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Global Detroit is hosting a free "Business Support Roundtable" next Wednesday (Dec. 4) at Kabob House, located at 11405 Conant.

The event runs from 3 to 5 p.m.

According to a flyer promoting the get-together, representatives from Global Detroit, Detroit Economic Growth Corporation and the City of Hamtramck will hold a discussion on "how to better support the needs of small businesses owners in Hamtramck, Banglatown and East Davison Village."

It will no doubt be informative and lively.

For more information, contact Rezaul Chouwdhury at (313) 603-6789, or to online rezaul@globaldetroit.com.

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Holiday season kicks off with the annual Goodfellows' food drive

By Alan Madlane

The holiday season is fast upon us once again, and with it, in Hamtramck, comes the annual food drive by the Hamtramck Goodfellows.

As many in the city already know, they hold the drive in order to raise money to provide kids and their families with food coupons toward a holiday meal.

Also known as "The Newsboys," group's main goal at the holidays is to insure "No Child Without a Christ-

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Once again, the Hamtramck Goodfellows are looking for donations to make sure the less fortunate among us get a homecooked holiday meal. If you can spare a few bucks, or more, be sure to send a check to the group.



This coming Thursday is the annual "Winter Glow," which will he held in Zussman Park, located across from city hall. The event features a variety of activities for families.

Get your 'Glow' on at Zussman

By Alan Madlane

Winter Glow is back again.

That warm and fuzzy city festival is right around the corner, and will once again this year be outdoors in Zussman Park, opposite City Hall.

The festival has been

around for some time. It was originally an outdoor festival, but in 2009 the city and the rec department pushed it over to the high school community center on Charest, north of Caniff.

The thinking then was

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Support of 'small' businesses helps them grow to be big

By Alan Madlane

Hamtramck's small businesses stand ready to serve you this Saturday (Nov. 30).

Dubbed "Small Business Saturday," the nationwide promotion encourages people to shop local for the day.

Coming on the heels of Black Friday (traditionally, a day people flock to the big chain and "big box" stores in droves) and prior to Cyber Monday (when people are encouraged to shop online), Small Business Saturday aims to bring to light that hey, there are little business people out there too, who could use a bit of your Christmas cheer.

In the form of your dol-

And it's been proven that, by spending your dollars at local, independent stores, it results in more money remaining in the community.

The trick, of course, is to not spend all your budget the day before, in the heat of the buyers' battle.

According to Farm Bureau Financial Services, the day was actually the brainchild of American Express, and (in a partnership with Boston's then-mayor Thomas M. Menino, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Roslindale Village Main Street

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mas (Meal)."

Beyond that, the organization, headquartered at City Hall at 3401 Evaline St., is always on the lookout for contributions to the two pillars of its existence: volunteer workers. and donations.

This issue of the Hamtramck Review will be dedicated, in part, to the work of the Goodfellows. Unlike in years past, however, they will not be out selling this issue on the

streets of the city to help tramck City Hall, 3401 raise money for their

That means they are even more likely to need folks to step forward proactively. They remind one and all, on their website, that every bit of money they collect is then spent back right here in the community.

You can drop off, or mail, a check, made out to the Hamtramck Goodfellows, to c/o HamEvaline St., Hamtramck MI 48212.

The goal is to raise \$5,000 or more, which will provide the holiday vouchers to about 300 kids and their families, who might otherwise be forced to go without.

Often they are lucky that at least one donor helps out -often anonymously – with a magnanimously large donation. But that can never be

counted on up front. The bulk of the money still comes from the many smaller donations they need once again this

So, don't delay, help out this fine and selfless group of folks trying to do good by others.

You'll feel warmer inside, and that's something we can all use in this year's prematurely cold season.

Get your 'Glow' on at Zussman

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that more indoor-type activities could be offered, to complement the outdoor ones. Or that, in the event of truly unpleasant weather, at least the indoor stuff could go on. But two years ago, in

2017, the city and the rec department reverted to putting the Winter Glow festival back where it began, outdoors.

The festival is tied in to turning on the city's holiday lights.

But the big draw is likely to be the newest bit of fun, the giant snow slide. We can't wait to hear the happy screams of the kids on this one. Note that kids will have

to have a signed waiver from their parents in order to use this ride.

As in the past, carriage rides will be offered. There will be ice sculptures, (halal) marshmallow roasting, cookie decorating, music and sing-a-longs. There will also be a visit from a certain red-suit-wearing, white-beard-bearing, newtoy-sharing fellow, whose name you've probably already guessed:

That's right, a certain

person by the name of Santa Claus will make an appearance too.

The event runs from 5 to 8 p.m. only on this coming Thursday, Dec. 5, and it is free to the public. You don't have to be a resident to attend. It's even smartly scheduled -- two days before Detroit's own famous Noel Night.

So come on out, as Hamtramck shows off another reason we're a really cool city.

Support of 'small' businesses helps them grow to be big **Continued from front page**

Association) first created Jos. Campau), and Olo- 30, and be entered into a on November 27, 2010. man Café (10215 Jos. raffle for as-yet-unnamed It always falls on the last Campau). Saturday in November.

Hamtramck is throwing in a fun wrinkle: there will "shopper's available ports" Wheelhouse Detroit (9401 Jos. Campau), Tekla Vintage (Mayor Karen Majewski's store, 9600 Jos. Campau), the Polish Art Center (9539

the names and addresses of all participating Hamtramck shops. When you shop at one, make sure to request a sticker for your "passport." Once you get two (or hopefully more) stickers, you can turn the booklet back in by Nov. prizes.

The passports will list For more info, visit https://bit.ly/2PDhrrP.

There is an added bonus for shoppers: the city is bagging all parking meters, and allowing folks to park for free through the end of December.

Now, get out there, and shop 'til you drop!



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This week at the library...

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Movie Night - Tuesdays @4:00 p.m. September 10 - December **17.** Family Friendly Movies. Snacks provided!

November is Family Literacy Month Wednesdays 3:30 -4:30 p.m. November 6 - November 27.

Computer Science Week - December 9-15 3:30-4:45 p.m. Grades 3 and up are invited to Tech Club

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Santa at the Library Thursday, December 12, 5:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

ANIME CLUB - Every Thursday 3-5 p.m. September 6 - December 20. Hang out, share and discover Anime and Manga. Grades 6 and up. Adults are also welcome.

For more information about events at the library call (313) 733-6822, or visit its website at http://hamtramck.lib.mi.us where you can also access the online catalog. The library is located at 2360 Caniff.

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School Bell

Early Childhood Elementary School

Under the direction of Hamtramck High School drama teacher, Nancy Walter, the Early Childhood Elementary students were treated to a production of "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves."

The performance by the high school drama students was well received by the entire school.

The drama students portrayed the different characters with confidence and, at times, with humor. The ECE students roared with laughter as the homemade two-man camel entered the room.

The students also enjoyed it when the living mountain opened its walls to the classic line: "Open Sesame."

At the end of the play, the students clapped for the cast, and joined in a circle dance with the actors portraying the living mountain.

Everyone is looking forward to the high school production that will be coming in March of 2020.

Although a snow day temporarily postponed the 50th Day of School celebration at the Early Childhood Elementary, the festivities did eventually go the following week.

Students and staff dressed in their finest 1950s clothes, and counted down until the celebration.

The students "Rocked Around the Clock" to songs such as "The Purple People Eater," "Hound Dog" and "See You Later Alligator."









Above and below: Scenes from recent activities held at the Early Childhood Elementary School.

Students challenged each other to a hula hoop contest. The winning top-two students from each class were awarded a trophy and a candy bar.

All students that participated in the hula hoop contest and showed off their skills received a treat. After all the dancing and hula hooping, the students went to the cafeteria to enjoy root beer floats. It was a fun day for everyone.

This week, students were getting ready for T h a n k s g i v i n g . Students learned the history of Thanksgiving, worked on different turkey-themed projects, discussed traditions, and learned about Native Americans. Everyone is having fun and learning at ECE.

Kosciuszko Middle School News

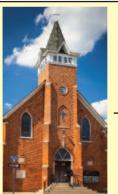
This month's PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) theme at KMS is "Being Scholarly."

Students can practice being scholarly every day. They can listen while the teacher is talking. They can complete work and ask questions if they do not understand.

Students can study for tests and consistently complete their homework for extra practice at home.

Help your child start the second quarter off on a positive note by checking in with them and their progress, and ask them how were they scholarly at school today.

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The lore of Hamtramck ...

The end of the line

By Greg Kowalski

Railroad yards can be lonely places. Often there isn't a train in sight and the tracks seem to stretch to eternity.

For Anthony Szczyrek they did. We don't know what he felt that Saturday evening in August, 1960,

when he walked on the tracks near Moran St. at the city's far southend, but his actions give a good indication.

He took a strap, tied one end around his neck and the other to the back of a boxcar. Then he waited. At some point, the

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The following Tuesday morning railroad yardmaster Jerry Gagno found Szczyrek's body lying face downward. It had been dragged about 120 feet and his right foot had been severed when the

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Hamtramck's muralist reveals a letter by legendary union boss

By Alan Madlane

The new Martin Scorsese movie "The Irishman" — originally released on Netflix, but now in theaters to help qualify it for awards season — is a three-and-ahalf hour sprawling masterwork, featuring some of America's top actors of the past half decade.

It also has a strong Detroit-area connection, and in turn a roundabout Hamtramck one.

Or at least, one we're going to shoehorn into place.

The film centers on the character of Frank Sheeran, and is based on the Charles Brandt book (prepare yourself) "I Heard You Paint Houses: Frank "The Irishman" Sheeran & the Inside Story of the Mafia, the Teamsters, & the Last

Ride of Jimmy Hoffa."

If the first name's not familiar, perhaps that last one is?

The book Sheeran's late-life confessions, including that he popped Hoffa himself in an act of betrayal -Sheeran was one of the only people Hoffa eventually felt he could trust - in a house not far from the place Hoffa's car was found, the old Machus Red Fox Restaurant (now an Andiamo's) near the southwest corner of Telegraph and Maple in West Bloomfield Township.

This fact was disputed soon after in print by at least two other sources. The movie sides with the book.

So where does Hamtramck fit in to all this?

Our own renowned local muralist Dennis Orlowski, who not long ago

completed a large piece over at the Hamtramck Library, dropped off a photocopy of a letter he received while still a young soldier stationed at Fort Knox about 55 years ago.

A letter of thanks from one James R. Hoffa, for a portrait delivered to his office by Orlowski's father

In it, Hoffa offers kudos to the young artist Orlowski for doing "a great job... with a poor subject."

Several years later, Orlowski would also paint Walter Reuther.

Little did he, or anyone else know, that in just a little more than a decade, the world would need portraits and photos of Hoffa, because the man himself would be history.

What to expect from the 2020 Census

By Alan Madlane

Many people may be curious as to just what the 2020 Census will ask of them.

Typical questions include: How many people are living, or staying, in the home: whether the home is owned or rented; about the gender, age race (including whether a person is of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin) of each person in the household; and about the relationship among the persons in the household, for example parents, children, adult siblings, friends, cohabiting couples, etc.

The Census Bureau states that you will never be asked for such information as: your Social Security number; your bank account number(s)

Census 2020

or credit card numbers; or your political affiliation. You will also not be asked for any donations or money in any form.

If anyone posing as a census taker asks any of these things, they should immediately be reported to local police or the U. S. Census Bureau, for two options.

Many citizens are concerned that such information, especially in a climate of divisiveness, increased deportations and racist occurrences, might be used against them. But it is much more likely that most cases of investigation by ICE involve situations being reported by neighbors, for example.

Full census reporting has great financial benefits for the city and area, as state and federal monies are often predicated on population and economic need, two things the report will help to illuminate.



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Upcoming Events November 28-I

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• December 23-January 5 – No school for students and staff. Winter Break.

• January 6 – School resumes.



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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Eliminating the income tax is financial suicide

There has been a lively discussion on our website (www.hamtramckreview.com) about whether to abolish the city's income tax.

One reader insists that the city's ongoing re-assessment of property values will bring in more revenue and thus, cover any loss in revenue from getting rid of the income tax.

Also, this reader argues, by eliminating the tax, that would attract developers, entrepreneurs and folks looking years. for a place to live.

And also, this reader has argued that if need be, ask voters to increase the city's millage to make up for any financial loss.

Hamtramck's income tax is 1 percent for those who live here, and ½ percent for those who work here but don't reside in Hamtramck.

To us, that is hardly a deterrent for folks to do business and live here. But perception is everything, and perhaps this could be a turnoff for some.

come tax would be an crease it, be a turnoff to immediate loss of \$2.5 million a year.

The city's total budget is \$16 million - so obviously such a hit to the budget would be catastrophic.

Also, the re-assessment of properties won't mean there will be a sudden influx of money gushing into the city. For sure, our property values will be increasing. We have not had a citywide re-assessment in about 50

But that increase in value won't happen until properties change ownership. Otherwise, by law, the taxable value is capped for current owners.

Also, asking voters to increase the millage is out of the question. By law, we are also capped by how many total millages we can charge property owners.

A bigger point, though, is why penalize property owners with a further financial burden so we can lift the income tax? Wouldn't a higher mill-But taking away the in- age rate, if we could in- nothing to see here.

any potential investor?

It seems unfair to keep punishing property owners. It's better to spread the financial obligation around to everyone - not just property owners.

Besides, it's likely voters would reject an inin property crease taxes.

But even if you were to buy into the thinking that an increase in property assessments will be some magic financial bullet, wouldn't it make more sense to first wait and see if that bundle of revenue comes in before rushing to eliminate the income tax?

We mention all of this because there were some city council candidates who campaigned on a promise to lower taxes and water bills. This is reckless think-

Do you really think the folks at the state Treasury Department would allow Hamtramck to commit financial sui-

Move on folks, there's

Other Voices: Guest Editorial

City income tax is chasing away investment

By Nasr Hussain

Did you ever ask yourself: Why do people leave Hamtramck to go to the suburbs, no matter what their race or religion is?

Did vou ever wonder: why do businesses not invest in Hamtramck and run away from spending money here, forcing some residents to beg for drug establishments. which no respectable city wants, to set up shop here?

Did you ever ask yourself: Why do we not have highly educated and wealthy people residing in our city, and why we have a hard time finding talented people to run for city council positions and commissions?

Did you ever contemplate on why our city employees who get paid generous, or not-so-generous, salaries choose to live in other cities and commute daily here, instead of the easier option to live Hamtramck?

Income tax is "one" of the main reasons.

If someone becomes a millionaire in Hamtramck, why would he/she stay here, invest here, participate in political life here, residents will go up even

or donate here, if he/she has to pay \$20,000 in taxes to the city, when they can easily move a few miles away and not pay that tax?

You may ask yourself: how do we make up the difference?

Easy, have a correct assessment of the real estate property values. In the past years, the assessments were going down for certain people while the real values were going up (an anomaly that only happens in Hamtramck).

If the income tax is eliminated and its burden is transferred to real property taxes, that will come out to probably a \$200 increase in property taxes, which is not that much compared to the taxes already being paid, the hassle of preparing and "hand delivering" the return.

The most important aspect is: the representational damage this tax is doing to Hamtramck.

People will have one more reason to stay in Hamtramck. Business will start opening locations here.

House equity for its

higher, and the city will make more money in the long run (if the property tax is implemented, along with the removal of some restrictions in our ordinances that prevent growth) and provide bet-

ter services. The city has a two-year budget surplus now. Why don't we give it a try and see how it works out? If it doesn't, we can easily reinstate the income tax.

As residents, we have to believe in Hamtramck and its potential as an asset - not as a liability, as some of the people running it now are think-

If any councilmember is afraid of taking this bold step and fears the consequences, then I implore them to place this proposal on the ballots in the next election and let the residents of the city decide.

For us to keep walking on the same path that led us to bankruptcy a few times, and not try something new, is the definition of madness.

(Mr. Hussain is a former Hamtramck Public School Boardmember.)

Library's film series is a free tour around the world

By Alan Madlane

You've heard of "armchair travel"?

Well, get ready for your local library's new twist on the concept.

The Hamtramck Public Library is promoting a new series of half-adozen (mostly) foreign films from the decade of 1959-1969, to be shown every other Thursday evening at 5:30 p.m.

It kicked off last week with the French entry. Subsequent entries will include films from other places:

Dec. 5

Italy

Dec. 19 Japan US/UK Jan. 9 Jan. 23 Poland

Feb. 6

Due to licensing restrictions, the library is not permitted to release the titles of the films to The Review, but you can call for more information or visit the library.

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Again, all films begin at 6822. 5:30 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public (you need not have a library card). Parking is on either side of the building (for the early birds - spots are relatively limited), or on the

street.

The library is located at 2360 Caniff St., just a few blocks east of I-75.

Want more info on this, or any other library matter? Check out the web-

hamtramck.lib.mi.us, or call them during business hours: (313) 733-

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train moved. It was found nearby.

Police were called and **Detectives Peter Supina** and John Pietrzak investigated. They found a few things in his pocket including \$31.44 in cash. In time they learned that Szczyrek lived in a rooming house nearby on East Grand Boulevard. He was 71, lived alone and had no known relatives. He worked for the

Chrysler Corp. and was a veteran of World War I. He had been in poor health.

Szczyrek was last seen on that Saturday, Paul and Alma Loveland, his landlords, told the Wayne **County Medical Examiner** at an inquest.

Szczyrek's death was ruled a suicide and calls were made to veterans organizations and the military to see if anyone would handle

arrangements for him.

There's no record if anyone did. And, in fact, that ends the story of Anthony Szczyrek.

Sadly, we know more about the ending of his life story than we do of the preceding 71 years.

It's a tragedy that a life should pass with such little notice, but his case

was not unique. Through the years many Continued on page 8

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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 Sept. 24, and all councilmembers were present except for Fadel Al-Marsoumi.

City Manager Kathy Angerer talked briefly about the upcoming national Census Count in March of 2020. She said that, as the count date approaches, "there will be a lot more information coming out."

It has been said that, for every person counted in the city equals \$1,800 per person. That money comes in various federal revenue streams, such as grants and money for road repairs.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, a man complained about noise and profane language coming from Trixie's Bar on Carpenter.

(The bar is owned by Councilmember Ian Perrotta.)

Another neighbor complained of "electric vibrations" coming from the bar. The neighbor said he has called the police several times about noise coming from the bar.

He also complained of the use of profanity he hears from the bar.

"That seems to be the language when you're drinking at a bar," the man said.

Later in the meeting. Perrotta declined to comment on the matter, saying the council meeting was not the appropriate forum to address the complaints.

A contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation was approved. The agency will be overseeing bidding and construction services for the continued repair of Holbrook, starting next year.

The street will be repaved from Lumpkin to Jos. Campau. Repaving of Holbrook from Jos. Campau to Conant has already been completed.

The cost of next year's project is over \$1.5 million. The project is being funded mostly through federal dollars, and also through a state road repair fund.

In addition to the repaving, new water lines will be installed.

In another matter, the council agreed to accept a Sons of the American Revolution memorial marker for the grave of Col. Jean-François Hamtramck in Veterans Park.

According to overview supplied by the city manager, this is the background for the offer:

"The Hamtramck Historical Museum was approached by the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) about the possibility of installing an SAR memorial marker at the grave. The marker would be a metal spire, approximately three feet in height, with a medallion/emblem located at the top. A similar marker can be seen in the historical image of Col. Hamtramck's grave when it was located at Mt. Elliott Cemetery; this original marker has been lost.

"The SAR would pay all costs associated with the acquisition and installation of the marker, and would set it in concrete alongside the existing grave at Veterans Park. SAR would also enclose the marker in a specially designed material that is resistant to tampering. If approved, installation of the marker would occur in spring 2020."

City Manager Kathy Angerer talked about a new mural in the works. The council agreed to allow a mural to be painted on the side of the Veterans Park storage building. It is called "We are Hamtramck."

Funding for the project comes from the Ralph C.

Wilson, Jr. Foundation. Mayor Karen Majewski

applauded the project.

"I think this is really cool," she said.

In response to a recent article in The Review about pedestrian safety and speeding motorists, City Manager Angerer said the city has taken numerous actions on both matters.

She said 86 speed limit signs have been installed recently, there have been 94 curbs and corners repaired.

"We're very concerned about the walkability of our community," Angerer said. "There's more to come."

Obituaries

MOKSZYCKI

J i m m y 'Moe" Mokszycki, died November 21, 2019. Mr. Mokszy-

cki was predeceased by his parents, John and Helen Mokszycki; sister, Rosemary Mokszycki. He is survived by brother, David; niece, Nancy Mokszycki; nephew, Michael Mokszycki; great nieces, Elizabeth and Gypsy

Rose.

Mr. Mokszycki worked for the city of Hamtramck as a water meter reader.

A memorial visitation will take place on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, from 2 - 7 p.m., at Jurkiewicz and Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck, MI.



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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Nov. 19-24.

Tuesday, Nov. 19

- At about 12:30 a.m., a person was arrested after a traffic stop for being wanted on a Hamtramck misdemeanor warrant.
- · At a little after 4 a.m.. officers assisted firefighters in extinguishing a car fire. The vehicle, a black Ford Fusion, had been stolen out of Detroit.
- A Trowbridge St. resident reported an incident of fraud.
- · A resident reported receiving harassing communications and being a victim of stalking.
- · A resident of Redford was dropped off at the police station. The resident appeared disoriented and not dressed for the cold weather. It was found out that he had walked away from a caregiver in Redford, and was returned to their care.

Wednesday, Nov. 20

 At a little after 11 p.m., a resident said that, while in the area of Lumpkin and Holbrook, his girlfriend assaulted him.

- · Officers responded to a call about a possible emergency at a residence on Nagel St. Upon arrival, the resident living there said there was no emergency, but that they had been receiving harassing text messages from an unknown number.
- · A resident reported that their car was damaged while it was parked in the 11500 block of Nagel St.
- · At 2 a.m., a resident reported that their vehicle was struck by a SUV on Gallagher St. near Hanley St. The driver of the SUV drove away.
- At almost 4:30 a.m., an agent for a local gas station reported that a man pumped gasoline with a stolen credit card and then fled the scene.
- · A Selfridge St. resident reported that someone spray-painted her windows.
- A resident in the 12000 block of Nagel St. reported a garage break-

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- Free health screenings at People's Community Services, 8625 Jos. Campau. All ages welcome. Blood pressure, chronic conditions, diabetes, nutrition management, etc.

SATURDAY, Dec. 14, 2-4 p.m. - Soup Kitchen at Holy Cross P.N.C. Church, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. Everyone is welcome.

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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- A resident made a fraud report after purchasing what they thought was a laptop via online. When the package arrived, there was just an old jacket in the laptop box. They were billed \$700.
- A resident reported receiving harassing communications.
- A resident reported that, while in the 9400 block of Mitchell St., they were threatened.
- Officers arrested a resident after that person assaulted another resident. In an unrelated incident, a different resident was arrested for assaulting another resident in the 3500 block of Caniff.
- Officers arrested a resident for domestic assault.

Thursday, Nov. 21

• At 2 a.m., a Detroit resident was arrested in the area of Selfridge and

Commor.

 At 3:30 a.m., a person was arrested in the area of Jos. Campau and Botsford for being disorderly.

Friday, Nov. 22

- A Detroit resident was arrested at Holbrook and Jos. Campau for possessing an open intoxicant while in public.
- At almost 2 a.m., a resident was arrested in the area of Mackay and Carpenter for possessing crack cocaine, and for theft.
- A resident reported that, while in the 12000

block of Dyar St., a male threatened her son while showing a handgun in his waistband.

• A resident was arrested for being wanted on an Oakland County warrant. The resident was turned over to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

Saturday, Nov. 23

• A Gallagher St. resident was arrested during a police investigation.

Sunday, Nov. 24

- At a little after 2 a.m., two suspects were arrested after an incident in the 9400 block of Jos. Campau.
- At about 3 a.m., a person was arrested in the 1900 block of Norwalk St. for being disorderly.
- A Yemans St. resident reported that their car was broken into and assorted items were stolen.
- A Lumpkin St. resident reported a break-in.
- A resident reported being assaulted while in the 12000 block of Grand Haven St.
 - A resident reported

being assaulted while in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau.

- A resident reported being assaulted while in the 2300 block of Neibel St.
 - A person was ar-

rested in the 2300 block of Carpenter St. for assault.

 An Evaline St. resident reported receiving threatening text messages.

The lore of Hamtramck ...

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Hamtramckans lonely lives and died like candle flames, suddenly extinguished. These days newspapers usually don't list suicide as a cause of death unless there are some unusual circumstances to it. But that wasn't always the case, especially during the Great Depression. At that time it was common to report suicides, so we know that happened frequently in those years when people were driven to desperation and despair.

Trains also often figured in deaths when the hopeless would get staggeringly drunk and wander onto the railroad tracks where they were killed. Whether they deliberately did that isn't known but it's likely that happened in at least some cases.

As for Mr. Szczyrek, we will never know with certainty what led him to those isolated railroad tracks. Perhaps it was his poor health, or he may have been lonely or more likely it was a combination

of things.

Whatever it was let's not forget him. Technically he wasn't a Hamtramckan but he died in the city and that makes him a part of our history.

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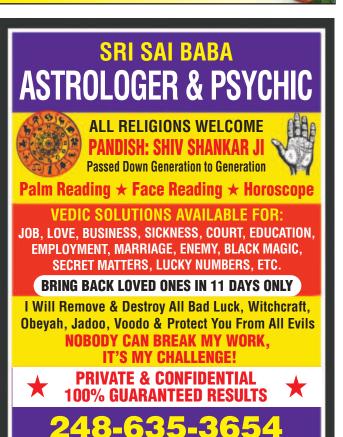
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