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Quick Hits

And now, here comes the Music Fest

By Alan Madlane

Last week, we had a feature on the Hamtramck Music Fest.

Today's issue finds us right in its midst; the fest had a "soft open" teaser last night at two of the venues.

Tonight is a much fuller schedule, which you can access at hamtramckmusicfest.com, or simply look at the last page of this issue.

Don't forget the early-bird-gets-the-ear-worm tune-age at the Hamtramck Library, where some free, all-ages music starts at 5:30 p.m.

There are three more free, all-ages acts at Café 1923, beginning at 6 p.m.

Almost all the other venues have music on Friday night, too. Again, check the schedule, as start-up times vary greatly from place to place.

Saturday, all venues have music (except the Hamtramck Library). Café 1923 again features a no-charge, all-ages lineup from 3 p.m. on, and Delite Café the same thing from 3:30 p.m.

There is an unusual group of sets worth mentioning, scheduled at St. Florian's (2626

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Paczki Day celebrates what Hamtramck is all about: Party

By Charles Sercombe

One thing you can say about Paczki Day revelers is that they are a hardy bunch.

And considering how most of them have been cooped up all winter, and there's been a hint of spring in the air earlier this week, who can blame them for wanting to blow off a day at work on a Tuesday, and hit the bars?

We met a guy at PLAV Post 10 hall before the paczki eating contest, who shared his itinerary for the rest of the day: From Post 10, go to the Polish Sea League.

Next, go to New Dodge Bar. After that, check out Whiskey in the Jar.

Go back to Post 10.

Then, finally, head for one more at Polish Sea League.

And then, finally – finally, he and his family, with their designated driver, head home to Monroe.

Asked why give up at that point, our man patted his sizeable girth and said: "I've run out of room."

While at Post 10, we stuck around for a little while for that paczki eating contest – otherwise known as "The longest 15 minutes in history."

Anyway, we're not sure who won this year, but consider that Matthew Holowicki holds the record of eating 23 of them: we doubt anyone can possibly ever come close to that record.

Holowicki "retired" from the sport in 2017, and last year the "winner" ate 8-1/4, which is about 8 more than we can consume.

Within an hour, we heard variations of the joke about eating these diabetic pastry bombs: "It's like suicide."

As usual, New Palace and New Martha Washington bakeries were jam-packed (like paczek!) both on Monday and Tuesday with eager customers.

Despite the gray skies and chilly temps, folks were waiting up to three hours.

Here's a tip for next year: Phone your order ahead to avoid the long wait.

Here's another tip: To avoid any wait, head over to Family Donuts on Conant at Caniff – where there is no line, and the paczki is just as good.

We also got a sneak peek at the paczki makers over at New Martha Washington, which had its workers work non-stop all through Monday night.

They were mostly younger folks who were making the best of it with hits from the 1980s keeping them on their toes – and awake.

Billy Idol's "Dancing with Myself" never sounded so good. What does that have to do with Paczki Day? Nothing.

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School bond highlighted in annual address

By Charles Sercombe

The Hamtramck Public School District had nothing but good news to report.

School officials, along with the public, gathered last Thursday afternoon at the Hamtramck High School Community Center for the annual State of the District address.

This was the first such presentation under Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed, who was appointed to her position last year.

She has enjoyed a successful year, to say the least.

The district is still boasting of a budget surplus, which is at \$12.2 million. The district's Chief Financial Officer, Sherry Lynem, pointed out that financial picture is in sharp contrast compared to 10 years ago, when the district was in a financial crisis and had a \$5 million budget deficit.

That was due in part to drastic cuts made by then Gov. Rick Snyder, who was combating a statewide economic recession.

The district managed to climb out of that financial hole by slashing the budget, and also due to teachers and staff members taking deep salary cuts.

Today, the financial picture keeps getting better. Gov. Gretchen Witmer increased per pupil funding by the state by \$240. However, Hamtramck receives the lowest amount of state aid, at \$8,111 per pupil.

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ing, really. Over at Whiskey in the Jar, we witnessed four young women down a “shotski” for the first time – which requires great balance and timing. For the uninitiated, it’s a snow ski (“shotski” – get it?) with cup holders glued on for shot glasses that are filled with your poison of choice, which is then lifted in unison up to your mouth(s) and consumed. And what is it about Whiskey in the Jar when you approach it from the street? All of a sudden, wafts of Jezy come at you. That is one hard-drinkin’ bar. The festivities once again actually kicked off on Saturday with the annual paczki run, which, as usual, attracted thousands of people who also stuck around after, and were treated to paczki and beer.

Not a bad way to prep for P-Day. After Tuesday, it was time to rest up for this weekend’s music festival. When Hamtramck parties, it goes all the way.





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That will continue to increase in the 2020-21 school year by another \$225 per pupil. The district has about 3,500 students – a number that has continued to increase in recent years. There is one more huge financial goal the district is about to embark on: Asking Hamtramck voters to approve a 30-mill bond, to pay for extensive renovations to the district’s existing buildings, and to actually construct a new school building on the grounds of Kosciuszko Middle School. The bond, if approved in a special May 5 election, would continue for 30 years. It has been estimated by the school board that the cost to the average homeowner would equal an extra \$200-\$300 per year. If that sounds like an impossible task to get voter approval for, remember several years ago that voters OK’d a bond to begin needed renovations at the district’s buildings, which had long been neglected in maintenance. Superintendent Ahmed made it a point that Michigan is one of 12 states where the state government does not supply districts with funding to make building repairs. She said that creates an “equity gap” for districts, and puts many districts at a disadvantage – especially those in low-income cities where property values are depressed. The proposed three-story school building would allow the district to remove the portable classrooms on the school’s site, which were purchased several years ago in used condition, and were supposed to be temporary. Several of the district’s administrators also made presentations about the strides their departments are making. The district’s special needs program, in particular, has been greatly expanded.

Award offered for stolen Wheelhouse bike shop sign

By Charles Sercombe

Someone out there thinks they now have a cool-looking sign. But how they got it is not so cool. In fact, it’s theft. The folks at the former Wheelhouse bike shop on Jos. Campau recently had to close down their business, but they left temporarily behind their custom-painted sign that was on the side of their building. While they were figuring out where to place it next, someone stole it. Here’s what the folks at Wheelhouse had to say about the theft on their Facebook page: “Someone stole the sign off the side of the space that held Wheelhouse Detroit-Hamtramck for three years. Although we closed this location, our business is still operational. “Our landlord was gracious enough to allow us to leave the sign up until we determined a new purpose and home for it. This sign was custom designed and hand painted by Detroit Sign Painters



Anyone know where this sign is? If so, the folks at Wheelhouse would like it back. It was recently stolen from the side of the building where the former bike shop was located.

and required special approval from the City of Hamtramck. “It was a labor of love and is very much loved. Perhaps you liked the sign and thought it would look good in your loft and since the business was

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A chat with the Hamtramck Music Fest organizer

By Joe Myrick
Special to the Review

It's that time of the year again – the most wonderful time of the year.

No, Christmas didn't come early. No, we're not talking about Black History Month (although, that also makes this the most wonderful time of the year).



Eugene Strobe is one of the organizers of the Hamtramck Music Fest, which is taking place in dozens of venues this weekend.

2014, there was interest from people wanting to extend Packzi Day to Packzi Week, with hopes of putting on an exclusive event to bring people to the city.

Hearing such whispers, Strobe was quick to take action, and lo and behold, Hamtramck Music Fest was born.

Although the Blowout has not been active for a few years, Strobe has managed to keep Hamtramck Music Fest alive and kicking for seven years in a row.

As we did these last couple years, we took the time to chat with the event's co-founder and spokesman about what we can all look forward to at this year's festival.

looking forward to seeing the most this year?

Strobe: All 190 of them. It would be a dream to see each and every one, but I'm always surprised by a group I've never seen before, and they are totally entertaining and unexpected.

Review: Some of the proceeds from last year's festival went toward charitable donations. Where was the money donated last year, and where will money be donated this year?

Strobe: We asked local music and art public school teachers what their wish list was for their classrooms, and we purchased \$10,000 worth of instruments, supplies, and sound equipment for the schools and the Hamtramck high school auditorium in 2019. With the proceeds of this year's festival, we plan to do the same: Purchase more art and music equipment and supplies.

Review: What is the biggest difference between this year's festival and last year's festival?

Strobe: This year we are holding the festival the same week as Paczki Day week, and the dates are slightly earlier,

Instead, for the seventh annual time, Hamtown will host the Hamtramck Music Fest.

For newbies in town who are unfamiliar, the Hamtramck Music Fest is a three-day event in the city that houses several independent acts across several different venues.

This year, 190 bands (10 more than last year) will be scattered across your favorite bars, restaurants, and other venues on the final three days of February. All you need is one \$15 wristband (which can be bought at hamtramckmusicfest.com) and the enthusiasm to discover new music.

Even better, attendees can be comfortable knowing that there is a Zero Tolerance Policy regarding harassment, discrimination of any kind, and matters of public safety upheld by HMF.

Anyone not adhering to these guidelines will be removed from the festival immediately. This includes patrons, performers, volunteers, and general members of the community.

And the man who continues to put it all together every year is Eugene Strobe, who of course has help from many volunteers.

When The Metro Times' Hamtramck Blowout – the city's original premiere event for music every year – moved to Ferndale in

Review: How many bands and venues are involved this year?

Eugene Strobe: 190 bands and 23 venues.

Review: How does the process go when it comes to recruiting bands for the fest every year? Do you reach out to them personally, or vice versa?

Strobe: We hold an open application process via our website & social media pages.

Review: Personally, which bands are you

Feb.27, 28, and 29. We traditionally have the festival take place the first weekend of March.

Review: What should long-time festivalgoers look forward to the most this year that's different from previous years?

Strobe: We have some new venues, & we are working on having more all-ages and daytime activities.

Review: What about first-time festgoers? What should they look forward to, or know, before diving into Hamtramck Music Fest for the first time ever this year?

Strobe: First-time festgoers should be aware that there is a free shuttle bus service provided by SMART that drops folks off pretty much in front of each location's front door, and is avail-

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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 Feb. 11, and all councilmembers were present.

The meeting started out with a proclamation in honor of retired Hamtramck police officer Greg Collins, who had died recently at age 62.

His family was present at the meeting.

Mayor Karen Majewski said that Collins “was more than just a police officer. His no-nonsense demeanor, work ethic, sense of style, and family of self-appointed ‘cousins’ made him a Hamtramck institution.”

She further described him as a “big man with a big heart.”

Afterward, an overview of the city’s financial picture was presented.

Some general facts included:

Most of the city’s revenue income comes from property taxes, to the tune of \$6.5 million a year.

State revenue sharing is the next largest revenue stream, coming in at \$3.4 million, and then next is income tax collection at \$3 million.

On the expense side, 60 percent of the city’s budget, some \$10.7 million, goes toward police and fire services.

The next highest expense is general government services at \$3.4 million and then public works at \$2.6 million.

The city has a budget surplus, which is called a “fund balance,” of \$6.8 million, down from 2018 when it was \$8.2 million – the highest it had been in many years.

Water and sewerage services have always been a point of interest for property owners. In 2019, the city earned \$5.2 million from sewage disposal service, and \$3 million from selling water.

On the expense side, the city spent \$4 million on sewage disposal, over \$700,000 in providing water and \$1.2 million in general operation costs – among several other expense areas.

There is an \$11.4 million budget surplus in the Water Department.

Next up was an annual report for the Police Department.

In 2019, there were over 11,000 calls to the department, and 847 arrests, 207 for felonies and 706 for misdemeanors. (Editor’s note: According to the police department “some arrests have multiple charges and may be a combination of felony/misdemeanor

charges.”)

There were over 14,000 traffic citations.

During the year, there were eight officers who were hired, and eight officers, including detectives, who resigned or retired, as well as one K9 police dog. That K9 “partner” was replaced.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Robert Zwolak said the city’s contractor should be doing more than just 30 rental inspections each month. He said the inspectors should be doing 100 a month.

Kit Parks said that it appears the Yemeni mural on the southend will be saved from a proposed development.

She said the city agreed to sell two city-owned lots to allow the project to go ahead without blocking the mural.

She also noted that, while campaigning for a presidential candidate, which she declined to name, she was “surprised” to find out that many voters were undecided, and even unaware of the upcoming March 10 Presidential Primary.

A public hearing was held on a proposal to bestow an honorary name on Commor St. as Shevchenko St. It was

later approved.

The designation came in light of promoting the area as the Ukrainian Heritage Neighborhood.

In another proposal, the council agreed to name a donated lot at 2134 Trowbridge St. as “Salam Peace Park.”

However, it was pointed out that Salam is Arabic for the word “peace,” and that naming it Salam Peace Park was redundant.

Councilmember Ian Perrotta suggested just naming the park as “Salam Park.”

By the end of the discussion, it was agreed to go with the original name.

A lengthy discussion was held on an update for the city’s zoning ordinance.

Some councilmembers and members of the public had an issue with removing council approval of site plan proposals, and leaving that decision up to the Plan Commission.

The proposal was made to bring the city in line with a state program called “Redevelopment Ready Communities.”

Councilmember Mohammed Hassan said the council should reject the proposal because it would remove a right the council has.

Councilmember Andrea Karpinski cautioned that by rejecting the proposal, the city could jeopardize

future grants.

Councilmember Perrotta said that rejecting the proposal “reeks of incompetence.”

The council, he said, “should not be micro-managing our economic development.”

Mayor Karen Majewski said the change will help streamline the city’s process in approving zoning proposals.

Despite those concerns, Councilmembers Hassan, Nayeem Choudhury, Fadel Al-Marsoumi and Mohammed Also-mori voted against it.

Mayor Majewski admonished those councilmembers, saying it was “completely irre-

sponsible.”

Later in the meeting, the councilmembers agreed to redo the vote, and allowed the proposal to move forward to the next step of being considered for adoption.

A lengthy discussion was also held on whether to fill the position of Community and Economic Development and DDA Manager.

The candidate being considered was Alexander Iseri. The position’s salary is \$53,000.

Councilmember Perrotta said he was not “confident” in the candidate because his background was mostly in an

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able from 8 p.m. until 2:30 a.m., both Friday and Saturday nights of the fest.

In addition, each band will be a treat to see, and all styles of music are represented. The best advice is to bounce around and catch a glimpse of as many bands as possible.

Review: For those still skeptical, or contemplating about attending this year, what can you tell the skeptics that

could convince them to give Hamtramck Fest a chance?

Strobe: This festival is the best \$15 you can spend anywhere, entertainment-wise. You have the freedom to see as many musical acts as possible, and proceeds go to a great cause. Wristbands are also available for sale at pretty much every local record store in Metro-Detroit, so there is an opportunity to check out your local music shops as well, and support local businesses.

Review: Why Hamtramck every year? What makes Hamtramck so special to have the pleasure of being the only place to host a fest this big every year?

Strobe: Hamtramck is one of the most amazing cities in the world. It’s diverse, interesting, artsy, humble, and proud. Having such a great community in such close proximity to one another makes it unique, and perfect for a mobile festival such as this.

Review: Is there anything you want readers to know before we close out this interview? Perhaps about the fest itself, or just some in-general remarks?

Strobe: The Hamtramck Music Fest prides itself on being inclusive, relevant, and “of the people.” None of this could take place without the wonderful efforts of artists, musicians, volunteers, local organizations, and the community. That is what makes it so unique and fun. You can purchase wristbands, and or volunteer to help out, on our official website: www.HamtramckMusicFest.com

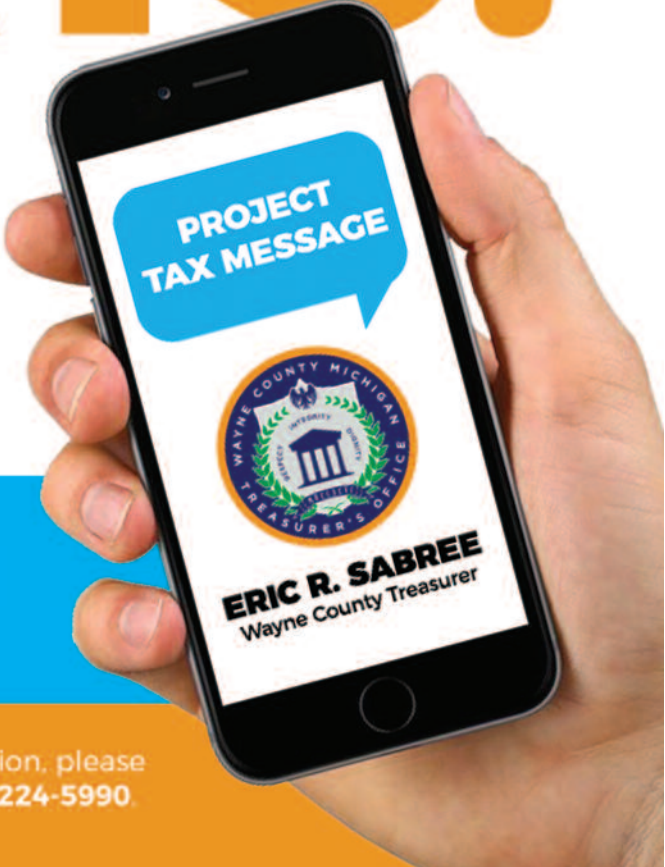
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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

When it comes to hosting a party, Hamtramck wins

Hamtramck has proved once again that we know how to throw a party. And as of today, Friday, Feb. 28, the party is still going. On Tuesday, the city hosted the annual Paczki Day celebration, which started last Saturday with a 5K run and free paczki sampling at the Hamtramck Town Center. Thousands of visitors came to town, and as is also usual, there were few to zero problems. This weekend, we start round two of what has become Paczki Week. Instead of pastry fans coming to celebrate, we will have thousands of music lovers here in town. Many of our bars and halls and coffeeshops will play host to bands and performers. It's called the Hamtramck Music Fest, and it's organized all by unpaid volunteers. To say it's a moderate success is an understatement – it is one of the nation's largest music festivals. And each year, the festival donates \$10,000 in art supplies and music equipment to our public schools district. For folks living here, there is an added plus: You can easily walk around town and enjoy all of this without having to worry about parking. Hamtramck is one lucky town.

Odds & Ends

Retiring... This is coming as shocking news for the many loyal customers of Hamtramck Drugs, but owner Chet Kasprzak closed up his pharmacy Tuesday. He says the decision to retire came with a heavy heart, but he has some health issues, and he is 71 years old. “I love the people of Hamtramck, all the cultures,” Chet told us on Monday afternoon. “It’s been a pleasure to serve everybody.” He said his 20-some years here is something “I wouldn’t trade for anything.” His customer list will be taken over by the Hamtramck CVS Pharmacy. Chet, have a healthy and long retirement – you deserve it. And thanks for being such an important part of the community. This is a big loss for Hamtramck.

Black History Month... Here’s a reminder of this event happening on Saturday, Feb. 29, at the Hamtramck Historical Museum (located at 9525 Jos. Campau). According to a press release from the museum folks: “The history of Hamtramck’s Black community is amazingly rich and filled with stories of amazing courage, persistence and a determination to see justice done. You can learn about that at the new exhibit now on display at the Hamtramck Historical Museum, 9525 Jos. Campau. “A special program to highlight the display and pay tribute to Black History Month will be held 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 29, at the museum. There will be light refreshments, a short Power-Point presentation and a special performance by the St. Luke Baptist Church Gospel Choir. There is no admission to attend. “It will be an educational and entertaining afternoon for the whole community. All persons, Black and White, Christian and non-Christian, are invited to be part of this historical event. “For more information email hamtramckhistory@gmail.com. Or call (248) 893-5027.”

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Poland St.), where three musicians, including Detroit icon Luis Resto, will get to play with the church’s massive organ beginning at 7:30 p.m. Pickup your online-ordered wristbands at Fest HQ (10023 Jos. Campau) from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. If you didn’t pre-order a wristband, you can still buy them in person at any of the two dozen locations listed on the website, including many local area record stores. And gosh darn it, kids – have fun.

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Award offered for stolen Wheelhouse bike shop sign

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closed, who would it harm? “Small businesses are extremely personal. Your act of vandalism and theft is very hurtful. Please return the sign, no questions asked, to Amicci’s Pizza or Abick’s Bar.” There is a \$300 reward (offered by Amicci’s Pizza) for the return of the sign, or for information that leads to its return. And to sweeten the reward, the following companies are pitching in these items:

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- Case of beer from Detroit Gaelic League
- One week of steams from The Schvitz
- Pool party, bucket of beer and a T-shirt from Abick’s Bar.

The sign is in three pieces (each piece is 4-feet by 8-feet), and is made of faux brick panels. Amicci’s Pizza is located at 9841 Jos. Campau, and Abick’s Bar is located in a southwest Detroit neighborhood at 3500 Gilbert St. – two streets west of Livernois, and south of Michigan Ave.



School Bell

Upcoming Events:

- March 5 –Progress Report 3 distributed.
- March 5 – Half day for all students. Parent teacher conferences 12:30-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.
- March 27 – Half day for Horizon High School-Final exams.
- March 27 – End of 3rd quarter.
- April 2 – Report card #3 distributed

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“unrelated field.”

He also noted that Iseri was not “connected to this area,” and that it would take the candidate months to get up to speed.

Perrotta suggested extending the search.

Councilmember Hassan supported the candidate, saying he is confident that Iseri can meet the challenge.

Mayor Majewski said she trusts the hiring process, and noted the city has hired others with little experience who “have gone on to great things.”

Iseri’s hiring was approved, with Perrotta casting the sole objecting vote.

Coming events

MONDAY, March 23, 9 a.m. – Wayne County Commissioner Martha G. Scott hosts a free Community Coffee Hour every fourth Monday of the month at Maine Street Restaurant, 11650 Jos. Campau.



People’s Community Services

Samaritans Community Food Assistance Program for Hamtramck Residents and Surrounding Areas

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11am-12pm
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Saturday: 2/29/2020 9– 11:00 am-Both Campuses

Frontier International Academy 28111 Imperial Dr, Warren will be holding Kindergarten Round up February 26th from 4– 5:30 pm.

*Should we receive more applications than we have room for, a random selection drawing will be held in the presence of a third-party official on March 30, 2020 at 4:30 pm at **Frontier Intl. Detroit and Warren Campuses.** Frontier International Academy is a tuition free public school academy and does not discriminate on the basis of intellectual or athletic ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, handicapped status, religion, creed, race, sex, color, or national origin. For questions, please call the school at the above number. Frontier International Academy welcomes visits from interested applicants. Maximum Enrollment for the 2020-2021 School Year 1000 Students*



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Obituaries

ROGERS



Gerald Wendell Rodgers, 75, died February 15, 2020 in Glendale, AZ.

Gerald was born in Detroit, MI on April 26, 1944 as the eldest son of Levi Henry Rodgers, Jr. and Marie Esters. Gerald had three siblings; Norma, Joyce and Glenn, all of whom preceded him in death.

Gerald was a student in the Hamtramck public school system from Holbrook Elementary through Hamtramck High. Afterwards he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Anchorage, Alaska during the historic 9.2 earthquake in 1964. At the end of his tour he returned home and found work in the automotive industry working at Dodge Main and the Chrysler plant in Hamtramck. He then married

Geraldine Yamashita; with this marriage came their daughters, Kimberly and Lynnette. During his years in the automotive industry he became an active union leader creating a better work environment for all.

In 1978 Gerald relocated his family to Palos Verdes, CA and began a new career in the steel industry. While residing in California, he followed his dream of becoming a professional boxing promoter and created Rodgers Promotion Co., which gave him the opportunity to work with the legendary Muhammad Ali. In his later years, Gerald moved back to Detroit, MI and eventually retiring in Phoenix, AZ.

Gerald is survived by his eldest daughter, Kimberly Rodgers-Coughlon; son-in-law Robert Coughlon, Jr.; his youngest daughter Lynnette (Rodgers) Roslin; step-daughter Vanessa Juarez; step-son Matthew

Marquez; grandchildren, Kristen Rodgers, Kyle Harris, London Bolton, Carrington Bolton; and the newest addition to his family, his first great-grandchild, Kairo Levi Harris; along with a host of extended family and friends.



By Charles Sercombe

This week’s Crime Log covers Feb. 18-24.

Tuesday, Feb. 18


- A resident from New York reported that his car was stolen while it was parked on Oliver St.
- A Detroit resident was arrested after a traffic stop for driving without a license (with 14 previous convictions of this offense) and for being wanted on three warrants. A Hamtramck resident was also arrested for being wanted on warrants in Hamtramck and Redford.
- A Detroit resident was arrested at a business in the 2100 block of Caniff Ave. for retail fraud, being disorderly and for being wanted on three warrants.

• A Detroit resident was arrested after a traffic stop for driving without a license (with 14 previous convictions for this offense and having 86 current suspensions), driving with an expired license and for being wanted on 15 warrants.

Wednesday, Feb. 19


- While impounding a vehicle that was parked in the 3500 block of Caniff Ave., officers found marijuana in it.
- At 3:30 a.m., a resident was arrested after a traffic

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THURSDAY OPENING NIGHT

★ BAR/TER

12:00AM THE WRONG NUMBERS
11:00PM WEREWOLVES
10:00PM MAIYANA DAVIS
9:00PM REBETIKO DETROIT
8:00PM PHIL PROFIT AND HIS FAST FORTUNES

★ THE HIGH DIVE

12:30AM REBECCA GOLDBERG
11:30PM NUCLASSICA®
10:30PM REMOTE VIEWING PARTY
9:30PM BAD FASHION
8:30PM KAYLA DRANGE

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FRIDAY

★ BAKER STREETCAR BAR

12:15AM STRICTLY FINE
11:15PM PORCHSLEEPER
10:15PM FRENCH METHOD
9:15PM SCOTT MASSON
8:15PM BETTY COOPER

★ HAMTRAMCK PUBLIC LIBRARY

7:30PM CARMEL LIBURDI QUARTET
6:30PM STEM JAZZ BAND
5:30PM HAMTRAMCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHOIRS
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★ POLISH VILLAGE CAFE

12:30AM THE BRUISED REED
11:30PM THE HELLIONS
10:30PM OLD MAN
9:30PM JHEREMIE JACQUE

★ BAR/TER

11:30PM BLUEFLOWERS
10:30PM LADYSHIP WARSHIP
9:30PM DIRTROOM
8:30PM END

★ THE HIGH DIVE

12:15AM ILAJIDE
11:30PM KETCH P
10:45PM FINALE
10:00PM LEAF ERIKSON
9:30PM TRU KLASSICK
9:00PM MR. FURIOUS & DJ SNTNCK

★ POLKA DOT

11:45PM DETROIT PARTY MARCHING BAND
10:45PM EMMA GUZMAN
9:45PM MAC SATURN
8:45PM THE LOWS

★ BUMBO'S

11:30PM DOCTOR PIZZA
10:30PM ERODERS
9:30PM MONICA PLAZA
8:30PM CO-STARS

★ KELLY'S BAR

12:45AM BROCCOLI
11:45PM MATTHEW DAHER
10:45PM JO RAD SILVER
9:45PM NEW TOY

★ PORT BAR

11:45PM THE COUNTER ELITES
10:45PM J. WALKER & THE CROSSGUARDS
9:45PM THE SUGARBOMBS
8:45PM WITCHPUCKER
7:45PM TOEHEADS

★ CAFE 1923

8:00PM DAN MINARD
7:00PM MONTE PRIDE
6:00PM LUCKEY JUNE
FREE! ALL AGES!

★ MOOSE LODGE

1:00AM SROS LORDS
12:00AM THE IDIOT KIDS
11:00PM ROGUE SATELLITES
10:00PM SPACESKULL
9:00PM PNEUMATIC

★ SANCTUARY

12:30AM NO VISION
11:30PM ST. THOMAS BOYS ACADEMY
10:30PM EXTRA ARMS
9:30PM BATHROOM OF THE FUTURE

★ DELITE CAFE

SATURDAY PROGRAMMING ONLY

★ NEW DODGE LOUNGE

12:00AM SAAJTA
11:00PM ANCIENT LANGUAGE
10:00PM WHO BOY
9:00PM CHARACTERISTICS
8:00PM BRYAN HUGO IGLESIAS

★ ST. FLORIAN

SATURDAY PROGRAMMING ONLY

★ DETROIT THREADS

DETROIT TECHNO MILITIA DJs

★ OUTER LIMITS LOUNGE

11:45PM THE STOOLS
10:45PM TURN TO CRIME
9:45PM THE HAND
8:45PM ZILCHED

★ SMALL'S BAR

12:00AM THIRSTWAVE DJs
11:00PM SCHEDULE IV
10:00PM VAZUM
9:00PM DAMIEN DONE

★ THE FILM LAB

12:00AM SHADOW SHOW
11:00PM VVISIONSS
10:00PM AM PEOPLE

★ THE PAINTED LADY LOUNGE

11:30PM JAMES LINCK
10:30PM PANCHITO VILLA'S SKULL
9:30PM THOMAS LAVERTY GROUP

★ TRIXIES

11:45PM HILLBILLY KNIFE FIGHT
10:45PM BOYS N' TIES
9:45PM BREZA
8:45PM GREEN THUMB ANTHEM

★ GHOST LIGHT

12:15AM EARTH ENGINE
11:30PM JUST PLURALS
10:45PM TWELVE BRIDGES
10:00PM THROWAWAY

★ POLISH SEA LEAGUE

12:15AM TONY PARIS & THE SUGARBURN
11:15PM VULGARS
10:15PM THE GARDEN PARTY
9:15PM FEDERAL DANK

★ WHISKEY IN THE JAR

12:30AM HARD LUCK PETE & THE WRONG WAY STREETS
11:30PM DISCIPLINE
10:30PM EDISON HOLLOW
9:30PM GIRL FIGHT
8:30PM DJ DEADPHONE
7:30PM THE SAVAGE SEVEN

SATURDAY

★ BAKER STREETCAR BAR

12:15AM VOYAGSR
11:15PM FUTURE MISTERS
10:15PM STRANGE HEART
9:15PM THE BLACKMAN REVIEW
8:15PM ABSTRACT HABITAT

★ HAMTRAMCK PUBLIC LIBRARY

FRIDAY PROGRAMMING ONLY

★ POLISH VILLAGE CAFE

12:30AM ACOUSTIC ASH
11:30PM BANJOLECTRIC
10:30PM CHRISSEY MORGAN
9:30PM RYAN DILLAHA

★ BAR/TER

11:30PM OCTAVIA
10:30PM DUANE
9:30PM MIKE ANTON
8:30PM AFTER DARK AMUSEMENT PARK

★ THE HIGH DIVE

12:15AM MEGA POWERS
11:30PM JAWS THAT BITE
10:45PM JAMES GARDIN
10:00PM CLOUDY UCHIHA
9:30PM JASON DAKER
9:00PM BRETT FULLERTON

★ POLKA DOT

11:45PM PEWTER CUB
10:45PM DINNER MUSIC
9:45PM ESMÉ
8:45PM SWITCHBLADE VENGEANCE

★ BUMBO'S

11:30PM ASKLEPUS
10:30PM JOHN SALVAGE
9:30PM THE WHISKEY CHARMERS
8:30PM OLD EMPIRE

★ KELLY'S BAR

12:45AM SPACE BAND
11:45PM ZZVAVA
10:45PM JAKKDD
9:45PM JEMMI HAZEMAN & THE HONEY RIDERS

★ PORT BAR

11:45PM THE BLITZERS
10:45PM MACHO
9:45PM JEREMY PORTER & THE TUCOS
8:45PM JUST GUYS BEING DUDES
7:45PM ABUL ON FIRE

★ CAFE 1923

6:00PM KATE HINOTE TRIO
5:00PM EMILY ROSE
4:00PM ANTHONY RETKA
3:00PM EMILIE RIVARD
FREE! ALL AGES!

★ MOOSE LODGE

12:00AM BRENDA
11:00PM THE LONG STAIRS
10:00PM DUENDE
9:00PM SAXSQUATCH & BRIDGE BAN
8:00PM THE PAYCHECK BRIGADE

★ SANCTUARY

12:00AM CHOKING SUSAN
11:00PM THE LOWCOCKS

★ DELITE CAFE

7:30PM POST IMPERIAL JAZZ BAND
6:30PM THE VELVET BOYS
5:30PM BANGLA SCHOOL OF MUSIC
4:30PM PUPPETS! WITH LINDSAY MCCAW
3:30PM DETROIT YOUTH VOLUME - WORKSHOP
FREE! ALL AGES!

★ NEW DODGE LOUNGE

12:00AM HALA
11:00PM KIMBALL
10:00PM THE DOOZERS
9:00PM LELAND BLUE
8:00PM CHUCK

★ ST. FLORIAN

9:30PM LUIS RESTO
8:30PM YORG KERASIoTIS
7:30PM TRADEMARK PSALM

★ DETROIT THREADS

DETROIT DEEP SESSIONS DJs

★ OUTER LIMITS LOUNGE

11:45PM WEREWOLF JONES
10:45PM MILK BATH
9:45PM MRKT
8:45PM TORUS EYES

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12:00AM KOMMANDER
11:00PM GRAND HEFT
10:00PM SCARY WOMEN
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11:00PM NOTHING GOLD
10:00PM DHARMA
9:00PM THE STIFF ONES

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11:30PM WHY BOTHER
10:30PM TOWNER
9:30PM BOURBON SQUIRREL

★ TRIXIES

11:45PM TRE LB
10:45PM BOMBASTIC DREAM PUSSY
9:45PM SELF INFLICTION
8:45PM MC DJ CARLITO / CRUISIN THE BARRIO

★ GHOST LIGHT

12:15AM WARHORSES
11:30PM BAVE
10:45PM RAAZZZ
10:00PM DEAR DARKNESS

★ POLISH SEA LEAGUE

12:15AM BANANACONDAS
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10:15PM DAVID BIERMAN OVERDRIVE
9:15PM ATMIG

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12:30AM STEFANIE COX & THE BLOX
11:30PM DANI DARLING
10:30PM DUDE
9:30PM RUBE GOLDBERG
8:30PM THE DIRTY TRICK
7:30PM SOVIET GIRLS