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Quick Hits

Holiday party at Woodward Throwbacks

By Alan Madlane

Woodward Throwbacks is helping host a second annual Open House party this Saturday (Dec. 15) evening in conjunction with High Dive Bar.

It only costs a buck to get in, or you can donate a can of food or three. We caught up with Frances Bernardo by email. She was kind enough to answer a few of our questions about the impending fun.

Review: Can you first just give us a basic overview of what people should expect when they come on Saturday?

Woodward Throwbacks: Our store will be open with our regular hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the doors will be back open at 6 p.m. for the party.

Review: Is any part of this market being held anywhere else, or is it all on your property?

Woodward Throwbacks: The whole event will be held in our building. It's the only time of the year we will open the whole building to the public. And afterward there will be an after-party held next

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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

'Newsmaker of the Year' dedicated his life's work to the community

By Charles Sercombe

As usual, picking just one event or person who made a huge impact on Hamtramck for the past year is no easy choice.

During 2018 we have seen the continuation of street and alley repaving, a new city manager got hired, the city's political landscape continues to morph, the city may be on the road to reinventing how fire suppression service is delivered and just a few weeks ago GM dropped a bombshell about the future of the Poletown Plant.

Despite all that heavy news, our choice for Newsmaker of the Year is Hamtramck Public Schools Superintendent Tom Niczay.

It's hard to decide where to begin with Mr. Niczay because he has enjoyed so many accomplishments.

After serving as superintendent for the past 10 years, and having worked

most of his professional career in the Hamtramck schools for 40 years, he recently announced his retirement, effective this coming June when the school year ends.

Mr. Niczay is the first superintendent to bring stability to the district after a string of disastrous superintendents for the past 20-some years.

It hasn't been easy for Mr. Niczay.

He was quickly thrown into a financial crisis when the country tailed into a serious recession 10 years ago.

The district fell into a multi-million-dollar deficit but clawed its way back through austerity measures and now enjoys an \$8 million budget surplus and a record number of students enrolled here.

Mr. Niczay's legacy continues.

A few years ago he spearheaded a deal with the Detroit City Football Club to move their home



Hamtramck Public Schools Superintendent Tom Niczay is this year's 'Newsmaker of the Year.' He will be retiring this coming June after 40 years in the district.

games to Keyworth Stadium. That marriage has led to vast improvements to the stadium.

The team attracts upwards of 7,000 soccer fans, and the influx has spilled over to local bars and restaurants, giving the local economy a tremendous boost.

Recently, the team announced it is going pro, which will surely increase

its fanbase and drive even more spillover to our local bars and restaurants.

That partnership led to another key connection.

Mr. Niczay orchestrated a partnership with the city administration and city council to seek the help of the Ralph C. Wilson Foundation to provide funding for major park im-

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A breakdown on where the fires are fought

By Charles Sercombe

In a story in last week's issue of The Review it was pointed out that we incorrectly reported that out of the Fire Department's 800 service runs in 2017, most were in Detroit.

In an email last Friday, the day The Review is published, Fire Chief Dan Hagen asked for a correction. He also provided a breakdown of runs for 2017.

Sure enough, according to the statistics provided by Hagen, most of those 800 runs were indeed in Hamtramck.

So how did The Review get that wrong?

Look no further than a discussion Hagen had with the city council last July. During that conversation, the talk was about how many runs were made to Detroit in an expanded mutual aid agreement that the department had entered into several years ago.

The number 800 was talked about and City Councilmember Anam Miah picked up on that.

Here is how we reported that conversation between Hagen and Miah back in the July 6, 2018 issue of The Review:

"A couple of years ago the department entered into a unique agreement with Detroit and Highland Park to answer calls to those cities, but the range for mutual service was supposed to be limited to one mile from outside Hamtramck's city limits. However, Hamtramck has been re-

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Retired school bus driver still making a special delivery

By Charles Sercombe

John Hypnarowicz may be retired from the Hamtramck Public School District but his passion for his Special Ed students continues.

He has been retired from his job as a bus driver for those students for several years yet he continues to round up turkeys and other food

items to give to the families of his Special Ed kids.

Many of those families are low-income, and deeply appreciate receiving a free turkey for the holidays.

John, who goes by the nickname "Hippo," gets a helping hand from his wife, Mary, and his son,

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John and Mary Hypnarowicz are still organizing a holiday turkey give-away for the families of Special Ed students in the public school district.



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‘Newsmaker of the Year’ dedicated his life’s work to the community

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provements and the continued renovation of Keyworth Stadium.

There is now a good chance that a grant application to replace the turf at Keyworth Stadium will be awarded by the Wilson Foundation. Word about this is expected to be announced soon.

While that grant – worth \$800,000 – is much needed and significant, it may likely foretell an even greater possibility.

And that would be funding to renovate the historical baseball grandstand and field in Veterans Memorial Park. The field is one of only a handful left in the country where professional Negro League Baseball was played.

It was home to the Detroit Stars in the 1930s when professional baseball was still segregated.

If we keep our fingers crossed, a proposal worth about \$18 million might be coming our way from the Wilson Foundation.

No matter what, the fact that public school officials and the city council have partnered up is historical. For too many decades the two public bodies have largely steered clear of each other.

Hamtramck is too small of a city for that kind of indifference.

As for his upcoming retirement, Mr. Niczay, 65, had this to say when we asked him a few months ago.

“I’ve reached the age when it’s time to enjoy life,” he said.

Indeed.

And Hamtramck will forever be indebted to Mr. Niczay’s dedication to the school district and the community.

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sponding to calls in Detroit past that one-mile limit – up to three miles.

“In all there were over 800 runs in 2017, which Hagen admitted was ‘10 to 1’ in Detroit’s favor. That prompted Councilmember Anam Miah to comment, ‘That doesn’t sound like mutual aid to me.’

“Hagen conceded ‘it looks lopsided, and it is.’”

Hagen did not object to that report back in July.

Last week we asked Hagen to clarify that comment, and he pointed out he was referring to the actual number of mutual and automatic aid runs – not the overall number of service runs.

When you look at the stats Hagen talked about, that’s where the “10 to 1” reference comes into play.

According to the statistics, Hamtramck firefighters made 283 mutual and automatic aid runs to Detroit and 15 were made to Highland Park.

In return, Detroit assisted Hamtramck firefighters 23 times, and Highland Park came here six times.

What were the nature of those calls?

The department’s statistics do not provide that level of detail. But Hagen went through the department records and broke it down for The Review.

In 2017, the department reported 202 building fires. Hagen said Hamtramck had 27 fires, while Detroit accounted for 157 of the total number of fires Hamtramck firefighters responded to.

In Highland Park, we helped with 11 fires.

Hamtramck also responded to 31 false alarms in Detroit and one in Highland Park.

Finally, Hamtramck had 67 calls to Detroit cancelled while en route there, and three in Highland Park.

Building fire runs were the big-ticket item on the list of statistics for 2017.

Other runs ran the gamut of serious to mundane.

Here is a sample of some of those runs:

- Cooking fires – 77
- Vehicle fires – 17
- Dumpster or trash fires – 20
- Assist EMS crews – 16
- Gas leak (natural gas) – 15
- Power line down – 42
- Canceled calls – 80
- Good intent calls – 24
- False alarms – 68
- Smoke scare, odor of smoke – 12
- Service calls, other – 58

It should also be noted that we incorrectly reported the yearly cost of salaries for firefighters. We reported it was \$2.3 million a year. That is wrong.

The true cost is about \$1.1 million a year.

The \$2.3 million figure was what the department received from a federal SAFER grant to subsidize firefighter salaries for the years 2018 and 2019.

It is not known if Hamtramck will continue to qualify for the grant, but if it does, the grant will no longer cover the full salaries of firefighters, but instead a decreased portion.

The city will have to begin to kick in paying for part of the salaries if the grant continues.

Eventually, the city will have to resume picking up the tab for salaries, and that is what city officials are trying to figure out how to budget in the coming years.

City Manager Kathy Angerer has said the department’s current cost to the city is “unsustainable.”

As for the errors in last week’s story, we regret any inconvenience it may have caused.



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ESL Class - Wednesday December 19th, 9:00 am and 12:00 pm. EsL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

ESL Class - Thursday December 20th, @ 12:00 pm. EsL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

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Second Front Page

We'll take \$600, Alex, for Hamtramckans on Jeopardy

By Alan Madlane

Alex Cervenak is a former Hamtramck resident who has put herself in jeopardy.

Well, on Jeopardy. As in, the television quiz show – the one that’s notoriously hard to score an appearance on. For the record, she is the second Hamtramckan to appear on the show. Hal Savage is the other resident to have survived the incredible challenge to get on the show.

We caught up with Cervenak by email for a quick chat about her experience.

(Editor’s note: Cervenak was not allowed to say if she won.)

Review: So how did the process all go, in order for you to end up on the show? I assume you took their online test from here in Detroit. How did they contact you after that to let you know you were being considered?

Cervenak: I took the online test from my home computer back in the spring – you don’t have to take the online test from a specific city, you can take it in the comfort of your own home on the



Alexandra Cervenak will be on the popular television quiz show Jeopardy this coming Monday evening.

Jeopardy website. It’s a set of timed questions, and at the end you aren’t told what you got right or what you got wrong.

A few months later I was contacted via e-mail to come to an in-person audition – those do take place in a specific city – and mine was held in Detroit over the summer.

Review: So the next phase is to play a mock game or two? Apparently, you impressed whoever you needed to in order to move on to being in the pool of show candidates. And even then, you’re not guaranteed to get on, correct?

Cervenak: The mock

game stage is actually the one before you get called to go out to L.A. as a contestant, during the in-person auditions in the more-local cities. You’re then entered in a pool of possible contestants, while you wait for them to call you if you’ve been selected.

But because you’re only in the pool of contestants for a set time, you could also go to an in-person audition and then never get called during that time – that happened to me a few years ago. This time, I got called in October to hear that I would be taping my show about a month later.

Review: Is it true that they film a week’s worth of episodes in one day? Is it usually a Monday? Without giving away how many days you were on, in general, it’s got to be mentally taxing after a few games, is that fair to say?

Cervenak: It is true that

they film a week’s worth of shows in one day, but I only know my filming schedule so I couldn’t really comment that much on general Jeopardy filming practices (though I didn’t film on a Monday).

You have to remember all of your trivia knowledge, pay attention to things like where the cameras are, and be charming for TV, so even filming one episode is taxing, let alone several!

Review: How was Alex? It must’ve been odd – and probably more than a bit intimidating – to be standing there in front of him; he’s been on there for so long; he’s such an institution.

Cervenak: Alex is very personable and professional, and it was great to meet one of my heroes (who shares my name)!

Review: So, Alex, did you have anyone in the audience cheering for you? Did they announce you as being from Massachusetts, where you live now?


Cervenak: My parents and my brother made the trip out to L.A. with me. And my official residence is still Michigan, so they’ll announce me as being from Hamtramck.

Review: That’s great! So, in conclusion, then, what advice do you have for others who may want to get on the show themselves?

Cervenak: If anyone is thinking about trying out, I would say not to be intimidated. You probably know more than you think.

Filming the show was absolutely was one of the most fun and memorable things I’ve ever done.

(Alex will appear this Monday, Dec. 17, on Channel 4/NBC at 7:30 p.m.)



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Holbrook construction zone expected to be open this week

By Charles Sercombe

By the time you read this, Holbrook should be re-opened for traffic.

For the past several months, Holbrook from Jos. Campau to Gallagher has been under construction.

New water and sewer lines were replaced and concrete was poured to make it a new road.

For the past couple of months no traffic has been allowed on that portion. Work on the road was suspended for about a month when construction workers attached to this project and the I-696 project went on strike.

That strike meant scaling back the Holbrook project scheduled for last summer.

Instead of completely repaving Holbrook from Jos. Campau to Conant, work had to halt at Gallagher.



Hopefully by today (Friday, Dec. 14) road barriers will be gone at Holbrook and Jos. Campau and it will once again be open for traffic.

There was barely enough time to complete it before cold weather prevented further work.

Hamtramck’s Director of Public Works, Rodney Johnson, said earlier this week that all that remained to do is seal the joints of each concrete section and also stripe the traffic lanes.

The street was expected to open by this Friday or Saturday.

The project costs \$1 million, of which the federal government is paying 80 percent. The city is kicking in the remaining 20 percent out of its yearly street repair fund.

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door at The High Dive.

Review: So it won't be only on the main floor. How will it be set up? Do you have to move much around to accommodate the event?

Woodward Throwbacks: Our showroom will be open all night. The makers and artists are placed throughout the building, from the main floor on up the ramp to the second floor. The food will be on the first floor, and drinks will be on the second floor. And yes, we have to move LOTS of stuff around. Anyone who needs a workout, feel free to come by and lend a hand (smiley face emoji follows).

Review: How many artisan vendors are you expecting? What varieties of wares are they bringing? Can we assume your own items will all also be well represented?

Woodward Throwbacks: We are expecting 35 local artists and makers, plus two food vendors, Pink Flamingo and The Drunken Rooster. We have a mixture of art, jewelry, clothing, food, and vintage. Our products will be on sale in our showroom, and our team will be walking around talking to people about our reclaimed

lumber and custom services as well.

Review: How many people are you expecting/hoping for? Is that comparable to last year?

Woodward Throwbacks: We already have 2,000-plus people interested based on our Facebook page, which is more than twice the amount we received last year. Not saying we expect to have that many people come by, but we do expect to have more people than last year.

Review: Tell us about the beer. Mmm... beer...

Woodward Throwbacks: We have partnered with the new bar next door called The High Dive who will be providing beer and wine for the night. I mean it's not a Hamtramck party if there isn't beer, right?

Review: Tell us about the music: DJ only, or live music as well?

Woodward Throwbacks: The music will be provided by a local DJ called Lady Fantastic, who curated a soundtrack of holiday shopping and shenanigans just for the night.

Review: Will this one differ from last year's in any particular way?

Woodward Throwbacks: Our space is a lot more full than last year because

of the growth of our business, so we have less vendors, but still a very well chosen group of vendors. We are asking people to donate either \$1 or a food donation to benefit Detroit Friendship House.

Review: Detroit Friendship House is a faith-based non-profit food pantry serving the low-income. How did the partnership with Detroit Friendship House come together?

Woodward Throwbacks: We are always trying to be involved in the community, and most of our events are thrown to benefit a local non-profit or organization.

We were lucky enough to meet Cathy from Detroit Friendship House last year. And she and her organization have been awesome in helping us coordinate the event this year and last year. That is really why we wanted to have an optional donation at the door. We aren't taking a single cut from it; we are doing it as a thank you to them, and hopefully it will be a substantial thank you!

If you want to attend, Woodward Throwbacks is at 11500 Jos. Campau, on the southeast corner at Casmere. Their phone number is (313) 400-7184.

School Bell

Upcoming Winter Music Concerts

- Dickinson East Elementary - December 18 at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- Dickinson West Elementary - December 18 at 6:30 p.m.
- Hamtramck High School - December 19 at 6 p.m.
- Early Childhood Elementary - December 20 at 2 p.m.
- Kosciuszko Middle School - December 21 at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Kosciuszko Middle School News

Kosciuszko Middle School is proud to an-

nounce the students of the month for November.

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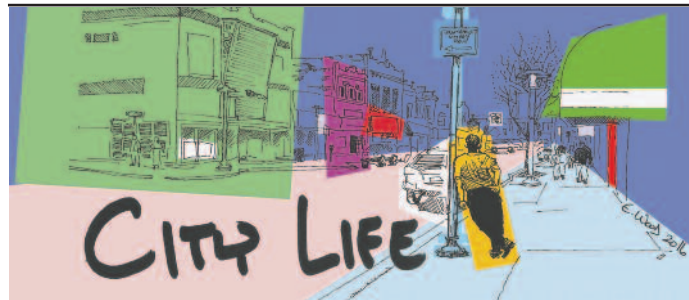
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- December 22 - January 1 – No school. Winter Break.
- January 2 – School resumes.

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Compiled by Janice Gandelman



People make the place: Oloman Cafe celebrates anniversary with pictures

By Walter Wasacz

For the two-year anniversary of Oloman Cafe owner Zlatan Sadikovic planned on creating something extraordinary out of the ordinary.

Since opening in early December 2016, the coffee shop and art space on Jos. Campau has welcomed visitors from near and far — people from the neighborhood as well as students, tourists and transplants from England, France and Germany; Finland, Sweden and Switzerland; Russia, Japan, South Korea and East Africa.

Sadikovic, or Z, as his customers call him, began documenting Oloman's guests mostly with an iPhone ("about 90 percent are phone pictures," he says), asking them to stand in front of a blank wall where natural light streams in from a window exposed to the eastern sky.

Other shots were taken in the courtyard at the

back of the building; a few more were done in what is now Z's office just beyond the door that leads to the patio.

I knew he was planning this exhibition for some time. Z often swiped through pictures on his laptop, saying one day they would get printed, framed and go up on the wall.

That day came this week.

When I walked into the cafe on Tuesday there were 50 portraits hanging on the wall opposite the coffee bar. The wall had been freshly painted in an off-white tone to better show off the prints, all in color.

The sheer volume of pictures placed from end to end gave me an initial thrill. When I did a slow walk and took them in one-by-one I noticed all the faces had expressions of simple joy.

There were no obvious poses, no evidence of over-thought direction by a

pretentious art or fashion photographer. Just people looking into the lens of the camera. Click. Snap. Done. Simple.

Sitting down with Z, I took out my iPad and wrote down his thoughts on this personal work meant to capture two years of human activity at Oloman.

"It went by super quick. We have had so many events, so many people coming from close and far away," he says, "I just wanted to make people aware of Hamtramck, what we have here that is so unique. The business sustains itself, but I always wanted it to be about the positive energy that comes through that door every day."

Z says people typically walk into his shop in a good mood ("It's coffee, right?" he says). Mornings are usually the best time to capture that mood, he says, especially on days when the sun illuminates the inside of the shop, putting a natural glow on people's faces.

"I'm lucky to have so many nice people who come here, who come to Hamtramck," he says. "I am surrounded by them. It makes my experience here a beautiful thing."

Oloman hosts art shows each month, drawing new visitors to openings and

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In Our Opinion

A discussion must begin now on how to finance public safety

We have stressed this before on this editorial page but some things are worth repeating.

City officials must start discussing the city's long-term financial picture – particularly how to fund two separate fire and police departments.

At the rate we are going, City Manager Kathy Angerer said funding both departments at their present level is not sustainable.

It has already been floated that the city could go to the voters and ask them to allow Hamtramck to join an existing fire authority between the cities of Eastpointe and Hazel Park.

The only problem with that option is that we would have to convince voters in both of those cities to allow Hamtramck to partner up.

That seems like a huge political challenge – and an outcome that is far from certain. Heck, even asking voters here to pay an additional yearly fee for the fire department is iffy at best.

There are other options. One is being explored now with a new police officers' contract to begin cross-training with an eye toward establishing a public safety department.

Firefighters are adamant that this model has not worked in other communities. Another option being discussed is to contract out fire fighting services to Detroit, or create a hybrid department of a core group of full-timers and fleshed out with part-timers.

Maybe there is even another option.

Supporters who demand that the city keep the two departments as they are don't answer the question of how we would finance that. Instead, what we hear from these folks is to basically just do it.

That is not a constructive answer.

The key is, the city has to begin a discussion on what to do. That's part of the hard work required of elected officials.

Odds & Ends

Poletown talk... The possible closing of GM's Poletown Plant next year has plenty of people talking.

GM plans to shut down four plants in the US, including the Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly Plant. A total of about 14,000 blue and white collar workers will be laid off.

The economic impact will be devastating for many families – as well as Hamtramck, which counts on about \$1 million a year from the Poletown Plant.

Recently, we received an email from Congressperson-elect Rashida Tlaib who will participate in a conversation about the plant closings.

Tlaib's congressional district – the 13th – includes Hamtramck.

She will be part of a presentation next Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 6:30 p.m., of the 1983 film "Poletown Lives!," which documents Poletown residents who resisted the destruction of their neighborhood in 1981, when the city used its power of eminent domain to turn the land over to General Motors for construction of the plant.

The event will be at Wayne State University's Law School Auditorium, located at 471 W. Palmer Street in Detroit.

Tlaib will be joined by George Corsetti, the director of "Poletown Lives!," and Sean Crawford, a factory worker at Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly.

Holiday cheer... Once again the city is offering free parking on Jos. Campau during the holiday season.

Yes, that means you don't have to feed the parking meters from now until Dec. 31.

Showtime... Hamtramck's favorite party band, The Polish Muslims, will be playing their annual Christmas show on Saturday, Dec. 22.

The gang will be playing at Ferndale's Otus Supply, located at 345 East 9 Mile.

By the way, the band has five CDs out that includes their wacky parodies as well as an original of theirs called "That's Why God Invented the Polka."

That tune can be found on an international compilation on the Restless Records label.

The CD is called "Polka Comes to Your Haus."

Opening for The Polish Muslims will be alternative rockers The Redones, with doors opening at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, and available on Ticketfly, and Otus Supply's website <http://otus-supply.com>

Letters • Letters

A big thanks to those who support Special Ed kids

Hippo's would like to thank all of our friends who came to the fundraiser we had this past summer for the Special Ed Children of Hamtramck Public Schools.

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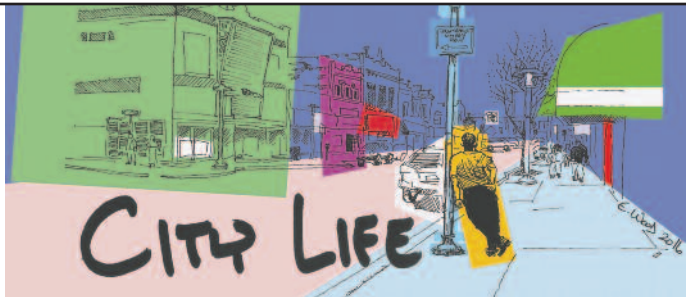
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Happy Holidays, Love, The Hippos, John, Mary and Jr.



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artists talks in the evening. Many of them come back during the day for coffee, becoming repeat customers.

An exhibit by Detroit painter and muralist Sheefy McFly closed earlier this month. The artist sold more than half of the 10 pieces in his show – an exceptional percentage in a Detroit art marketplace not known for robust commercial sales. Full disclosure: I bought one called "Void," a multicolored abstract picture with multiple

faces painted on an oddly-shaped plywood canvas.

McFly – whose portrait is among the 50 on the wall – may do a mural for Oloman in the future. Z says he has had offers from other mural artists to do the same.

There is more wall space available at Oloman Next Door, the adjacent building that has hosted an art film series, workshops and presentations by various organizations.

The lower space is being

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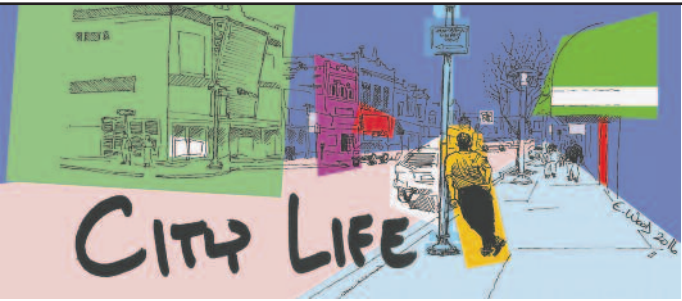
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repurposed for commercial use and the upstairs is also undergoing renovation as a residential space for Z and his wife Indira. Born in Bosnia, Z and his family left first for Germany then to the U.S. when civil war broke out in the former Yugoslavian state in the early 1990s. He's says he's fortunate to have landed in a vibrant community that attracts a wide range of people and interests. "I'm lucky to be across the street from Detroit

Threads," he says. "Mikel (Smith) is an icon. People from all over the world shop there. He sends people here." A portrait of Smith is in the anniversary exhibition. A Japanese businessman, who came to Detroit for its jazz scene, stayed at the Holmes Hotel and came to the cafe every day. Z has a picture of him, but it's not on the wall yet. He says there are about 10 more that will eventually be added. He calls his show "pho-

tojournalism, not art," which is precisely what it is. A day-by-day documentation of the "now" of Hamtramck, what it looks like in late 2018, in all its vivid color and simple beauty. Looking over his shoulder out the window Z says "I'm encouraged by what

I'm seeing over the two years I've been here. More unique places have opened or expanded. It might be happening too slowly for some. But it's not about business. It's about people: that's the most important thing." Photos by Zlatan Sadikovic celebrating two

years of Oloman Cafe are up now through the end of the year holidays. Oloman Cafe is at 10215 Jos. Campau. (Hamtramck native Walter Wasacz's walkable discovery column appears twice monthly in The Review.)

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Obituaries


LEDERMAN



Dr. Myron Avery Lederman, DPM, 68, died December 6, 2018. Dr. Lederman was the devoted father of Sara "Shayna" (Doug) Sweeney, Laura "Layli" Lederman, and Rebecca "Ricki" Lederman; cherished brother of Linda Lederman; also survived by Sandra Lederman, Sharon Braver; other loving relatives and friends.

Services were held December 9, at the Hebrew Memorial Chapel, (248) 543-1622. Interment was at Hebrew Memorial Park Cemetery. If you would like to honor the memory of Dr. Lederman, you may do so by making a contribution to St. Judes Hospital, 1-800-4STJUDE, www.stjude.org.





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Odell Wright
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Retired school bus driver still making a special delivery

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John Jr. Members of the Warren Alhambras also help out as do school employees. Last week they loaded up about 100 turkeys (that's about 1,100 pounds worth) onto a school bus at the public school's bus garage. They were then dropped off at the homes where the students live. Once again, the Srodek

family, the owners of Srodek's Campau Quality Sausage here in Hamtramck, pitched in and got a deep discount on the turkeys. Each family received a good-sized turkey, each weighing about 11 pounds. Also helping out this year were Bill and Patty Lockhart who donated food as well.

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By Charles Sercombe
This week's Crime Log covers Dec. 4-10.

Tuesday, December 4

- A Nagel resident reported the theft of his furnace.
- A Yemans resident was arrested after a traffic stop for being wanted on a Hamtramck felony warrant.
- A driver who transports medical patients said that as he was driving down Edwin, another driver coming the wrong way brandished a handgun and waived it in the air. The suspect then fled southbound on Jos. Campau.
- A Roseville resident reported the theft of valve stems from his car tires.
- A hit-and-run accident involving a pedestrian occurred at Caniff and Gallagher.
- A resident reported that while they left their car running but unattended it was stolen in the 8700 block of Jos.

Campau. The car is a 2007 Chevy Impala with the Michigan license plate of DSX9612.

Wednesday, December 5

- A resident in the 12000 block of Nagel reported an attempted break-in.
- An agent for a business on Lumpkin reported an incident of fraud.
- A suspect posing as a Water Department employee stole a large sum of cash from a resident in the 2700 block of Norwalk. The suspect is described as a white male, 35 years old, 5-foot, 7-inches tall, heavy set, with brown hair wearing a dark-colored baseball hat, white shirt and blue jeans. The suspect was seen fleeing in a black sedan.
- A resident in the 11700 block of Grand Haven reported their landlord entered their apartment and threw their items out without

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an eviction notice.

Thursday, December 6

- At almost 2:30 a.m. officers attempted to pull over the driver of a silver-colored SUV but the driver sped away.
- At about 3 a.m. a resident in the 12000 block of Mitchell reported his wife assaulted him. When officers arrived at the scene the wife had fled.
- A Hanley resident reported a break-in.
- A resident in the 2400 block of Andrus reported being assaulted by an ex-partner.
- Officers responded to an unresponsive person in the 2600 block of Commor. An officer administered CPR until an ambulance arrived, but

continued with CPR as the person was transported to a hospital. Doctors were able to resuscitate the victim.

Friday, December 7

- Officers assisted ambulance personnel with a combative patient.
- A Detroit resident was arrested after a traffic stop for driving without a license (with seven previous convictions for this offense) and being wanted on two Hamtramck warrants.

- A resident in the 3000 block of Trowbridge reported the theft of a package from their porch.
- A Detroit resident was arrested for driving without a license (with 10 previous convictions of this offense) and obstruction.

Saturday, December 8

- A resident reported that a person they know has been wiretapping their cellphone conversations and making threats.
- At 4 a.m. a Lumpkin resident reported an inci-

dent of domestic violence.

- A Jacob resident reported an incident of fraud.
- A Florian resident reported damage to her fence.
- An agent for a Jos. Campau business reported receiving several counterfeit bills.
- An Oliver resident reported her car battery was stolen.
- A Charest resident reported someone stole a package off of his porch.
- A Trowbridge resident reported someone opened a credit card in

his name.

Sunday, December 9

- A Lathrup Village resident reported the theft of a rifle from their car while it was parked in the 11400 block of Jos. Campau.
- A Charest resident reported the theft of his Amazon package from his front porch.

Monday, December 10

- A Belmont resident was arrested during an investigation.
- At 4 p.m. a resident was arrested in the 2600 block of Caniff for at-

tempted burglary, possessing narcotics, being disorderly and violating the city's knife ordinance.

- At almost 6 p.m. a highly intoxicated Detroit resident fell on Conant near Miller and injured himself. He was treated for injuries at Detroit Receiving Hospital.
- A resident reported meeting with a person to buy a cellphone. Later, however, when the resident attempted to use the phone it was discovered a lock had been placed on it because it was stolen.

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