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Community leaders meet to get the word out for Census

By Charles Sercombe

Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson told a gathering at Hamtramck's Gates of Columbus Hall that the upcoming national census count is going to be a "historic" moment.



"Be counted," she told a packed meeting room of mostly Bengali community members, "so we can get money and resources."

"We have a lot of work ahead of us." For every person



Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson addresses a gathering last Sunday at Gates of Columbus Hall about the upcoming census count in 2020. The event was sponsored by the Michigan Bangladeshi-American Democratic Caucus.

counted, it is said to equal \$1,800 per person in federal funding that then goes to many different projects, such as

road repairs. The meeting, hosted by the Michigan Bangladeshi-American Democratic Caucus last

Sunday, focused on the upcoming census, which takes place this coming March, but also at mo-
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GM's bet on Poletown is high stakes

By Charles Sercombe

GM's recent announcement that it will remain open and produce electric-fueled vehicles at its Poletown plant was considered good news by Hamtramck city officials.

For Hamtramck, it means continuing to receive anywhere from \$700,000 to \$800,000 a year per a special payment plan agreed upon when the plant first opened in the 1980s.

That revenue stream was threatened when GM said a few months ago that it would be shutting the plant down, along with three others. The company has since reversed that decision, much to the relief of city officials.

GM says it will build electric versions of pickup trucks, SUVs and vans, and have over 2,000 employees working at the plant.

But it will take up to two years to retool the plant, and in the meantime, the city won't collect that yearly revenue.

That part is the bad news.

And there could be more.

According to a recent article written by Hannah Lutz of Crain's Automotive News, GM is gambling a huge amount of money – \$3 billion – betting on these electric ve-

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Quick Hits

Good news sports fans.

The Detroit City Football Club has now joined the prestigious National Independent Soccer Association (NISA) with three other teams.

In other words, they are now fulltime pro. The team's homefield is Hamtramck's own historic Keyworth Stadium, where several thousand fans gather on game days.

In a press release, the club's CEO, Sean Mann, said:

"We appreciate the approval from U.S. Soccer. It represents an unimaginable progression that has involved too many people to count – one that started with a neighborhood soccer league rooted in community service and led to Detroit's first professional soccer team in nearly 40 years."

Chattanooga FC, Detroit City FC, Michigan Stars FC and Oakland

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Kids roast marshmallows over a camp fire during last Thursday's annual Winter Glow in Zussman Park.

Winter Glow ushers in Hamtramck's holiday season

By Charles Sercombe

We're pretty sure a new tradition has been created for the annual Winter Glow, sponsored by the city and the school district's Recreation Department.

And that is: an artificial hill that allows kids to "snow" tube down.

The line for this was long all evening last Thursday, and kids could-

n't get enough of the ride, which included two bumps for extra thrills.

There was also a cookie decorating table, which eventually overflowed with sticky goo and sticky little kid hands.

And for Hamtramck kids who don't normally get to experience a camp fire, they had a chance to make their own s'mores

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Community leaders meet to get the word out for Census 2020

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ments felt like a campaign rally.

Several local and state officials spoke at the meeting.

Congressional districts are drawn up based on each state's population.

That was a point that Michelle Oberholtzer, a community activist, stressed.

"It's not just money, it's votes in congress," she said.

The Trump administration has severely cut the operating budget for the

census, which is mandated by the Constitution to occur one every 10 years.

Like many immigrant-rich cities, Hamtramck has a challenge ahead.

That's because some of the new immigrants, fear that their information can be used against them by the government.

"There is a lot of misunderstanding out there – a lot of fear," said Kevin Hrit, a Regional Director for U.S. Senator Gary Peters.

Hrit also cautioned that there are some politicians in Washington D.C. who, for political reasons, don't want to see an accurate count.

"The census is about your community," said Hrit.

Speakers at the meeting repeatedly reminded those present that, by law, information gathered by the census can not be shared with any government agency.

City Councilmember Saad Almasmari, who recently lost his bid for reelection, estimates that Hamtramck has been undercounted in past census efforts by as many as 10,000 people.

After the 2010 Census count, Hamtramck's population was listed as 22,423 – down by about 1,000 from the 2000 count.

Ten years ago, there was little organization to

rally the community for that census. But this time around, things are different.

The city has formally organized the Complete Count Committee to make sure the city does get nearly every person counted.

Virginia Skrzyniarz, who is the chairperson of the committee, told The Review earlier that the committee will "work seriously in engaging the ethnic communities."

This year's census is unique because, for the first time, residents can participate through the internet.

Besides cutting back on funding for the census, the Trump administration attempted to get a question included that would have asked whether one is a citizen or not.

Critics said the question would likely scare off

some immigrants, who would fear it would lead to deportation.

That question has since been struck from the census form, but there could still be lingering doubts for some people.

"We hope to convince

people they will not be deported," said Skrzyniarz.

Anyone who would like to join Hamtramck's census committee can do so by calling (313) 733-4535.

GM's bet on Poletown is high stakes

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hicles becoming popular with consumers.

The article pointed out that the electric vehicle market is currently small – about 1 percent of the overall market – and so it is uncertain whether the public will latch on to these vehicles.

The article also says that the first of these electric vehicles will begin production in 2021. Production of the electric GMC Sierra and Cadillac Escalade will

begin in 2023, the article says.

Retooling of the plant is set to begin in early 2020.

In the latest development, it is being reported by media outlets that 814 hourly and salaried workers at the plant will be laid off on Feb. 28.

Most of those working there are UAW members who will be offered jobs at other GM facilities, or else offered buyouts.

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Second Front Page

School Bell

Congratulations to the Kosciuszko Middle School Robotics Team

On Saturday, the KMS Robotics team traveled to Farmington High School to participate in this year's FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics competition.

There were 36 teams from across Southeastern Michigan, and the competition was fierce.

The KMS team went 4-1 during regular match play, and was seeded #2 at the end of regulation play.

They won their semi-final match, which was a two-out-of-three series in which they posted the two highest scores of the day. In the end, however, they ended up losing a close two-out-of-three series in the finals, earning them the second place trophy.

We are extremely proud of the students for doing such a fine job representing not only KMS, but the City of Hamtramck as well.

Not only did they represent the city with their on-field performance but also in their off-field performance, with gracious professionalism that should be commended as well.

The team consists of the following students: Ajsa Kalyan, Sadie Choudhury, Shurmin Begum, Stella Hughes, Felix Foreman-Braunschweig (a home-schooled resident of Hamtramck), Maria Ahmed, Yahya Elghazali and Shinha Chanda.

If you see any of the students, please take a moment to congratulate



Above and below: Scenes from the Dickinson East reading group.



Above: The Kosciuszko Middle School Robotics Team pose for a photo.

them on a job well done. (submitted by Mike Dobbyn, robotics team coach.)

Kosciuszko Middle School News

Curriculum Corner: Spotlight on Social Stud-

ies classes. Seventh grade students in Ancient History just finished exploring the differences between the Paleolithic Age and the Neolithic Age.

Next, students will be analyzing the role of

Sumerian Cities. Eighth grade students in American History just finished studying the causes and effects of the War of 1812. Next, students will be studying the Age of Jackson and Indian Removal.

If you see a 7th or 8th grade student, you can

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- December 23 – Mass for People on our Prayer List 7 pm
- December 24 – Vigil of the Nativity of our Lord Mass 9 am, Christmas Sing-a-long 11:30 pm, Shepherd's Mass (Pasterka) 12:00 Midnight
- December 25 – Solemnity of Nativity of our Lord 9 am
- December 26 – Feast of St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr (Msza Św. w j. polskim) 10 am
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9:00 a.m. - Holy Mass

Thursday, Dec. 26th:

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10:00 a.m. Polish Holy Mass (Msza Św. w języku polskim)

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Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day, Mass in Polish & English9:30 am

Wednesday, January 1

New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (English & Polish)9:30 am

Saturday, January 4 - Mass (English)5:30 pm

Sunday, January 5

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Winter Glow ushers in Hamtramck's holiday season Cont. from front page



over a camp fire. An ice sculptor was on hand to dress up Zussman Park for the festivities. Free horse-drawn carriage rides also remained a popular attraction. Hamtramck public school students entertained the gathering, which remained pretty sizeable all night, with holiday songs.

Once the holiday lights were turned on, parents placed their kids in front of it for family photos. For the finale, as usual, Santa paid a visit. If there is one thing you don't want to do, it's get in between kids waiting to meet Santa and, well, Santa. "Mob scene" is one polite way to describe it.



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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Hiring of former police chief was a good decision

Much has been said about the return of former Hamtramck Police Chief Max Garbarino.

Recently, a divided city council agreed to bring Garbarino back, but this time as a liaison officer for the police department.

The vote caused controversy for a couple of reasons. First off, three of the councilmembers who supported his return are lame ducks who are about to be out of office in a few weeks.

But, we have it on good authority that the three council-elect members were also in support of rehiring Garbarino. Plus, Mayor Karen Majewski and Councilmember Fadel Al-Marsoumi, who are not leaving office, voted in favor of Garbarino.

Another reason for the

controversy is the manner in which Garbarino was brought back. The resolution and contract for his return was a last-minute addition to the city council meeting from a couple of weeks ago.

We agree that appearing to ramrod a resolution through casts doubt and suspicion. As the phrase goes, "bad optics."

The other reason some are against the rehiring is because Garbarino was forced out of his previous job as police chief by former City Manager Katrina Powell.

The reason, or reasons, for his departure are mysterious since it all was never explained, and there is also a gag order preventing Garbarino and the city from talking about the details

of his firing, or forced resignation, or whatever you want to call it.

We're not going to rehash this strange episode. But we do know one thing for sure: Garbarino was well-liked among the immigrant community during his tenure here.

He reached out to those communities, and made real connections.

That's a skill which is badly needed in this city. We are confident that this bond will continue, and that the concerns raised by our ethnic communities will be better addressed.

Communication in this town is everything. Garbarino's hiring was a good decision.

We wish Max Garbarino the best.

Odds & Ends

Condolences... Our thoughts go out to the family of Thaddeus J. Wietrzykowski – known widely as "Doc Ted" – who died on Dec. 7. He was 82.

Doc Ted was the owner of Polish Village Café. He and his wife, Frances, who is also deceased, helped put Hamtramck on the dining map years ago when they took over the restaurant.

His daughter, Carolyn, has been running the restaurant in recent years, and continues the family tradition of providing quality meals at affordable prices.

Book it... The Hamtramck Library's Brown Bag Book Club is up and running.

In fact, they've met twice already, once last month and once this one, according to co-founder and library employee Adela Garcia (if the name

sounds familiar, we ran an interview with her in early October about the founding of the group).

The inaugural book discussed was local author Michael Zadoorian's fictional 2018 book "Beautiful Music," and this month's choice was Amor Towles' lengthier 2016 novel "A Gentleman in Moscow."

Next up, on Friday, January 10 at 12 noon, the group will shift gears to non-fiction for the month. The choice will be "The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics," about the U.S. rowing or sculling crew, by Daniel J. Brown. The book came out in 2013, and runs some 400-plus pages.

February's choice (for their meeting at noon on Friday, the 7th) may sound like non-fiction, but it is actually Colson Whitehead's sixth novel,

dating from 2016, entitled "The Underground Railroad."

It's a bit shorter at 338 pages, but still more than a summer throw-away. It was chosen, Garcia said, as a tie-in to Black History Month.

For more information, call the library during their business hours at (313) 733-6822. Attendance has been fair lately, per Ms. Garcia, with a handful of regulars so far but certainly room for more.

Don't feel you have to attend every month; feel free to pick and choose. They welcome all informed viewpoints and intelligent discourse on the books in question, and complimentary coffee and tea are served.

Why not give it a try on a cold winter Friday afternoon? Sounds cozy to us.

School Bell

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ask what they learned in their Social Studies class recently.

Dickinson East School News

Recently, students in Ms. Rahiel Housey-Johnson's 6th grade classroom at Dickinson East enjoyed receiving some special gifts.

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- December 23 – January 5 – No school for students and staff. Winter Break.
- January 6 – School resumes.

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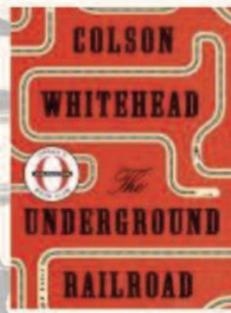
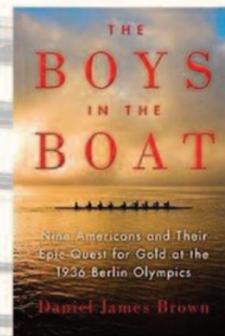
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Thaddeus J. Wietrzykowski "Doc Ted", 82, died December 7, 2019.

Dr. Wietrzykowski was a doctor of chiropractic medicine, a U.S. Army veteran, and the owner of the Polish Village Café where he was the consummate host to many customers and friends. He was also a member of the Order of Alhambra and Cardinal Mercier Knights of Columbus.

Dr. Wietrzykowski was predeceased by his wife, Frances (1999). He is survived by his son, Dr. Matthew (Rachel) Wietrzykowski,

M.D.; daughter, Carolyn (G. Matthew VanElslander) Wietrzykowski; sister, Josephine Fesik; brother-in-law, Gerald Stachurski; grandson, Carl Wietrzykowski.

Visitation was Thursday, at Krot Funeral Home in Hamtramck. Dr. Wietrzykowski will lie in state Friday, December 13 at 5:30 p.m. before the Mass of Christian Burial at 6:30 p.m., at Sweetest Heart of Mary Church, 4440 Russell St. at Canfield, Detroit, Michigan, 48207.



Quick Hits

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Roots SC will join a NISA roster of professional clubs to begin league

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City Hall Insider ...

What is our City Council up to these days?

We have the highlights of the latest council meeting.

By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on Nov. 26, and all councilmembers were present.

An update on Census 2020 was included in the council's package. The notice urged families to make sure all members of their family are counted – from grandparents to newborns. It is said that every person who is counted equals \$1,800 in federal funding and programs.

Councilmembers Ian Perrotta and Andrea Karpinski objected to adding two employment contracts on the agenda.

One contract was for City Manager Kathy Angerer, and another contract was to hire former Police Chief Max Gar-

barino in a newly-created position called Director of Community Safety and Services, at a salary of \$85,000 a year.

A majority of the council agreed to consider the contracts. Later in the meeting there was a lengthy discussion regarding the contracts.

Karpinski complained that the contracts came out of nowhere.

"I don't know where this is coming from," she said.

She said the last-minute inclusion of the contracts "disgusted" her.

Perrotta said the city can't afford the newly created position.

"We're talking about spending money we don't have," he said.

Councilmember Saad Almasari said he supports hiring Garbarino because he is well connected to the community.

"He's the kind of person that we need," he said.

Councilmember Fadel Al-Marsoumi said Garbarino will offer valuable training for the police department.

Councilmembers Almasari, Al-Marsoumi, Anam Miah and Abu Musa – along with Mayor Karen Majewski – voted in favor of the contracts.

Councilmembers Perrotta and Karpinski voted in opposition.

The updated contract for Angerer keeps her as an "at will" employee, but,

if she is fired, the city will be obligated to pay her two years' worth of salary.

That amount would equal \$240,000.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, attorney Mark Koroj said the city needs a police commission "to oversee the operation of the police department."

"A lot of stuff can be resolved by a board," he added.

Nasr Hussain said the city needs to "step up" and remove chairs that are placed in the front of residences to save parking spaces. He said a child could possibly get hurt by a chair that is in the street.

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Dec. 3-9.

Tuesday, Dec. 3

- An agent for a Conant Ave. business reported an incident of fraud.
- A hit-and-run accident occurred at Dequindre and Edwin. The driver later returned to the scene and was ticketed.
- A bail bond agency turned over a resident of Southfield to Hamtramck police. The person was wanted on a Hamtramck warrant.

Wednesday, Dec. 4

- A resident in the 3100 block of Lehman St. reported the theft of their red 2018 Dodge Charger.
- A resident in the 12000 block of Dyar St. reported that their cell-phone was stolen from their residence.
- At almost 1 p.m., three males attempted

to carjack a person at a business at Jos. Campau and Faber. The suspects fled in a white Chevy Cobalt with damage to the rear end.

- A car struck a pedestrian at Caniff and Jos. Campau.
- A resident in the 11500 block of St. Aubin St. assaulted two apartment mates, and then fled the scene.
- Detroit police recovered a vehicle stolen out of Hamtramck.
- A resident in the 2300 block of Commor St. reported a garage break-in. The suspect was described as a white male, 25 to 35 years old, with a thin-medium build, and who was riding a bike.

Thursday, Dec. 5

- At a little after 2 a.m., a resident of Center Line was pulled over for a traffic stop. The resident, however, drove off, and was later arrested.

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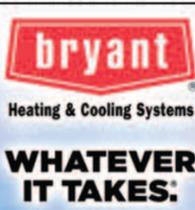


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MONDAY, Dec. 23, 9 a.m. – Wayne County Commissioner Martha G. Scott hosts a free Community Coffee Hour every fourth Monday of the month at Maine Street Restaurant, 11650 Jos. Campau.

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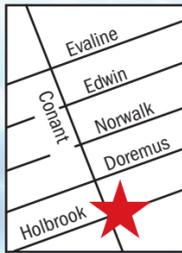
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rested for fleeing and eluding.

- At 3:20 a.m., two suspects forced their way into a business in the area of Jos. Campau and Danforth. They fled before stealing anything when the building's alarm went off.

- A resident was arrested in the area of Charest and Casmere for assault.

- A vehicle loan company informed the police department that a vehicle that had been listed as stolen was instead legally repossessed.

Friday, Dec. 6

- Officers noticed an open door at a business in the 9200 block of Jos. Campau.

- A person went to the police station and dropped off a pair of black and gold framed Ray Ban eyeglasses they found.

- A resident said someone opened a Sprint phone account in his name without permission.

- A resident in the 2600 block of Holbrook Ave. said someone stole a package from his front

porch.

- Officers administered Narcan to an unresponsive person in the 12000 block of Grand Haven St. The person was revived, and then taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital.

- A Klinger St. resident said that they were the victim of a domestic assault. The suspect had fled the scene.

Saturday, Dec. 7

- At a little after 3 a.m., a resident was arrested in the area of Klinger and Carpenter for domestic assault.

- A resident reported the theft of packages

from their property in the area of Dan St. and Jos. Campau Ave. In an unrelated incident, another resident reported that a male about 18 to 21 years old was seen stealing packages from their residence in the 3000 block of Goodson St.

- A resident was arrested for damaging property in the 3800 block of Holbrook Ave.

- A person was arrested after a traffic stop, in the area of Conant and Caniff, for drunk driving.

Sunday, Dec. 8

- An agent for a business in the 9300 block

of Jos. Campau Ave. reported an incident of fraud.

- A Selfridge St. resident reported that a male she knows threatened to shoot up her residence with a gun that he had borrowed from a friend.

- A resident in the 12000 block of Dyar St. reported that a package was stolen from their property.

- A resident in the 5200 block of Belmont St. reported a break-in.

- Residents in the area of Selfridge and Commor reported that a man shot at someone, and then fled the scene. No injuries were reported.

Monday, Dec. 9

- An officer assisted with a child who was not breathing. The child began breathing again, and was treated at Children's Hospital.

- A resident reported a theft in the 2300 block of Caniff Ave.

- A resident reported fraudulent activity on their credit card.

- A resident reported that their car was stolen in the 3200 block of Belmont St.

- A resident reported that someone broke a window at their residence in the 2300 block of Whalen St.



City Hall Insider ...

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The council supported a resolution saying that the city will enter into negotiations to save the Yemeni mural at Jos. Campau and Goodson.

A developer was going to construct a building in a lot adjacent to the mural, which would have blocked it from public view. A deal is in the works to sell that developer city lots instead near the proposed develop-

ment site, in order to save the mural from being blocked.

Councilmember Almasmari said the mural is an "icon."

Mayor Majewski said the issue "has been a cloud over our heads, to see how this works out."

The council also supported a resolution submitted by Councilmember Perrotta that admonishes DTE Energy for not having

sidewalks repaved in a timely manner.

The energy company has been replacing gas lines throughout the city but, in order to do so, a number of sidewalks had to be torn up.

The resolution included a number of complaints from residents.

"Hopefully, we can name them, shame them," Perrotta said about his resolution.

Crime Watch...

Holiday shopping online prompts 'porch pirates'

By Charles Sercombe

'Tis the season to spread good cheer.

And it's also the season for folks to get packages in the mail. But beware, there are some grinchers out there, waiting to steal newly-delivered packages off of your porch.

There were four such incidents this past week: one in the 2600 block of Holbrook Ave, a second one at a residence in the area of Dan St. and Jos. Campau, a third one in the 3000 block of Goodson St., and another one in the 12000 block of Dyar St.

The resident at the Goodson house told po-

lice that they saw a male, about 18 to 21 years old, steal their package.

Porch pirates are nothing new. In any given week, there are one or two reports from victims.

But with folks getting packages for the holidays, it's likely the incidents will spike up.

There are preventative steps you can take.

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

Another option is having your packages delivered to a relative or a friend who is at home

during the day. If your place of employment allows it, you can even arrange to have packages sent there.

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



The Hippos would like to thank all who were at our Clinton River Boat Cruise Fundraiser in October of this year.

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