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Quick Hits

OK, we admit this is juvenile and corny.

But sometimes that's just what the doctor ordered, and besides, it's winter and it's cold as heck out so we all need a diversion. Something really, really stupid.

Today, Friday, Jan. 25, is Opposite Day, which is not only a contradiction but also a very unofficial holiday.

Contradictory? Yes, because if you follow the logic of Opposite Day, saying it's Opposite Day means it's not. Get it?

Yeah, a real mind bender.

In other words, instead of saying "Shut up" to someone, say instead: "Keep on talking."

Yeah, we know, what a great idea!

Quote of the week ...

Who said this, and what is it about? You can find the quote and the story it belongs to somewhere in the pages of this issue.

"We've had a lot of interest in it so far, and some of the chairs are just amazing."



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Federal law played a role in city's zoning law

By Charles Sercombe

So, just how did a mosque get permission to take over one of the city's largest commercial buildings located in the heart of the business district?

It was a pretty simple slam-dunk affair, and it appears, by law, city officials had little choice in the matter.

According to the September meeting minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals, the only opposition facing the Al-Islah Islamic Center to move into a building on the northwest corner of Jos. Campau and Caniff (specifically 11301-11303 Jos. Campau) came from

developer Henry Velleman, who owns several commercial buildings on Jos. Campau.

That opposition came in the form

of a letter. The contents of the letter were not available at press time on Thursday.

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The Al-Islah Islamic Center plans to move from its Caniff location into one of the city's largest commercial buildings, located at the northwest corner of Jos. Campau and Caniff.

Disturbance at medical clinic opened door to shutting it down

By Charles Sercombe

June 4, 2012 was probably the day that sealed the fate of Dr. Basil Qandil, whose Jos. Campau medical clinic was shut down last week following a raid by local and federal

investigators.

The reason for the raid at the Qandil Family Medical & Urgent Care Center, according to a criminal complaint filed in federal district court, was that the doctor was pre-

scribing controlled drugs to just about anyone who walked into his clinic.

Qandil now faces two charges of making illegal prescriptions and

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Police arrest suspected crime crew

By Charles Sercombe

A major crime wave has apparently come to an abrupt halt.

For the past few weeks, over a dozen street robberies have occurred throughout the city, including side streets.

Most notably, though, have been several armed robberies of people using the ATM machine at PNC Bank on Jos. Campau and Caniff.

On Monday, the robberies reached a new level of outrageousness when two separate robberies occurred within two hours of each other at the ATM machine.

Police said they believed one crew was targeting the town.

On Tuesday evening, Hamtramck police were out in force to catch the suspects. They struck gold.

According to the police department's daily crime report, officers noticed a car that had been previously carjacked being driven in the area. A high-speed chase ensued which ended in a crash at Charles and Mt. Elliot. A squad car was also rammed by the fleeing driver.

According to the police report, Tyquan Clanton and Brandon Hedwood were arrested. A third suspect, Tyler Hill, was later arrested in a raid at his Detroit home.

The suspects have not yet been arraigned, and police declined to release further information about the suspects. Police Chief Max Garbarino did say, however, that they ranged in age from late teens to early 20s, and that they lived in the area.

Asked what motivated the suspects to continually target Hamtramck in predictable routines, Garbarino said that they are "newbies" who are inexperienced in the ways of committing crime.

The suspects were expected to be arraigned on Thursday, which is when The Review went to press.

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Federal law played a role in city's zoning law Cont. from front page

In support of what is technically called a zoning variance were several speakers. The applicant applying for permission to allow the building to go from being zoned strictly for commercial use on the ground floor and commercial/residential use on top to use as a religious institution was Abdul Motlib.

Motlib said the Islamic Center's current location at 2733 Caniff (just around the corner from the Campau-Caniff building) was too small for his 200-300 worshippers. He also added, under questioning from the zoning board, that it will take up to \$800,000 to remodel the 20,000 square-foot, two-story building.

Others in attendance stressed that a religious institution will increase safety in the area and promote peace.

Ted Radzilowski of the Piast Institute, located a few

blocks away from the building in question, told the ZBA it is important to allow ethnic groups build institutions so they remain in the community.

The Islamic Center is used mostly by the Bengali community.

The Rev. Sharon Buttry of Acts 29, a Christian organization located on Jos. Campau in a former auto dealership, also said she supported the variance.

Dawud Walid of Detroit, who said he works for a Muslim civil rights organization, said the zoning board needed to be mindful of the federal law called the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act.

The Act imposes tough restrictions on communities that seek to keep out religious institutions from commercial zones.

But that doesn't mean Hamtramck's hands were tied, according to the New-

comb Law Group out of California, which says that under the Act communities can indeed prohibit such requests.

On its website, the Newcomb Law Group addresses the issue this way:

"Question: Does RLUIPA (Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act) make it illegal to prohibit churches from a particular zone?"

"Answer: No. An argument often made by those supporting religious institutions is that RLUIPA makes it illegal to prohibit religious institutions within a zone. This is not accurate and such a broad application of RLUIPA was never intended by the original drafters of the law and has been rejected by the courts on numerous occasions."

However, in a telephone interview with The Review, Michael Newcomb from the Newcomb Law Group said

that in order to prevent religious institutions from being granted a variance, the city must first update the language of its zoning ordinance to meet the provisions of the Religious Land Use Act.

He said that although the Act is 12 years old, a number of communities are only now being exposed to the ramifications of the Act. Newcomb stressed that Hamtramck needs to move fast to stem the ongoing development of tax-exempt operations from setting up in commercial zones.

"If you create a non-profit hub in the city, how will it pay for its services?" he said.

Tax-exempt operations include religious institutions, such as a church or a mosque. According to the city's Treasury Department, the 2012 property taxes for the Campau-Caniff building amounted to \$9,850. As a mosque, the city will no

longer collect property taxes for this site.

With this mosque moving into the Campau-Caniff building, there will be a total of three Islamic centers located on one block. There is also another mosque on the southend of Jos. Campau and a Christian-based faith operation on the northend.

The Piast Institute, on Jos. Campau, is also tax-exempt.

According to the minutes of the September zoning board meeting, the financial impact of the variance was touched on by Zoning Board Chairman Steve Cherry, who also sits on the city's Plan Commission.

He stressed that those commissioners who were concerned about losing property taxes because of the variance needed to consider what the Religious Land Use law says and insisted the city's zoning laws are illegal.

The commission, consist-

ing of Cherry, Alan Ferszt, Mark Hausner, Nasr Hussain, Mohamed Delawar Hussain and John Gray Kales, voted unanimously in favor of the mosque.

(Boardmembers Andrew Biscaglia and Mohammed Rahman were absent.)

Although the mosque got the go-ahead to use the building for religious purposes, it still has one more hurdle to jump. The mosque is seeking a variance of the city's façade requirements because the design it presented to the Plan Commission fell short of a requirement that at least 70 percent of the façade be made up of see-through windows.

The Plan Commission gave its preliminary approval of the design variance as long as the Zoning Board of Appeals also agrees. The zoning board is scheduled to take up the issue at its Feb. 6 meeting.

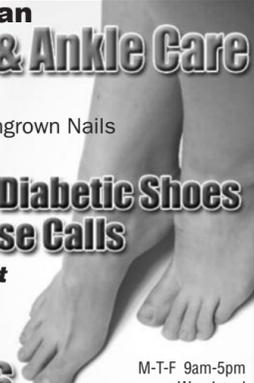
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It's cold outside, and firefighters know how to keep you warm

By Ian Perrotta

With the bitter cold weather this week, the Hamtramck Fire Department has offered some tips on staying warm.

According to the department, avoiding freezing is as simple as dressing for the C.O.L.D.:

- (keep it) Clean
- (avoid) Overheating

- (wear) Layers
- (keep it) Dry

Each step has its own way of helping you keep warm. By keeping clothing clean, you can prevent dirt from reducing the insulation. Avoiding overheating prevents sweat from freezing on outer layers.

Wearing clothing in layers allows for air space to trap warm air without restricting blood circulation, which helps in preventing frost bite. And dry clothes are always warmer than wet clothing.

One of the main concerns during extremely cold temperatures is frostbite, which is caused by excessive exposure and can cause a loss of feeling and a pale appearance of extremities like fingers, toes and ear lobes. If symptoms are detected, slowly rewarm the affected area and seek medical attention.

Another concern brought on by cold weather is hypothermia, a condition caused when

the body's temperature drops below 95 °F. Warning signs of hypothermia include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness and apparent exhaustion.

In the event a person's body temperature does drop below 95 °F, avoid giving them alcohol, coffee, tea or any other hot food or beverage. Warm liquids are best, and immediate medical care should be sought.

If you are using an alternative heating source other than a forced air furnace, the Fire Department advises you to take the necessary safety precautions. A fire extinguisher that everyone knows how to use should be kept handy, and smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors should be tested regularly.

Inside your house, applying plastic to your windows, sealing up gaps with caulk and keeping doors closed are all recommended ways to prevent

heat loss from occurring. To prevent pipes from bursting, allow a trickle of both hot and cold water to run from the faucet that is furthest away from your water meter. And always know where your shut-off valve is located in the event a pipe does break.

Finally, the department also offers a number of other suggestions to avoid freezing in the severe cold:

- Minimize outside activities, particularly the elderly and very young, and pets
- Dress in several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight clothing, rather than a single layer of heavy clothing
- Outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent
- Wear a hat, mittens (rather than gloves) and sturdy waterproof boots, protecting your extremities
- Cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs



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This week at the library...

Story Time for Children - Saturday, January 26, at 11 a.m. Join your friends at the library for a reading of a book for children. This week we will meet a couple of splendid pets.

ESL Class with Christine Templin - Saturday, January 26 at noon. Intermediate ESL class conducted by Christine Templin, free to the public.

Toddler Time at the Library - Monday, January 28 at 11 a.m. Join us for story time, arts & crafts, games and other fun activities. This week we will celebrate a Snowman Day. (Children must be accompanied by an adult.)

Math Kangaroo Club - Tuesday, January 29 at 3:30 p.m. Learn math in a fun way, and prepare for the annual international math contest while improving your grades in school.

Financial Activist Club - Tuesday, January 29 at 5 p.m. Hamtramck residents of all ages are invited to join our financial workshops designed to expand your knowledge at budgeting and investing. Registration is required.

ESL Conversation Class - Tuesday, January 29 at 4 p.m. Ms. Trisa conducts English Conversation classes each Tuesday night. Free of charge to Hamtramck residents.

Computer Classes for Beginners - Wednesday, January 30 at 11 a.m. Learn basic computer skills and how to navigate the Internet or use email. Registration is required and space is limited.

Citizenship & Naturalization Program Session #4/8 - Wednesday, January 30 at 5 p.m. In cooperation with the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit, attorneys will help Hamtramck residents in preparing to pass the Naturalization Test and assist with the N-400 form and filing of application forms for U.S. Citizenship. To sign up for the assistance pro-

gram call the library at (313) 365-7050.

Movie Night - Thursday, January 31 at 4 p.m. All children are invited for a movie and popcorn. This week is Black History Movie Night.

Free Income Tax Service - Friday, February 1 at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency will provide this service free to Hamtramck residents who have earned less than \$50,000. To make an appointment call (734) 284-6999. Walk-ins will be accepted, but appointments will be served first.

ESL Class with Latisha Edge - Friday, February 1 at 3 p.m. Intermediate ESL class conducted by Latisha Edge, free to the public.

Story Time for Children - Saturday, February 2, at 11 a.m. Join your friends at the library for a reading of a story book for children. This week's theme is "Night Time - Story Time."

Rosa Parks Birthday Celebration - Monday, February 4 at 4 p.m. Special program celebrating Rosa Parks' 100th birthday.

Make'n Take Crafts - Tuesday, February 5, at 4 p.m. All children are invited to our arts and crafts workshop celebrating Black History Month. We will be making your own custom calendars.

Promise of Freedom: The Emancipation Proclamation - Thursday, February 7 at 5 p.m. To commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, the program will present a reading of the documents during its visit in Michigan.

Meeting of the Library Board - Thursday, February 14 at 6 p.m. Regular meeting of the Library Board will be held in the auditorium. Open to the public.

Friends of the Library Meeting - Thursday, February 21 at 6 p.m. FHPL President Kathy Kristy and Treasurer George Gorday invite all members and volunteers to participate in the regular monthly meeting.

For more information about events at the library call (313) 365-7050, or visit our website at <http://hamtramck.lib.mi.us> where you can also access our online catalog.

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Hamtramck students' talent on display for MLK Day



By Charles Sercombe

Martin Luther King Jr. Day in Hamtramck was not only about the great man, but also the city's kids.

The Concerned Women of Hamtramck once again sponsored a prayer breakfast held at the Hamtramck High School Community Center on Monday. This year

the theme of the breakfast was "Hamtramck's Got Talent."

Guests were treated to music, dance and oral presentations by public school district students.

The students did not disappoint.

Student bands from Koscuizsko Middle School



and Hamtramck High School performed, as did dancers and singers.

The bitter winter cold prevented some from attending this year, but inside the spirit of the civil rights pioneer lived on.

Public School District Superintendent Tom Niczay noted that out of any com-

munity in the country, Hamtramck best represents the dream that Dr. King had – of a place where kids of all races and ethnicities can hold hands and be together.

"Hamtramck has diversity second to none," Niczay said.



The Concerned Women of Hamtramck once again sponsored a prayer breakfast on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day at the Hamtramck High School Community Center. Public school students performed for the attendees.



Police will be sweeping city clean of clunkers

By Charles Sercombe

You've heard of spring cleanups, right?

In a twist, Hamtramck police are holding a winter cleanup starting next week, but it's not about picking up litter and debris.

No, this cleanup is about sweeping away vehicles parked on city streets and city lots that are not properly registered or seem to be inoperable.

Police will be looking to see if cars and trucks have up-to-date license plates and tabs as well as look for tell-tale signs that the vehicles are not in running condition, such as flat tires and being up on blocks.

If so, the cars will be tagged with an orange sticker. Owners will have 48 hours to get their vehicle legal and up to running condition.

After 48 hours, the vehicles will be towed. Owners who wish to retrieve their cars will be faced with a towing and impound charge. Vehicles that are not claimed within a month will be put up for auction.





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Disturbance at medical clinic opened door to shutting it down

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committing health care fraud.

So what set off the investigation?

First off, prior to the raid it was obvious to the public that something was going on because there was always an all-day line of "patients" waiting to get into the clinic.

But on June 4 of last year, things got out of hand when patients began fighting among themselves, apparently in a dispute over who was next in line.

Hamtramck police officers responded, and they noticed about 100 people waiting in front of the business, 20 people in the clinic lobby, people sitting in storage areas, in back rooms and even the rear patio.

Speaking to officers, Dr. Qandil said he operates a walk-in clinic and that the large crowd was due to him being out of the country, in Jordan, for two weeks.

Qandil also volunteered that he sees about 40 to 50 patients every 30 minutes, a number that alerted officers at the scene.

According to the criminal complaint filed in federal court: "When asked how he could possibly treat that many people in 30 minutes, Dr. Qandil had no explanation."

Several days later, a woman outside the clinic flagged down police officers and complained that Qandil refused to see her because

she did not have \$800 in cash. The woman told police that in the past Qandil attempted to sell her prescriptions for Oxycodone and Opana.

Both drugs are highly addictive pain killers that are popular among street drug

tions. Agents also combed through records discarded in the clinic's trash as well as from Qandil's home in Dearborn Heights.

Undercover agents wearing a recording device were also sent to the clinic to record their encounters with



A disturbance last June at the Qandil Family Medical & Urgent Care Center on Jos. Campau led to an investigation by the DEA into illegal prescriptions.

abusers.

Upon further investigation, it was revealed through a state system which tracks what doctors prescribe that Qandil had prescribed over 1 million dosage units of controlled drugs, including oxycodone and vicodin.

Agents with the DEA then got involved in the investigation. They discovered patients were coming from as far as Toledo to get prescrip-

Qandil.

Qandil would spend less than two minutes interviewing the undercover agents before agreeing to write prescriptions for controlled substances – all without a physical check of the "patients."

In one month's time, Qandil issued over 4,000 prescriptions – the second highest in the state, right behind the University of Michigan hospital network.

In all, Qandil billed Medicare for \$2.7 million for over 37,000 patient prescriptions for the period of Aug. 6, 2009 through Oct. 22, 2012.

Medicare paid out \$1.1 million.

The cash flow is now shut off for Qandil as he awaits further legal action. Unlike the common street drug dealer who is caught dealing drugs, Qandil is not in custody, said a media spokesman for the DEA.

The maximum penalty for the charges he faces was not immediately known. The DEA spokesman said the investigation is still ongoing.

Vaccine is your best shot at preventing the flu

By Ian Perrotta

What's better than preventing the flu this season? Not spending a cent to do so.

Fortunately, the Wayne County Department of Public Health can help you out with that. On Wednesday (Jan. 30) the department will be at the Wayne Metro Community Action Agency (12031 Mitchell) from 1 to 5 p.m. to provide free flu shots for children and adults while supplies last.

"Prevention through common sense guidelines like vaccination and simple health precautions are the most effective ways to stop the spread of influenza," says Wayne County Health Officer Dr. Mouhanad Hammami. "The single best protection against the seasonal flu is a flu shot."

For anyone unfamiliar with the flu, it is a mild to severe contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. This year the primary viruses affecting people are the Influenza A (H3N2), Influenza A (H1N1) and Influenza B strains. The vaccine provides protection from all three types.

So far this year influenza-related illnesses led to the deaths of four children in

Michigan, and the virus has reached epidemic proportions nationwide. With flu season lasting as late as late April to early May, now is the best time to protect yourself.

"As the flu season typically peaks in late January or February, it is recommended that individuals ages six months and older get vaccinated now," says Dr. Hammami, "before flu cases possibly increase."

Free health and dental screenings will also be offered at the Wayne County "Health on Wheels" event. For additional influenza prevention facts, visit: www.cdc.gov. For more information concerning family flu vaccinations, call the Wayne County Department of Public Health at (734)727-7000 or the Department's Flu Hotline at (734)727-7163.

The Wayne County Health Department serves 1.2 million county residents with programs addressing environmental, nutritional, community, women and children's health, communicable disease prevention and control and emergency preparedness.

Who should not/cannot get the flu shot

- People allergic to eggs

or the flu vaccine

- Those who have had a serious reaction to flu vaccine in the past

- Those who have previously developed Guillain-Barre syndrome within six weeks of getting a flu shot

- Those who have a fever

Tips to prevent spreading the flu

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick

- If you are sick, keep your distance from people to prevent them from getting sick

- Stay home and away from work, school and public places when sick

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing

- Properly dispose of used tissue in a waste receptacle

- If tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into your elbow or sleeve

- Wash your hands with soap and warm water to protect you from germs

- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when unable to wash your hands

- But do not use hand sanitizer as a replacement for proper hand washing.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth – it can spread viruses.

Be there or be square: it's a 'Chair Affair'

By Ian Perrotta

If a house is a person's castle, then everyone should have a throne.

Coincidentally, this Saturday (Jan. 28) you will have the perfect opportunity to pick one up. Recycled Treasures is hosting its first-ever "Chair Affair."

The event is set to be a unique combination of art and auction. As the name suggests, up for grabs in a silent auction will be a number of one-of-a-kind chairs decorated by local artists.

First, though, the chairs will be judged by a celebrity panel that includes Hamtramck Mayor Karen Majew-

ski and HATCH President Chris Schneider.

Fortunately for those who may be worried about the price of a chair skyrocketing due to positive praise, there will also be a number of chairs up for auction that are not in the contest. And if bidding does get out of hand, you can always pick out a "regular" piece of furniture in the resale floor-space.

Of course, the event wouldn't be worthy of being called an affair if there wasn't food involved, and Recycled Treasures doesn't disappoint in this regard. On the menu is "A Taste of

Hamtramck," featuring a variety of cultural cuisines available throughout the city.

All proceeds from the night go toward supporting the mission of Recycled Treasures, which is to provide low- or no-cost home furnishings to those in need. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

"It should be a really good time," says Recycled Treasures Director Catrina Stackpoole. "We've had a lot of interest in it so far, and some of the chairs are just amazing."

Recycled Treasures is located at 12101 Jos. Campau.

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Review: Opinion Page

For housing plaintiffs, end of lawsuit means justice denied

We've danced this dance before, but it appears that finally the legendary housing discrimination lawsuit filed against Hamtramck over 30 years ago is settled, once and for all.

The Sarah Sims Garret versus the City of Hamtramck case started some 40 years ago when city officials targeted neighborhoods populated mostly by African-Americans for housing demolition – all under the guise of “urban renewal.”

Rightly so, those individuals and families filed a lawsuit against the city for

housing discrimination.

The city eventually agreed to build 200 housing units for the plaintiffs, but guess what? There was no money to fund the project.

Flash forward to a few years ago, and thanks largely to the Obama administration, money poured in to help juice the economy. That allowed city officials to tap into federal funds to start building houses.

Representatives from the plaintiffs and the city signed off on the lawsuit last week, and all that remains is the judge's signature.

Let's assume for the mo-

ment that the case is finally over.

So what have we learned from this issue?

One thing is for sure, there are likely no living survivors from the original lawsuit. As the saying goes, justice delayed is justice denied.

Even the federal judge in the case, Damon Keith, admitted that.

What a shame those plaintiffs have missed out, and it just compounds Hamtramck's original sin of discriminating in the first place.

Hopefully, Hamtramck can now move forward and put this sad chapter behind it.

Letters • Letters

A mosque does not fit in Hamtramck's business district

In response to the article about the proposed mosque at Caniff and Jos. Campau, I have some questions:

If my business is located nearby when the mosque is occupied where are patrons of my business supposed to park?

If they can't park near my business, they will go elsewhere. Also, isn't there a bus stop at that corner?

How many mosques do we really need in Hamtramck? I know of three in the radius.

Wasn't Jos. Campau recently designated a historic area? Aren't there guidelines regarding the facades of such structures deemed as historic?

I saw the architect's rendering of the design. Really? Do we want something that ugly on Jos. Campau in the heart

of Hamtramck?

Although I can appreciate the diversity, I am totally against changing Hamtramck to one that bows down to one ethnic group or another. I don't want to see Hamtramck become another Dearborn. I feel we need to limit the amount of such institutions, in particular in the commercial district.

As a former resident who is a frequent visitor of many of the bars, restaurants and other businesses and still home to many of my relatives, I do not want to see the city make the same irreversible mistakes as it had in the past, such as raising the Martha Washington Theater for a Wendy's, demolition of the Campau-Holbrook building and the biggest boondoggle of all: The Wyandotte

project.

The council and the zoning board should realize how bad this idea is and wisely reject it. The future of Hamtramck relies a lot on young people who are from the suburbs and appreciate Hamtramck's distinctive older homes, and choose to live here and support its many bars, restaurants and clubs and love the atmosphere that only Hamtramck can offer.

On behalf of these folks and many former residents like myself who still patronage Hamtramck on a regular basis, please do not let the city become a Middle Eastern Mecca.

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Odds & Ends

Correction ... Last week we erroneously reported that the city's Director of Community & Economic Development is a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. That is not the case.

He is, however, a member of the city's Plan Commission.

Honored ... Public Schools Media Specialist Brad Alan Neff sent us an email to let the community know that good things are happening over at Dickinson West Elementary School.

Recently, the following sixth-graders were inducted into the National Elementary

Honor Society: Makiyah Adams, Miriam Alrohani, Amila Hatibovic, Suraja Islamovic, Shayma Akhtar, Ruhul Chowdhury, Farhan Irfan and Thaslimur Rahman.

Over at the Kosciuszko-Dickinson W. Campus Auditorium, the following fifth graders were honored for their improved academics: Pranath Paul, Ashnah Sarfraz, Mirela Ruznic and Jaizon Wingo.

"These inductees have shown great success in their studies," Neff said. "They are a credit to the ongoing school improvement efforts at our Dickinson West Elementary School, and their teach-

ers could not be more proud of them."

Bar none ... After a lot of back and forth this week, city officials are grudgingly accepting the fact that Shadow Bar on Jos. Campau can legally open this weekend.

It was thought at first that the bar did not have a valid business license, but that proved to be incorrect. City officials are concerned about the bar because of past disturbances there.

But there is a new management team now, and the folks at the bar promise to run a tight ship. Keep your fingers crossed.

Metro news ...

It's said that whatever happens to Detroit, so goes Hamtramck. If you were to rely solely on the local mainstream media, you'd think Detroit is no more than a crime-infested wasteland. Well, we're here to say that isn't so. Our friends over at modelmedia.com and metromode.com have been reporting on fascinating development projects for the past few years.

With their permission, here is an edited version of this week's story:

Downtown Hamtramck is now a part of the National Register of Historic Places, a designation that should help

the commercial district leverage more redevelopment dollars and maintain its classic character.

The historic district runs the length of Jos. Campau Street between the GM Poletown plant to the south and close to Carpenter Street on the north end. "The historic district is a couple of streets short of that," says Jason Friedmann, director of community and economic development for the city of Hamtramck. "This is the area with the oldest buildings with the most character are located."

The Jos. Campau Historic District encompasses about

200 buildings that are about 100 years old. Most of them were constructed after the old Dodge Main Plant was built in the early 1900s. It joins the historic district around St. Florian Catholic Church near the intersection of Jos. Campau and Holbrook streets.

The Jos. Campau Historic District is only a national historic district. That designation allows it to leverage national historic tax credits for redevelopment but doesn't come with the strict restrictions and oversights commonplace in local historic districts.

Writer: Jon Zemke



By Ian Perrotta

This week's Crime Log covers Tuesday, January 15 through Wednesday, January 23.

Tuesday, January 15

- At 6 a.m. a man reported that a known party stole his 28' long ladder off of his van in front of a house in the 3200 block of Jacob.

- At 1 a.m. a man was placed under arrest for absconding parole after a traffic stop at Jos. Campau and Carpenter.

- At 1 a.m. a man reported his 1995 Honda Accord was stolen in the 12000 block of Conant. An 18-20-year-old thin black male, approximately 5'9" and wearing a black coat and black hat, jumped into the running car and fled southbound on Conant.

- At 2:49 a.m. a woman was placed under arrest for driving without a license, operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and underage drinking after a traffic stop at Caniff and Mitchell.

- At 2:57 a.m. a woman was placed under arrest for driving without a license, obstruction of justice and a Southfield warrant a traffic stop at Davison and Oakland.

- At 3:16 a.m. officers assisted Michigan State Police and the Hamtramck Fire Dept with a traffic crash on southbound I-75 just south of Caniff.

- At 11:17 a.m. an officer made entry into a home in the 2200 block of Yemens for a welfare check on a man whom no one had seen since Saturday and was

not answering the door. He was found to be in good health.

- At 11:49 a.m. officers checked a house in the 11700 block of Klinger after neighbors found a broken window. No one was found inside and it appears that the house is vacant.

- A Poland resident reported an unknown suspect stole his payroll check from the mail and cashed it.

- A resident of the 2600 block of Pulaski reported his blue 1999 Dodge Caravan was stolen between 10 p.m. on 1/12 and 2 p.m. on this date.

- At 10:05 p.m. a man was placed under arrest for Domestic Violence in the 3200 block of Belmont.

- At 10:16 p.m. a man reported that between 4 and 10 p.m. someone broke into his home and stole his TV.

Wednesday, January 16

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Obituaries

JEREMIC

Radisa John Jeremic, 72, died January 23, 2013.

Mr. Jeremic was a retired Hamtramck soccer and tennis coach, and tennis promoter at the Indian Village Tennis Club.

Mr. Jeremic will be in state Friday, January 25, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Stevan Decanski Serbian Orthodox Church, 14235 E. 11 Mile Rd., Warren. Interment is at Utica Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the church. Arrangements were made by A.H Peters Funeral Home.

WROBEL

Eugene J. Wrobel, 83, died January 20, 2013.

Mr. Wrobel was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Mr. Wrobel was predeceased by his brothers, Raymond and Gregory. He is survived by sisters, Lillian (John) Winsk, Victoria Hanes, Joan (Neil) McGillivray; numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral service is Saturday, January 26, instate at 11:30 a.m., Mass at 12 noon, at St. Ladislaus Church in Hamtramck. Burial is at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Krot Funeral Home.

Police arrest suspected crime crew

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Garbarino said it appears the suspects can be connected to many of the street robberies, including those that happened at the ATM.

A spokesman at the Hamtramck PNC Bank branch said he could not comment on the ATM robberies.

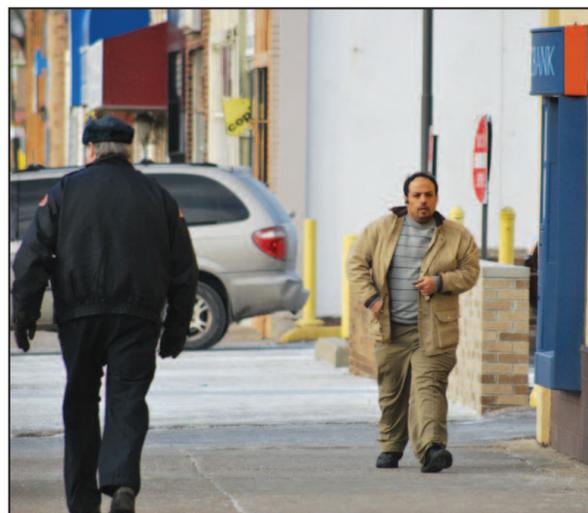
Police investigators said that initially, PNC corporate representatives demanded a subpoena before handing over photos taken from security cameras at the bank. Police said that after further talks PNC officials agreed to supply the photos without a subpoena.

Garbarino credited his officers for cracking the case.

"My guys did a hell of a job," Garbarino said. "This wasn't a lucky break. It was good old-fashioned police work."

The chief also credited the community for its involvement and spreading the word through social media outlets, such as Facebook.

Armed suspects targeted the ATM machine at PNC Bank in recent weeks. Last Monday, suspects robbed people using the ATM in two separate occasions. Police arrested the suspected crime crew Tuesday night.





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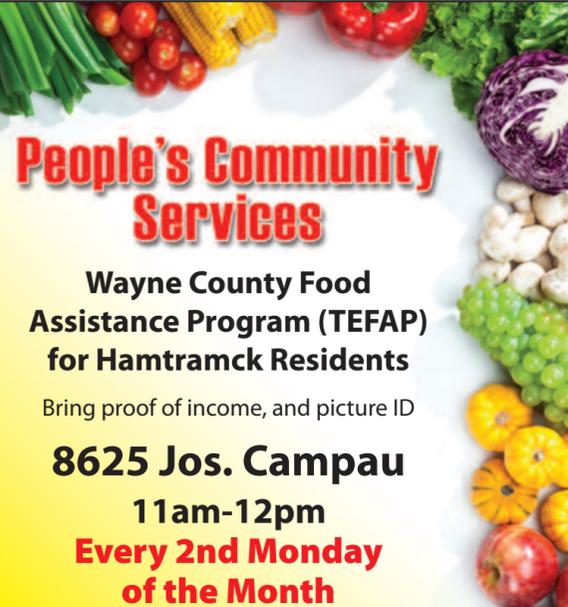
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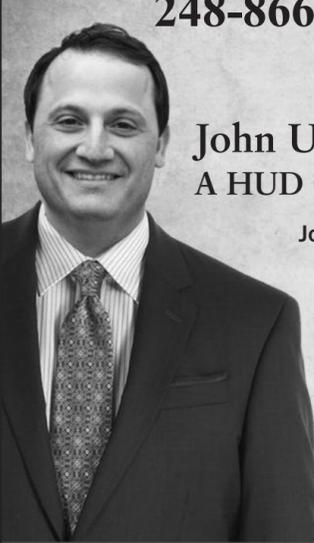
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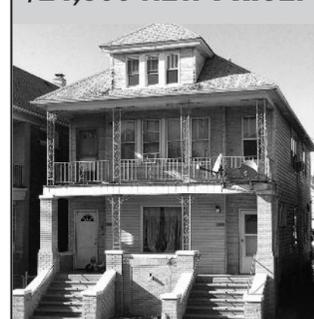
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Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition meets every second Thursday of the month (next meeting: Feb. 14), 11 a.m. at The Piast Institute, 11633 Jos. Campau.



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• At 12:16 a.m. a man was placed under arrest for striking his roommate over the head with a bottle. EMS treated the victim at scene.

• At 5:38 a.m. a woman was placed under arrest in the 3400 block of Holbrook for a 31st District warrant while investigating a noise complaint.

• At 8 a.m. Child Protective Services reported possible abuse in the 2200 block of Goodson.

• At 9 a.m. a woman reported that an employee of a gas station in the 2000 block of Caniff asked her if her daughter was for sale.

• At 9:23 a.m. a woman reported that an unknown person left a piece of luggage on her door step. At 9:55 a man claimed the bag, stating that the owner of the bag had moved to a different address.

• Officers assisted the DEA in serving a search warrant in the 9200 block of Jos. Campau and placed five subjects under arrest for miscellaneous warrants.

• A juvenile reported an assault at Hamtramck High School on 1/14.

• A resident of the 2600 block of Evaline reported the theft of her catalytic converter in the early morning of 1/12.

• A juvenile reported that she was assaulted at Caniff and Ellery at 3:30 p.m.

• A Detroit resident was placed under arrest for open intoxicants and several Wayne County warrants at Carpenter and Lumpkin at 4:44 p.m.

• The owner of a house in the 11700 block of Klinger reported that an unknown suspect(s) threw a brick through his window between 1/9 and today's date.

• A customer of a store in the 9200 block of Jos. Campau reported that two black males, approximately 20-years-old each, grabbed her purse inside of the store. Officers viewed security footage which showed they arrived in a large, silver four door car. Suspect #1 was approximately 5'10" with a short afro and suspect #2 was approximately 5'8" wearing a grey hoodie and dark pants. The suspects fled in the vehicle with the purse westbound on Holbrook at 7:10 p.m.

Thursday, January 17

• At 12:58 a.m. a woman reported that she was assaulted by a man known to her in the 2200 block of Hewitt.

• At 2:20 a.m. a man was arrested at Gallagher and Conant for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

• At 6:48 a.m. a man reported that an unknown person(s) took his 1997 Dodge Neon between 1:30 and 5:30 a.m. on today's date.

• At 9:30 a.m. a woman reported that an unknown person(s) took her 2011 Ford between 10 p.m. on 1/16 2200hrs 8:45 a.m. on 1/17 from the 9700 block of Dequindre.

• Three males were placed under arrest for fighting in the 12100 block of Conant at 9:31 a.m.

• Nine subjects were placed under arrest for miscellaneous warrants by officers assisting the DEA with serving a warrant in the 2900 block of Holbrook.

• A man was placed under arrest at Conant and Casmere for absconding parole. Officers also found open intoxicants and narcotic paraphernalia on the man.

• A juvenile was placed under arrest after assaulting another juvenile at Gallagher and Jacob at 5:39 p.m.

• A woman was placed under arrest by Detroit Public Schools Police on three 31st District warrants.

• A Commor resident stated that he was robbed while at the PNC Bank ATM at 6:20 p.m. A silver minivan pulled up in the alley and two black males exited the vehicle. The victim was struck two times with an automotive "club" and the vehicle fled northbound on Jos. Campau after taking \$360.00. The suspects were both described as 20-year-old black men, about 6'0"-6'2", with one wearing a white hoodie and one wearing a brown hoodie.

• At 11:51 p.m. a man from the 11500 block of Lumpkin reported that an unknown male wearing dark clothing and armed with a semi automatic weapon attempted to rob him of his car keys and wallet as he exited his vehicle in front of his residence. The suspect fled westbound on foot down Casmere, then northbound on Nagel.

Friday, January 18

• At 9:07 a.m. a man had a fraudulent temporary tag on his black Jetta after a traffic stop at Jos. Campau and Roosevelt.

• At 9:45 a.m. a man was committed after he was found living in his vehicle at Moran and Commor, unable to take care of himself.

• At 10:44 a.m. a woman took three boxes of diapers from a store in the 9200 block of Jos. Campau and fled the area.

• At 11:10 a.m. a man was arrested at City Hall for a Hamtramck warrant.

• A man turned himself in to the 31st District Court and while being booked marijuana was confiscated from his possession. He was placed under arrest, again.

• At 3:11 p.m. a victim stated that person(s) unknown broke into and entered his residence in the 2200 block of Hewitt and ransacked the home, stealing several items.

• At 5:48 p.m. a juvenile female was arrested for domestic violence after assaulting her mother and her brother in the 9400 block of Charest.

• At 15:45hrs DPW was notified regarding a water line break at Corinthian Baptist Church.

• At 8:34 a victim came into the station and reported that her vehicle was stolen in the 11300 block of Mitchell.

Saturday, January 19

• At 12:44 a.m. the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department recovered a Hamtramck stolen vehicle and made two related arrests.

• A white male was arrested for domestic violence and assault in the 10300 block of Conant.

• At 1:27 a.m. a man from the 2300 block of Hewitt was issued violations for a fraudulent tempo-

rary tag on his vehicle after a traffic stop at Caniff and Mitchell.

• At 1:40 a.m. two men were placed under arrest for fighting at a bar in the 12000 block of Jos. Campau.

• At 1:50 a.m. a woman from the 3900 block of Oliver came to the station and reported a break-in, naming the suspect in the report.

• At 3:19 a.m. a man was arrested after a traffic stop during which marijuana was located inside vehicle.

• At 8:31 a.m. officers responded to the 12000 block of Dequindre for a broken window. Officers found a broken window and the front door open. Hamtramck Housing maintenance was notified and secured the apartment.

• At 10:16 a.m. a man reported that an unknown person(s) broke into a house in the 3100 block of Belmont. He believes that it may have been former tenants.

• At 10:50 a.m. two men were arrested for obstructing justice and driving with a suspended license after a traffic stop at Jos. Campau and Roosevelt.

• At 4:07 p.m. a victim reported that person(s) unknown stole her vehicle while it was parked in front of her residence in the 2300 block of Casmere.

• At 5:20 p.m. Highland Park Police transported one female to the Hamtramck Police Station for a Hamtramck warrant.

• At 5:25 p.m. a victim reported that while at a gas station in the 8900 block of Jos. Campau a suspect attempted to rob him of his bicycle but was unsuccessful.

• At 9:45 p.m. a complainant came into the station and reported that her daughter had run away from her residence.

Sunday, January 20

• At 1:30 a.m. a man was placed under arrest for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated ("super drunk") while stopped at Jos. Campau and Trowbridge after a his BAC test resulted in a 0.25.

• At 2:27 a.m. a man was placed under arrest for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, minor in possession of alcohol, not possessing proper insurance, an improper plate and an improperly registered vehicle after a traffic stop at Yemans and Gallagher revealed a BAC of .141.

• At 2:43 a.m., while officers were checking an alarm in the 2300 block of Caniff they discovered the back door open. There were no apparent damages or theft, and a key holder made the scene.

• At 3:40 a.m. the DPW was notified of a downed tree that struck a parked car, blocking the entire street in the 2300 block of Botsford.

• At 11:43 a.m. a man was robbed at gunpoint in the area of Jos. Campau and Caniff by a black male wearing a dark hoodie and an unknown male driving a white Pontiac. The suspects got \$100 and a silver Motorola cell phone.

• At 12:50 p.m. a man was placed under arrest for open intoxicants and not possessing proper insurance after a traffic stop at Jos. Campau and Meade.

• A Florian resident reported receiving threatening phone calls from a male named in report.

Monday, January 21

• A resident of the 2000 block of Edwin reported the theft of his laptop computer from his vehicle between 1:00 and 11:00 a.m.

• A female reported that after completing her transaction at PNC Bank ATM at 3 p.m. a black male, about 20-years-old and 5'10", wearing a black fleece sweater over a gray hoodie, faded and worn blue jeans, with short hair and a medium complexion, ordered her to withdraw all of her money. A weapon was implied. The suspect fled on foot with \$300.

• A female reported that while completing her transaction at the PNC Bank ATM at 5 p.m. a black male, about 20-years-old and 6'0", wearing a dark jacket and dark knit cap, instructed her to withdraw all of her money after threatening to

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Notice is hereby given that the Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on:

Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 3401 Evaline.

The purpose of the hearing is to read and discuss the details of proposed changes to the City of Hamtramck Zoning Ordinance 497 regarding the creation of a new Industrial (I2) zoning district that would allow for more small-scale and less intense manufacturing. The Plan Commission would like to receive any public comment on such a proposed change to the Zoning Ordinance.

A copy of the proposed Industrial (I2) Zoning District is available in the Clerk's office for review.

The public is invited to attend and comment on the proposal during the Public Hearing or to make written comments on or before February 13, 2013. Written comments should be made to the attention of the Community & Economic Development Director, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

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choke her. The suspect fled on foot with \$140.

• Officers responded to the 3300 block of Comstock for a break-in in progress at 6:29 p.m. Officers found the rear window was broken out and entry had been made. Officers placed a male under arrest after they located him in the alley with injuries consistent with breaking out a window. EMS treated the suspect at the station.

Tuesday, January 22

• At 7:26 a.m. a man reported that an unknown person(s) took his 1997 Ford between 8:30 p.m. on 1/21 6:30 a.m. on 1/22 from the 2600 block of Botsford.

• At 7:50 a.m. a man reported that an unknown person(s) attempted to enter a building in the 11500 Fleming between 11 p.m. on 1/21 and 7:30 a.m. 1/22.

• At 10 a.m. a man reported that an unknown person(s) broke into his 1994 Buick at 10:30 a.m. on 1/21 in the 9100 block of Jos. Campau.

• At 10:44 a.m. a man passed fraudulent insurance to the City Attorney at 3401 Evaline.

• At noon a woman reported that a man opened a credit card in her name without her permission.

• At 1:40 p.m. a woman passed fraudulent insurance to the City Attorney at 3401 Evaline.

• Officers responded to an alarm in the 2600 block of Zinow at 4:38 p.m. and found that entry had been made. A resident was already on the scene and stated nothing appeared to be missing.

• A female was placed under arrest for driving with a suspended license during a traffic stop at Carpenter and Sobieski at 5:12 p.m.

Wednesday, January 23

• At 7:05 p.m. on 1/22 two men were placed under arrest after they led the police department on a high speed pursuit, ending at Charles and Mt. Elliott, after the vehicle (taken in a Detroit carjacking) crashed. The suspects rammed one of the department's vehicles during the pursuit. The two arrestees are part of the armed robbery crew that have victimized the city in the past couple of weeks. At 4 a.m. detectives

raided a Detroit home and placed a third suspect under arrest without incident.

• At 4:25 a.m. a man from the 2000 block of Yemans reported that person(s) unknown stole his 2006 Jeep Commander between 6 p.m. on 1/22 and 4:24 a.m. on 1/23.

• At 10:25 a.m. Child Protective Services notified the station of an alleged child abuse in the 3000 block of Jacob.

• A juvenile reported while walking in the area of Gallagher and Norwalk at 4:34 p.m. he was robbed by two black males, both approximately 18-years-old and 5'8", one wearing a gray hoodie and one wearing a black hoodie and armed with a handgun. The suspects fled eastbound on Evaline in a Gold Chevy Tahoe after taking his iPhone 5.

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