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Quick Hits

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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Finally, a southend eyesore will now come down

By Charles Sercombe

It's been a year since three houses on the end of Faber St. burned.

The cause of the fire is not known, but the damage that took place is still there for the world to see.

And that has City Councilmember Robert Zwolak concerned, because the two houses that remain standing (the middle house is just a mound of rubble) pose a threat to the safety of those who live nearby and also to kids who might wander into the houses to play.

Tearing down the houses, Zwolak said at Tuesday's city council meeting, "is long overdue."

The problem, however, is where to get money to tear them down. Only one house was insured, said City Manager Bill Cooper. Insurance money for that house should cover most of the demo and clean-up costs.

The other two houses would

have to be torn down at the city's expense with the hope of recouping that expense when the lots are sold.

Ah, but getting that money back is a long shot, Cooper said, because the lots are not worth the cost of the demo.

There might be one more avenue. Jason Friedmann, the city's Director of Community & Economic Development, said he is looking to tap into federal funds administered by the county.

Zwolak said the city can't afford to wait, and said the demo work should be done and paid for through whatever source the city can find.

The two houses will cost about \$15,000 to tear down.

The city council apparently had heard enough, and unanimously approved the job.

That's good news to Berna Al-Murisi, who lives next-door to the mess.

"I'm waiting for another fire," she said. "Either that, or some child getting injured in there."



The remains of three houses on Faber St. that were destroyed in a fire will finally, after a year, be demolished and removed. The catch is for city officials to come up with \$15,000.



Search goes on for two women

By Charles Sercombe

At the time we went to press on Thursday, several police agencies were helping Hamtramck search for two women who were abducted at gunpoint Tuesday night.

But as the hours tick by, investigators privately told The Review that the chance of finding the women alive grows slimmer.

Here's the story so far: On Tuesday at 10 p.m., two men arrived at a house on Andrus, looking for Abreeya Carol



Abreeya Carol Brown



Ashley Victoria Conaway

Brown, 18 and Ashley Victoria Conaway, 21.

The two women share the house with Brown's stepfather.

The main suspect, Brandon

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For music lovers, this weekend promises to literally be a 'Blowout'



By Alan Madeleine

It's like a cruise ship after they served bad shrimp: Everywhere you look, there's a blowout.

This weekend, the garage rockers, electro-noodlers, proto-punks, post punks, post post punks, so-post-they're-proto-again punks; the drunks, the lunks and the ones blowing chunks, they all converge on our fair 2.2 square to sample the musical wares of some 200-odd (and

some of them will be very odd) bands, solo acts, and others.

Absolutely one of Hamtramck's biggest yearly "tourist" draws, along with Paczki Day and the Labor Day Festival, the venerable Blowout is now in its 15th (!) year, and shows no signs of reform or remorse. Spread out over 14 of the city's most renowned (and tolerant)

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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.

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Search goes on for two women

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Lewis Cain, 26, of Detroit, attempted to pay the women \$5,000 to not pursue legal action against him. Three weeks ago, police say, Conaway had broken off a relationship with Cain. Cain became upset and shot out the back window of her car.

The two women refused to drop criminal action against Cain, which then resulted in an attempt to abduct the women. But before that happened, Brown's stepfather attempted to thwart the abduction by firing a gun at the suspects. The suspects returned the gunfire, and amazingly no one was injured.

The two suspects were able to get the women, and drove off in a car described as

being grey or silver in color and possibly a Chrysler Concorde or Sebring, police say.

About an hour after the women were taken, Conaway sent a text message to her cousin saying that they were locked in a trunk and who did it. That was the last anyone has heard from the women.

At first, police thought Cain's accomplice was Michael Todd-Douglas, but he turned himself in to police Wednesday morning, saying he had nothing to do with the incident.

Detroit police are holding him in connection with Cain's shooting at Conaway's car.

Another suspect was named a person of interest, Bryant Christopher Lee, who

was apprehended at his girlfriend's house in Pontiac, police said.

Cain was arrested Wednesday evening. Hamtramck Acting Police Chief Max Garbarino said he could not discuss details about the circumstances of the arrest.

He also said he could not discuss what Cain and Lee are telling investigators, if anything at all.

With the arrest of three suspects, Detective George Voight said "the players we believe involved ... are in custody."

Garbarino said investigators have been working non-stop since Tuesday evening.

"Everyone on the second floor is on it," he said in reference to the Detective Bureau

in the police department. Also helping out are Detroit police, Michigan State Police and the U.S. Marshals.

Investigators are also looking at two cars found matching the description of the get-away vehicle, but no connection has been made yet.

And yes, police opened the trunks.

On Thursday, one of the women's families put out a \$10,000 reward to anyone who could supply information about the abduction.

Anyone with information is asked to call Hamtramck police at (313) 876-7803. You can also call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK-UP (1-800-773-2587).



By Alan Madeleine

This week's Crime Log was compiled from police reports from between Thursday, Feb. 23 to Wednesday, Feb. 29.

Thursday, Feb. 23:

• A man reported that he was assaulted with a set of keys by another man, known to him, following a work-related argument over who would become taxi-cab president. (Fellas! Try not to be complete Republicans here! — Ed.)

• Officers towed an unregistered vehicle from in front of a house on 3000 block of Belmont, after neighbors complained that the car alarm had been going off for about an hour, and no owner could be located to turn it off.

• A woman living on the 11300 block of McDougall reported that someone, who was known to her, stole a collection of rare coins from her.

• A man reported his vehicle stolen from the area of Casmere and Jos. Campau. Make and model not given in report.

• A woman reported that her ex-husband picked up their daughter from a bus stop, in violation of a custody agreement. This allegedly occurred the day before at about 7:30 a.m. He is allegedly refusing to return the child.

• A woman reported damage to her vehicle while it was parked in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau.

• A woman living in the 3000 block of Hanley reported that someone stole a pair of tennis shoes from her back porch. (Someone, stop the tennis shoe madness! — Ed.)

• Officers arrested a man on Conant near Caniff because he assaulted a juvenile.

Friday, Feb. 24:

• A man reported the theft of his Playstation 3 from his residence in the 2200 block of Grayling.

• A woman reported that someone had attempted to force entry into her residence in the 12000 block of Selfridge.

• A woman came into the

station to report a case of identity theft.

• A man reported that someone had stolen his vehicle while it was parked near an address in the 3900 block of Prescott. No description of the vehicle given.

• A man reported the theft of copper piping from the basement of his rental property in

the 2600 block of Holbrook.

Saturday, Feb. 25:

• Officers responded to a domestic situation in the 11700 block of Mitchell.

• Officers took a report of the theft of two wheels from off of a vehicle in the 11300 block of Lumpkin.

• A woman residing in the

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Toddler Time at the Library - Monday March 5 at noon. Join us for celebration of Dr. Seuss birthday and a movie "Green Eggs and Ham." (Children must be accompanied by an adult.)

Computer Classes for Beginners - Tuesday, March 6 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.

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Arts and Crafts Workshop for Children - Tuesday, March 6 at 3:30 pm. Celebrate the 100th birthday of Oreo's with a Make'n'Take crafts.

Math Club Meeting - Tuesday, March 6 at 3:30 p.m. Mr. Nuo is the instructor for the math club, math tutoring and Math Kangaroo competition.

ESL Conversation Class - Tuesday, March 6 at 4:30 p.m. Ms. Trisa conducts English Conversation classes each Tuesday night. Free of charge to Hamtramck residents.

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Free Tax Services - Friday, March 9 at 10 a.m. Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency will help Hamtramck residents with preparation of their 2011 taxes - free of charge.

ESL News for You - Friday, March 9 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 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.

Math Kangaroo Test - Thursday, March 15 at 5 p.m. All children registered for the Math Kangaroo Test will be able to participate in this annual math competition.

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Second Front Page

Voters go for Santorum in Tuesday's election

By Charles Sercombe

You could hardly tell there was an election in Hamtramck on Tuesday, but indeed there was one.

And what a weird one it was.

A paltry 645 voters participated in the presidential primary – less than one percent of the total 11,000 registered voters.

You could hardly blame anyone for ignoring this election, or even being oblivious to it. Hamtramck has long been known as a Democratic stronghold, and since President Obama is running unopposed, well, why bother?

But there were certainly a number of Democratic voters who were eager to participate – in the Republican side of the ticket.

Voters could only vote in one primary, the Republican ballot or the Democratic one, but not both.

Some 324 picked the Democratic ballot, casting 276 votes for Obama and 48 to “uncommitted.”

Hmmmm, are those disgruntled Democrats?

The remainder of voters split their support all over the Republican ticket, but a slim majority went with Rick Santorum (116 votes), and with

Mitt Romney coming in close behind with 103 votes.

Trailing a distant third and fourth place respectively were Ron Paul and Newt Gingrich.

The statewide vote was equally close for Santorum and Romney, but Romney managed to edge out Santorum by 41 percent to 38 percent.

We managed to find a few voters, but that was like finding the proverbial needle in a haystack.

Berni Culester came to vote a little after 5 p.m. at the Senior Plaza, where, conveniently he lives.

“I circled Obama,” he said in broken English. “He’s the best.”

Also at the senior apartment building was Margaret Whitney Todd, who said she’s a former Democratic Party supporter, but not anymore.

“It’s not the party of Roosevelt and Truman,” she said in reference to former presidents Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Harry S Truman.

She said she voted for Romney.

“He’s a wealthy man, and he doesn’t need the money,” Todd said. “He’s pretty honest and straight-forward.”

Democrats were urged by some party leaders to cross over to the Republican ballot and purposely vote for Santo-

rum because that candidate is perceived to be the weakest when matched up against Obama.

Or so the opinion polls say.

This election also marked a historical first for Hamtramck and the country – yes, the country. City Clerk Ed Norris said it was the first time ballots were available in the native language of Bangladesh.

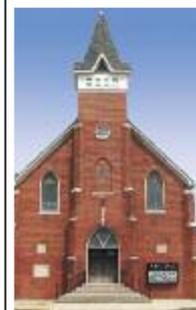
That’s a requirement that the city was ordered to take by the Justice Department because the 2010 Census showed a significant enough Bangladeshi-American population to require it.

Not one ballot in Bangladeshi was requested, Norris said.

“This election wasn’t a very good test for it,” he said.

Norris also noted that, judging by the names of those who requested Republican or Democratic ballots, the city’s Bangladeshi-American community largely sat out this election.

That community has emerged in recent years as the city’s largest voting bloc.



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City Hall Insider ...

What is our City Council up to these days? We have the scoop and the highlights – as well as the lowlights – of the latest council meeting.

By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on Feb. 28, and the meeting lasted for two-and-a-half hours. All members were in attendance.

A reminder was made that the city's Clean Sweep Committee is meeting this Saturday (March 3) at 11 a.m. in city hall, to discuss the annual citywide clean-up effort coming this April.

Mayor Karen Majewski noted that this week (March 1-3) is the annual Hamtramck Blowout, which features performances by over 200 bands in 14 venues here in town.

"While you're here," the mayor said to those out there

attending, "have something to eat."

(Editor's note: Yes, we have great Polish, Bangladeshi, Bosnian, Middle Eastern, regular old American fare and even soul food – did we miss anyone? – served up right here in Hamtown.)

Russ Gordon, Chairman of the Human Relations Commission, gave an overview of the commission's mission. He said that in the past, the commission tended to focus on reacting to complaints filed by the public.

He said the "slightly new direction" the commission is taking is to "prevent conflict."

And one way to do that, he said, involves "three hooks: Kids, food and work."

He said one way this is accomplished is by holding block parties/potlucks. He said this has been happening on his block on Zinow since five years ago, when neighbors got together to share dishes, talk and music.

"It was a wonderful feast," he said. "After that, people got to know each other."

For example, he said, neighbors started helping each other out in home improvement projects.

The block club parties have grown to where more residents participate and share their native dishes, kids play soccer and there is a fair amount of dancing going on.

(Editor's note: This is the real deal, folks. Tons of fun.)

Gordon said the commission is spending this year fundraising in order to start up similar block club parties throughout the city.

Fundraising will involve selling canvas shopping bags through local merchants. It's a way, Gordon said, to cut down on those irritating flyweight plastic bags we all get that somehow end up on our streets and caught up in trees.

As for the work part, Gordon said he wants to organize a tree planting program for neighborhoods throughout the city.

(We'll have more on all this in the weeks to come.)

Southfield Mayor Brenda Lawrence introduced herself. She said she is running for the

newly redistricted congressional district that includes Hamtramck. The mindbogglingly newly drawn district (the 14th) goes from southwest Detroit, over to the Grosse Pointes, back west to Farmington Hills, and north to Pontiac.

Yeah. Lawrence said she has served on the Southfield School Board, the city council and as mayor, and she has the "unique ability to know how to connect the dots of (getting) federal dollars."

Councilmember Robert Zwolak thanked Lawrence for visiting, and said he'd like to see more "collaboration" between Hamtramck and Southfield.

Hamtramck High School will continue to have a police presence, albeit a limited one, but a needed one.

The council agreed to enter into an agreement with the school district to have officers work one hour of overtime when school lets out in the afternoon, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Acting Police Chief Max Garbarino said he hopes to nip any trouble before it begins.

(Editor's note: Be true to your school, kids.)

OK, we've got enough gas left to cover one more subject before last call is made.

Steve Shaya.

He's no stranger to the city or the pages of this newspaper. He has been a consultant for the past several weeks to run the Public Works Department. His contract to become the permanent director finally came up for the council to consider.

We'll cut out some of the idle chatter, and give you the low-down on the contract proposal, of which the details came out after some back and forth with the city manager.

Salary: \$72,000. Benefits: \$24,000.

Councilmember Zwolak suggested upping the salary to \$76,000, which was met with objection from Councilmember Jankowski who said it flies in the face of the council's effort to cut expenses.

Jankowski also noted that Zwolak had a resolution on the agenda to have each department prepare a budget with expenses cut by up to 30 percent. "Coming or going?" Jankowski said.

In the vote to approve the increase, all but Zwolak opposed it. The regular contract was approved.

(That's it for this week. We'll have the second half next week.)

A blow by blow of who's playing the Blowout

By Alan Madeleine

Remaining Blowout Schedule for Friday, March 2 and Saturday, March 3 evenings:

FRIDAY!!

Bakers Streetcar: Troy Gregory (10:20), Thumbs Up (11:20), Lightning Love (12:20), Fur (1:20)

Detroit Threads: DJs from 9 p.m. til 2 a.m., incl. Dre, Jimmy K., A. Garcia, and Walter W.

Jeans Lounge: Snail (9:40), Ghoulies (10:40), The Skye Thomas Experience (11:40), Maria Rose and Swiss Kicks (12:40)

Kellys Bar: Heartbreak Dallas & The Unfaithfuls (9:20), Patrick Davy & the Ghosts (10:40), Katie Grace (11:40), Doop & the Inside Outlaws (12:40)

Mars Bar: Cosmic Light Shapes (9:40), Ferndale Acid Society (10:40), Old Empire (11:40), Pupils (12:40)

New Dodge Lounge: Joint Chiefs of Detroit (9:20), Six & the Sevens (10:20), Citizen Zero (11:20), FAWN (12:20)

Painted Lady Lounge: Congress (10 p.m.), Instant Party (11), Robin Parrent (Midnight), The Sugarcoats (1)

Psychecks Lounge: Sex Police (9:40), CHAW!! (10:40), Smoke aka The Black Cal Ripken (11:40), Waxgordo (12:40)

PNA (Hall): Growing Pains (10 p.m.), Skinny Wrists (10:40), Esquire (11:20), The Blackman (Midnight), Kenny Turdrick (12:40)

PNA (Lounge): Bad Party (10:20), SROS Lords (11), The Mythics (11:40), Body Holographic (12:20), Duane the Teenage Weirdo (1 p.m.)

Polish Village Cafe: Big Mess (9:20), Seedsman to the

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Review: Opinion Page

It's in the city's best interest to direct development

Why in the world would three city councilmembers be opposed to having our zoning laws reviewed to make sure they are compatible to our proposed Master Plan?

That was the case at Tuesday's council meeting, when, mysteriously, Councilmembers Abdul Algazali, Mohammed Hassan and Anam Miah voted against that action.

Their arguments against it were vague at best, but one was about the possible cost. It may very well require the city to hire a consultant to cross-reference the two documents.

But it's something that must be done. At least, that is, if we want to consider ourselves as a fully-functioning city.

What we suspect was really at the heart of their objection was the proverbial elephant sitting in the room that no one wanted to mention.

City Councilmember Cathie Gordon brought up the proposal in the first place in response to a recent decision by the Zoning Board of Appeals to allow a mosque to open up at the former DTE Energy building on Jos. Campau and Holmes.

Gordon is not opposed to mosques, but she is against allowing religious centers and other non-profit groups from setting up in prime real estate in the heart of the city's business district.

Most cities have zoning laws banning that. But a federal law created by Republicans forbids applying zoning

laws to places of worship, which is why the ZBA's hands were tied.

So what does this have to do with the city's proposed Master Plan? The Master Plan also deals with development ideas for the city and what kinds of businesses should operate here and where.

It's only prudent to make sure there are no other hidden clashes. If there are, there might be ways to modify the language of or zoning laws.

The city needs a Master Plan to make sure sensible development takes place, instead of development happening without any concern for the overall goals and good for the city.

Now, why would anyone be against that?



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11600 block of Mitchell reported that she is being harassed by an unknown male caller.

A man reported that reported that his 2003 Dodge Caravan, color not given, was taken from where it was parked in front of 2022 Trowbridge.

A man walked into the station to file a report that he had been assaulted by two other men who were known to him while he was at the Polish National Alliance Hall at 10211 Conant. Officers investigated at the address, but the two suspects were gone. Officers noted swelling and bruising to the victim's mouth. (*Sounds like they were operating at opposite "poles"... - Ed.*)

Officers transported one stray pitbull from 12173 Jos. Campau, where it had been blocking a doorway, to the Westland Humane Society, then about an hour and a half later, corralled and transported two more dogs of the same breed from the 2600 block of Commor to the same location. (*What, did a truckload of them*

overturn? Seriously, though, people - deal with your dogs properly, how about it? - Ed.)

From Sunday, Feb. 26:

A man was arrested for disorderly conduct, following an altercation in front of the BHA Hall at 2320 Caniff.

A person reported being assaulted by an Arabic man unknown to him, while in the vicinity of Jos. Campau and Pulaski.

A man was arrested for assaulting his girlfriend in the 2300 block of Norwalk.

A man came into the station to report the theft of a Ruger LC9 9mm handgun from a lockbox in his bedroom, address not specified. He reported no damage to the lockbox, nor any signs of having been broken into.

A woman stated that her 1998 Ford Explorer (color not given), license plate number CHG 8520, was apparently stolen while in the possession of another person known to her, who had left the car running in the parking lot of the Red Caboose Wine Shop at Holbrook and Brombach while

he had ducked into the store.

A man was arrested in the 5100 block of Yemans on a warrant, by officers responding to a complaint about his numerous extra vehicles creating a parking issue. Three Nissan vehicles of differing models were all towed away.

A woman was arrested in the 11700 block of Dyar for aggravated assault after stabbing her male roommate in the right leg during an argument. The man was transported to Detroit Receiving Hospital by Hamtramck EMS.

Officers responded to an altercation between two women in the 12000 block of Selfridge, concerning the alleged prior assault of one woman's son earlier in the day. No obvious injuries were observed on either party, and both refused EMS help.

A man came into the station to report that two other persons, both known to him and sharing the same last name (the report does not specify whether they were related), made a harassing phone call to him, threatening to damage his vehicle.

From Monday, Feb. 27:

A person, gender unclear,

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Odds & Ends

"Meet and Greet" ... Stop by the New Dodge Lounge today (Friday, March 2) at 5:30 p.m., which is where Congressman Gary Peters will be at. New Dodge owner Cathie Gordon wants the whole town to meet with Peters, who will be running for re-election this year in a newly drawn congressional district that includes Hamtramck.

Welcome aboard, Congressman.

Big hearts ... The good folks at the Hamtramck Moose Lodge on Conant sure know how to throw a fundraiser.

On Paczki Day they held a special breakfast to raise money for the Hamtramck Goodfellows. Wow, they ran out of food after serving up a little over 100 meals that day. They also received a little

money from the help of Hamtramck's firefighters. It all totaled up to \$1,000, which was presented to Goodfellows Chairman Mike Wilk.

Considering the yearly

budget for the Goodfellows averages \$7,000, that donation goes a long way.

A big thanks goes to our Moose clubmembers for being so generous.



Members of the Hamtramck Moose Lodge hand over a check to Mike Wilk (sitting, left), the Chairman of the Hamtramck Goodfellows. The Moose Lodge raised \$1,000 for the Goodfellows.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF HAMTRAMCK

Notice is hereby given that the Community & Economic Development Department of the City of Hamtramck will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the City of Hamtramck is announcing its objectives and possible uses for development projects using Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

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The public is invited to attend and comment on the proposal during the public hearing or to make written comments on or before March 13, 2012. Written comments should be made to the attention of the Community & Economic Development Director, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

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Obituaries

WITKOWSKI

Theresa A. Witkowski, 88, died on February 29, 2012

Mrs. Witkowski was born on November 13, 1923. She was a homemaker, member of St. Theresa Guild St. Florian Parish, Women of the Moose in Hamtramck, Mother of the Year Polish Women's Alliance, Alliance of Poles, paczki contest winner at the Strawberry Festival and bread maker for Pope John Paul II in 1987.

Mrs. Witkowski was the beloved wife of the late Anthony, mother of Barbara (Michael) Zebrowski, Patricia

(Lou) Kulikauskas, Thomas (Pam), and Michael (Cathy); grandmother of Lisa Zebrowski, Lara (David) Galka, Lynette Zebrowski, Renay Witkowski, Tommy Witkowski, Nicole Witkowski, Meghan Witkowski, Courtney Witkowski; sister of Bernard (Delphine) Wozniak, the late Joan Romanowski and John Wozniak; sister-in-law Clara Unieski, Victoria (the late Leonard) Witkowski, John (the late Dorothy) Dikowski, the late Eleanore and Leo Konaszewski, and the late Ralph and Gertrude Ratoski.

Mrs. Witkowski was also survived by many nieces,

nephews and friends. She was a very special friend of Rev. Edward Zaorski and Rev. Anthony Richter. She was a loving second mom to many and special Grandma to Andy, Amy, Brian and Jason.

Visitation is Thursday, March 1, 5-9 p.m. and Friday, March 2, 1-9 p.m. at David Wysocki Funeral Home, 29440 Ryan Rd., north of 12 Mile Rd. in Warren. In state Saturday, March 3, 9 a.m. until the time of the Funeral Mass at 9:30 a.m., at St. Florian Catholic Church. Interment will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

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For music lovers, this weekend promises to literally be a 'Blowout'

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music venues, the Blowout is a machine that just keeps on chugging up the scenery.

We caught up with Festival Organizer Eve Doster on Thursday, who was on the run all morning "putting up posters."

Asked what was different, if anything, with this year's model, she offered her take:

"It's really mostly the same," she said. "Kind of like, 'not broke, don't fix it.'" The Blowout has been a big success most years, so the promoters saw fit to basically shine up the wheels and push it down the track one more time.

For those attending, note that there will, as in past years, be multiple shuttles to ferry you between locales. The wait to catch one is typically not very long, either, if past years are any indication.

Tickets are only available now in person for \$25 for the entire event, at either Detroit Threads (which will feature on-going DJs from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.), 10238 Jos. Campau, a block and a half south of Caniff on the east side, or at the Polish National Alliance Hall (which replaces Gates of Columbus Hall, from previous years, as the larger venue) at

10211 Conant, also about two blocks south of Caniff, on the west side.

The event is open to those 18 and up, with ID.

Among the many interesting acts is legendary L.A. impresario Kim Fowley's "Psychedelic Dogs" project (On Saturday at PNA hall at 12:20 a.m.).

Other slots feature appearances by Blowout stalwarts The Polish Muslims, The Muggs, The Dirtbombs, Child Bite, Human Eye, Doop & the Inside Outlaws, The Hentchmen, Dutch Pink, The Beggars, Amy Gore, Outrageous Cherry, as well as buzz bands Bad Party, Pewter Cub, House Phone, and about 180 more.

But earplugs? Them's on you.

Late breaking news! Due to what Doster referred to in veiled terms as "an issue with the building," everything originally scheduled for the Atlas Bar will now be held at the Polish Village Café (2990 Yemans, east of Jos. Campau, if it could be humanly possible that you don't know where it is), in the upstairs area. Times on the schedule will apparently remain the same as they would have been at the Atlas.



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living in the 2600 block of Neibel, was arrested while at Neibel and Mackay for possession of suspected cocaine.

A man reported that someone had entered his residence in the 3000 block of Evaline and stolen some property. Exact nature of property not specified in the police log.

Two men were arrested for possession of crack cocaine after a traffic stop at Nagel and Commor, and their 2006 Suzuki Aerio was impounded.

A man came into the station to report the suspected theft of his 2005 Dodge Caravan, temporary plate not listed, from where the vehicle had been parked on Jos. Campau and Danforth.

A woman was arrested following a domestic dispute with her husband in the 3300 block of Holbrook. The husband had sustained an injury to his face, and was transported to Detroit Receiving Hospital by Hamtramck EMS; he was therefore not arrested at this time.

Officers responded to a woman who claimed she had taken an overdose of some unspecified pills while at a home

in the 2000 block of Belmont, stating that she wanted to harm herself. She was transported to the Detroit Receiving Hospital Crisis Center by ambulance.

From Tuesday, Feb. 28:

Officers responded to a domestic dispute at a residence in the 2300 block of Botsford.

A man reported the fraudulent use of his bank card.

A man reported that someone has been fraudulently picking up his prescriptions from Tel-Ford Medical.

A man reported his vehicle stolen (no description given) from an address in the 2600

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A blow by blow of who's playing the Blowout

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World (10:20), Destroy This Place (11:20), Outrageous Cherry (12:20)

Skippers Bar: Twine Time (9:20), Danny & the Darleans (10:20), The Crooks (11:20), The Sin-Bads (12:20)

Smalls Bar: The Wrong Numbers (10 p.m.), The Peoples Temple (11), Human Eye (Midnight), The Sights (1)

Whiskey in the Jar: Oblisk (10 p.m.), Electric Lion Sound Wave Experiment (11), The Raw Dealers (Midnight), Future Slang (1)

SATURDAY!!

Bakers Streetcar: Fake Surfers (10 p.m.), Amoebas (11), Detroit 442 (Midnight), Frustrations (1)

Detroit Threads: Detroit Techno Militia (9 p.m. 'til 2 a.m.)

Jeans Lounge: String of Ponies (9:20), Nobody's Business (10:20), Ryan Racine & Gas For Less (11:20), Ryan Dillaha (12:20)

Kellys Lounge: Pewter Club (9:20), Black Jake & the Carnies (10:20), After Dark Amusement Park (11:20), The Polish Muslims (12:20)

Mars Bar: Mass Solo Revolt (9:40), AudioLogical (10:40), The Prime Ministers (11:40), Lawless Carver (12:40)

New Dodge Lounge: Robin Goodfellow (10 p.m.), Water Cops (11), illymack (Midnight), Phantasm (1)

Painted Lady Lounge: Rai Knight (9:20), Warhorses (10:20), Mick Bassett & the Marthas (11:20), Butter Made Records All-Stars (12:20)

Paychecks: Wells (9:40), Glossies (10:40), Golden Torso (11:40), Slaves to the Pavement (12:40)

PNA (Hall): Jeecy & the Jungle (9:20), Amy Gore & Her Valentines (10:20), The Hentchmen (11:20), Kim Fowley's Psychedelic Dogs (12:20), The Dirtbombs (1 a.m.)

PNA (Lounge): RLK & V (10 p.m.), Beekeepers (11), Betty Cooper (Midnight), Factory Girls (1)

Polish Village Cafe: Greater Alexander (9:40), Italian Picture Factory (10:40), Tone and Niche (11:40), Skeleton Birds (12:40)

Skippers Bar: Desolation Angels (9:40), The Q (10:40), The Fresh Tones (11:40), The Kodaks (12:40)

Smalls Bar: The Beggars (10 p.m.), Dutch Pink (11), Ricky Rat (Midnight), The Muggs (1)

Whiskey in the Jar: Superbomb (9:40), Phantom Cats (10:40), Qualia (11:40), Lizzerd (12:40)

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block of Holbrook.

• A woman reported that her daughter had been assaulted by three black males, unknown to her, while walking home.

From Wednesday, Feb. 29:

• Officers took a report the previous evening related to the kidnapping (with shots exchanged) of two women, by the ex-boyfriend of one of the women, at the residence of that woman, her mother and stepfather in the 2200 block of Andrus. **See story on front page.**

• A woman reported being assaulted by a man known to her while at her home in the 2200 block of Danforth.

• A woman reported her home in the 3800 block of Trowbridge having been broken into late Tuesday night.

• The pastor of the New Saint John Missionary Baptist Church at 3901 Miller reported that, for the second time in about a week, someone threw a piece of concrete through a window on the upper part of the north-

west side of the church.

• A woman came into the station to report that someone had used her social security number to file a tax return.

• A man came into the station to report that someone had stolen his 2004 Pontiac Montana minivan, license plate 2KLA19, sometime today just before 3:00 p.m. while it was parked on Brombach between Florian and Poland.

• Warren Police recovered a 2005 Ford Econoline van from 11825 8 Mile Rd. which had been reported stolen in Hamtramck. The vehicle was turned over to its owner.

• A man reported that someone took the catalytic converter

off of his 2003 Honda Element while it was parked at the Corinthian Baptist Church at 1725 Caniff between 2 and 3 p.m. today. (I would be suspicious of the first guy that opens a used catalytic converter store. — Ed.)

Well, that's it for this week, kiddies. Be safe!

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