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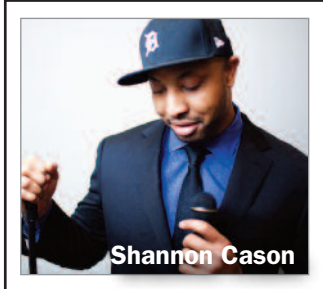
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Quick Hits

Got a business in town and have a good tale to tell?

Hey, if you are a Hamtramck entrepreneur, you likely have quite a story, because, you know, this is Hamtramck.

If so, the folks at the New Economy Initiative (NEI) and Model D are inviting you to submit a submission with a chance for four lucky winners to receive one-on-one training with host Shannon Cason, a Moth MainStage storyteller and GrandSlam champion.

This is their Third Annual Startup Story Night, a storytelling event for metro Detroit entrepreneurs. This year's theme, "Don't Call It a Comeback!" focuses on taking your business from the brink to triumph over startup woes. Submissions are being accepted now through Friday, Feb. 15, at 11:59 p.m.

Interested entrepreneurs can submit a brief overview of their startup story online at: neweconomyinitiative.org

Last year, four local entrepreneurs shared their stories on the lengths they go for the love of their businesses in front of a packed audience at the Charles Wright Museum of African American History.

— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

It looks like Hamtramck will have to brace for the closing of Poletown

By Charles Sercombe

An old saying used to go that what was good for General Motors is good for America.

But folks living in the cities where GM has announced it is ending work at five North American plants would disagree.

One of those plants is the Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly Plant, commonly known as the Pole-town Plant.

The closing of those plants, many say, is not good for America.

But there are automotive and financial consultants who agree the closings are good for GM.

According to Jeff Schuster, President of Americas Operation & Global Vehicle Forecasting, in an article published online



By the end of June, production will cease at the GM Poletown Plant, which could mean the loss of \$800,000 per year for Hamtramck. It now looks like the plant will be permanently closed.

with LMC Automotive consultants, he says GM has to shut down the plants in order to invest in future technologies and consumer trends.

That primarily means moving more toward manufacturing SUVs and pickups, as well as gear toward electric-powered vehicles and driverless technologies.

In order to do this, said Schuster, GM has to cut costs now and use those savings to invest in the

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Eric Villa: He's a lover not a fighter. Photo by Kayla Kopke

TOAST of the TOWN

Love hurts, so go write a song on a snowy day

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

Last Saturday's bitter cold and snowy day had most folks hunkered in at home.

Such was the case for Hamtramck's Eric Villa, a well-known musician and

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A city council divided

By Charles Sercombe

In a rare move, the city council censured a fellow member.

During an emotionally draining council meeting on Tuesday, there was more than just a public rebuke at issue: the disciplinary move against Councilmember Ian Perrotta revealed a deep rift among the councilmembers.

The resolution to officially "censure" Perrotta was submitted by Councilmember Saad Almas-mari, who chastised Perrotta for comments he made two years ago and a confrontation during a recent closed-door council meeting.

Councilmembers Anam Miah, Abu Musa and Fadel Al-Marsoumi joined in on the resolution of censure.

Councilmember Andrea Karpinski was opposed as well as Perrotta, but both asked their vote to be recorded as a non-vote.

So, what is a censure?

It is a public reprimand – or public shaming – that does not remove a councilmember from office.

It simply criticizes a member for his or her behavior or conduct.

(Editor's note: Perrotta is a copy editor for The Review. He played no role in the editing or proofreading of this story.)

As for specifics of the censure, it's long and com-

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plicated.

For the record, Perrotta said the allegations are unfounded and are an attempt to smear him. Perrotta further said it is an orchestrated attempt at preventing him to become a licensed attorney.

Perrotta is in his last semester at Wayne State University's law school.

"They censored me for no other purpose than destroy me," he said on his Facebook page the day after the meeting.

He is threatening to file a lawsuit against the city for defamation, saying it could jeopardize him from becoming an attorney and potentially earning "millions of dollars."

The censure took issue with comments Perrotta said in 2017, but did not specify what those comments were other than being about "recent immigrant arrivals to Hamtramck insinuating that, as a group, they lacked basic knowledge of and adherence to community norms related to sanitation and property maintenance."

The crux of the complaint was that Perrotta's comment was of the mindset of a "European and Western cultural superiority over many of the immigrant cultures represented by members of this Council and the broader community."

Perrotta said then his comments were taken out of context and was only

meant to spur a citywide education program to get all households to dispose their garbage correctly.

There have long been complaints of households throwing out garbage in bags or loosely without using city-issued garbage cans.

As for the incidents that happened in a December closed-door meeting, Almasmari accused Perrotta of "physically assaulting a member with whom he disagreed and by attempting to provoke physical altercations with other members."

Both Perrotta and Almasmari filed counter-charges of assault with the police department. Councilmember Miah also accused Perrotta of assaulting him.

Perrotta vehemently denies he assaulted anyone. Instead, he said he was pushed by Councilmember Miah into Almasmari and that he gently pressed his finger against Miah's chest to ward him off.

He also said that Almasmari brushed his city-issued notebook against the side of his face.

None of the allegations have led to criminal charges or convictions.

Councilmember Karpinski was absent from the meeting. Mayor Karen Majewski said she did not see what happened because she is shorter than the others and that she could not see around them, but did say there was inappropriate behavior "on both

sides."

This isn't the first time Perrotta has faced criticism from fellow councilmembers.

Councilmember Anam Miah submitted a resolution of censure against Perrotta in 2017 about Perrotta's comments about how to educate the city's immigrant population on the proper ways to dispose household garbage but withdrew it.

Again, Perrotta said his comments were not meant to disparage immigrant communities in the city, but only to formulate an education for the city at large.

In the meantime, there were several residents who said this spat casts Hamtramck in a bad light.

"This in-fighting makes me want to not live here," said Jean Johnson.

This is not the first time there has been friction among city councilmembers.

The last significant flare up was in the 1990s when city councilmembers were at odds with each other and counter-threats of censures were made.

Until recently there has been relative peace among councilmembers for the last several years. But the nature of Hamtramck politics over the last several decades has consistently been contentious.

(The Review will have more on this subject in next week's issue.)



School Bell

Kosciuszko Middle School News

The following students are students of the month for December: Roli Akhtar, Wasasm Al-gahim, Mary Alhussein, Shehab Almaisari, Nadiyah Begum, Projita Biswas, Zerina Camo, Zuayria Chowdhury, Sneha Dey, Taikila Grove, Benjamin Hatibovic, Montez Jones, Naser Karim, Cynthia Khess, Shawna Lewis, Husam Mohamed, Kanij Nessa, Zara Qureshi, Mahzabin Rahman, Abdul Shaïd, Nazifa Suhal, Mohamed Thabet, Celina Tramble-Mann, Jeremiah Williams and Mahdi Zidan.

Congratulations to these students.

Dickinson West Elementary School News

Dickinson West Students of the Month for January are: Aprar Alhajaji (Mrs. Miller); Rawan Alwajeeh (Ms. Gilbert); Aleena Musanovic (Mrs. Adamus); Radwan Alwajih (Mrs. Lambdin); Irshrat Niah (Mrs. Arnold); Sadiq Chowdhury (Mrs. Gerstacker); Ahmed Uddin (Mrs. Seawood); Genta Kllokoqi (Ms. Carrico); Sidney Pace (Mrs. Sliwinski); Thaiybah Afrin (Mrs. Twymon); Bashar Halemi (Mrs. Segura-Torres); Samithnur Chowdhury (Mrs. Stoddard); Mehdi Hussain (Mrs. Turczyn); MD Alam (Mrs. Bradley); Ja'Zelle Hamilton (Ms. Mitchell-Kipila); Arnel Musanovic (Mr. Toboy); Alayah Islam (Ms. Vujic). Congratulations to these students.

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• January 24 – Report Card #2 distributed.

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Facebook for the most up-to-date information: www.Facebook.com/HamtramckRecreationDepartment

Compiled by Janice Gandelman



Above: Dickinson West Elementary School Honor Students for the month of January pose for a photo. Below: Kosciuszko Middle School Honor students also pose for a photo.





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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 Nov. 27, and all councilmembers, except Saad Almasmari, were present.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, attorney Mark Koroi said he is pleased that the city has dedicated a park in honor of those who were victimized by the city in a housing discrimination incident that occurred in the 1960s.

Those who were displaced in the incident eventually filed a class-action lawsuit and won.

“It’s good to see we’re honoring the people in the case,” Koroi said.

Robert Zwolak encouraged the attorneys who worked on the housing discrimination lawsuit to donate to a fund created to build the park.

In another matter, Zwolak said city officials need to address the issue of the GM Poletown plant closing, and the financial

consequences it will mean to the city.

“You have some work ahead of you,” said Zwolak, who is a former city councilmember. “I don’t envy you.”

City Manager Kathy Angerer discussed a proposed contract with InfoSend, Inc. to take over creating city bills, such as water bills, and mailing them out. Angerer said the city’s current contractor is unable to make the bills “user-friendly.”

The council OK’d the contract.

In another contract proposal, the council agreed to purchase recycling bins at a cost not to exceed \$13,000.

The city is still working on where to place the bins, but they could possibly end up at the Hamtramck Recycling Co. site. Mayor Karen Majewski said she would still like to see curbside recycling.

In a brief financial

overview of the city, Financial Director Susan Hendricks said “we’re still looking good.”

But, she said, there are “some concerns” looming.

Hendricks said she was putting together financial projections for the next two years.

In light of future financial impacts to the city, a short discussion was held on GM’s announcement that it was shutting down production at its Poletown Plant, from which the city receives about \$800,000 per year.

Mayor Majewski said she had been interviewed by about 20 media outlets regarding the closing.

“It’s been a whirlwind,” she said.

Councilmember Anam Miah said the closing is “truly going to be a challenge.”

“It’s going to be all hands on deck, from the governor on down,” Miah

added.

Although the financial blow to the city will be significant, Miah vowed Hamtramck will “not become Buick City” – which is a reference to Flint, where GM shut down a number of plants that led to Flint’s ongoing financial troubles.

As for the employees being affected by the Poletown closing, Miah said “GM is going to have to look out at the families.”

Speaking further on the issue, Majewski said she and the city administration are “working to make sure Hamtramck is at the table” when it comes to discussions about what to do with the plant site.

“It’s important we think creatively,” Majewski said. “It’s life-changing.”

The council broke into a closed session to discuss a proposed contract with the police officers’ union. After the meeting the council, except for Andrea Karpinski, voted to accept the contract.

The contract calls for having officers cross-train as firefighters, which was something Karpinski objected to.

City Attorney James Allen said the city has “no other options at this point” to have officers train to take on fire suppression services.

City Manager Angerer said the city is still looking into joining or creating a fire authority with other communities to help keep the fire department separate from the police department.

Besides that aspect in the contract, officers will receive a salary increase.

Majewski said she hopes that bump in pay will encourage officers to stay with the department and not seek jobs with other departments.

Crime Watch ...

Keep an eye out for the homeless during severe cold days

By Charles Sercombe

A few months ago we noted an ongoing number of folks being found passed out drunk on our city streets.

Believe it or not, despite this being winter, police officers are still finding folks sleeping off a drunk in our streets, alleys and even porches.

This past week’s frigid temperatures prompted the police department to issue a warning on its Facebook page to be on the lookout for people who are homeless.

If you see someone passed out on the

ground, call 911 immediately.

But if you suspect someone is homeless and is outside during these severe cold snaps, call the Detroit Rescue Mission at (313)-993-4700. Volunteers will drive to wherever the person is and take him or her to a shelter.

Temperatures are expected to take another dip this weekend, so take notice.

In an update of another crime trend, cold weather does not deter “porch pirates” from stealing packages from our porches.

There are still almost weekly reports of this.

Having a security camera recording the goings-on can help capture the image of a thief, but there is little guarantee you will have luck in identifying them.

Another option is having your packages delivered to a relative or a friend who is at home during the day.

Or, as we suggested, stop purchasing items online and go out and support a local business. That way you can take your item directly home, safe and sound.

It looks like Hamtramck will have to brace for the closing of Poletown

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future.

“The auto industry is facing the most profound transformation since its inception, going from traditional internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles, with human drivers, to electric motors replacing ICEs and autonomous vehicles replacing drivers,” Schuster said.

“This transformation requires an immense amount of investment capital that will likely not produce a return for quite some time. In this environment, inevitably, something had to give to fund the investment and keep shareholders on board.”

The loss of Poletown, which has a small portion of the plant on the Hamtramck side of the Detroit border, will be financially

devastating for Hamtramck, which gets about \$800,000 per year in lieu of taxes.

There has been much speculation on whether GM is seriously going to close the plants in question or is just using the threat to get contract concession from UAW employees.

Well, the answer to that question appears clear now.

In a wide-ranging interview with the media at the recent Automotive News World Congress, GM CEO Mary Barra said there is little chance the Poletown Plant will be retooled to build GM’s cars of the future.

According to media reports, Barra told reporters that GM also has other plants that are not

running at full capacity. That means GM has to concentrate on increasing production at those facilities.

She is encouraging workers who will be idled this coming summer to transfer to positions in other GM plants that have current vacancies.

Hamtramck City Manager Kathy Angerer recently told The Review that she has been in talks with GM and is being offered assistance by the state economic development department.

Angerer said she can’t go into detail on what the talks entail.

What is becoming increasingly clear is that Hamtramck has to prepare for a huge financial blow in the coming year.



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Hamtramck’s MLK celebration once again highlights students



Scenes from Monday’s annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast held at the Hamtramck High School Community Center.



By Charles Sercombe

This year’s Martin Luther King, Jr.’s breakfast was a bit more fiery than usual.

You can credit – or blame – President Trump for that.

One of the themes that ran through Monday’s breakfast held at the Hamtramck High School Community Center was a criticism of the Trump administration.

The 22nd annual breakfast, sponsored by The Concerned Women of Hamtramck, not only was held to commemorate King, but to also shine a light on the public school district’s students through their songs, dances, essays, and music performances.

As usual, the students put on an inspiring show with the top three winners, chosen by the audience, receiving cash prizes.

The first-place winner was Tarik Custovic, of Kosciuszko Middle School (he received \$100); second place was the Cosmic Players of Hamtramck High School (\$50 prize); and HHS student Tahmina Begum came in third (\$25 prize).

Tarik Custovic recited his essay reflecting on King, and got a round of applause with his shot at Trump:

“If Martin Luther King was president, he’d build a bridge – not a wall,” Custovic said.

Tahmina Begum dazzled

the 200 or so attendees with her amazing voice – a voice that is far more mature than her years. It wouldn’t be a surprise if she goes on to bigger stages later in life.

Bringing down the house, so to speak, was a jaw-dropping gospel performed by Daisy Edge, who is also a member of The Concerned Women.

After folks settled down from that, which was a hard act to follow, The Rev. Dr. Wallace R. Mills, Jr., a pastor at New Ebenezer Baptist Church, located just outside of Hamtramck, shook the rafters in the Community Center with an oratory lambasting Vice President Mike Pence.

Pence had earlier compared Trump’s desire for a wall to be built along the US-Mexican border to MLK’s famous “I Have a Dream” speech.

Critics accused Pence of distorting King’s message, and critics of the wall say it is a waste of money, won’t be effective, and is racist.

(Trump has characterized those who cross the border illegally as dangerous criminals and drug carriers.)

Mills, who was born in Hamtramck’s St. Francis Hospital, said this year’s MLK celebration was being held “under a cloud of a 31-day (government) shutdown.”

Under the Trump administration, he said the nation is being subjected to

“division.”

“We’re in bad shape,” Mills said.

As for Pence’s reference to Trump and King, Mills fired back.

“Don’t misrepresent the man (King) or his message,” Mills said. “He (King) was talking about people coming together.”

Mills continued, saying: “We walk in freedom.

Hate will not deny us. ... We are not going back to yesterday. Things will get better.”

It wasn’t all politics. Mills went at length to praise Hamtramck as a model city of diversity.

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In Our Opinion

What’s in a sign? Plenty when they pollute the city

Recently the city council adopted an update for an ordinance regulating business signs. For those not familiar with government, yes, cities regulate all sorts of things. Mayor Karen Majewski hailed the process of adopting a new ordinance as a prime example of “compromise.” While we applaud the mayor for seeking common ground, the process was not smooth, and the city caved to some of the worst impulses of some councilmembers. But first let’s back up. The ordinance went through a rigorous review by the city’s Plan Commission, which is comprised of volunteer residents who are appointed based on their valuable knowledge of things like this. It’s hard enough to find anyone to serve on a non-paying city commission, but to find folks who have experience and knowledge of certain city functions to volunteer is nearly impossible. A bare majority of councilmembers, urged on by a handful of business owners, insisted on further changes to the ordinance, namely allowing business signs to be bigger. That was a slap in the face of the folks who sit on the Plan Commission. Progressive cities limit the size and type of signs in order to avoid signage pollution – the kind of gaudy signage one sees in the suburbs. Bigger is definitely not better. In fact, it’s just the opposite: less is more. And the problem with this type of thinking is that once you allow bigger signs to go up, eventually businesses will insist they need even bigger signs. It’s a slippery slope, folks. Some business owners also insisted on allowing businesses to cover up more and more of their windows with ridiculous promotional signs. Again, this just adds to an overall gaudy image – plus it deters police officers and firefighters from being able to look inside businesses to see what’s happening in the case of emergencies. Some also wanted flashing, annoying lighting and inflatables — just about everything a city like Sterling Heights has. Sometimes leadership requires avoiding the temptation to please a few and make decisions that are right for the city. Some Hamtramck officials have once again failed to show such leadership.

Odds & Ends

Helping hand... As of Thursday, when we went to press, there was still a federal government shutdown. That means some 800,000 federal employees nationwide have been working over a month without getting a paycheck. That number includes our very own postal carriers who have been trudging through this snow and cold without pay. Like most folks in this country, they are living paycheck to paycheck. We have seen numerous reports of local businesses reaching out to these folks in their time of need. Some businesses are offering deep discounts to laid off government workers, and there are a number of restaurants offering free meals. Here is our challenge to local business folks – especially you restaurant owners: Let’s step up to the plate and do something nice for these employees. For restaurants, how about offering at the very least free soup? Or how about local parishes and mosques organizing food banks? Any other ideas? Anyone who has a deal to offer these employees, give us a call at (313) 874-2100 and we will promote your offer. Hamtramck has a long history of helping our neighbors in time of need. Now is the time to rise to the challenge. On a personal level, say something nice to your postal worker. Words of solidarity and comfort go a long, long way. They are all part of our community and families.

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Metro news...

It's said that whatever happens to Detroit, so goes Hamtramck. Our friends over at modelmedia.com have been reporting on fascinating development projects for the past several years. This week, with their permission, we are sharing one of their features:

The Detroit Zen Center has had its number of challenges in recent years. Some challenges, mostly with the center's building, would take the patience of a monk to withstand. The biggest of which was a massive flood that forced the center to partially close and nearly to move. But instead of relocating, the Detroit Zen Center reaffirmed its commitment to Detroit and Hamtramck. And to decrease the likelihood of a disaster like that happening again, the center will be installing a green roof — essentially a layer of living plant matter — on its main building and have launched a crowdfunding campaign to help pay for it. The final renovation will result in a roof that can absorb approximately 10,000 gallons of rainwater, be a place for residents and guests to enjoy tea from the center's cafe, and also act as a model for an area that has had chronic issues with stormwater management.

In 2014, the Detroit Zen Center was hit with what Hillary calls an "epic" flood. It started raining at 5 p.m. and by 2 a.m. there was four feet of storm-sewage water in the lower-level. The flood destroyed everything, from the food bins and power tools to the walk-in refrigerator and \$13,000 dehydrator room. "The business was literally washed away in a night," Hillary says. She estimates the total cost of abating and replacing the damage at over \$100,000. Several people on the Detroit Zen Center's board wanted to move to a place where there would be wealthier donors and less building insecurity. But the center ultimately doubled down on Hamtramck and haven't looked back since. The center eventually managed to get enough money from its insurance company to cover most of the cost and has done major renovations to prevent future flooding. The green roof the center will be installing is the final piece a larger project it's has undertaken to manage its stormwater — and encourage the city of Hamtramck to do the same. In 2009, the center had a smaller green roof installed on the corridor connecting the meditation hall to the residence. It also manages a rain and rock garden. One of the best green roof professionals in the United States will be installing the roof. Clayton Rugh, director of XeroFlor North America, helped install the 454,000-square-foot green roof on Ford Motor Company's Truck Plant at the Rouge Center, which set the Guinness Book of World Records for "largest living roof" in 2004. Rugh says green roofs confer a number of benefits. There is of course stormwater management, which not only reduces runoff but also pollutants that might be carried into a drain system or building. They help cool the building and encourage habitat growth through pollinating insects and flowering plants. Green roofs are also much cleaner — and not just the final product. "You minimize all that demolition, waste, landfill material, and construction activity that can be harmful," says Rugh. "As well as the bottom line for the business owner." That's because green roofs last up to 50 years; much longer than a traditional roof. The Detroit Zen Center's Patronicity crowdfunding campaign to help pay for its green roof renovation ends Dec. 17.

By Aaron Mondry

if you happen to see a homeless person out in this ridiculous weather, please call the DRM with their location! they'll be picked up, given some warm food and taken to a warming shelter!



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TOAST of the TOWN

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raconteur. His current band is the pop-punk outfit, The Devious Ones. He also lives next door to Mayor Karen Majewski, but that's neither here nor there.

So, where were we? Oh yeah, so what do most folks do when they feel confined at home?

Probably watch some bad TV, read a book, get around to doing this or that or if you have kids, find ways to entertain them.

Well, Eric being a musician, and Hamtramck is home to dozens of these creative folks, he got inspired and wrote a little number, put it to tape and posted it online.

We got an email from him and checked it out, cause, heck, we are inside at home bored out of our mind.

Our guess is it's about a bad break-up. Something about the title, "Go Play in Traffic," was a hint – or maybe it was just something he kept hearing as a kid, heh-heh.

Anyway, pour something warm and alcoholly and check it out on the link we have online under the Toast of the Town tab. Yes, we have updated the story since last Saturday when we first posted it.

If you want to hear his tune go online to: <https://bit.ly/2G1yQFP>.

(Oh yeah, a local reporter who has been here in town way past his welcome can be heard on the tune as well. Editor's note: Keep your day job.)

As for that snowy Saturday, it sure made for a gorgeous day for photo

bugs.

Our City Life columnist Walter Wasacz was out on the street, which is his beat, and snapped some photos.

Enjoy.

Scenes from last Saturday's snowfall in Hamtramck.

Photos by Walter Wasacz



Obituaries

KUREK

Sherry Kurek (nee DiCiacca), 61, died January 23, 2019.

Mrs. Kurek was the loving wife of John; mother of Kenneth (Paulette) DiCiacca, Kristi (Jimmy) Adkins, and John (Christina) DiCiacca; beloved sister of Jackie Stewart, Eugene "Sonny" (Joann) DiCiacca, Cindy DiCiacca. Sherry is also survived by ten grandchildren, two great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Sherry was a member of the Detroit Police Reserves and a retired paramedic for the Detroit Fire Department. In her retirement, she loved taking care of her dogs.

Memorial visitation is Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 2-8 p.m. at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

STEINER



Phyllis Steiner (nee Blazius), 83, died January 21, 2019.

Phyllis was the beloved mother of Mark (Dawn) and the late Carolyn Roskey. She is survived by her grandchildren, Ryan, Kelsey, and Justin; her great grandchildren, Kaile, Audrina, Gianna, and Clair. Phyllis is predeceased by her brother Gerald.

Visitation is Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 12 noon - 4 p.m. at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck, MI 48212. Private interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township, MI.





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By Charles Sercombe
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Tuesday, January 15

- At 12:30 a.m. a Detroit resident was arrested after a traffic stop for being wanted on several Hamtramck warrants.
- A resident in the 11300 block of Fleming St. reported a theft.
- An agent for a business reported that a suspect wanted for purposely damaging their building came back and threatened the employees.
- A resident in the 3800 block of Evaline St. reported someone stole their bicycle, a pink Schwinn with white fenders, from their hallway.
- A resident reported that while exiting his friend's car, he was injured. The person said he had just been released from a hospital.
- A Trowbridge St. resident reported an incident of fraud.

• A Detroit resident was found passed out on a porch in the 9400 block of Brombach St. The person was treated at Detroit Receiving Hospital.

Wednesday, January 16

- A resident in the 2100 block of Trowbridge St. reported someone stole their back door from their residence.
- At about 2:30 a.m. a Belmont St. resident reported their child was missing. At about an hour later, the family cancelled their missing person report.
- An owner of a business on Vincent St. reported damage to their property.
- A Hanley resident reported being the victim of domestic violence.
- A hit-and-run accident occurred at Evaline and McDougall streets.

Thursday, January 17

- At about 1:30 a.m. a Detroit resident was arrested.

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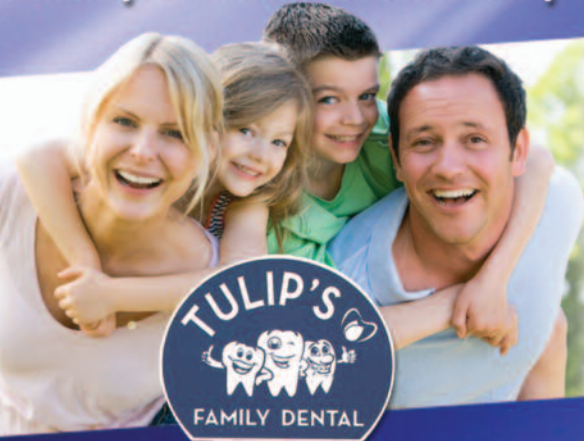
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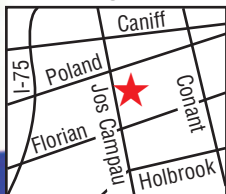
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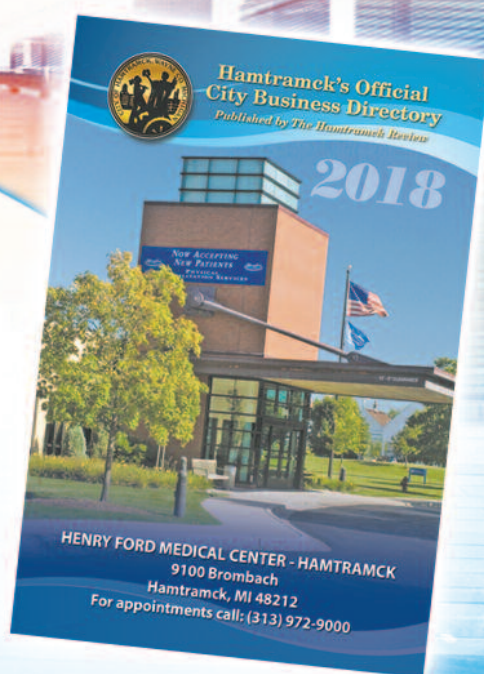
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- Officers recovered a possible stolen vehicle in the Faber-Lumpkin area.

- An agent for the Hanley House of Boys reported a missing 16-year-old. That report was cancelled a few hours later.

- A resident was arrested for drunk driving, and his passenger was arrested for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.

- A resident was arrested after a traffic stop for driving without a license (with 21 previous offenses) and being wanted on a Detroit warrant.

- A Detroit resident was arrested for drunk driving after being involved in a crash in the 2200 block of Danforth St.

felony.

- A resident reported someone stole their wallet and used their credit cards.

- Officers responded to a shooting that occurred in the Conant-Harold area. Detroit police, however, took over the investigation because the shooting occurred in Detroit. The shooting also involved a robbery.

Saturday, January 19

- An Andrus St. resident was treated for an overdose.

- A Detroit resident was arrested for driving without a license (with 23 previous offenses).

Sunday, January 20

- At 2:30 a.m. a resident was arrested in the 5100 block of Caniff for assaulting a police officer.

Monday, January 21

- A Jacob St. resident reported an incident of fraud.

- A Caniff business agent reported a theft.

- A resident reported receiving harassing telephone calls.

- A resident reported being harassed through the internet.

Friday, January 18

- A Danforth St. resident reported someone was using her identity.

- Officers responded to a domestic violence incident in the 12000 block of Gallagher. A member of the family was taken to the Wayne County Detention Center for a

Hamtramck Police Department



Press Release

The Hamtramck Police Department is currently investigating a shooting that occurred on 12/23/2018 at approximately 0130 hours in the area of Joseph Campau & Casmere. During the course of the shooting 21 YO Marquise McCray was shot and killed. Two other victims, struck by gunfire were treated and subsequently released from the hospital.

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:



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