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### Quick Hits

OK, Paczki Day is over. Time to take a deep breath and relax. But not for long. The annual Hamtramck Blowout is about to roar into town, starting next Thursday (March 1) and running through Saturday night. This year looks like it's going to top all previous years. We'll have more on the Blowout in next week's issue. This weekend, there is a special musical event happening here at the PNA Hall on Conant. A group of Polish immigrants have formed a pop band called Feel. They play tonight (Friday, Feb. 24) at 8 p.m. Check them out.

**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.

**"When we hit that point we'll have no choice."**

## — HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

# For one day, Hamtramck's streets come alive with music and people



**By Charles Sercombe**

It's Thursday, and we're still recovering from Paczki Day. On Tuesday, Hamtramck's main streets were jammed with thousands of visitors celebrating one of the best parties of the year in the metro area. Yeah, that's saying a lot, but if you were out and about, you know what we're talking about. Hamtramck has long been known as a party town, but we think it's safe to say that this year's Paczki Day raised the bar on fun. Revelers were everywhere, and live music was happening in all sorts of places. Even outlets like Detroit Threads and the resale shop, Lo and Behold, had music blaring out into Jos. Campau. Detroit Threads featured DJ's while Lo and Behold hosted one very talented ivory tickler. The city's two remaining full-time bakeries were, to

put it mildly, overwhelmed with crazed paczki lovers willing to wait – get this – two hours in line. Two hours?! Hey, after that, who wouldn't need a drink? And that's where Hamtramck comes in so handy. Need to imbibe? No matter where you are in town, there's a bar within walking distance. On Tuesday, people were walking all around town, hopping from one bar to another. For one day, the mind reeled with possibilities. What if ... it was like this every day? Well, maybe not the gluttony side of things, but, you know, what if the city was bustling with people each and every day? Paczki Day reminds us about the potential of this city. And that's a hangover worth having.



**Real Estate**

**By Charles Sercombe**

*Real Esteals highlights some of Hamtramck's best properties on the market, and most likely ones that you can purchase for a steal. Get them while you can folks because eventually, the real estate market will one day come back.*

If you know Mayor Karen Majewski, you know she's one extremely busy person. The occasional mayoral reports she gives at city council meetings are filled with events, and with the people she met with during the course of her duties. She's recently taken to wearing yet another hat in her role as mayor. If you "friend" her on Facebook, you will no-

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## City's money woes are not going away

**By Charles Sercombe**

City Manager Bill Cooper says it's just a matter of time. In fact, he says, he's got a specific day when the city's money will run out: June 30. He's told the city council about it, and asked to have the state Treasury Department step in a take a look at the city's finances. The council said no way. That was over a week ago. So, what's Cooper doing? "We're continuing on working to control our expenses, but no matter what we do, we're going to run out of money," Cooper told The Review. And what happens when the city runs out of money? "When we hit that point we'll have no choice," he said. That choice would be to place a call to Lansing and ask for help. Councilmember Robert Zwolak has one suggestion, though: Go to the banks and borrow money that can be paid back from this summer's property tax collection. Cooper said that's an option he will consider, but he warns that it's only putting off the city's financial problems for another year. By June, he projects the city will have a \$1.5 million budget deficit. By 2013, he says, the city will be faced with a \$3.4 million deficit. How did Hamtramck get in this mess? There are a few key things that precipitated this crisis. One was American Axle closing two years ago, which re-

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tice she is often alerting folks to great housing buys in the city.

Lately, she's been promoting a former two-family house at 3290 Belmont that's been

converted into a one-family house. It has three bedrooms and two bathrooms, an unfinished basement and gorgeous hardwood floors.

The list price is \$22,900 – an amazing deal. The only thing we noticed is that the kitchen could use an update. But still, by the looks of things it's move-in ready.

We talked with the mayor about her real estate interest. Why the plugging?

"I think I'm a closet real es-

tate agent," she said, and then let out a laugh. "I'm looking at these, wishing my friends would live on the same block as me."

Well, at least in the same city. The mayor lives on Pulaski St.

What it's all about, she stressed, is creating a community.

"It's an opportunity," she said. "If we don't take these houses, what will happen to them?"

It's certainly an opportunity for those sitting on the fence of whether to buy now or wait until later. Folks, take our word, housing prices have never been this low.

"It's a good time to buy," Majewski said. "I wish I could buy them all."

By the way, if you want to check out Hamtramck properties, there are two websites the mayor uses: trulia.com and zillow.com. Simply sign up with the sites and let them know you are interested in being alerted to Hamtramck listings.

As for the Belmont house, call Re/Max at (248) 544-1750. By the way, if you purchase it, you'll be living next-door to Hamtramck muralist Dennis Orlovski. Maybe he can help you with selecting new paint colors for inside.

## Get Out on the Hamtown!

### This week at the library...

**Black History Month Contest** - Saturday, February 25 at 1 p.m. Winners of the poem, short story, painting, drawing, song and essay contests, will be announced during a short program at the library.

**ESL Class with Christine Templin** - Saturday, February 25 at noon. Intermediate ESL class conducted by Christine Templin, free to the public.

**Story Time for Children** - Saturday, February 25, at noon. Join your friends at the library for a reading of the book, "Paper Bag Princess," by Robert Munsch.

**Toddler Time at the Library** - Monday February 27 at noon. Join us for a reading of a book by Helen Oxenbury, "We're Going on a Bear Hunt." (Children must be accompanied by an adult.)

**Computer Classes for Beginners** - Tuesday, February 28 at noon and 1 p.m. Basic instructions on computer use for beginners will be held on Thursdays. Number of participants is limited to available computers.

**Computer Classes for Advanced Users** - Tuesday, February 28 at 2 p.m. Adults with basic computer skills can enhance their computer literacy each Tuesday at the library. Number of participants is limited to available computers.

**Math Club Meeting** - Tuesday, February 28 at 3:30 p.m. Mr. Nuo is the instructor for the math club, math tutoring and Math Kangaroo competition.

**ESL Conversation Class** - Tuesday, February 28 at 4:30 p.m. Ms. Trisa conducts English Conversation classes each Tuesday night. Free of charge to Hamtramck residents.

**ESL Class with Ms. Templin** - Wednesday, February 29 at noon. Christine Templin is the instructor

for the ESL class for beginners. Everyone is invited. Free to the public.

**Black History Month Program** - Wednesday, February 29 at 3:30 pm. Celebrate Black History Month and contributions made by African-Americans to our country and our community. Take part in putting together an Interactive Black History Calendar.

**Computer Classes for Beginners** - Thursday, March 1 at noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Basic instructions on computer use for beginners will be held on Thursdays. Number of participants is limited to available computers.

**Free Tax Services** - Friday, March 2 at 10 a.m. Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency will help Hamtramck residents with the preparation of their 2011 taxes, free of charge.

**ESL News for You** - Friday, March 2 at 3:30 p.m. ESL reading and discussion class with Latisha Edge. Free to the public.

**Meeting of the Library Board** - Thursday, March 8 at 6 p.m. Regular meeting of the Library Board will be held in the auditorium. Open to the public.

**Women Only Health Seminar** - Sunday, March 11 at 4 p.m. Dr. Yedavally of the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine will present a session on diabetes and diet. Designed for women only.

**Friends of the Library Meeting** - Thursday, March 15 at 6 p.m. FHPL President Kathy Kristy and Treasurer George Gorday invite all members and volunteers to participate in the regular monthly meeting.

**Special Thanks for Donations**: Rita Donnelly, books; Irene Stach, books.

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.

### City's money woes are not going away

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sulted in the loss of \$500,000 a year in taxes.

Gov. Rick Snyder cut tax revenue sharing to all communities after he took office. Hamtramck's portion was reduced by \$600,000.

The national housing crisis also affected the city when property values cratered, resulting in a "nosedive," Cooper said, in property tax collection. Housing values have continued to decrease, and it's estimated another \$350,000 will be lost.

At the same time these revenue sources dried up, the city's expenses continued to climb – especially employee health insurance and the ongoing crippling costs of carrying over 100 retirees.

Cooper said the city desperately needs to cut costs, as well as attract new revenue sources.

"We need places like American Axle to come back," he said.

There is one plan that has been floated around, a plan that locals fear the most: Merge struggling cities like Hamtramck and Highland Park into Detroit, and call it a day.

That move would take some complicated legal maneuvering, and no doubt there would

be challenges made.

Cooper said he doubts that would ever happen.

"You can't take a town like Hamtramck, with its history, and fold it in Detroit," Cooper said.

Another option might be for Hamtramck to provide police and fire services for Highland Park. That's an idea that Cooper is in the initial stages of following through on.

### Coming events

**FEBRUARY 29, Wed., noon** – The daughters of Isabella Mystical Rose Circle 736 is holding a "Baby Shower Card & Bunco Social," featuring table and door prizes, raffle, share the wealth and lunch. Admission is \$7, or the donation of a new baby item of the same value. The event is at Queen of Apostles Activity Center, entrance on Harold St. Fenced parking. Weather permitting. Proceeds go toward the purchase of infant clothes which will be donated to Children's Hospital to those.

**Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition** meets every second Thursday of the month (next: March 8), 11 a.m. at The Piast Institute, 11633 Jos. Campau.



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# Second Front Page

## Tuesday's election is all about the Republicans

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck Republicans, next Tuesday is your day.

That's when the Michigan Presidential Primary Election will be held, and since President Obama is running unopposed, it's all about the Republicans.

In a normal presidential primary, Michigan's election would not be considered a dealmaker because normally by now a frontrunner would have emerged.

A shoo-in, actually.

But this election year is turning out to be anything but a normal primary, for the Republicans.

A few weeks ago it appeared Mitt Romney was going to become the Republican nominee. Now, it's looking like Rick Santorum is going to take Michigan.

And if that happens, political pundits say Romney could be in serious trouble.

What does this mean for Hamtramck?

Not much, considering that the majority of Hamtramck voters are solidly Democratic. In past presidential elections here, there were about a couple hundred residents who voted Republican.

This time, there is no law forbidding Democratic sup-

porters from participating in the Republican primary. But keep in mind, you can only vote for one party or the other.

And the ballot you choose can be made public. However, that does not mean who you cast a vote for can be made public, just which party ballot you pick.

Although Obama is running unopposed, there is a box disgruntled Democrats can check off instead, which is la-

beled "uncommitted."

That's also an option on the Republican ticket, which includes several candidates who long ago dropped out of the race, such as Michele Bachmann and Herman Cain.

As of Thursday, the day The Review went to press, the following Republican candidates were still in the running: Mitt Romney, Rick Santorum, Newt Gingrich and Ron Paul.

There is no local ballot issue in this election.

## Hard work is paying off for Cosmos, coach says

By David Piestrzynski

The Hamtramck boys varsity basketball squad is on a roll.

With the district playoffs just around the corner, the Cosmos have put together a winning streak.

Last Friday, Hamtramck slammed Dearborn Riverside Academy 60-40 at home on Senior Night.

And on Tuesday night, they edged Hazel Park 43-39 for their second victory in a row.

The Cosmos' record now stands at 4-12. However, all four wins have come in the 2012 portion of their season.

Since the midseason point, Hamtramck has started to

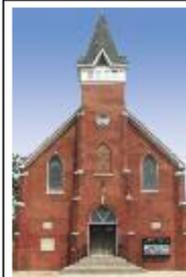
show its competitive side by winning four games and losing four others by very narrow margins.

"Our hard work is really starting to pay off," said Bill Gergosian, Hamtramck's head coach.

For the Cosmos, things may be coming together just in time for the postseason.

On March 5, Hamtramck will travel to Old Redford Academy for district playoffs.

The Cosmos have drawn Old Redford Academy, the host team, in the first round. The Old Redford Academy Ravens are currently 7-7 this season.



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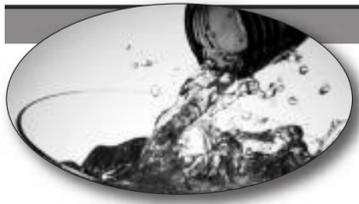
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# TOAST of the TOWN

When it comes to good food and great times, Hamtramck has plenty to offer. In this column, we'll talk about what's happening at our bars, restaurants and other events that can be found throughout the city.

**By Alan R. Madeleine**

Maybe it could end up being another reality TV show?

The good folks over at Maria's Comida might have a hit on their hands with their inaugural charity venture, which they're referring to as a "Daddy/Daughter Bake-Off," complete with celebrity judges, a live raffle/auction and tons of pastries, all for charity's sake.

Here's the deal, straight from the mouth of Marie: The event occurs this coming Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Maria's Comida. Maria's is at 11411 Jos. Campau, about a block and a half north of Caniff on the west side, just north of Hungry Howie's. They're expecting a pretty good turnout, so you might want to get there early.

The whole "shebang" costs \$20 at the door. It will be set

up as a "strolling" event, with appetizers provided by Maria's, and pastries from Ethel's Edibles, Love's Custard Pies, the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Program, and more.

At about 7 p.m., the celebrity judges will sample a batch of competing pastries as whipped up by "Daddy" Al Pronko and "Daughter" Marie



Posing with their weapons of choice, it's Al (Daddy) & Marie (Daughter) Pronko of Maria's Comida.

Pronko.

Judges are: Chef Joe Decker (one of only 12 certified Master Pastry Chefs in the country, and a current instructor at Schoolcraft, where Al got his

training); Chef Tom Keshishian ("Chef Tom," another of Joe Decker's former students, founder of Street Eatzz, and former host of channel 56's "Dining in the D"); and Erin Rose (founder of Positive Detroit/positivedetroit.net and Pick MI Date/pickmidate.com).

Patrons can get in on the voting - by voting with their wal-

gether by Marie out of locally made products, and a parade company tour, among other items.

For more info, you can call Marie, at her Comida, at (313) 733-8406.

And the heck with Lent.

**Do you know of a cool bar, a great restaurant or just a nice place to hang out? If you have tips on special events or just want to shine some light on your favorite spot send a message to [news@thehamtramck-review.com](mailto:news@thehamtramck-review.com) or call us at (313) 874-2100.**

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Dated: February, 2012

T. Edwin Norris, City Clerk

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# Review: Opinion Page

## Time is ticking away for city to come up with financial plan

We don't mean to harp on this subject, but it's still unclear to us what city officials plan to do to avoid payless paydays come June 30.

Recently, City Manager Bill Cooper proposed submitting a letter to the state Treasury Department, asking for a financial review because of a projected \$1.5 million budget shortfall by the end of June.

City councilmembers unanimously rejected that proposal, saying it's too soon to call in the state.

What they failed to do, however, is offer suggestions on what course of action to take to avoid

insolvency.

City Manager Cooper told us he's waiting for direction as well. He says he has gone about as far as he can go in negotiating contract concessions with the police and fire departments.

Some councilmembers did approve of the idea of bringing in a third party to take a stab at contract negotiations, but doing that will mean the city will have to pay for the service.

It seems prudent to us to bring in some fresh eyes and maybe get some constructive suggestions – for free – from state officials.

After all, the state is par-

tially to blame for Hamtramck's poor finances. It's the state that reduced the tax monies it sends annually to the city, which has greatly impacted our budget.

It's almost as if the state has set up Hamtramck – as well as many other communities – for financial failure.

In the meantime, there is no point in waiting until there is no cash left on hand to pay the city's bills and employees.

We're waiting to hear what the city council has to suggest, but time is not on Hamtramck's side.

## Letters • Letters

### Parental involvement in schools should be welcomed and encouraged

Recently, the Hamtramck Review ran a feature on how parents are increasingly becoming involved in their schools.

It was a great article about Mac Saleh and local parents. In the comment area of the online Hamtramck Review, I believe one person commented that these parents simply want to turn schools into Islamic schools. Since I've met Mac Saleh, and I've sat in on some of the parent meetings, I need to disagree with the person who commented that these people are simply trying to make the schools Islamic in nature.

No, I believe they're trying to work with schools like never before to help their children realize more success over the long run.

It is so important that parents, all parents, get involved with the school or schools their children attend. Now, with that said, it's also important that parents size up the school or schools in terms of the amount of reading materials that a school has.

Here's why: it's exceptionally important that schools promote reading in every way possible. (I know that Holbrook Elementary is doing this. You can clearly see this as you walk the school. I know that Dickinson West and Kosciuszko are also doing this.)

To help promote overall reading, I personally repaired and carried the library books from one school, the old Dickinson West building on Caniff, to the building on Burger Street.

To help the overall reading program, I've also personally gotten out thousands of books, and other reading materials, to more than two dozen classrooms.

To help with the long-term reading efforts, I believe that my school district, the Hamtramck Public Schools, has put together the best Title I reading program that I've ever seen. It's a reading program with a tremendous amount of reading materials. (Please realize that many of the new charter

schools, and some traditional public schools, skimp on books for students. My district does not skimp on reading. It's one reason I'm proud to work for the Hamtramck Public Schools.)

In time, our reading program, along with increased parental involvement, will make a difference in the ability of our wonderful students to think well, to learn well, and to read well.

I think that this is what Mac Saleh wants to see: schools that really work with parents to help children gain the reading skills (and other skills) they need to succeed in life, skills that cannot be measured with multiple-choice tests. Such skills are usually the result of parents working fully with schools to help the children – all of the children.

**Brad Alan Neff**  
(Mr. Neff is a media specialist with the Hamtramck Public Schools.)

## Letters • Letters

### Don't balance the city's budget on the backs of police officers

On behalf of the Fraternal Order of Police, I am writing today in response to the articles, "City Manager Warns that a Financial Crisis Looms" and "Hamtramck needs the state to review its finances now not later", in the February 17, 2012 Hamtramck Review.

Let it be said, both articles make representations that place the men and women of the Hamtramck Police Department in a false light. What is true, however, is that the City Manager, Bill Cooper, has resorted to desperate attempts to stay afloat by his misrepresentations and manipulations.

More specifically, included in the referenced articles and again at last week's council meeting, Mr. Cooper proposed sending a letter he had drafted to the Treasury Department allegedly because of Hamtramck's looming "Financial Crisis."

Time and time again, he has blamed police officers for the financial straits the city is in. Cooper has stated that "to date, we (the FOP) have negotiated minimal concessions." Let it be known that this is a blatant misrepresentation of the facts.

The citizens we serve and protect must know the truth, and that is the FOP has single-handedly proposed to the city council and to Mr. Cooper to take painful yet necessary concessions to the tune of over \$900,000. Just shy of a million dollars is an excellent start to resolving a deficit that was created by Mr. Cooper's spending, or misspending, of the City's money.

And that offered savings does not include what can be expected from the police supervisors' union, The Ranking Officers Association.

Mr. Copper's grand plan is to have the men and women of the police department shoulder the city's entire financial burden; however, it is those same men and women that have shouldered most of their own expenses.

The Police Department purchases nearly all of their equipment with Drug Forfeiture money. Even office supplies in city hall are purchased from Drug Forfeiture funds. The bookkeeping practices in Hamtramck are designed with the intent to show the Police Department as a cost center – again, a false claim.

It is interesting that 100 percent of our overtime costs are listed as expenditures in the police budget, and yet the \$1,700,000 in revenue derived from the enforcement efforts of the officers, as a result of the required overtime, is reflected as revenue in the 31st District Court's budget.

Why is that? The city also asserts the fire union may open their contract to possible concessions if they believe the police unions have given enough. And who was it that signed a multi-year contract with the Fire Department's union that does not expire until 2014 you ask?

Look no further than the City Manager's office.

The city pressures the men and women of the police department for reductions in pay and benefits, while the Fire Fighters union will be receiving yet another 3 percent pay increase this year. Since 1996, the Police Department has given up 14 positions. In that same time period, the Fire Department has lost just one.

History reveals the members of the Police Department have always put the City

first, in front of our families and our personal lives, to assist the city achieve financial balance. Can the City and Mr. Cooper say the same?

When former City Manager Don Crawford left Hamtramck the City was \$3 million in the black. What has changed since then to put Hamtramck in the red? Need one look any further than the City Manager's office?

What happened? Bill Cooper has made it virtually impossible to negotiate fairly. How can we, as a body, continue to negotiate if the door is continually slammed in our faces?

To sum things up, Mr. Cooper and the City Council have once again chosen to use an assortment of tactics to aide them in accomplishing their ends: to ensure the members of the police department bear the burden of the city's debt. Since most of us operate in a fairly straightforward manner, we sit back and allow those among us to gain an unfair advantage.

But I can assure you that the men and women of the FOP will not respond by descending into the pit right alongside them. We have bargained in good faith.

We have chosen to respond ethically and with integrity to demonstrate to the residents our strong desire and willingness to be part of the solution in Hamtramck. Let it be known the FOP is working with the city to resolve this financial situation.

But we cannot bear the burden alone.

There must be accountability by all.

**David Cornwell**  
President  
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**By Alan "I Like Doughnuts Too" Madeleine**

Taken from Hamtramck Police reports from Wednesday, Feb. 15 through Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012.

**From Wednesday, Feb. 15:**

• A man reported that (an) unknown person(s) broke a window at his residence in the

3800 block of Belmont.

• A man was arrested on a Hamtramck warrant by officers investigating him for panhandling at the Mobil station at 2000 Caniff. He was also ticketed for possessing narcotics paraphernalia.

• A man reported that someone stole the catalytic converter from off his vehicle in

the 3000 block of Jacob.

• Police are seeking a known suspect, a black man in his 20s, in connection with a confessed attempt to set his girlfriend's mother's car on fire. He had earlier in the day assaulted the girlfriend while in Detroit, about which she had filed a report with Detroit Police. The man had also made a threatening phone call to her, relating that he had "blown up (her) mom's car," and that he was "going to catch (her) on the street."

**From Thursday, Feb. 16:**

• A juvenile (gender not given) reported being assaulted while walking home from Hamtramck Academy. The juvenile was treated by EMS, and then released to his or her parents.

• A man living in the 2600 block of Belmont reported that someone stole his mail-ordered medication from his mailbox.

• A man reported that someone stole his cell phone while

he was at Hamtramck High School.

**From Friday, Feb. 17:**

• A man reported the theft of his 1999 Dodge Durango SUV from the parking lot of Johnny's Pizza. Hamtramck police later discovered that the vehicle had already been found by Detroit Police.

• A woman reported being harassed by her ex-boyfriend.

• Two men were arrested after they were observed breaking the mirror off of a vehicle while it was parked on Holmes, near Mackay.

• An employee at Hamtramck High School reported the theft of a laptop computer.

• A woman reported the ongoing harassment of her daughter by a group of other girls while at Hamtramck Academy.

**From Saturday, Feb. 18:**

• A person was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon  
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following a traffic stop.

• A woman living in the 2600 block of Casmere was arrested after being involved in a domestic dispute.

• A man reported the theft of a catalytic converter from off his vehicle. (Come on, you thieves - do you want this town to smell like Ohio night and day? - Ed.)

• A man who is an employee for 1st Community Development reported the theft of some building fixtures from a home in the 11600 block of Lumpkin.

• A man reported that he received a counterfeit \$50 bill from Steve's Party Store at 2132 Caniff, however an employee there stated that she was the one who cashed his check, and that she gave him a legitimate bill. The man filing the original crime report had then caused a disturbance, and was asked to leave the store.

• Two men were arrested at Walter's, 12197 Conant, for trying to cash a stolen check.

## From Sunday, Feb. 19:

• Two men were arrested for disorderly conduct while in front of a Conant St. address.

• The Director of Public Works was notified about an unsecured vacant house in the 2600 block of Holmes, and given a request to board it up. The Hamtramck Fire Department was at the scene dealing with a possible gas leak.

• A woman reported that her boyfriend assaulted her while

at a home in the 11500 block of Nagel.

## From Monday, Feb. 20:

• A man and woman were both arrested during a traffic stop, him for drunk driving and carrying a concealed weapon, her for also carrying a concealed weapon (a loaded handgun in her purse). (Reminds me of the old song by The Contours, "First I Look at the Handgun." - Ed.)

• A man living in the 3800 block of Caniff reported the theft of his washing machine while he was in the process of moving.

• A Troy man reported the theft of his 2005 Ford van from where it had been parked in front of 11369 Sobieski.

• A man living on the 11300 block of Gallagher reported that someone gained entry into his vehicle and stole the radio.

• A woman living in the 2200 block of Edwin reported receiving harassing phone calls from someone known to her.

• A man was arrested on a domestic violence charge in the 3900 block of Trowbridge after allegedly assaulting his wife, although officers observed no injuries to either party initially.

## From Tuesday, Feb. 21:

• The pastor of the New St. John Missionary Baptist Church at 3901 Miller reported that (an) unknown person(s) broke two of the

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church's windows.

• A man was arrested at Evaline & McDougall for drunk driving after being involved in an accident, and blowing a .12 and then a .13 on a Breathalyzer test. His vehicle was turned over to his mother.

• An investigator for Recon Management reported that he and Homeland Security joined forces to seize an unspecified quantity of DVDs and CDs from Star Wireless at 9839 Jos. Campau. (*I'm sure it's "all just a misunderstanding."* - Ed.)

• A man reported that another man, known to him and against whom he has a pending legal case, confronted him near his home, and that he fears for his and his family's safety.

• A man reported that his former tenants took several appliances, the furnace, the air conditioner, kitchen and bathroom fixtures, and all the copper piping when they vacated the apartment. (*What, they couldn't get the drywall loose?* - Ed.)

• A woman reported that

(an) unknown person(s) damaged her 1998 Honda Civic, location not given, today between 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

• A man was arrested for public intoxication in the 3200 block of Trowbridge. He refused to supply his name at the scene or while being booked, had no ID, and thus was booked as a "John Doe."

**Wednesday, Feb. 22:**

• A man reported that (an) unknown person(s) broke a window on the south side of his upper flat.

• A man was arrested for drunk driving during a traffic stop at Carpenter and Jos. Campau. The vehicle was secured at City Hall.

• A man reported that (an) unknown person(s) took his two city garbage cans.

• A man was arrested for being disorderly/publicly intoxicated after being found lying in the alley behind Checkers Hamburgers at Faber and Jos. Campau and refusing to go home. He blew a .31 (*Yikes!* - Ed.) He was then trans-

ported to Detroit Receiving Hospital by Hamtramck EMS because of his dangerously high blood alcohol content.

• A man reported being robbed of \$25 while in the area of Grayling and Lumpkin by a black male, described as being 5'6", 160 lbs., with braided hair, wearing a gray jacket, black pants and brandishing a silver plated handgun. He stated that he had actually seen the suspect earlier in the day at the Sunoco service station at Jos. Campau and Roosevelt. Officers, following up on the lead, questioned a Sunoco employee, who stated that he, too, remembered the suspect being in the store earlier.

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