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Quick Hits

Channel 19 racks up the numbers

By Alan Madlane

Hamtramck's own cable TV station, Comcast Channel 19 locally, is out with some statistics collected since its inception, and released last month.

The station has accrued 1,500 Facebook/Meta subscribers, and garnered 1,400 "likes" on that platform so far.

The station is doing best with the 25-34-year-old demographic, in terms of people tuning in; this is followed, up the ladder, by the 35-44, 45-54, 55-64 and 65-and-up crowds. Bringing up the rear are the 15-24 group, and then the 14-and-unders.

Top 10 audience cities that tune in to the station begin, unsurprisingly, at No. 1 with, you guessed it, Hamtramck.

Second, probably also not a surprise, would be Detroit. Think size of population and proximity to Hamtramck.

The rest: 3) Warren; 4) Sterling Heights; 5) Sylhet, Bangladesh – okay, that's a bit of a shocker; 6) New York City – that town is just too expensive to do anything else other than pay rent and watch Hamtramck cable news; 7) Roseville; 8) Dearborn; 9) Ferndale; and 10) St. Clair Shores.

The list of the top 10 audience countries is perhaps more entertaining yet. Yes, number one is the U. S.

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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

HPS teachers held week-long protest over superintendent's return

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck teachers hit the streets this past week.

They were outside their school buildings, before and after classes, to protest the return of Superintendent Jaleelah Ahmed.

Ahmed was asked to come back by a slim majority of school boardmembers. Ahmed returned Monday; she had been on suspension for over a year. This was the second time the board entertained a resolution to have her come back. The first vote, last month, failed, but the second vote, last week, succeeded, with Boardmembers Jihan Aiyash, Salah Hadwan Daz'Shavon Hall and new member Abdulmalik Algahaim voting in favor.

Boardmembers Regan Watson and new member Victor Harris were opposed to the motion. Boardmember Moortadha Mobaid was absent.

Boardmembers never said why Ahmed was suspended, other than to say, at that time, that an investigation was being undertaken. The board also never



Hamtramck Public School teachers took to the streets this week to express their concerns about recent actions by the HPS School Board.

said what the investigation was about, nor what it concluded – if anything.

The board has also not said why they wanted Ahmed to return.

During the past year, Interim Superintendent Nabil Nagi had been in charge.

Nagi told The Review that he returned to his former position in the administration.

Ahmed did not return messages for comment.

However, Ahmed posted a letter to HPS families

that she had returned, and looked forward to guiding the district forward.

Ahmed has a pending federal lawsuit against the district, accusing some board members and the teachers union of defamation, conspiring to remove her, and various violations of federal discrimination laws.

Ahmed initially took time off for medical reasons, but just as she was prepared to come back in January of 2022, she was told not to

return. She has remained on the payroll during this time.

The board's latest vote happened under circumstances that the HPS teachers union is questioning. The board's vote happened during a Committee of the Whole meeting, but the resolution to restore Ahmed was not on the agenda.

"If the board is so certain of its decision to bring back Mrs. Ahmed, why did

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One more exits from City council

By Charles Sercombe

Another freshman city councilmember has resigned.

This time, it's Amanda Jaczkowski, the only woman on the city council.

She's leaving because of health issues.



Amanda Jaczkowski

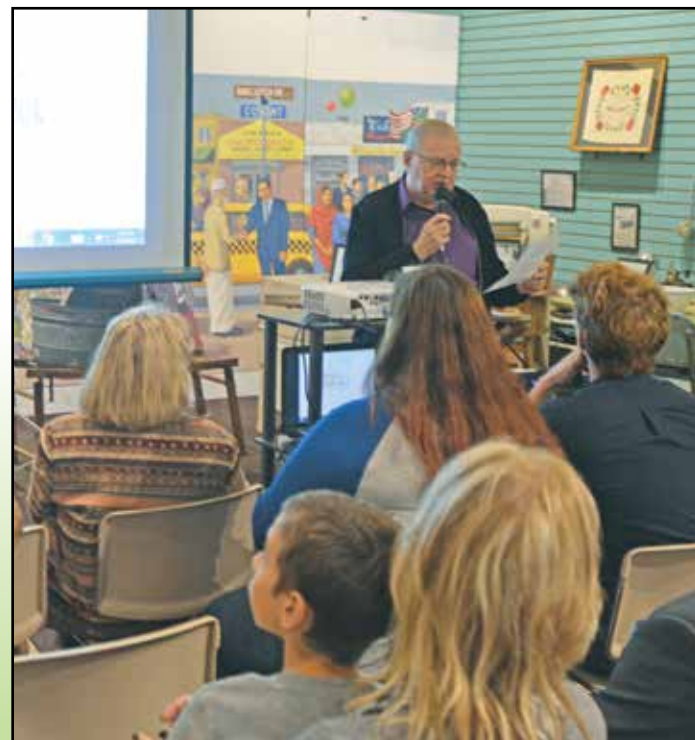
"As many people know in 2017, I was seriously injured in a bicycle crash. Part of my healing process has been recognizing my new limitations in life," Jaczkowski said, on a Hamtramck-focused Facebook page.

"It has become apparent over the past year as your councilwoman that I am not able to balance the professional obligations to my standard and maintain my physical health, and therefore I have made the extremely difficult decision to resign as councilwoman.

"I plan to reprioritize my physical and mental health so that I can continue work within the community to help achieve the vision of a stable, diverse, kind, and beautiful Hamtramck. I thank everyone for their support and look forward to continuing to work with everyone in other capacities in the future."

Jaczowski follows former Councilmember Adam Albarmaki to the exit door. Albarmaki, who was also in his first term, quit because of his work obligations.

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The Hamtramck Historical Museum has plenty of programming all set to go for the coming months.

Historical museum is back in the swing and ready to play

By Alan Madlane

February at the Hamtramck Historical Museum was a month of love.

As in, love of all things Hamtramck. And we love that they're resuming their programming, after a Covid-forced time away.

The biggest and most fun-sounding event – especially with Spring Training underway – is sure to be "Play Ball! The History of Baseball in Hamtramck."

Timed "to coincide with

the Tigers' home opener here in April," (which should be a local holiday, along with Jobbie Nooner's last Friday in June) according to the museum's Feb. 2023 newsletter, it promises a plethora of both photos and other memorabilia, from local sandlot ball on up to the Major Leagues.

Ah, the crack of the old bat.

Two other biggies on the list sync up with recogni-

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they not place the resolution on the agenda and allow people to comment on the matter before the board voted?,” said Toni Coral, the president of the Hamtramck teachers union, in an email to The Review.

“Is the board officially signaling that it doesn't care about anyone's, particularly employees', opinion? The process they used was patently undemocratic.

“If employees do not feel valued or respected, morale will plummet and

employees will leave. The board’s behavior will hurt students.”

In prior board meetings, teachers and administrators criticized Ahmed and her Human Resources Director for their management. They complained that a number of staff members were given abrupt job changes that they were not prepared for.

A number of teachers and staff members resigned during Ahmed’s tenure while superintendent. Ahmed took a medical leave of absence over

a year ago, but when she attempted to return a few months later, the board rejected that move, and suspended her with pay.

The HR director was let go after her contract expired. That person is also suing the district.

The board’s vote to return Ahmed raises a question about whether it violated board policy, which follows Robert’s Rules of Order when it comes to parliamentary actions.

In the recent vote, Vice President Salah Hadwan made the motion to bring back Ahmed. He had previously voted in agreement to reinstate Ahmed, but that first vote failed.

According to Robert’s Rules of Order, only the

prevailing side of those who voted against reinstating Ahmed could have brought back the resolution for reconsideration.

The recent vote also happened under questionable circumstances. The district had closed down the day of the vote because of weather conditions. The committee meeting, which was posted in accordance to the state’s Open Meeting Act, went forward without it being broadcast.

The return of Ahmed comes at a time of turmoil in the district.

Nagi was recently named in six lawsuits from staff members claiming discrimination and other allegations.

The district is now han-

dling 12 lawsuits, some of which are aimed at Ahmed and the former Human Resources Director.

On top of the legal matters, the district is struggling to fill several vacant special education positions.

Teachers are complaining that they have to deal with some students with severe behavioral issues, such as biting, spitting and acting up, while teaching other students in their class.

“This is destroying the mental health and happiness of both staff and students,” said Amanda Lesko, a teacher at the early Childhood Center.

She added: “Students are destroying classroom

material, furniture and other things,” and said “Teachers are getting physically harmed.”

That wasn’t the only action taken at the recent committee meeting.

A slim majority of the board voted to strip Boardmember Regan Watson of her role as treasurer of the board. That’s an action practically unheard of in the board’s history.

She was replaced with new Boardmember Abdulmalik Algahaim.

Watson did not respond to an email asking her for comment.

The recent actions of the board appear to show a division among boardmembers.

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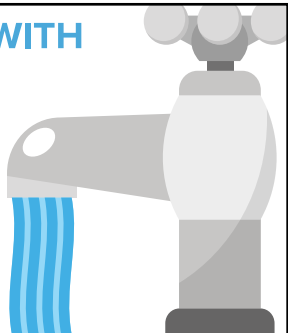
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tion months; for February’s “Black History Month” focus, the museum displayed a number of items related to the Black struggles in Hamtramck, which had ranged from everything like forced evacuations to police racial profiling.

In March, a “Hungry For History” program that will be a PowerPoint presentation on women’s contri-

butions to the city will be given here, altogether appropriate what with March being Women’s History Month.

You might even recognize a certain vintage movie starlet’s photo during that talk.

Tickets for the March program will cost \$25, if you want dinner plus the show (\$20 for current

Friends of Historic Hamtramck); or else just \$5 for the presentation alone, without dinner.

There will be a June bit about a certain pair of boats that used to go to a certain island for the people’s amusement (now, what could that possibly be?), and a September exhibit called “Then and Now,” that will trace the

museum’s evolution itself.

There’s sure to be more as well, so why not head on over to this happenin’ museum, and check it out for yourself?

The Hamtramck Historical Museum is located at 9525 Jos. Campau Ave. For more information call (313) 262-6571, or email hamtramckhistory@gmail.com.

One more exits from City council

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Not everyone was buying Jaczkowski’s explanation.

On social media, a theory was posed that the true reason – or at least a reason – is because she opposed a proclamation opposing military financial aid to “repressive governments around the world.”

But, the proclamation also singles out the treatment of Palestinians.

“The City of Hamtramck believes that the Palestinian People should enjoy the right of self-determination that comes with having a free, peaceful and secure homeland of their own. ...”

The proclamation falls short of calling out Israel by name, but certainly does so by implication. It is supported by Mayor Amer Ghalib and Councilmembers Mohammed

Hassan, Khalil Refai, Nayeem Choudhury, Mohammed Alsomiri and Muhith Mahmood.

The mayor and the council, including Jaczkowski, are all of the Muslim faith.

It’s possible that the reason Jaczkowski’s name does not appear in support is because she resigned before the proclamation was considered at Tuesday’s council meeting.

A person who identifies himself as Hjmahh Klaham, who also is also list-

ed as an administrator of the Facebook page Hamtramck Square, said:

“Apparently, it was because of this resolution that is Pro Palestinian (doesn't even mention the Zionist terrorist state by name) that is on the agenda on the request of many residents.

“It appears that she can't be on a council that sponsors such a resolution as it will jeopardize her career.”

The Review reached out via email, Facebook messaging and a phone call

to Jaczkowski for comment but she did not respond.

For the past few council meetings, people from Ann Arbor have been urging the council to specifically pass a resolution demanding that U.S. military aid to Israel to cease.

Next in line to replace Jaczkowski is former Councilmember Abu Musa, who has said he is willing to take the job. He has yet to be appointed to the position by the city council.

This week at the Library . . .

March 3, 2023

Poletown: Brianne Turczynski, author of “Detroit’s Lost Poletown” will make a presentation on Wednesday, March 22nd at 6 pm about the little neighborhood that touches the Nation.

Roald Dahl: The next author to get a posthumous Fahrenheit 451 treatment apparently will be Roald Dahl of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *Matilda Fame*. Well, maybe it is time for another read. We have got a number of Dahl’s works. Let’s face it, we have all been a bit controversial at some point. Let one who has no social media cast the first stone. If controversy is not your thing, however, might we suggest checking out the writings of another children’s author instead. How about Patricia MacLachlan (born March 3rd, 1938), probably most known for penning Sarah, *Plain and Tall* & who sadly passed away last year.

Together we read: There is an online book club that connects participants with others from all over the country. It lets you jump in at any hour. All that is required is your trusty library card. It is Together We Read. See a preview of the upcoming book chat title “River Woman, River Demon” by author Jennifer Givhan before the discussions set for March by giving the website www.togetherwewread.com/us/ a visit. It has got a bit of murder, a bit of mystery, and a bit of magic.

Group Exercise: Yoga and Tai Chi sessions at the library have returned. Get your Yoga fix on Tuesdays at 2:30 pm. Tai Chi makes a comeback

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on Fridays starting at 10 am. The program is provided by the RIM Foundation. Instructors are health professionals that accommodate the whole range of activity levels. These meet ups are senior friendly. Free to all participants, registration required.

Story Time: Get you kids together and drop in on our Monday afternoon Story Time at 4 pm. It will put a smile on everyone’s face, including yours. Presented by guest readers from Hamtramck Federation of Teachers.

Game Night: Join us for Game Night at the library. We are serving up something fun each Friday’s at 4 pm. Stop by and let us know that you have come to play.

ESL Classes in the Library: The ESL classes organized by Horizon School are held in the library (Monday to Thursday). There are two sessions with the first starting at 9 am and the second at 11:30 am.

Shetan Noir: Join us on Wednesday, April 19th at 6 pm as we welcome Shetan Noir of Squatch GO Magazine for something else that makes our BIG MITTEN great. We will be diving into the cryptozoology of the Great Lakes region. Attend this presentation & discover what is out there.

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Second Front Page



From the Superintendent

HPS Superintendent recently posted this letter to students and families on social media:

As you may have heard, I was recently reinstated as superintendent by the Hamtramck Public Schools (HPS) Board of Education. For those that do not know me, my name is Jaleela Hassan Ahmed, and I have

been the superintendent at Hamtramck Public Schools since 2019. As a lifelong educator committed to supporting the growth of our community's children, I am eager to continue to work in partnership with you as we seek to provide our students with the high-quality educational experience they deserve.

HPS is fortunate to have an incredible team of educators and support staff at every grade level in every school building across the district. In the remaining months of this school year, the education team at HPS will build on the momentum established since September while identifying additional areas to provide supplemental support to aid our students in their ongoing development.

I am looking forward to establishing the Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Committee, which will work towards strengthening our partnership. It is my great privilege and honor to serve at Hamtramck. I am excited to hear from you as we work together to give our scholars the very best experience. One of my priorities is

to reconvene with our Special Education Parent Committee as we work together to address areas of concern.

While the district has made positive strides in the allocation of COVID-relief funds (ESSER funds) – with the introduction of summer programming for K-8 students and after-school tutoring – there is still much work ahead to best utilize those funds. To that end, we must ensure our students have the necessary resources to thrive in their educational journey by offering intervention programming and making technology improvements and substantial building renovations so that we can provide our students with a safe, warm and engaging environment suitable for next-generation learning. I look forward to working with the team at HPS and our community to introduce these transformational improvements throughout the district.

With Spring on the horizon and a bright future facing HPS, I am reminded of the following passage by the American poet, Henry David Thoreau:

“Though I do not believe that a plant will spring up where no seed has been, I have great faith in a seed. ... Convince me that you have a seed there and I am prepared to expect wonders.”

I am certain you will agree with me that each of our students is a seed, and I cannot wait to work and watch with you as these wonders grow.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Hamtramck Public Schools and our school community.

Reading program

Holbrook Elementary School Principal Thomas Talmadge has some exciting news about a special reading program. Here is his report:



Holbrook Elementary School students participated in a new reading program this year.

Students made great gains this winter.

Over 50% of the building have already made their annual years growth target. Now we are focusing on student achieving their stretch growth.

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iReady has been an amazing addition to the HPS district. At Holbrook we use iReady to support the MTSS model as it provides as a progress monitoring tool as provides the staff with targeted student needs resources.

During reading workshop or math centers, one center student will have daily is their iReady learning path. The path is set for individual students for their individual needs based on their Fall and Winter assessment

scores.

Teachers also can set the students learning path to what they are working on in small group and a way to reinforce and check

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Covid update: Covid related financial aid has come to an end

By Charles Sercombe

Over 1.3 million Michigan residents may soon suffer serious financial blows.

That's because special covid-related federal aid that funded extra food assistance expired on Wednesday.

Households will see monthly reductions ranging from \$95 for a single-person household to as much as \$500 a month for households with multiple children.

It is unclear whether the state legislature will step in to continue the extra benefits.

Advocates for low-income individuals say this could lead to a food emergency for many people.

search continues into the mysteries of so-called “long-term covid symptoms.”Specifically, health officials are looking into a common symptom called “brain fog.”

According to a report in Scientific American, there are an estimated 16 million people in the U.S. with various lingering symptoms. Out of these, between two million and four million people are impacted enough so as to be unable to work.

According to some studies, nearly 50 percent of people worldwide have some form of long-term covid.

Vaccinations are still recommended to prevent, or at least mitigate, those symptoms.

In the U.S., about 82 percent of the population received at least one vaccination, and 69 percent are fully vaccinated – meaning they have also received all of the recommended booster shots.

According to state statistics, the threat of covid in Wayne County is low, but a new strain has been spreading.

In Hamtramck, 27 people came down with covid during the past week, as of Monday.

That brings the total number of cases here for the past three years up to 5,963.

The number of covid deaths during this period remains at 82.



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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Once again, the city has to face financial issues

Recently, the city council and mayor heard some alarming news about the city's immediate future financial picture.

The city is spending more money than it takes in, and the only two ways suggested to correct this deficit were to win more grants and/or to raise taxes.

To those who have lived here for some time, this sounds very familiar. We've lost count of how many times a warning has been given about dire financial news for the city.

It may be an overplayed tune, but Hamtramck does have a history of coming under state control because of its runaway finances.

Unfortunately, neither of the two state-appointed emergency managers could solve the city's long-standing financial problems: funding the city's hefty pension system and affording health care insurance for existing employees.

In fact, few older cities like Hamtramck have been able to solve this financial puzzle.

Asking the city council and the mayor, who are not experts by any means, to help fix this problem is ridiculous. They are part-time elected officials with largely ceremonial roles.

The financial situation will have to be confronted by the city administration. We pay them to do this job.

Now, let's get to it.



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. 14, and all councilmembers, except for Councilmembers Khalil Refai and Muhith Mahmood, were in attendance.

Annual reports for the year 2022 were presented by the Arts and Cultural Commission, and the Code Enforcement and Public Services Departments.

The Arts and Cultural Commission highlighted a number of activities, including:

- Supported and collaborated with "Mighty Real/Queer Detroit, in partnership with the City of Detroit Office of Arts, Culture, and Entrepreneurship (aka Detroit Arts, Culture and Entrepreneurship), (who) will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Detroit Pride with the Nation's Largest Exhibition of Works by LGBTQ+ Artists. ..."
- Coordinated a June-teenth Picnic at Sarah Garrett Park on Sunday, June 19
- Participated with the Detroit Institute of Arts in its "Inside/Out" program, which installed nine outdoor reproductions of artworks throughout Hamtramck
- Sponsored the annual Neighborhood Arts Festival
- Sponsored the "Our City" series

Richard Radtke of the Code Enforcement Department reported that their inspectors issued 3,571 notifications of violations and 2,507 tickets.

The tickets were for such violations as:

- 1,149 for trash and litter
- 442 for weeds
- 5 for hanging laundry on porches
- 383 for overgrown grass
- 2 for graffiti
- 103 for having indoor furniture on porches
- 75 for yard waste

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- Alley Reconstruction for the following 9 sites:
 - Jos. Campau eastside (Yemans to Belmont)
 - Conant westside (Holbrook to Comstock)
 - Holbrook northside (McDougall to Charest)
 - Holbrook northside (Jos. Campau to Lathem)
 - Conant eastside (Evaline the Yemans)
 - Lumpkin eastside (Hewitt to Wyandotte)
 - Lumpkin eastside (Wyandotte to Geimer)
 - Jos. Campau westside (Caniff to Holmes)
 - Caniff northside (Jos. Campau to Mackay)
- Also:
 - Building maintenance improvements
 - A window replacement review at City Hall
 - Exit Door replaced in Police Department
- Highlights of Major and Local Roads Budget:
 - Road Resurfacing
 - Hamtramck Drive (Jos. Campau to Conant)
 - Bicycle Path striping
 - Jos. Campau (Holbrook to Hamtramck Drive)
 - Sidewalk Program
 - None were completed in 2022, no bids were received. Sending out bids to continue the program in the spring of 2023.
- Highlights of Water and Sewer Budget:
 - Lead Water Service Line Replacements – 356 Completed
 - Yemans
 - Oliver
 - Caniff
 - Evaline
 - Klinger
 - Edwin
 - Lumpkin
 - Fleming
 - Water Main Replacement
 - Caniff (Conant to Buffalo)
 - Fire Hydrant replacements
 - Sewer Infrastructure Improvements Phase 1B.
 - Sewer replacement on Goodson, Lumpkin to Jos. Campau (Design phase)
 - Utility Truck – upgrading fleet due to continual maintenance

During public comment, Muhammad Baqir Muhyyedeen, who had been a candidate for the city manager position, sent an email to the city, saying that questions he was asked in the

interview for the position were geared toward another candidate for the job. He did not name that candidate.

Muhyyedeen called for a second round of interviews, but this time held in public for the sake of "credibility."

A person spoke in favor of a council proposal to restrict who can park in handicapped parking spaces in residential areas.

The proposal would allow only the person who lives at the address associated with the sign to park in that spot.

Later in the meeting, the resolution, which was proposed by Amanda Jaczkowski, was approved by the council.

The reason she proposed this was to "Ensure that seniors and disabled residents with valid Michigan Disability Parking Placards or License Plates can be confident in returning to their homes that they will have the safe and reliable access that they deserve. ..."

The issue of allowing animal sacrifices for religious purposes was brought up by a man who said that animals can feel pain.

He said sheep and goats are "aware of the world."

He questioned the reason for performing this sacrifice.

"Does a god in the clouds want that?" he said.

Mayor Amer Ghalib defended the practice, saying it's done just one day out of the year, apparently referring to the Muslim observance of Eid.

(Editor's note: the city's ordinance allowing the practice does not mention which religion observes this. The ordinance allows anyone of any faith to sacrifice animals, and it does not restrict how many times, or where, it can be performed during the year.)

Ghalib further defended the practice, saying that the animal industry kills millions of animals for human consumption.

Deputy City Manager Maali Luqman explained

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Odds & Ends

Best of the best... Detroit is coming up in the eyes of the tastemakers.

At least, with the staff of USA Today and their website 10Best.com, which provide curated lists of the 10 best... well, lots of things.

And they've been busy over there.

But the city that Hamtramck serves as the sort-of beating heart for, that much-maligned town called Detroit, is looking pretty good.

Fifth-best music museum in the nation? That would be the Motown Museum, check.

Third-best science museum in these United States? That's the Michigan (formerly, Detroit) Science Center, natch.

And it just gets better.

Who could it be, who has the single best public square in the U.S. of A.? That would be two thumbs pointing to this place, as in, Campus Martius.

How about the country's best river walk?

Why, look no further than Detroit International RiverWalk, also coming in at number one in its category.

And where might one be lucky enough to stumble upon the very best art museum in all the land?

Right again – Detroit, Michigan, as in, "Detroit Against Everyone," where the Detroit Institute of Arts shines like the star it is, at the top of the tree.

Guess some folks around other parts of the nation are just now finding out what many of us here already know: Detroit – and, by extension, Southeast Michigan, and that includes Hamtramck – is a pretty swell place to be.

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Friends of a former Hamtramck poet to hold a memorial

By Scott Klein

Special to The Review

This is certainly true for each of us: one day our family, friends, associates, neighbors, casual acquaintances will say to each other, did you hear about ...?

This is our collective fate, and the fate of all who preceded us, and all who will follow. It is a key feature of our humanity. People will note our passage.

Earlier this month, the news that former Hamtramck resident Ella Singer passed. 16 years ago Ella suffered a major stroke which ultimately contributed to her death. She was 73.

Ella was a former candidate for Hamtramck City Council in 2006, a noted local poet, an artist who painted and worked in fabric. She was the co-director of the Wayne State University Youth Urban Agenda which empowered young people to participate in politics.

For many years, in Hamtramck she could be found at the Roadrunners Raff, a dive bar that hosted poetry and open mic music, or at the Urban Break coffee house where her art was displayed on occasion.

Though most of us knew her for less than 10 years before her suffered the stroke, for many of us it seemed as if we always knew her.

It was her spirit we recognized. It was her spirit that led her to love her friends as much as she was loved by us. It was a spirit that recognized the redemptive quality of grace and applied that to all who she came in contact with in her life.

Ella was born in Midnight, Mississippi. She never forgot the lessons of Emmett Till or the other injustices she witnessed or was told about over the years.

She knew what America was capable of, the promise of both good and bad, because of her life experiences. Even in this modern age, she knew



Ella Singer

both were always possible, with one more likely for most than the other.

It was this embrace of her place and position that propelled her forward to lead others to a better world we all seek for ourselves.

Raised in New Orleans, she was the oldest daughter to her mother, who all refer to her as simply Sadie. After service in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War, she moved to Chicago where she married David Singer.

She had one son, Brandon, David's stepson. She was transferred to Detroit after the merger of Republic Airlines and Northwest Airlines.

What is most important, she loved and was loved, widely by family, friends, and casual associates alike.

Ella was buried with full military honors on February 23, 2023 at Houston National Cemetery, an unsung hero now resting with tens of thousands other heroic people whose names we will never know.

The Detroit friends of Ella Singer will gather on Sunday, March 12, for a Homegoing Memorial at Cass Corridor Commons Unitarian Universalist Detroit Church, 4605 Cass Ave, Detroit.

Enter at the rear parking lot ramp. We will meet in the sanctuary from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and in the community social room for reflections, memories, and open mic poetry with light refreshments from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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the hiring and interview steps that the city took in recommending the appointment of a new city manager.

City Attorney Odey Meroueh also weighed in on the matter. He said that Interim City Manager Max Garbarino stood out as the best candidate.

“Max just is the best in every category,” Meroueh said. “He also loves Hamtramck. ... It shines through.”

The council and mayor voted unanimously to hire Garbarino as city manager, and instructed the city attorney to negotiate a contract with him.

The council approved having the city apply for a

Department of Transportation grant to reconstruct the city's alleys. The grant would be worth \$5 million.

A note to the council, from the administration, said:

“Currently, many residential alleys are unusable to residents because of potholes, uneven grading, and pooling water. As a result, residents choose to park on-street rather than in their alley-accessible garages.

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Feb. 21-27.

Tuesday, Feb. 21

- Following a traffic stop, a person was arrested for possessing open intoxicants, and for being wanted on several misdemeanor or traffic charges.
- Officers investigated a suspicious situation in the 2600 block of Edwin.
- An assault was reported on Holbrook.
- A person involved in a traffic accident was arrested for drunk driving.
- A neighbor dispute was reported on McDougall.

Wednesday, Feb. 22

- An animal complaint was made in the 2600 block of Botsford.
- An assault was reported in the 11400 block of Sobieski.
- An incident of retail fraud was reported by a business on Jos. Campau.

Thursday, Feb. 23

- Officers investigated a suspicious car that kept circling in the area of Holbrook and Lumpkin.
- A theft was reported by a Yemans St. resident.
- A landlord/tenant dispute was reported on Hanley.

- An overdose was reported on Yemans.
- A family dispute was reported on Klinger.

Friday, Feb. 24

- Gunshots were reported in the 9500 block of Conant. After a standoff, officers arrested a male for reckless discharge of a firearm, operating while intoxicated, open intoxicants in a motor vehicle, and for possession of firearm while intoxicated.
- A complaint was made about a vehicle parked on a sidewalk on Norwalk.
- Neighbor trouble was reported on Norwalk.

- A resident of Sterling Heights reported a suspicious circumstance.
- Customer trouble was reported at Jos. Campau Ave. business.

Saturday, Feb. 25

- Property damage was reported in the 12000 block of Grand Haven.
- Gunshots were reported in the area of Brombach and Edwin.
- Officers attempted to pull over a white Chrysler 300 after noticing the driver was driving recklessly.

Sunday, Feb. 26

- A domestic assault was reported in the 12000 block of Dyar.
- A complaint was made about a disorderly person on Jos. Campau.

- An illegal dumping was reported on Comstock.

Monday, Feb. 27

- An assault was reported in the 2200 block of Danforth.
- A complaint was made about an intoxicated male in the 2600 block of Holbrook.

- After a traffic stop, a driver was arrested for driving with a suspended license, and for being wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.
- A complaint was made about four suspicious juveniles.

- A suspicious incident was reported in the 11600 block of Jos. Campau.
- A theft was reported in the 2600 block of Holbrook.

and walking less safe.

“At the same time, alleyways represent a large amount of surface area in the city where storm runoff collects and is diverted into the city's sewer system. Nearly annually this system backs up during heavy rains and floods residents’ and businesses’ basements.”

In another matter, the council approved a proposal to rezone several properties on Caniff that were restricted as residential dwellings only. However, the properties involved are clearly businesses. The new rezoning designation would allow multi use of the properties.

er was driving recklessly. The driver sped off. Later, officers suspected the vehicle may have been involved in the theft of a catalytic convertor in the 12100 block of Lumpkin.

- Two suspects wearing dark clothing were seen entering vehicles. Officers located the suspects and a foot chase ensued. One of the suspects was apprehended and arrested.

- A theft from an auto was reported in the 3200 block of Jacob.

- An attempted armed robbery was reported in the 9100 block of Jos. Campau. A suspect who fled on foot was arrested.

- Officers attempted to pull over a gray Ford Focus that was driving recklessly. The vehicle also matched the description of a vehicle that was stolen in Bloomfield Twp.

- A woman who committed a theft at a store in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau was arrested for robbery, trespassing, and for possessing drugs.

- Customer trouble was reported in the 2300 block of Commor. A male was arrested for obstructing officers.

- Family trouble was reported in the 9400 block of McDougall.

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Obituaries

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Joanne Warda (nee Soto), 69, died February 26, 2023. Joanne was the loving wife of the late Timothy (2017) and dear mother of Scott (Wendy). Joanne is also survived by her granddaughter Kiersten, and many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great

nephews. She was proceeded in death by her brother Thomas (Doris) Soto. Visitation was Wednesday, March 1 at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home. The funeral Mass was Thursday, March 2, 2023, at St. Ladislaus Catholic Church, Hamtramck MI. Inurnment at Mount Olivet Cemetery with her late husband Timothy.

Quick Hits

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Number two is Poland. Three, Bangladesh. Four, Canada. Five – the United Kingdom? Could it be that the very last thing that Queen Elizabeth was watching before she passed was... But no. We mustn't even think it. Six is Yemen, not surprisingly. Seven, Saudi Arabia. Eight, the United Arab Emirates (UAE). None of these are great shocks. But then, there is number nine: Who had Austria on their card? For that

matter, who's got number ten, Morocco? The stats were provided by Greg Kirchner, who oversees the station, without any extra speculation as to what it could all mean. But it sounds to us like it means that he's doing a good job putting whatever programming on there that's drawing the level of interest it is. And we must confess that it does our hearts good, just knowing that there's someone trying to hear the Hamtramck city council meeting over the sound of an Austrian farmer practicing his yodeling.

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