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Quick Hits

MLK celebration will return to community center

By Alan Madlane

Those fabulous Concerned Women of Hamtramck are bringing it good to the neighborhood once again, with their 24th annual Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., Prayer Breakfast.

These events typically feature both food and a talent show, and this one is no different.

They also offer Halal meat options.

The talent show is, as usual, a K-12 showcase for the Hamtramck Public School District. It features cash prizes.

All of this will go down Monday, Jan. 17 from 9 until 11:30 a.m. at the Hamtramck Community Center. That's the building right next to, and just south of, Hamtramck High, at 11350 Charest St., north off Caniff Ave.

Features speakers will include Wayne County Commissioner Martha G. Scott, and Friends of Hamtramck Stadium champion Gary Gillette.

Donations to the event are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors and youth, with kids under 6 free.

Make checks out to Concerned Women of Hamtramck, and mail them to 11411 Lumpkin St., Hamtramck MI 48212. Inquire about group rates if you're

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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

A new era in Hamtramck politics has just begun

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's new chapter in politics started off with some showbiz pizzazz.

About 200 people came to the Hamtramck High School Community Center, on Sunday, to witness the inauguration of newly-elected Mayor Amer Ghalib and newly-elected City Councilmembers Adam Albarmaki, Amanda Jaczowski and Khalil Refai.

But, before they were sworn into office, the audience was treated to musical performances by Anamika Roy, a radio and recording artist from Bangladesh, and Maria Saad, a 14-year-old 9th grade student in Dearborn.

Saad belted out the national anthem with a voice beyond her years.

This new crop of elected officials is of historical importance. The city council and mayor are now all Muslim – a first in the nation.

Ghalib is also the first Yemeni-American to become mayor of Hamtramck.

His election put an end to Polish-Americans holding that position for the past 100 years – when Hamtramck first became a city.

Outgoing Mayor Karen Majewski lost her re-election bid in a landslide defeat.

Majewski had been mayor for 16 years, and a member of city council for two years before that. She had nothing but encouragement in her speech at the event.

She said this election is a classic example of the "American dream ... as it unfolds on the narrow streets and close-knit neighborhoods of our little city."

City Manager Kathy Angerer had earlier echoed the same sentiments, saying that "today the spotlight is on Hamtramck ... It's a shining example for diversity."

Ghalib, who has never held elective office, came to this country when he was 18. He graduated from Hamtramck High School 21 years ago. He is a licensed nurse in Michigan, and is working to become a medical doctor.

When he stepped up to the lectern to speak, he was greeted with a rock star's standing ovation, and whistles from the largely Yemeni-American audience.

He told of advice he received from a school counselor, in his graduate year at the high school, who convinced

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Schools staying closed

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck Public School students, you're getting another week to stay home.

The ongoing spread of Covid is forcing the district to extend its stay-home virtual learning for another week.

In a letter to the community, released by Interim Superintendent Nabil Nagi, he said students will be staying at home through next Friday, Jan. 14.

However, Jan. 14 is for HPS staff only, for a training session. And on Jan. 17, the following Monday, schools are closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

So the upshot is, students will return on Jan. 18, if everything goes as planned.

"As the pandemic continues to surge, we're reminded that we must remain diligent in keeping the health of our students, staff and community members our top priority," Nagi said in the letter.

"We will continue to monitor the cases in our county, and stay updated with the Wayne County Health Department to make informed decisions that best serve our students."

The number of new Covid cases in Hamtramck exploded to 164 in the last week, according to county health authorities.

HPS students were told to stay home this past week. The district had planned for students to return this Monday.

Hamtramck is one of several school districts in the metro area that

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has resorted entirely to at-home virtual learning. Nationwide, the Omicron variant of Covid has caused a massive outbreak of the disease. Many hospitals in the metro area are reported

to have run out of bed space for new patients. Over the past two years, there have been over 3,700 Covid cases in Hamtramck and 63 deaths.

Officer fired for alleged role in bribery scheme

By Charles Sercombe

A Hamtramck police officer was fired recently, for being part of an alleged bribery scheme involving a towing operation. Michael Pacteles, a

new-hire and still a probationary officer, was fired from the department after the FBI charged him with accepting bribes while he was a detective with the Detroit Police Department.

The corruption probe is part of an ongoing investigation of several officers who allegedly accepted bribes from a towing company.

Pacteles, 44, resigned from the Detroit Police Department in 2020 for reasons not made public.

According to a press release issued by the Hamtramck Police Department, his alleged involvement in the scheme was unknown at the time he was hired.

The alleged criminal actions did not occur while Pacteles was a Hamtramck officer, the department said in its press release, which does not name him.

“The department cooperated with federal authorities to assist in his

apprehension, which occurred without incident. While the person involved is entitled to a presumption of innocence, the City of Hamtramck has zero tolerance when it comes to the type of allegations made in court today,” the press release said.

“These allegations in no way reflect upon the other members of the Hamtramck Police Department who work very hard under difficult circumstances to keep our residents and visitors safe.”

A new era in Hamtramck politics has just begun

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him to go into the medical field.

Ghalib said he actually wanted to pursue a life in politics. As a result, he said running for mayor was a return to his “first love.”

Ghalib also said that his victory represents “An opportunity that was once a dream becoming reality ... This is a victory for all.”

He said his administration will be a “new chapter,” and that it won’t be one of “division, favoritism and exclusivity.”

He also promised to “not make decisions behind closed doors.”

As for the disagreements that happens with elective officials – especially in Hamtramck, where politics can be a blood sport – he said that he’s a “big believer of constructive dialogue.”

Closing out the ceremony was singer Augustus Williamson, who did a rousing version of a Paul Robeson song and a civil rights anthem.

Bill Meyer, chairman of the non-profit organization called OneHamtramck, put together the music portion of the event, and also played keyboards throughout the inauguration.



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First Movie of 2022: The Library Movie Productions has released its first movie of the new year. It is “The Inaugural Ceremonies 2022”. This one hour presentation can be seen on the Library Website (click on media, videos), or on You Tube (search Hamtramck Library, all videos).

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Carl Sandburg: This Pulitzer Prize winning author was born on January 6th, 1878. Most likely Sandburg’s name is familiar from one’s study of American Poetry and “National Fairytales”. However, he also published a collection of folk music which enjoyed decades long popularity and documented the life of President Abraham Lincoln in multiple volumes (parts of which were written when Sandburg was living in Michigan). A number

of his writings are available at the library. Also you can enjoy digital audiobook downloads of his work by visiting www.librivox.org and searching under the author’s name. In addition visit www.poetryfoundation.org to check out a selection of his writings and bio.

Monthly Meeting of Library Board: The next meeting of the Library Board will be held on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 6:00 pm. in the library’s main hall. Meeting is open to the public via zoom. For email invitation to join the meeting, call the library on Thursday morning, January 13th, 2022.

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Second Front Page

Covid: Former mayor makes one more appeal for vaxxing

By Charles Sercombe

One of Mayor Karen Majewski's last actions she took before leaving office was to give one more update on the Covid outbreak in Hamtramck.

And once again, it was not good news. Majewski, whose term ended Dec. 31, put it this way on her update on Dec. 27:

"I have difficult news this morning."

On Dec. 27, the city had 66 new cases and four new deaths, although the deaths likely happened weeks ago, but it takes time for county health authorities to get their records up to date.

At the time of her update, there had been 3,606 cases during the past two years here in Hamtramck, with a total of 62 deaths.

As of this past Monday, the county had recorded a whopping 164 new cases in town, bringing the total number to 3,770 (no, that is not a typo). There was also one more death recorded, changing that total to 63.

Omicron folks – it's spreading like wildfire and, according to the county, the majority of the cases are affecting people 29 and younger.

Local hospitals are also at capacity with Covid patients.

Majewski said that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is now recommending that we all step up our masking game, and use the KN-95 or N-95 surgical masks.

Those blue cloth ones? "They are basically decoration," Majewski said, in reference to a CDC finding.

But you can use the cloth ones over a surgical mask for that extra protection.

Free vaccinations and boosters are still available in town. The easiest place to go is city hall where medical clinic is set up on the first floor.

That clinic is open Monday-Saturday, from noon to 7 p.m.

Vaccinations are even available now for kids 5 to 11 years old.

The former mayor also reminded residents that it's the unvaccinated who make up the majority of people coming down with Covid.

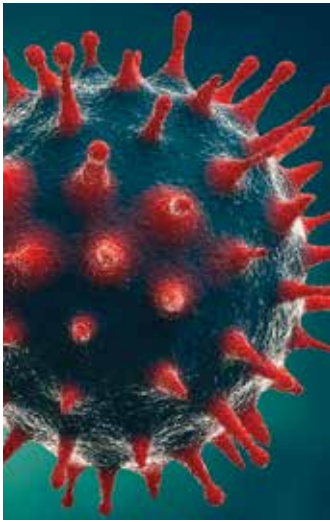
"The vaccination is your surest defense against Covid," Majewski said. For those not vaxxed, she said, "It's not a matter of if you'll get Covid, but a matter of when."

She noted, too, that the unvaccinated who came down with Covid in the past can still get it again and again.

Majewski also went through her usual updates on the city's lead water lines, financial help available due to Covid and various food pantries operating in the area.

Majewski reminded the public that there is a good chance that federal money will be coming to the city to pay for the replacement of lead water lines.

That became an issue



several weeks ago when the city found out that six houses that were sampled for lead content in drinking water came back with slightly high lead levels, which caused a bit of a panic among some residents.

The city has replaced over 400 lead lines in recent years. It's estimated that it will cost over \$50 million to replace the remaining lines in the city.

"Hopefully, help is on the way," Majewski said.

Majewski wound up her last update, which she had already been doing for two years when Hamtramck recorded its first Covid case, with a simple message.

"It's been a rocky ride taken together," she said. "All I can say is, sharing this difficult path with you brings us together as a community, and helps solidify our commitment to each other."

And she noted that, while her role is changing what is not is "my concern for you."

The response on the city's Facebook page to her last address to the

city prompted responses by many residents.

Karen Ploshinski, who runs a Facebook page about Hamtramck, had this to say:

"Thank you, Mayor Majewski, these Monday mornings with you, were informative to all of us. Your information and consistency brought comfort during these last, almost two years of the pandemic."

Mayor Amer Ghalib said, on his Mayor Amer Ghalib Facebook page, that he will continue the weekly reports but did not immediately know what day of the week he will do it.

He also said he will change the format.

"I'll post some of the most updated CDC covid-19 recommendations in this post. If we follow those guidelines, our community will be safer and healthier," Ghalib said.

"This is what matters the most, not the number of cases, because it's not accurate since many people refuse to get tested these days unless they are very sick, with some exceptions."



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School Bell

From the Superintendent

Interim Superintendent Nabil Nagi issued this letter to HPS students and families regarding the recent increase in Covid cases. The district has extended at-home learning for another week.

Here is the letter:

“After thorough consideration from the district, Hamtramck Public Schools has decided to continue virtual learning in all our schools due to the rising COVID-19 cases across Wayne County.

“To that end, distanced learning for all HPS scholars will extend beyond the set virtual learning week of January 3-7 and continue through Friday, January 14.

“We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our families, as we hoped to return to regular in-person classes after January 7th, but we recognize this is the best solution to ensure the safety of our school community.

“As the pandemic continues to surge, we’re reminded that we must remain diligent in keeping the health of our students, staff and community members our top priority. We will continue to monitor the cases in our county and stay updated with Wayne County Health Department to make informed decisions that best serve our students.

“We aim to make this as smooth a transition as possible to avoid any disruptions this may cause in our schools, and trust

that our staff and students are well-equipped to handle changes such as this.

“If you have any questions regarding the continuation of online learning at HPS, please contact the office of your student’s school principal.

“The safety and wellbeing of our entire school community remain a top priority. Thank you for your partnership in your child’s education and for your continued commitment to the safety and wellbeing of our community.”

District news

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Help us celebrate our school board this month by saying “Thank you!”

Happy New Year

Through the ups and downs of last year, we learned many lessons and grew stronger as a school community.

HPS is excited to welcome a new year, filled with new challenges, events and memories to share with our students!

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In Our Opinion

With a new year comes hope and optimism

A lot of us may have wished “good riddance” to the year 2021.

That’s because it was one bad year, with Covid stubbornly hanging on and even continuing to spread.

We are all crossing our fingers that this new year will bring some kind of light at the end of the tunnel. Over 60 Hamtramck residents have died of Covid during the past two years, and over 3,700 came down with it.

That number is equal to more than 10 percent of the city’s population, which is mind blowing.

This year also comes with a sea change in the city’s political landscape.

The Yemeni community has proven to be a political powerhouse, and helped elect the city’s first Yemeni-American as mayor – Amer Ghalib.

And for the first time in history, the city’s entire city council, as well as the mayor, are Muslim.

Hamtramck has changed drastically from a once predominant Polish-American population.

This is going to be quite an adjustment for everyone.

We wish all of our elected officials great success. The change occurred because many voters wanted it. Hamtramck does occasionally go through elections like that.

While many are still savoring the victory, we caution those riding high now that the reality of the city’s many issues is complicated, but also requires one solution: An infusion of hundreds of millions of dollars.

That’s a lot of money, and unless we get more federal and state financial aid for the city’s many problems – fixing an aging infrastructure, shoring up a weak tax base, and meeting pension obligations – nothing much will change.

But this being the dawn of a new year, let’s let optimism reign.

At least for the moment.

HPS sports round-up

By Brian Anderson
HPS Athletic Director

Both the girls and boys basketball programs had productive winter breaks for the Cosmos.

On Dec. 18, the Cosmos boys team traveled to Cornerstone University, to take on state power Godwin Heights in a showcase in front of dozens of college coaches.

The Cosmos did not disappoint, defeating Godwin Heights 81-54. Amari Allen was named MVP of the event, scoring 23 points. Robert Davis Jr. had 22 points and Aaron Allen had 17 to lead the Cosmos.

Also, on that day, the Lady Cosmos took on Frankenmuth in a showcase event, losing 56-42 to last year’s state runner-up. Rakiyah Beal and Aniyasia Lewis lead the way with 10 and 14

Competition	Location	Date
Team Tri	Sterling Hgts HS	Wed, Jan. 5
Team Tri w/ Cesar Chavez & Voyageur Academy	Ham Comm Ctr	Fri, Jan 7
Team Tri w/ Lutheran NW & Jalen Rose Academy	Lutheran NW HS	Wed, Jan. 12
Team Quad w/ Cristo Rey, Mumford, and Lutheran North	Cristo Rey	Fri, Jan 14 Sat, Jan. 15
Team Tournament at Center Line		
Team Tri w/ Summit Academy & Jalen Rose Academy	Summit Academy	Wed, Jan. 19
Team Tournament	Sterling Heights HS	Fri, Jan. 21
Individual Tournament	Ferndale HS	Sat, Jan. 22
Team Tri w/ Cesar Chavez & Lutheran NW High School	Ham Comm Ctr	Wed, Jan 26
BTSD Individual Tournament	Cristo Rey	Sat., Jan. 29
Team Districts		Wed, Feb 9 or Thurs, Feb 10
Individual Districts		Sat, Feb. 12
Team Regionals		Wed, Feb 16
Individual Regionals		Sat, Feb. 19
Team Finals		Fri, Feb 25 or Sat, Feb. 26
Individual Finals		Fri, Mar. 4 & Sat, Mar 5

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COSMOS

21-22

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	LOCATION
12/2	ROCHESTER ADAMS	7:00 PM	HHS, PWICK
12/4	TOCUMMAR	11:00 AM	DAKOTA HS
12/5	DELAWARE	4:30 PM	FERNDAL
12/7	NUTLEY NORTH	7:00 PM	HOME
12/8	PITTSBURGH CANTON	7:00 PM	PITTSBURGH CANTON
12/10	DETROIT LESTER	6:30 PM	HOME MILE CLASSIC
12/12	GODWIN HEIGHTS	1:00 PM	CORNERSTONE
12/13	EAST LANSING	7:00 PM	FERNDAL HIGH
1/10	KALAMAZOO	1:45 PM	DETROIT TEE SHOP CLASSIC
1/11	CATHOLIC CENTRAL	7:00 PM	CATHOLIC CENTRAL
1/14	UNIVERSITY PREP	7:00 PM	UNIVERSITY PREP
1/15	KALAMAZOO CENTRAL	3:30 PM	MILE SHOWCASE
1/18	ECORSE	7:00 PM	HOME
1/24	RIVER ROUGE	7:00 PM	RIVER ROUGE
1/29	BELLEVOUE	7:30 PM	PASTORAL INVITATIONAL
2/1	AAA	7:00 PM	HOME
2/4	UNIVERSITY PREP	7:00 PM	HOME
2/10	ECORSE	7:00 PM	ECORSE
2/15	MALCOLM DAKOTA	7:00 PM	DAKOTA
2/18	RIVER ROUGE	7:00 PM	HOME
2/22	TRISTY ATHLETICS	7:00 PM	HOME
2/25	AAA	7:00 PM	AAA
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COSMOS

21-22

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	LOCATION
11/26	ROCKLAND	6:00	HOME
12/10	OLD BEDFORD	5:00	HOME
12/14	NEW HAVEN	5:00	NEW HAVEN
12/15	CLINTONDALE	6:00	HOME
12/28	ST. CLAIR SHOOTOUT		
1/4	TAYLOR	5:30	HOME
1/7	SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN	5:30	SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN
1/11	HAZEL PARK	6:00	HOME
1/14	UNIVERSITY PREP		
1/18	ECORSE		HOME
1/21			
1/25			
1/28	RIVER ROUGE		RIVER ROUGE
1/29			
2/1	AAA		HOME
2/4	UNIVERSITY PREP		HOME
2/8	WATERFORD HILL	6:00	WATERFORD HILL
2/11	ECORSE		ECORSE
2/15			
2/18	RIVER ROUGE		HOME
2/22	ROCKLAND	6:00	HOME
2/25	AAA		AAA
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Odds & Ends

Winter whining... It didn’t take long after our first winter snowstorm to settle a few days ago for some residents to start complaining on social media.

Complaining that the city does not plow all the side streets like some other communities do.

Plowing, here, is reserved for main streets and emergency routes.

Why not all streets?

For one thing, it would cost an immense amount of money, and also it would take away from the street and alley repaving project that the city has undertaken for the past few years.

But the main problem with plowing our narrow streets is this: where do you think that snow goes?

Give up?

Here’s where it goes: piled up on the sides of parked cars, which then forces people to dig their cars out – and then guess where that snow goes?

Yes: right back into the streets.

And, not only that, when the city did plow on side streets, you should have heard the curse words coming from residents who were ticked that they had to shovel out their cars.

As for the icy and snowy roads being the cause of car accidents, follow this one simple rule, drivers: SLOW DOWN.

If you find yourself slip-sliding through intersections, you’ll know that you are driving too fast.

Approach intersections at a crawl, folks, during icy conditions. That’s Driving 101.

And remember: it’s winter, and it’s going to be inconvenient. While we know complaining is a Hamtramckan’s God-given right, just make peace with winter, and try to have some fun.

Retiring... U. S. Congressperson Brenda Lawrence has decided not to seek re-election and instead retire.

Her term will end just about a year from now, on Jan. 3, 2023. She has logged eight years in Congress and 30 years total in public service.

Southfield residents will especially know her, as she started her government career on that city’s school board, before moving on to their city council, ultimately serving as the mayor.

She says, in a transcript of her retirement announcement video, that she was proud to have been Southfield’s first woman and first African American mayor.

Lawrence represented the 14th congressional district in the state, which is a district that certainly looks to have suffered from some gerrymandering along the way.

Her district has been redrawn and renamed the 12th District, which still includes Hamtramck.

Lawrence vowed, in her statement, to keep fighting for “voting rights, women’s rights; and to protect our environment,” to “fight to educate” children, and to “provide security and dignity for our seniors.”

Best of luck to her in her next phase of life.

Book it... Hamtramck may not be as Polish a community as it was once upon a time, but there’s still a lot of interest here in all things Polish.

That’s in large part to the local presence of the Piast Institute and their numerous activities.

Now they’ve published their second edition of Polish Americans Today, an 80-page survey book that compiles the attitudes and interests of some 1800 recently surveyed Polish Americans.

The original volume was published in 2010. It was co-authored by one of the founders of the Piast Institute, the venerable Dr. Thaddeus Radzilowski, along with Dr. Dominik Stecula of Colorado State University.

Stecula also co-authored the new volume with the Piast’s current CEO and other co-founder, Virginia Skrzyniarz.

The Piast Institute has the opportunities for such surveying perhaps because of their involvement with the federal census. Piast is one of two Census Information Centers (CICs) in Michigan.

The original volume of the book has seen several reprintings, and is currently downloadable for free from the Institute’s website (piastinstitute.org).

The new edition is available for sale, also on the website, under the “Store” tab.

The Piast Institute was founded in 2003. It develops various programs, lectures, conferences and seminars, as well as publications, of interest to Polish Americans.

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WingFellas has come home to roost on Jos. Campau

By Alan Madlane

Have a craving for some chicken?

If so, WingFellas is the joint for you. And it's conveniently located on the Jos. Campau Ave. strip, north of Caniff on the west side of the street.

They offer not just wings, with or without bones, but also chicken fingers, burgers, wraps, subs, pizza and salads, as well as side dishes, beverages and desserts.

We decided to check in with owner Salahaddin "Sal" Nagi for a short chat about his time in the business.

The Review: So, tell us just a little bit about yourself and WingFellas, your business. How did the business start?

Sal: I worked for the owner with my brother. This was about 2017, at the original location which was called Wing Fingers, on Schaefer in Dearborn.

That place burned down in 2019, so the owner bought out Lefty's, which had been across the street. Now he has four WingFellas places. This Hamtramck location was the second store, then there's the one in Southfield, and then Ypsilanti.

I ended up partnering with him, and now he will be franchising this one (the Hamtramck store) to me.



Sal Nagi is the owner of Wingfellas on Jos. Campau Ave. where you can get chicken wings (obviously) and pizza.

The Review: How is it, operating a restaurant business right now, with food shortages due to supply chain issues, trouble keeping or hiring help, and so on?

Sal: I have my faith in God, and try to put the work in. We're doing okay; not great yet, but okay.

The Review: Is it difficult, with so many food service businesses seeing such a rise in angry customers, and the like?

Sal: We've been fortunate, we haven't really had any problems.

People have been understanding; if we make a mistake on an order because we're busy, we take care of it. Our employees treat people with respect, and we just make sure that we get people what they wanted.

The Review: How many employees do you have?

like 8 to 10 that we will have the room for.

The Review: You also do catering, correct?

Sal: Yes, some. We can generally get that set up in three or four hours, up to a day. It's not great yet, but we're doing okay with it.

The Review: Can you remember any special events, or other parties, that stand out?

Sal: We did an Eid celebration in Dodge Park (in Sterling Heights). That had quite a few people there.

The Review: So, what sets your place apart in the crowded field?

Sal: We just want to provide good food and good service to people looking for a decent meal.

The Review: Well, best of luck to you in doing that!

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By Charles Sercombe
This week's Crime Log covers Dec. 28-Jan. 3.

Tuesday, Dec. 28

- A domestic assault was reported in the 2000 block of Trowbridge St.
- A domestic assault occurred in the 2000 block of Belmont St. Two people were assaulted.
- A break-in was reported in the 2300 block of Edwin St.
- A larceny was reported in the 9700 block of Conant Ave.
- A robbery was reported in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau Ave.
- A suspicious situation was reported on Hanley St.
- A domestic assault was reported on Edwin St.

Wednesday, Dec. 29

- A theft from a vehicle was reported in the 3300 block of Edwin St.
- A report was made about someone loitering in the 3500 block of Caniff Ave.
- A complaint was made about an unwanted guest at a residence in the 2400 block of Andrus St.
- An incident of malicious destruction of property was reported on Holmes St.
- A person complained, that while on Caniff Ave., they received harassing communications.
- A hit-and-run accident occurred on Holmes St.

Thursday, Dec. 30

- A fight involving a group of people was reported in the 2200 block of Danforth St.
- A group of disorderly kids was reported in the 12000 block of Dyar St.
- A hit-and-run accident occurred in the area of Casmere and Charest.
- A complaint was made about a man in the 12000 block of Mitchell St. who was yelling and causing a disturbance.
- A table saw was stolen from a residence in the 2600 block of Whalen St.
- A Belmont St. resident reported finding several credit cards at her residence.
- Two loose dogs were reported on Lumpkin St.

Friday, Dec. 31

- A report was made in the 3000 block of Hanley St. about a juvenile who

had run away. When officers arrived at the residence the juvenile had returned.

- A report was made of a suspicious person knocking on doors in the 2400 block of Florian St.
- A complaint was made about a disturbed person in the 2300 block of Edwin St.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 12000 block of Dyar St.
- A hit-and-run accident happened in the 3300 block of Holbrook Ave.
- A fire hydrant in the area of St. Aubin and Denton was damaged.

Saturday, Jan. 1

- Officers responded to a report, from the 12000 block of Selfridge St., of a family having trouble.
- A disturbance was reported in the 3200 block of Evaline St. Officers at the scene arrested a woman for obstruction.
- A report was made about people fighting in a vehicle that was parked in the 3800 block of Yemans St.
- A complaint was made about a man lying underneath a vehicle in the 11700 block of Sobieski St. The man was arrested for disorderly conduct.
- Officers responded to a report of people in the 12000 block of Grand Haven St. having an argument.
- An assault was reported in the 2200 block of Norwalk St.

Sunday, Jan. 2

- A report was made about a man in the 9500 block of Jos. Campau Ave. who was threatening to harm himself. When officers arrived at the scene, the man left.
- Officers noticed that the trunk of a vehicle was open and contacted the owner, who then shut it.
- A report was made about a reckless driver in the area of Carpenter/Gallagher.
- A suspicious situation was reported in the 11300 block of Jos. Campau Ave.
- Officers responded to a report of family trouble on Grayling St.

Monday, Jan. 3

- Heavy smoke, thought to be coming from a nearby fire, was

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MONDAY, Jan. 17, 9-11:30 a.m. – MLK 24th Annual Prayer Breakfast, sponsored by the Concerned Women of Hamtramck, \$20 for adults, \$15 seniors and students, Hamtramck Community Center, 11350 Charest St.



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reported in the area of Prescott and Fenelon. Officers and firefighters could not locate a fire, however.

- A fraud complaint

was made in the 11300 block of Moran St.

- A suspicious situation was reported in the 12000 block of Oklahoma St.

- A person on Pulas-ki St. reported receiving threatening phone calls.
- A complaint was made about an animal on Holbrook Ave.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported on Hewitt St.

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Obituaries

CIESLAK

Stanley J. Cieslak III, 72, died December 26, 2021.

Mr. Cieslak passed away at home. He was the beloved husband of Susan (Kaye) for 42 years; proud father of Diana, Stanley IV, and Joseph; loving brother to Mark (Laura), Germaine (Jerod) Jacobs, Joseph, Cynthia (David) Meligan, Marcella (Christopher) Gignillat, and Maria Walsh. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Stanley Jr. and Marcella; brother, Martyn.

Stan was born and raised in the Hamtramck and Detroit area. He was an avid and vocal sports fan. He spent many happy days playing baseball, starting in Little League and continuing through his time playing in Germany on a US Army team. After his retirement and a move to Canadian Lakes, he spent countless happy hours playing golf at the surrounding courses. His smile, jokes, and stories will be missed by family and friends.

A celebration of his life will be held at a future date. He will be inurned at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. Arrangements were made by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, Hamtramck MI. Please visit <http://jurkiewiczwilkh.com/index.php/2021/12/27/stanley-joseph-cieslak-iii/> for more detailed information.

MARSH

Carol Ann Marsh, 63, died December 26, 2021.

Carol passed away at Detroit Receiving Hospital. Carol is the beloved daughter of Mary Marsh and the late John R. Marsh Sr.

Carol was born in Highland Park Michigan at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital. Carol was a warmhearted, kind, generous and compassionate person. She loved animals deeply especially cats and had pet cats her whole adult life. Carol also loved doing all sorts of crafts and giving them away to family and friends Carol absolutely loved the holidays and always decorated her home and liked to wear festive clothes for the occasion. Carol's dad John had many hobbies and interests and since Carol loved and looked up to her dad so much, his hobbies and interests always became her hobbies and interests.

Carol loved her family very much. She is survived by her sister Cathy (Jim) Casper, brother Tom (Rachelle) and brother Michael. She was preceded in death by her brother, John R. Jr. (Denise). Carol also has many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The family plans on having a memorial service in the spring. Arrangements were made by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

commemorating their golden anniversary.

In 1970, Kathy settled in Hamtramck with George, and soon after, their sons Gregory and Thomas were born. As a mother, she honed her baking and cooking skills, and embarked upon a lifetime of feeding everyone she loved with her finest recipes. Her lifelong interest in gardening also blossomed at that time and the backyard of her family's two-story inner-city brownstone resembled springtime in Polish Galicia.

During the summer in Michigan, she was a cook at Camp Bialowieza, and as a volunteer she fed hundreds of Polish Scouts. During the Soviet occupation, she would send care packages to help loved ones in Poland. In 1986, Kathy proudly became a US citizen.

After the family moved to Canton, MI, Kathy went back to night school and earned her degree in Occupational Therapy (OT), returning to the nursing field, a career she loved and thrived in until her retirement. At the same time, she was still a doting mother and housewife who tirelessly chauffeured her sons to all their activities, encouraging and supporting them to explore their interests and broaden their horizons.

As an OT, she received hundreds of thank you cards over the years from her patients and their families. She cared about her "girls" in the office, having taken them under her experienced wings, and truly missed them when she retired, as they did her.

In her retirement, she continued to enjoy her passions of gardening and ensuring everyone who entered her home was well fed, cared for, and loved. Her final days and hours were spent in a celebration of her amazing life. In the end, she had the last laugh at PSP, and with her head held high, she chose to go exactly on her own terms by refusing treatment after a PSP-related fall. Her courage and strength in the face of such personal misfortune is an inspiration to us all. Her family is so very proud of her.

First and foremost, she was the most devoted wife and mother who had all the time and love for her family and friends. She wanted everyone to have fun and be happy, to raise a glass, to eat another plate, and to love each other just a little more. Kathy's undying love and generosity will be missed by all those lives she touched.

She is survived by her husband, George; cherished sons Gregory and Thomas; precious grandson, Tyler; brother, Stanislaw Rysz; sister-in-law, Maria; nephews, Bogdan Wenta, Ronnie Rysz, Mark Rysz, Daniel Rysz; niece, Magda Rysz; numerous cousins; great-nieces and great-nephews around the world. She was predeceased by her parents, Aleksandra and Jan Rysz; sister, Wladyslawa Wenta; nephew Janusz Wenta.

Visitation and the funeral Mass were Tuesday, January 4, 2022. Arrangements were entrusted to Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.