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Traffic picks up outside the auto show Wednesday. It opens to the public Saturday.
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Detroit 3 bring energy, if not ambition

As China throws down EV gauntlet, carmakers flex gasoline muscle

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It's definitely not 2009 downturn, judging by the unapologetic muscle flexing at this year's Detroit Auto Show and what that portends for the next few years.

Gone is the environmental sanctimony from the hometown automakers that



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affirmed the world-view of Detroit's federal paymasters who financed the industry's government-induced bankruptcies then or investment incentives more recently. Gone, too, is the obeisance to critics, the tortured logic justifying the billions spent developing electric vehicles not enough consumers actually want to buy.

What a difference a new adminis-

tration in Washington can make — and how quickly — if it's willing to use existing levers of power to reshape the bellwether U.S. auto industry in months, not years. Never mind that it cost

Motown sweeps readers' choice awards. **1B**

Gov wants to harness geologic hydrogen. **1B**

Stellantis to explore sub-\$30K autos. **1B**

General Motors Co. and Ford Motor Co. shareholders billions in charges to account for lowered expectations for their respective electric vehicle businesses.

The regulatory whiplash now favoring internal combustion engines over electric powertrains risks regionalizing a business that has long sought industrial scale and geographic reach to reduce costs, boost profit margins and grow market share. Instead, we have the makings of a Detroit retreat into "Fortress Midwest" and the prospect of increasingly selling to ourselves.

For now, the D3 and rivals operating in the United States have a green light to

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Trump weighs military in Minn.

President muses about invoking Insurrection Act

BY STEVE KARNOWSKI, ALANNA DURKIN RICHER, HALLIE GOLDEN AND AAMER MADHANI
Associated Press

Minneapolis — President Donald Trump on Thursday threatened to invoke an 1807 law and deploy troops to quell persistent protests against the federal officers sent to Minneapolis to enforce his administration's massive immigration crackdown.

The threat comes a day after a man was shot and wounded by an immigration officer who had been attacked with a shovel and broom handle. That shooting further heightened the fear and anger that has radiated across the city since an Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent fatally shot Renee Good in the head.

Trump has repeatedly threatened to invoke the Insurrection Act, a rarely used federal law, to deploy the U.S. military or federalize the National Guard for domestic law enforcement, over the objections of state governors.

"If the corrupt politicians of Minnesota don't obey the law and stop the professional agitators and insurrectionists from

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A protester holds an umbrella against a flash bang deployed by law enforcement in Minneapolis.

SHEFFIELD VOWS TO TACKLE CRIME



Photos by Katy Kildee / The Detroit News

Pastor Maurice "Mo" Hardwick, founder of the Live in Peace Movement, does outreach work Saturday in Detroit. Hardwick said he has intervened in situations where relatives and friends planned retaliation for a gun-related death.

Will prevention office help against gun violence?

BY LOUIS AGUILAR
The Detroit News

Detroit — Part of Mayor Mary Sheffield's plan to reduce gun violence and crime in the city is to continue to support residents like Pastor Maurice "Mo" Hardwick, a man also known as "The Street Sweeper."

Hardwick and his crew of "credible messengers" in northwest Detroit regularly track "hotspots"— scenes of recent gun violence in the city, or places where violence may erupt, based on information from the Detroit Police Department, social media and community outreach by Hardwick and his messengers.

The goal is to reach people at the critical moment and inject a quick dose of public health by listening, offering assistance and explaining the dire consequences of violent crime.

"We going in before there's a shooting," said Hardwick, who runs the nonprofit Live in Peace Movement. "Or we going in after there's been an altercation or shooting, so there'd be no retaliation. My credible messengers that go in have lived experiences that build relationships with the community."

Hardwick and his Live in Peace messengers reflect the kind of preventive approach toward violence that Sheffield intends to expand as she has vowed to make addressing

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Dittrich Furs starts its long goodbye

Customers flood 132-year-old business before planned closing

BY MYESHA JOHNSON
The Detroit News

Detroit — Denise Muhammad couldn't help thinking of her late grandmother this week when she stopped by Dittrich Furs.

The Detroit resident said she couldn't believe the shop on Third Avenue in Midtown, where generations of customers went to buy fine clothing for weddings, holidays and other special occasions, would be closing, bringing the curtain down on a business that's 132 years old.

"When I found out it was a closing sale, I said, 'No, it's not true.' So, I came by yesterday, and the line was almost at the (West Grand) Boulevard," said Muhammad, 56, Wednesday evening as she browsed the remaining stock. She left with her fifth coat from the store: a gray, black and silver wool coat that cost \$475 — and tear-jerking memories of shopping here with her grandmother.

"She was one of those type of women ... they dress to do everything, and coming here was an event," Muhammad said. "We would dress up to come to Dittrich's when I was a little girl."

The Dittrich family announced Saturday that the company would close the store, run by five family generations since 1893, on April 30. The news, including a 70% liquidation retirement sale, brought Muhammad and hundreds of others out this week to reminisce and find one last piece or two to remember Dittrich's by.

For Muhammad, walking into the store one last time was like stepping back in time as she recalled the magic of childhood visits there.

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Monay Fort of Detroit, a longtime customer, thanks the Dittrich Furs staff Wednesday for their service before the planned April 30 closing.



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