car keys and stole her car. The suspect was later arrested during a traffic stop.

- A resident in the 2000 block of Belmont St. reported the theft of their gun from their home.

- A Detroit resident was arrested for driving without a license (with 27 prior convictions for this offense).

Saturday, January 5

- A person from New York reported someone threw a brick through the back window of their pickup truck while it was parked in the 9700 block of Conant.

- Officers responded to a highly intoxicated Detroit resident who was found passed out in the 9200 block of Jos. Campau. The person was treated at Detroit Receiving Hospital.

- A resident was arrested for fleeing and eluding during a police chase.

- A Detroit resident was arrested for driving without a license (with seven prior convictions for this offense) and being wanted on warrants in other cities.

Sunday, January 6

- At a little after 2 a.m. a Detroit resident was arrested for drunk driving.

Monday, January 7

- At about 1:30 a.m. a person was arrested in the 12000 block of Oklahoma St. for being disorderly and obstruction.

- A resident in the 11300 block of St. Aubin was arrested for domestic violence.

- A resident in the 3800 block of Doremus St. reported their car windshield had been broken out.

- A highly intoxicated resident was found passed out in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau, in the east alley. The person was treated at Detroit Receiving Hospital.

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City of Hamtramck Notice of Ordinance Amendments

Public Hearings were held at the Regular City Council Meeting on January 8, 2019 at 7pm in the Second Floor City Council Chambers for the purpose of hearing public comments on changes to the following Ordinances. The changes were all adopted by Council. Summaries are as follows. Full text of each ordinance are available at the Clerk's Office.

Approving the Adoption of the 2018 International Fire Code

Modernization of the current fire code, done in 3 year cycles. Full text of the 2018 Fire Code is available at the Hamtramck Clerk's Office.

Approval of Amendments to the Hamtramck Sign Ordinance

After considering recommendations made by City Council, the Plan Commission reviewed the Sign Ordinance over the span of two meetings. After making amendments, Plan Commission recommended this version of the Sign Ordinance on December 5, 2018. The amendments will amend the Hamtramck City Code, Ordinance 497, Zoning Ordinance, Article XI, commonly known as the sign ordinance. Changes include but are not limited to temporary signs, lighting, sign size and content regulations. Full text is available on the City Website, the Hamtramck City Clerk's Office, and the Hamtramck Economic Development Office.