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Quick Hits

Get your walking shoes on. Hamtramck's sidewalks are going to be a little busier than usual this Saturday (April 28). That's when the third annual Health Hike will take place. The hike is sponsored by the Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition (HDFCC), in conjunction with the Hamtramck Public Schools and the Hamtramck Recreation Department.

Here's how it works: On Saturday at 9:30 a.m., participants start to register at Keyworth Stadium, located at 3201 Roosevelt on the city's southend.

It's both a 5k walk through the city and a health fair.

This year will feature Wayne County Commissioner Martha G. Scott, Honorary Committee Chair, as the keynote speaker. Participants will receive a complimentary T-shirt before the walk begins.

For more information, contact Phil Leslie at (313)733-4535 or by email at leslie@piastinstitute.org.

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'd love to see all of Hamtramck represented."

HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD

Is the city facing a financial 'doomsday'?

By Charles Sercombe

Word to the wise for Hamtramck city employees: Don't make any big purchases. That's because, unless the city receives a loan from a bank or the state, city employees can count on going without a paycheck by sometime in May.

According to Acting City Manager Erik Tungate, there will be enough cash on hand for this week's payroll and maybe the next one in mid-May. By May 23, forget it.

That was just some of the bad news the city council heard at a special budget work session on Tuesday evening.

Tungate didn't shy away from saying just how bad things can get without a cash infusion.

"We're not in a good place," he said. "Make no mistake, we're at a doomsday scenario."

And yet, it gets worse.

If the city fails to get a loan, it would trigger Public Act 4 to kick in. That means the state would intervene and do one of two things: The first would likely be a consent agreement that would outline the steps needed to take to balance the budget.

That's the state the City of

Detroit now finds itself in.

If no consent agreement can be reached, or the state decides not to go that route, an emergency financial manager could be assigned to take over management of the city.

The new law that empowers city managers allows them to modify or tear up city employee union contracts.

The law also allows an even more drastic measure, something that Tungate said makes him shudder: The financial manager could recommend to the governor to dissolve the city.

In other words, lump Hamtramck into Detroit.

While that is indeed a drastic and dramatic threat, there is a legal challenge to the state's relatively new law on emergency financial managers.

If the law is struck down or suspended, it would mean the state's former law on the subject, Act 72, would kick in. That version of the law was far more restrictive on what financial managers can do.

But before that "doomsday scenario" plays out, Tungate said he has some other op-



City officials receive the bad news about Hamtramck's financial picture during a council work session on Tuesday. Acting City Manager Erik Tungate called it a "doomsday scenario."

tions.

By accepting a state grant, which the city will be asking for in the near future, the city has to come up with a plan to balance the books.

Tungate said one of the ways to come up with savings requires cuts across the board, which includes salary reductions, layoffs and contract concessions.

It could also mean contracting out police and/or fire services and other city services.

Tungate said he will ask council to meet next week in closed session in the coming week to talk about how contract negotiations are going.

At press time Thursday, the council was scheduled to meet in another budget work session later that evening.

This Saturday, get your green on



By Alan Madeleine

Grab your brooms, all you witches, chimney sweeps and janitors!

And anyone else, for that matter, who's so inclined. Hamtramck's 7th annual street cleaning day, known as "Clean Sweep," is upon us.

It's a one-day-only event happening tomorrow, Saturday (April 28), rain or shine - it's actually forecast to be sunny, if a bit cool - and organizers are hoping for another good turnout, as in

years past.

Particularly gratifying, said social work and city council intern Kari Kildow, would be to see a multi-cultural presence show up together, hence the printing off of flyers in English, Polish, Bengali, Arabic and Bosnian.

"We'd love to see all of Hamtramck represented," Kildow said.

The way it works is this: You show up at one of two meeting spots at 9 a.m., either on the

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Few details emerge in murder exam

By Ian Perrotta

The pre-trial examination for the five men accused of kidnapping and murdering Abreeya Brown and Ashley Conaway continued this week, but by the time The Review went to press on Thursday little more was known about the details of the crime.

What was evident, however, is that the trial will likely rely heavily on the testimonies of witnesses. Lawyers for the defense seemingly scrutinized each and every word spoken by witnesses for the prosecution, and after the first two-and-a-half days just four had taken the stand.

On Tuesday, the first witness testified that on the morning of Feb. 29, Brandon Cain and Brian Lee, the two central suspects in this murder exam, came to her house at approximately 1:50 a.m. and displayed behavior that would she would later recognize as possibly being related to the disappearance of Brown and Conaway.

Audrey Glenn, a self-described "friend-with-benefits" of Cain, said that after a conversation with Cain about the status of the pair's relationship - during which Cain asked Glenn why they couldn't be together and Glenn responded that it was because of Cain's relationship with Conaway - Cain alluded to the fact Conaway was no longer in the picture.

"That's not a problem anymore," Glenn quoted Cain as saying.

Glenn also testified that she saw mud on parts of Lee's socks that "should have been covered by his shoes," and that after she asked him about it he told her it was because he had to jump out of a window of the house of a woman he had met earlier that night, after the woman's husband came home.

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The second witness was Jasmin Richbow, a cousin of Abreeya Brown and the longtime on-again/off-again girlfriend of a cousin of suspect Reginald Brown (no relation to Abreeya), who testified that on the morning of Feb. 29 she was at her boyfriend's house when Reginald Brown's cousin Jeremy Brown, another suspect, showed up unexpectedly at about 1:15 a.m.

According to Richbow, Jeremy Brown said he was waiting for Reginald Brown, who arrived about an hour later dressed in a black jogging outfit and covered in mud. Richbow said that upon his arrival Reginald Brown flashed a stack of cash.

"The things a n**** do for money'," Richbow quoted Reginald Brown as saying. She then said he instructed Jeremy Brown to go to the bathroom and clean a black semi-automatic handgun with bleach and to "get rid of the bullets."

When Jeremy Brown returned from the bathroom, Richbow said he handed her a brown purse full of contents and told her she could have it. However, Reginald Brown took the purse back, which was allegedly seen on the side of the road by Richbow the next day.

The purse was later recognized by Richbow while she was looking at old photos of Abreeya Brown and Ashley Conaway. In one picture, she noticed Abreeya Brown carrying a purse identical to the one given to her by Jeremy Brown.

Richbow also testified that during that timeframe Miguel Rodriguez - the fifth and final suspect - showed up as well, wearing muddy shoes. She said Rodriguez was instructed by Reginald Brown to get gas (or something to that extent), and that while he was gone she heard Reginald Brown lament to Jeremy Brown that Rodriguez wanted too much compensation for whatever work he had done.

"This n**** want me to give him twenty-five hundred'," Richbow quoted Reginald Brown as saying. "I'm not giving him twenty-five hundred. He didn't do s****."

The prosecution's third witness was Tristan Cash, a friend of Rodriguez's who told prosecutors that on the night of Feb. 28, Rodriguez called him up and asked him for a ride to a house on "Riverdale or Riverview."

After arriving at the location, Cash said Rodriguez left on foot shortly thereafter, returning momentarily with a bag in his hands. Cash was then told by Rodriguez to go to a K-Mart, from which

Cash says Rodriguez returned carrying two long wooden objects Cash believed to be shovels. The pair then went back to the previous location where Rodriguez took the alleged shovels to the side of the house.

After leaving again, the pair went to another location before stopping at a gas station where Cash said Rodriguez purchased a red gas can and then filled it up. When they returned to the location at Riverdale/Riverview, another car - a Chrysler - was also there. Cash said that Rodriguez took the gas can inside and was there for about ten minutes, a period during which Cash noticed Jeremy Brown cleaning his own car with what appeared to be dishwashing detergent.

Wondering what was taking so long, Cash said he then went inside and saw Reginald Brown standing in his underwear in the living room, having what Cash characterized as a "tense" conversation with Rodriguez. Rodriguez then left with Cash, never mentioning anything that had happened that night.

Cash's testimony ended with the story of a few days later, when he said that Jeremy and Reginald Brown showed up at his house threatening him and calling him a "snitch."

After each witness for the prosecution testified, lawyers for the defense sought to poke holes in their stories and credibility. One-by-one each attorney questioned the legitimacy and authenticity of each witness, often trying to use the witnesses' own words against them. Several times the defense attorneys repeated themselves and each other, so much so that it got to the point where 31st District Court Judge Paul Paruk had enough.

"I'm actually getting frustrated by continually having to grant the prosecutor's request for objection," he said. "It's wasting every-

one's time."

By then it was late in the second day of examinations and just three witnesses had been heard. With little time left in the afternoon, no more witnesses were called and the hearing was adjourned until the next day, when it was scheduled for an early start. The examination was still in session on Thursday when The Review went to press, with just one more witness testifying before court recessed for lunch.

Other than witness testimony, the only major developments in the trial were the pretrial motions filed by both the prosecution and defense and subsequently accepted by Judge Paruk. So as not to taint any testimony, District Attorney Molly Kettler filed a motion to sequester witnesses, meaning that witnesses testifying in the trial were unable to watch it in its entirety.

On the defense, attorneys for each accused man filed a motion to withhold evidence obtained through the admission of a co-defendant. Citing the case of *Bruton v. United States*, defense lawyers argued that pursuant to the ruling of that case, any statements made by a co-defendant could potentially violate their clients' constitutional rights by distorting what was fact and what was hearsay, thus making the statements inadmissible in court.

The acceptance of this motion by Paruk may be a blow to the prosecution, as it effectively suppressed a videotape that purportedly showed Miguel Rodriguez confessing and implicating the four other men. But even without that tape there are still over 1,000 pages of documents, 40 witnesses and 20 DVDs of evidence to argue or refute.

If one thing is certain, it's that the trial will probably be like the benches in the 31st District courtroom - long, hard, and, at times, very uncomfortable.

This week at the library...

ESL Class with Christine Templin - Saturday, April 28 at noon. Intermediate ESL class conducted by Christine Templin, free to the public.

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Computer Classes for Advanced Users - Monday, April 30 at 1 p.m. Adults with basic computer skills can enhance their computer literacy. Tom Zaworowski is the instructor.

Computer Classes for Beginners - Tuesday, May 1 at noon. Adults who would like to acquire basic computer skills can enroll in this free of charge course. Two classes are offered on Tuesday at noon, and at 1 p.m. At this time the class is full, call to check for openings. Tom Zaworowski is the instructor.

Math Club Meeting - Tuesday, May 1 at 3:30 p.m. Mr. Nuo is the instructor for the math club, math tutoring and Math Kangaroo competition.

Make'n Take Crafts - Tuesday, May 1, at 4 p.m. All children are invited to participate in an arts and crafts workshop.

ESL Conversation Class - Tuesday, May 1 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, May 2 at noon. Christine Templin is the instructor for the ESL class for beginners. Everyone is invited. Free to the public.

Computer Classes for Beginners - Thursday, May 3 at noon. Adults who would like to acquire basic computer

skills can enroll in this free of charge course. Three classes are offered on Thursday at noon, 1 p.m. and at 2 p.m. At this time the class is full, call to check for openings. Tom Zaworowski is the instructor.

Family Game Night - Thursday, May 3 at 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate in games and contests during the family night.

ESL News for You - Friday, May 4 at 3:30 p.m. ESL reading and discussion class with Latisha Edge. Free to the public.

Toddler Time at the Library - Monday May 7 at noon. Join us for story time, arts & crafts, games and other fun activities. This week's book is "Grumpy Gloria" by Anna Dewdney (children must be accompanied by an adult).

Citizenship Preparatory Classes - Tuesday, May 8 at 3:30 p.m. The International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit conducts citizenship classes. Residents interested in these classes are invited to a meeting to establish class size and session schedule.

Meeting of the Library Board - Thursday, May 10 at 6 p.m. Regular meeting of the Library Board will be held in the auditorium. Open to the public.

Health Seminar for Women - Friday, May 11 at 6 p.m. Dr. Cash from Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine will conduct a seminar about osteoporosis. All women are invited for this free seminar and question and answer session.

Friends of the Library Meeting - Thursday, May 17 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 - Michael Stena, books; Mirosław Dzieciatko, 10 cases of books.

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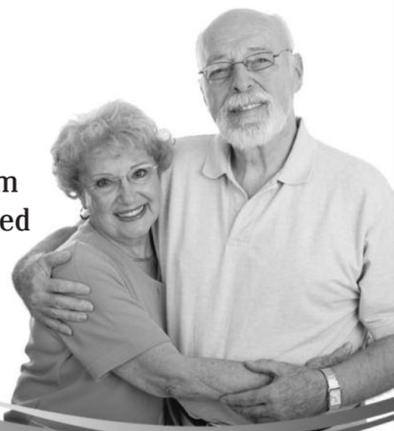
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Muslim community welcomes city's OK for expansion of a mosque

By Omar Thabet
Special to The Review

Hamtramck's Zoning Board of Appeals' decision in February to permit a mosque expansion on Jos. Campau was welcomed by many Muslims.

City Councilmember Anam Miah brought up the fact that 60 percent of the buildings in Hamtramck are vacant. So, the fact that there are three religious centers already setting up shop on Jos. Campau, the same place where the \$150,000 Islamic Center of Hamtramck project looks to expand, is not a significant number to worry about because religious centers have a history of bringing customers to shop around the area after they pray, said Miah.

"The dynamic of the cultures in Hamtramck does not exist anywhere else," Miah said. "So would you rather leave a building unattended that has been vacant since 2007, or have someone occupy it and take care of it for the sake of what they believe in and for the sake of the city? Vacancy gives a negative tone to an area, whereas a religious institution brings a sense of comfort to an area where not a lot of people are coming out."

The ethnic dynamics Miah mentioned consist of 20 or more different languages spo-

ken by Hamtramck residents. According to Thaddeus Radzilowski of the Piast Institute, a national center for Polish and Polish-American studies, about 47 percent of the people of Hamtramck are Muslim and follow the religion of Islam.

Nasr Hussain, who is a member of the city's Zoning Board of Appeals and is also vice president of the Islamic Center of Hamtramck, said he believes an expansion of the Mosque is necessary for the people around the area.

"Someone's faith and what they want to believe in is more important than some tax dollars a city is trying to make from a business which is not even there," said Hussain.

Not being able to collect property tax from a religious institution is one of the main reasons why government officials and some council members opposed the decision of allowing a mosque to expand in the city's main business district.

But the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Person Act, which was enacted by Congress in 2000 and signed into law by President Bill Clinton, put a halt



A recent decision by the city to allow the former DTE building be turned into a mosque stirred up some controversy recently.

to restricting where a religious center can locate in a community.

Sean Kowalski, who is a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, declined to comment on this decision, although in a previous interview with The Review, he proposed restricting the ground floor for commercial business only.

Hussain said he doesn't mind Kowalski's proposal and he would not take the Zoning Board of Appeals to court if this restriction is adopted by the city.

"As long as we have a place to expand and it applies to everyone equally, then I guess we are all winners," said Hussain.

Saleh Algahaim, president of the Iman Islamic Complex, said: "I think having a business on the first floor would be a great idea

for the city and the people who own the place. But as long as the business on the first floor is relevant to what's going on above it."

Algahaim said it's unlikely Hamtramck residents would oppose the construction of a religious institution since there are so many diverse cultures here.

Ali Hajaran, a member of the Islamic Center of Hamtramck, agreed with Algahaim, saying: "With Hamtramck being so diverse, I feel like everyone expresses their religion in their own way, which is why the people from around here respect that decision — because they're all in the same predicament."

But Sabina Beslagic, a member of the Bosnian American Islamic Center, said the issue could spark controversy in the community.

"In Hamtramck, people protested against the Ethan (call of prayer for Muslims) because it was too loud," Beslagic said. "So people will find their reasons to protest an expansion of a mosque."

Gray Kales, the commissioner of the Zoning Board of Appeals, declined to comment on the issue, but did say:

"I want to mention that I am here to do what's best for our people and for our city, all while staying sustainable for our future."



TOAST of the TOWN

By Charles Sercombe

As everyone knows, Hamtramck is the home of many artists. And in recent years, the city has boasted of an artist collective known as Hatch.

The Hatch collective was given a huge gift from the city: The ownership of the old police station.

For \$1, the group got the old building, but has the daunting task of fixing it up and making it presentable to the public.

The building has a lot of history, and started off as a dormitory for nuns who worked in the old St. Francis Hospital, which is now city hall.

Hey, Hamtramck has been recycling buildings for years.

Toast could go on and on about the years spent at the police station, getting the daily crime reports and visiting with detectives in their offices on

the second floor, and watching the poor souls come out of the "holding cell."

But that's for another time.

It's been a few years since Hatch took over the building, and it's been slow-going for the group to raise money for the endless renovation.

This Saturday, you can help out by raising money and having a bunch of fun.

Chris Schneider, who heads up Hatch, recently sent us an e-mail detailing all the fun coming up. So, since Chris is a pretty good writer, we'll let him explain what's going to happen.

Take it away, Chris:

"Hatchback 6, an annual juried exhibition, will open Saturday, April 28. Gilda Snowden, a well-respected Detroit artist and College of Creative Studies professor, served as juror, selecting nearly 70 artworks

from an open call for submissions. Among the 48 artists are Topher Crowder, Jack Summers, Laura Macintyre, and Marianne Burrows, who will be opening her own gallery and artists' studios in Hamtramck soon.

"Hatchback 6 runs from April 28 to May 26. The opening is Saturday, April 28 from 5 to 9 p.m., and will feature a modern dance performance created by James Cornish and with music by Todd Luneack. The gallery, located at 3456 Evaline, will be open each Saturday from 1 to 8 p.m., or by appointment.

"Each Saturday during the exhibition, Hatch will have artist panels from 6 to 7 p.m. to discuss their work, followed by a live band from 7 to 8 p.m. All events are free and open to the public. The music sched-

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Officials with GEE Global Education hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly opened GEE White Academy on Charles St., just outside of Hamtramck.

Toast of the Town

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ule is as follows:

“May 5: The Space Band
 May 12: Team Marshall
 May 19: The He-Bops
 May 26: Mother Whale”

Chris also says that hundreds of hours have been spent in “sweat equity” by volunteers, and those repairs have come a long way.

“We have also used donations and grants to replace the roof, fix the electrical and plumbing, and repurpose the interior,” he said. “The gallery and studios are essentially

complete. Now we need to replace the furnace and complete fixing up the workshop and classroom.”

Hatch is trying to raise \$5,000 through a Kickstarter grant online. Search for “Hatch” at www.kickstarter.com. Contributors receive art from Hatch members as an incentive.

For more information, contact Christopher Schneider at Schneider@hatchart.org or (313) 808-0154. Hatch’s website: www.hatchart.org

No charges yet in Edwin St. murder

By Charles Sercombe

Norman Gurski was known to open his door to those who were down on their luck.

That generosity may have been his undoing.

Last Sunday at 2 a.m., Gurski, 73, was found dead in his Edwin St. house, most likely killed from being beaten about the head and also strangled.

Two men who lived with him were arrested, and a third who escaped in Gurski’s truck was arrested on Tuesday.

At the time The Review went to press, none of the suspects had been charged with Gurski’s murder. Police have not released their

names.

Gurski reportedly lived in Hamtramck for over 20 years. According to media reports, he once had a drinking problem, but gave up drinking alcohol in the 1980s.

Although he no longer imbibed, Gurski would take in drug addicts and those with criminal histories in the belief that everyone deserves a second chance.

Gurski’s murder is the third this year, and comes at a time when the city is grappling with the kidnapping and murder of two young women as well as the carjacking of four women and the sexual assault of three of them.

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Review: Opinion Page

There are no easy financial choices ahead for the city

Tell us if you've heard this one before.

The city is going broke. But this time it's for real — really.

Yes, this warning has been repeated for many months now. And so has the dire warning that this time, it's imminent. Well, even if we sound like the proverbial boy who cried wolf too many times, Hamtramck's finances are indeed looking bad.

Acting City Manager Erik Tungate painted a grim picture at a city council work session on Tuesday.

Unless the city gets a loan, money will run out in another two to four weeks. There is a good chance the city will get an emergency loan, but sooner or later some hard

truths are going to appear.

Hamtramck simply can't afford itself. There is not enough money to cover our expenses.

The gap in the budget is anywhere between \$2 to \$3 million.

Why? Money from state financial aid has been drastically reduced by our governor and his Republican colleagues. Hamtramck is not alone in these cut. All of the communities in the state are experiencing financial woes because of them.

And since property values have tanked, there is less money being collected from property taxes.

Perhaps the biggest hit has been the loss of manufactur-

ing tax money.

We've gone over this list before. No matter how many times city officials meet and try to map out a strategy, the answer is the same: we cannot possibly cut enough services without endangering our public safety.

What's the answer? It seems inevitable to us, yet at the same time it's an unacceptable option. But it's one that's coming regardless of what we want or wish.

And the awful truth about the future is, we are going to have to merge either police or fire services with another community, or combine the two departments, or some other hybrid solution.

Again, Hamtramck is not alone in facing this dilemma.

School Bell

By Charles Sercombe

We've run out of time and space this week to go into much detail about last week's school board meeting, but we would be remiss if it wasn't mentioned that Boardmember Yvonne Myrick received a very special recognition.

Hamtramck's Wayne County Commissioner, Martha Scott, was on hand to present a plaque honoring Myrick for her many years of service.

Myrick received the county



award for Women of Distinction.

Myrick, who is in her 80s, was humbled by the award, and amazed quite a few in

attendance by revealing that she came up through the Hamtramck school system, including Dickenson Elementary School where the board was holding its meeting.

It was here at this school, she said, that she won a gold medal and played a role in a school play on the stage that was behind the board.

And get this, in 1991, she was diagnosed with brain cancer and beat it.

An amazing person, indeed.

Odds & Ends

Forum ... The Hamtramck NAACP will hold a discussion with newly-appointed Hamtramck Police Chief Max Garbarino, who will address a host of issues, including discrimination, crime and safety.

The event is on May 19, 4:40-6:30 p.m., at People's Community Services, located at 8625 Jos. Campau. For more information, call (313) 207-3904.

Power to the people ... Speaking of the NAACP, there is a new chapter within the Hamtramck group called Hamtramck Women in the NAACP. And they are presenting a program tomorrow (Saturday, April 28) called "Empowering Families."

The event, which starts at 10 a.m., is at the Hamtramck Public Library, located at 2360 Caniff.

Art contest ... And speaking of the Hamtramck Library, it recently held an art contest for children between 4 and 18 years old.

You can see all the winning

entries on display at the library. The prize winners were Maximilian Chabowski, Mecca Davis, Almahadi Akaber and Wioletta Stachelek. Take a bow, kids.

Roast, toasty ... Hamtramck Treasurer and funeral home owner Mike Wilk is this year's lucky guy to be "roasted" by the Polish Day Parade Committee. It's all for a good cause, of course.

Money raised from the roast will help offset costs for the annual parade, which is held on Labor Day here in Hamtramck. If you'd like to help support the cause, or just like want to watch Mike

squirm a bit, you'll need to make reservations no later than Monday.

The roast will be held next Thursday (May 3) at the PNA hall on Conant. For more information, or to reserve tickets, call (586) 574-4925.

Free exams ... Yes, you read that right. Free. As in free medical and dental exams on May 7-8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Acts 29 Fellowship, located here in Hamtramck at 12101 Jos. Campau.

Spinning ... Yes, plenty of records were spun last Saturday, which was international Record Store Day. Here in



Winners of the Hamtramck Public Library art contest pose with library staff members.

Hamtramck, we have three stores pushing vinyl: Record Graveyard, Detroit Threads and Lo and Behold.

Our pal Walter Wasacz stopped by Detroit Threads where invited DJ's were spinning away.

From what we heard, it was a blast.

Oh, yeah, we were also told that over at Lo and Behold (on Jos. Campau near Belmont), the store acquired the jazz library from WJZZ — 108 milk crates worth of records.

This Saturday, get your green ON Cont. from front page

north end of town at the Acts 29 Church at 12101 Jos. Campau, or else on the south end at People's Community Services (PCS) at 8625 Jos. Campau. Hamtramck DPW will actually supply a number of clean-up items, as will Sterling Oil, an informal sponsor.

Former Councilperson Catrina Stackpoole has been instrumental in helping to coordinate the project the past few years, according to Kildow.

From there, many volunteers will stick to the main drags in town, such as Jos. Campau, Caniff, Holbrook and Conant. Side streets and alleyways are expected to be dealt with regularly by the appropriate home

and business owners.

Each block club that is involved will have identified specific areas within which they would like to see the clean-up concentrated. In years past, many participants have worked on, or near, the block they live.

In truth, the day is a short one — by 12:30, everyone is invited to retire back to PCS for a pizza lunch, donated by Arif Huskic at Interfaith. City council was asked to donate soda, but it was not known whether they had agreed to do so at press time.

In any event, after lunch, according to Kildow, the day is done.

If you prefer, the Hamtramck Schools are also hosting their

own version of the day, according to the posters. You can go to either Holbrook Elementary (2361 Alice), Dickinson East Elementary (3385 Norwalk) or Kosciuszko Middle School (2333 Burger) at 8 a.m. to help clean up their grounds, or, if you opt for the street cleaning but still have energy to burn after lunch, you can head over to Hamtramck High (11410 Charest) or the Early Childhood Center (11680 McDougall) at any point after 12:30 p.m., and help out at those locations.

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Selling your house? Be sure to check on your property

By Charles Sercombe

This doesn't happen often in Hamtramck, but it's something for homeowners using a real estate agent to be aware of.

Longtime landlord Frank Kurek recently stopped by our office to offer us a warning on a scam pulled on him.

He has a house for sale on

Trowbridge, and is using a real estate agent to sell it. Since Kurek doesn't live in the house, and the house is empty, his real estate agent did what many agents do: Install a key box that other agents can use to retrieve the key.

Normally, you have to punch in a code to open the box and

get the key.

Apparently, someone took a bolt cutter and snipped the box open, took the key, and then posed as the homeowner to an unsuspecting would-be renter.

Or perhaps, it was a case where the so-called renters opened the key box and made up a story about being scammed by a fake landlord.

No matter, Kurek found people in the house who claimed they were given a key to the house and were renting it.

"I've never heard of this, and this takes the cake," Kurek said.

Fortunately, after police arrived, the "renters" agreed to leave and remove their belongings.

Police Chief Max Garbarino said the scam doesn't happen often in Hamtramck, but it does happen from time-to-time.

So, for all of you selling an empty house through a real estate agent, be sure to check on your property every once in a while.



By Alan "Flatfoot" Madeleine

This week's Crime Log is a compilation of items from the Hamtramck Police Department's Intelligence Reports, from between the dates of Thursday, April 19 and Wednesday, April 25.

From Thursday, April 19:

A man reported that three black males broke into his residence in the 11700 block of Moran, threatened his juvenile daughter with a knife, and then stole a television and bicycle. They then fled on foot. A Madison Heights K-9 unit that happened to be in the area was able to respond, and tracked the suspects to an area near Conant and Trowbridge, before losing the trail.

An officer recovered a black suitcase full of clothing from in front of City Hall. The case and its contents were tagged for safe keeping. The report doesn't state whether the clothing was men's or women's.

A man came into the station to report that someone stole pipes from out of his

rental property in the 3800 block of Miller. The report doesn't state whether the property was occupied at the time.

A woman reported that someone had apparently used her identity (social security number) to obtain a job, and that this caused her to lose her state assistance.

From Friday, April 20:

(No report available, for the second week in a row)

From Saturday, April 21:

A man walked into the station to report that someone had broken into a location in the 2600 block of Casmere between yesterday at 7 p.m. and this date at 8 a.m. The report does not state whether this was his residence or property.

From Sunday, April 22:

At 10:40 p.m., a man came into the station to report the theft of his blue Chevrolet Suburban (no year given), license plate number BZF3186, from a parking lot in the 9200 block of Conant.

At 1:48 a.m., officers responded to an assault in the

3300 block of Edwin. (Note: The report gives no further information, but this is almost certainly the homicide of Norman Gurski, who was reportedly beaten and strangled.)

A woman reported that someone took her black purse while she was at St. Florian Church today at around 11 a.m.

A man reported that someone took his two lawnmowers and a gas can from a location in the 2200 block of Alice, sometime between yesterday at 4:30 p.m. and today's date at 2:30 p.m.

A resident living in the 2600 block of Trowbridge reported that someone stole some of her red azalea flowers from her front yard, sometime between 6 p.m. yesterday and 1 p.m. today.

An employee of a hall in the 2000 block of Caniff reported that someone forced entry into the building and made off with approximately \$100, sometime between April 20 and today's date.

From Monday, April 23:

A woman reported the apparent theft of her 2001 Chevrolet Impala (no color given), license plate number 8HXJ41, from where it had

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Sophie Habalewsky, World War II Defense Worker, Dies

One of Original 'Rosie the Riveters,' Homemaker was Family Matriarch
Madison Heights, Mich. — Sophie Habalewsky, a 45-year Madison Heights resident and former defense plant worker who riveted airplane wings during World War II, died peacefully at her home on April 16, after a short battle with pneumonia. She was 95.

Born Zofia Rataj in Donora, Penn., she moved with her parents in 1929 to Hamtramck, Mich., where her step-father Aleksander Rataj was an executive with Packard Motor Car Company, a few miles away in Detroit. After attending Hamtramck public schools, she married Stanley Habalewsky of Detroit. Her husband was a second lieutenant with the U.S. Army Ordnance Unit at the time of their 1941 marriage.

After the wedding, Stanley was assigned to the Pacific Theatre, where he participated in military maneuvers in New Guinea, The Philippines and other South Pacific locations. Meanwhile the new bride joined the burgeoning war effort in her local area by working for Murray Body Company, whose usual operations for Ford Motor Company and Chrysler Corporation were converted to airplane wing assembly. Mrs. Habalewsky, armed with rivet gun, was one of the original "Rosie the Riveters," a romantic image created by the U.S. government to promote homeland war production in U.S. industrial cities.

"She always said she regretted having to leave the airplane wing plant when the war ended," explained her daughter Claudia Mallette. "Mom enjoyed working outside the home, especially the camaraderie of the other young women."

Daughter Claudia was born in 1944. Sophie was living with her parents during the war, so child care was of little concern. Most of her relatives, including six brothers, lived within walking distance of the family's Hamtramck residence.

By 1950, the Habalewsky family moved to north Detroit. When the Korean War began, Sophie's husband was called to military duty again. Their son Martin was born during this war in 1953. Later that year Stanley began a long career as a civilian research and development executive with the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Center (later known by the acronyms TACOM and TARDEC) in Detroit and Warren, Mich.

"Sophie was the quintessential homemaker of the 1950s and 1960s," said son Martin Habalewsky. "She made certain her children were enrolled in the Catholic parish schools, encouraging their studies and outside activities."

In 1967, the Habalewsky family moved to Madison Heights, but continued to shop and stay connected with former neighbors in Detroit. Sophie and her friends were regulars at the Fisher Theatre matinees and other cultural activities. Hearing difficulties forced her to turn her attention to family gatherings, reading and bird-feeding.

Over the years she enjoyed entertaining family members and spending time with nieces and nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Habalewsky is survived by daughter Claudia (Perry) Mallette, of Hamtramck, son Martin (Ruth) Habalewsky, of Port Huron, Mich., grandchildren Julian Reid, Jessica (Robert) Felts, Bronwyn (Ryan) Polachowski, Paul Habalewsky and Justin Habalewsky, and great-grandchildren Katie, Bobby and Timmy Felts and Aurora Reid.

She was pre-deceased by her husband Stanley in 2003, as well as her parents Adam and Josephine Rataj, and six brothers, including the late Henry, the late Eugene, the late Walter, the late Landis, the late Alexander and the late Charles.

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6:30 PM, Wednesday, May 9, 2012.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment, discuss, and adopt the City's updated Master Plan.

If you are not able to attend the abovementioned public hearing, you are encouraged to contact the Department of Community & Economic Development at 313.870.0294, or email jfriedmann@hamtramckcity.com

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

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SATURDAY, April 28, 9:30 a.m.— The Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition will hold a Health Hike. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call (313) 733-4535.

SATURDAY, April 28, 9 a.m. to 4p.m. — Volunteers should meet at People's Community Service or Acts 29 to get equipment and directions to a project site. The projects are divided up by block clubs and are supplemented by volunteers from neighboring communities and court appointed service workers.

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been parked in front of a location in the 3100 block of Jacob, sometime between yesterday at 1 a.m. and 7:50 a.m. No reason was given for the delay in reporting the crime.

• A man was arrested on a charge of domestic violence after assaulting a woman (known to him) at a location in the 2600 block of Trowbridge.

• At 10:59 a.m., officers were sent to check on a residence in the 3100 block of Goodson. They found the rear door damaged. Although no one appeared home initially, the home owner did in fact arrive while officers were there, checked inside, and then reported that nothing appeared to have been taken.

• A woman reported that someone appeared to have taken her cell phone back on the date of April 19, while she was at Pulaski Park (at Lumpkin and Norwalk) sometime between 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

From Tuesday, April 24:

• A man was arrested on a charge of domestic violence for apparently assaulting his brother while they were at a location in the 2300 block of Whalen.

• A man reported that someone took the "turn signal" (by which is presumably meant the turn indicator lamp) from off of his 2000 Toyota Camry (no color given) while it was in front of a location in the 2100 block of Belmont, sometime between yesterday at 7:30 p.m. and today about 8:10 a.m.

• A woman reported that someone had used her identity in order to open "several" accounts (the report does not list what sort of accounts) in her name.

• A woman reported that someone broke into her residence in the 2600 block of Edwin on April 16, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. The report does not explain why she waited so long to report the incident.

• A resident living in the

3700 block of Jacob reported being broken into and having his home ransacked (nothing appeared to have been actually taken, however) on April 20, after they had seemingly gained entry via breaking out a back window. Again, no word on why the incident hadn't been reported sooner.

• Officers responded to a vacant home in the 2200 block of Wyandotte, and found the front window and rear door both damaged. Officers swept the inside but apparently found no one.

From Wednesday, April 25:

• A man was arrested for drunk driving after hitting a U. S. Post Office mailbox. The vehicle was impounded, and U. S. postal police had to take the mailbox away.

• A 2006 Nissan that had been reported stolen in Hamtramck (the report does not say how long ago) was recovered by police in Merrillville, Indiana. At the time of the report, Hamtramck police had not yet been able to notify the rightful owner of the vehicle.

• A man was arrested on a domestic violence charge after allegedly assaulting his mother in the 2400 block of Goodson.

• A man reported that some-

one had taken all four tires from his wife's 2012 Chevy Camaro, and also did other unspecified damage, sometime on this date between 2:30 a.m. and 6:30 a.m.

• At 3:43 p.m., officers responded to a home in the 2600 block of Holbrook, where they found a resident dead from apparent natural causes. The Wayne County Medical Examiner was contacted, and the deceased turned over to the next of kin, who were present at the time.

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