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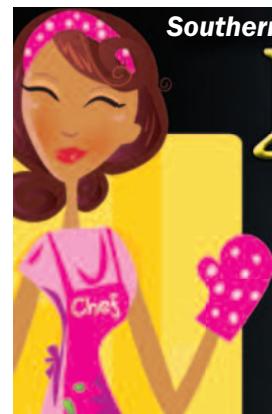
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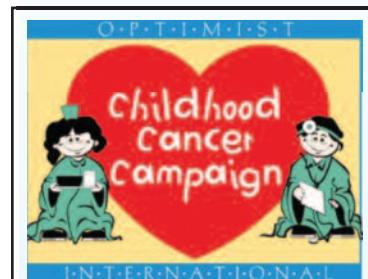
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Quick Hits

On Saturday (May 19), a fundraiser will be held to help fight childhood cancer. The event will be held at the Durga Temple at 4215 E. McNichols in Detroit.

At 2 p.m., there will be a children's art exhibit, at 4 p.m. there will be a childhood cancer campaign discussion, at 5 p.m. a Bengali benefit concert will take place, and then at 8 p.m. an announcement on the pledge drive will be made.



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.

"The artists are still in town, and they are getting permission from various building owners."

Students' talent show is a feast for eyes and ears

By Charles Sercombe

There are school talent shows, and then there is a Hamtramck school talent show.

You could say the public schools here have set the bar very high. And we're going to bet there is no other school district in the nation that has the depth and breadth of talent you can find in Hamtramck.

Wednesday's 13th annual "Multicultural Celebration" at Dickinson East Elementary School was a feast for the eyes and ears.

These kids have

amazing talent, and the complexity of some of the ethnic dances is jaw-dropping to say the least.

Hindu dancer Priyanka Laskar gave one of the more exotic performances, which was mature beyond her years.

The Bosnian Bosanski Ljiljani Dance Group was visually poetic, and could easily perform for any sophisticated adult audience.

Oh heck, they were all amazing.

In Hamtramck we sometimes forget — or

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Free health expo is something you can't afford to miss



Wayne County hosted a free health expo at Cobo Hall on Wednesday, which attracted thousands of metro-area residents.

By Ian Perrotta

If just one unhealthy habit was changed during Wayne County's health expo on Wednesday (May 16), then it can be considered a success.

But based on the turnout, chances are high that a lot more than just one person received some life-changing advice.

A few thousand people showed up at Cobo Center for the sixth annual "Free Health Expo for the Uninsured," an

event that focused on providing access to free and low-cost healthcare for those without insurance.

Attendees were invited to take part in a number of health screenings — including blood pressure, body mass index (BMI), cholesterol, glucose and stroke risk assessment — and were offered information on topics ranging from diabetes to care for the elderly.

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Lots going for city's main artery

By Charles Sercombe

To listen to Community & Economic Development Director Jason Friedmann talk, you wouldn't think there's a lingering economic slump.

Hamtramck is bustling with new development, he says, and darned if you don't get pumped up hearing about it.

But first some disappointing news. The long-awaited Ooties Restaurant won't be opening up after all at a former Thai restaurant on Jos. Campau and Evaline.

Ah, but there's good news for that spot, says Friedmann. There is now some competition among some interested hipster-types restaurant owner wannabes.

The space has been renovated and is ready to go into operation.

Just down the street on Campau, a major renovation is about to launch. And with it will come an influx of skateboarders. A skateboard company called CHIPS is relocating from the city of Plymouth to the former Hamtramck Hardware on Campau.

And, there's more to that story.

The Hamtramck area is about to become a major destination for skateboarders. A sculptural skate park is going to be created in the neighborhood just north of Hamtramck, across from Carpenter and close to Conant.

That's an area where artists have already begun to renovate homes, thanks to local power couple Gina and Mitch Cope.

"It's a big deal," Friedmann

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Coming events

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By Alan Madeleine

Crime Log is a compilation of incidents taken from Hamtramck Police Reports between the dates of Thursday, May 10 and Wednesday, May 16.

From Thursday, May 10:

- Officers investigated the alleged possession of an unspecified weapon by a juvenile while in school. The school was not named in the report.

- A woman came into the station to report having been assaulted by her boyfriend.

From Friday, May 11:

- A woman reported that her juvenile daughter was assaulted near her school. Again, the school and the girl's age were not stated.

- A man was arrested after his sister reported that he assaulted her at their home in the 3300 block of Comstock.

- A man living in the 2200 block of Yemans reported that someone forced entry into his garage.

- A man living in the 12000 block of Lumpkin stated that someone stole his .40 caliber semi-automatic handgun from his vehicle.

- A man living in the 2300 block of Goodson came into

the station to report that someone had damaged the side-view mirror on his vehicle.

- A man living in the 12000 block of Selfridge reported being assaulted by someone known to him.

- A woman stated that, while at her doctor's office seeing the doctor at around 3 p.m. today, a black male took her juvenile daughter out of the office and asked her if she wanted to leave with him. The suspect had fled by the time police arrived.

- A woman reported that someone stole her purse from the backseat of her parked vehicle while it was in the lot next to 9400 Conant.

- A woman living in the 2200 block of Yemans reported that someone broke into her garage and stole her lawn mower.

- A woman reported that her juvenile daughter was assaulted by a white female unknown to her while she was at a location in the 3400 block of Holbrook.

From Saturday, May 12:

- Police arrested a resident in the 3100 block of Evaline for causing destruction of property to a vehicle parked in

the 3400 block of same.

- A man reported the theft of his black Volkswagen Jetta, license plate BTY9613, from the 3000 block of Holbrook.

- A prisoner being held at the Hamtramck jail did some damage to his cell.

- A man was arrested after a domestic dispute at his home in the 9300 block of Charest.

- A man reported being assaulted by a white male who was known to him, while in the 2900 block of Evaline.

- A man reported the attempted theft of his 1999 Plymouth Voyager minivan from where it been left parked in the CVS lot at 9300 Jos. Campau from between last night at 7 p.m. and this morning at 7 a.m.

- A man reported that someone damaged the side of his home in the 3900 block of Prescott sometime between noon of the day before last and 8:30 on this morning's date.

- A man reported that someone damaged his 1988 Chevrolet Corvette while it was parked in the rear of a location in the 2400 block of Holbrook between last night at 11 p.m. and this afternoon at 12:30 p.m. The victim suspects that it was own landlord who damaged the car.

- A resident living in the 3800 block of Yemans reported a break-in that occurred earlier today between

7:30 a.m. and 3:55 p.m. The house had been ransacked, and \$180 taken.

- A man reported that a white male, estimated to be a juvenile approximately 15 to 16 years old and with short blond hair, threatened him while in the vicinity of the 11000 block of Klinger.

- Officers forced entry into a home on Norwalk at about 5:15, in order to check on the well-being of a resident. No report on what they discovered.

- A resident living in the 11400 block of Sobieski reported a break-in that would have happened today between about 5:30 p.m. and 9:20 p.m. An Apple computer and a Nintendo console were taken.

(No report received for Sunday, May 13)

From Monday, May 14:

- Just before midnight, officers investigated a report of suspicious males in the area of Conant and Prescott. One adult male dropped a loaded handgun and was arrested and held on a CCW charge. Two others were juveniles, and so were arrested for curfew violations, and ultimately released to family members.

- Another juvenile male was arrested for a curfew violation by officers investigating a disorderly person complaint in the area of Caniff and Klinger.

- A woman living in the 5200 block of Belmont re-

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Lots going on city's main artery Continued from front page

said.

Across from the soon-to-be skateboard shop is a new gym called New Breed Training Group. This is a serious fitness center, but it also boasts of being super customer-friendly.

The gym had been located in the famed Russell Industrial building just south of Hamtramck.

We're not sure what connections they have at New Breed, but some big time college football players — and even some pros — are known to work out here.

We'll have more on this later.

Travel further north on Campau, and the news is that someone bought the former Citizen newspaper building, with a plan to turn it into a cultural center.

And closer to Carpenter on Campau, a former dive diner and horse track betting center has experienced a major makeover, and will become a doctor's office.

And speaking of doctor's offices, some more will be moving into a former creamery building on Holbrook that was damaged in a fire a few years ago.

Hamtramck, it appears, is beginning to rebound.

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ESL Class with Christine Templin – Saturday, May 19 at noon. Intermediate ESL class conducted by Christine Templin, free to the public.

Story Time for Children – Saturday, May 19 at noon. Join your friends at the library for a reading of "My Garden" by Kevin Henkes.

Computer Classes for Beginners - Monday, May 21 at noon. Adults who would like to acquire basic computer skills can enroll in this free of charge course. At this time the class is full. Call to check for openings. Tom Zaworowski is the instructor.

Computer Classes for Advanced Users - Monday, May 21 at 1 p.m. Adults with basic computer skills can enhance their computer literacy. Tom Zaworowski is the instructor.

Toddler Time at the Library - Monday, May 21 at noon. Join us for story time, arts & crafts, games and other fun activities. This week's book is "Worms for Lunch" by Leonid Gore (children must be accompanied by an adult).

Citizenship Preparatory Program - Tuesday, May 22 from 1 to 4 p.m. The International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit will conduct citizenship workshops. Residents interested in becoming U.S. citizens are invited to meet with a team of attorneys who will guide them in this process.

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Math Club Meeting - Tuesday, May 22 at 3:30 p.m. Mr. Nuo is the instructor for the math club, math tutoring and Math Kangaroo competition.

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Second Front Page

Street art movement isn't going away

By Charles Sercombe

Murals are still popping up in Hamtramck as well as in nearby buildings across the Detroit border.

The latest one is on the westside wall of Composite Hall on Caniff. It depicts a spray can character, which is in keeping with the paint of choice among street artists.

A much larger mural was recently completed on the former Precision Tumbler building on Jos. Campau, just south of Six Mile (OK, McNichols for you diehard east-siders).

Hamtramck has been the epicenter for a wave of murals created by internationally-known street artists. They have converged here thanks



to the Montana Paint Co., which is funding the murals as well as supplying spray paint.

Not everyone has been welcoming.

One mural in particular has raised a fuss by some residents. Mickey Pokoj circu-

lated a petition calling for the city to remove a mural on the side of a city-owned loft space on Jos. Campau and Goodson.

Why?

Pokoj objects to the image because six cartoon characters are depicted carrying a

casket with the words "STREET ART" written on it.

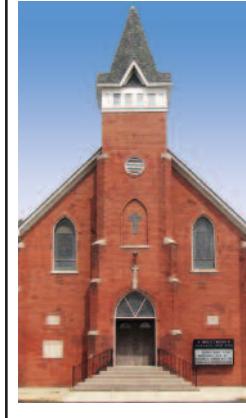
Pokoj says it gives viewers the idea that it's Hamtramck being carried away in the casket.

"It should be put back to the way it was," he told city councilmembers at last week's council meeting.

The murals have also brought out supporters and a counter-petition in favor of them.

The city council didn't immediately take a position on the matter, so it appears the murals will remain, for now.

Jason Friedmann, the Director of Community & Economic Development, said even more murals will be going up in the area.



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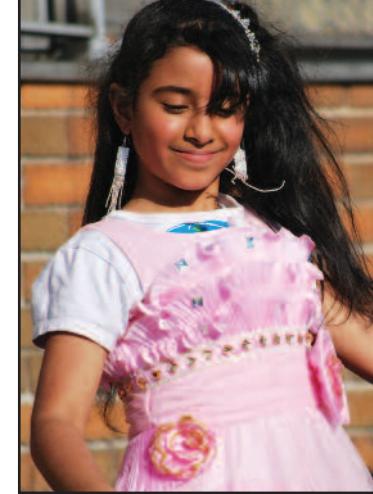
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Learn how to deal with feral cats

By Alan Madeleine

"Who can I turn to and where can I stay?"

— The Stray Cats, "Runaway Boys"

Even most cat lovers would agree: There are just too many cats in the world.

And Hamtramck has more than its share of strays and ferals. Especially in recent years, with the local economy so awful.

If you're sympathetic to the stray cat problem, you might want to take a run on down to Hamtramck City Hall at 3401 Evaline, this coming Wednesday (May 23) evening from 5 to 7:30 p.m. For a nominal charge of \$10 (to cover supplies), you can learn how to care for the feral and free-roaming cats in your neighborhood.

Co-sponsored by Kittyfixers and All About Animals Rescue, the one-night mini-course is officially called "Trap-Neuter-Return: How to Manage a Feral Cat Colony." Kittyfixers is a 501(C)3 non-profit program, and All About Animals is a well-established rescue organization.

The class will also enable you to gain access to special services, including discount spaying and neutering through All About Animals, as well as free cage-trap rentals, and more. All aspects of managing a feral cat colony will be covered, as well as your questions answered. They will demonstrate some of the techniques of the process for you as well.

The same groups recently

sponsored a successful event in Southfield. The bad news here is that they haven't had a single person register yet in advance of this Wednesday's class. They are now redoubling their promotional effort, to try to hopefully get some caring people involved.

While a few stray cats in Hamtramck can actually be a positive in terms of keeping rat and mouse populations from getting out of control, too many strays can be a problem for people trying to keep their property up. Not to mention the unfortunates like the dead one we spotted just the day before yesterday on the shoulder of I-75 — or most of the ones that end up at the Humane Society.

According to the press release for this event, about 80 percent of the kittens brought in to shelters are from outdoor, non-fixed cats, and an unspayed female "queen" can produce up to five litters of kittens per year, at an average of about half a dozen per litter.

Again, most cat owners would agree: amazing animals, those felines. But their reproductive prowess is also amazing. This Wednesday, you could find out how to help curb that problem.

To register for the class this coming Wednesday evening, May 23 — again, that's from 5 to 7:30 p.m. — email (preferably) tnr@allaboutanimalsrescue.org, or call (586) 879-1745.

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I know you heard me, But were you listening
Or were you waiting, For my mouth to close

So yours could open

Now that I have your attention

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If I were a preacher

What kind of preacher would I be?

I'll be the fire and brimstone preacher,

That's the kind of preacher I would be.

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heart abandoned.
In awe of the one who
gave it all
I'll Stand.
My soul, Lord to you
I surrender
All I am is yours.

Sinner's Prayer

I believe that Jesus is the son of God.

I believe he died for me on

Calvary's tree

Bearing my sins for me.

I believe that he rose from the dead

And is alive right now.

Dear Lord Jesus, Come into my life now

Come into my heart now.

I believe in my heart.

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Block clubs take another crack at house ID

Recently, the Hamtramck block clubs started up a "Clean and Safe Alleys" (CASA) project. One element of the project is to make sure each house has its address on the rear side to help police and the Citizens' Patrol know where they are when patrolling the alleys.

We received an e-mail from Erik Mitchell, of the Midtown Block Club, who explained the project in further detail.

Take it away, Erik:

"The idea formed from Hamtramck's Midtown Block Club, who then talked to other block clubs via a representative of the Hamtramck Community Initiative (Raphael Thurin).

"The idea came about from members of the Citizens' Patrol, who had trouble reporting houses in certain alleys because they didn't know where exactly they were and would have to count houses. They wanted address signs identifying lots in the alleys."

"The police echoed this sentiment and we formed a group to start working on tackling this problem. We got support from the East Side Block Club, the South End Block Club, and the 3C7 Block Club, who all sent representatives to form a team to work on the issue in the city."

"There have been several attempts in the city in the past to put up signs but there has never been enough community support to finish the project. City ordinance actually requires residents to have address signs up in their alleys, but there are so few in the city that it is often ignored



Hamtramck block club volunteers install an address sign to the backside of a house. The signs will allow police officers to know their location when patrolling through the alleys.

and unenforced.

"We thought that the issue was prevalent enough to warrant another try. We put together a plan to buy materials and make signs for the entire city. After purchasing materials and spending most Saturdays at the Acts 29 Garage cutting, painting and stenciling these signs, we realized it was not feasible to do the whole city in one go. We focused our efforts on one section of midtown, which was about 450 houses.

"The event was planned for May 5th and we expected a small response. We ended up with about 25 people coming to help hang up and stencil signs in the midtown area of Hamtramck and we completed all of our goals for the day."

"We had some great food donated for our volunteers by Srodek's Campau Quality Sausage, Maria's Comida,

Royal Kabob, and Polish Village. All the signs we hung up look great and we expect a good response from the citizens' patrol and the police.

"Because we did not have the time to cover the entire city in one day, we plan on continuing this project in the future and keeping the block clubs closely involved. We will base ourselves at one location and hang up signs in other neighborhoods until the entire city is blanketed. We have all the materials we need to cover the majority of the city- the manpower and community involvement is all we need."

Sometimes a fire is right next-door to the fire station

By Charles Sercombe

On a slow news Tuesday afternoon, a mysterious smoke appeared on Caniff, near the fire station.

And sure enough, that familiar odor of something burning wafted down the avenue.

We here at The Review called the fire department.

"Is there a fire in town?" we asked.

"Not that we know of," said the dispatcher.

"Well, there's definitely smoke in the air, right by the fire station," we said.

"We just had a barbecue," said the dispatcher.

"Ha!" we said. "But seriously, poke your head out-

side, there's a fire nearby."

And sure enough, a few seconds later the fire trucks rolled out to a garage fire on Holmes, just a half block away from the fire station.

Inside the garage was a newish Subaru Outback all wheel drive that was pretty much fried up.

So, just how does a garage fire start, not including someone setting it intentionally?

Fire Chief Paul Wilk said a fire can erupt simply from gas or oil soaked rags that heat up. That's how easy it can be.

So, lesson learned.

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Review: Opinion Page

Cutting business tax could further harm cities

There is a tax bill winding its way through the Michigan legislature that could financially devastate cities and school districts.

State lawmakers, or more specifically, Republican lawmakers, are supporting a bill that would end the tax on industrial and business equipment – commonly referred to as a personal property tax.

In Hamtramck, we collect about \$800,000 a year from the tax, said Financial Director Nevrus Nazarko.

Hamtramck is already reeling from cuts in state revenue, and is on the brink of going bankrupt.

A loss of \$800,000 in revenue would be the proverbial last nail in the coffin.

The proposed legislation won't be finalized until after the November election.

tion, which is convenient for Republicans who want to dodge facing the consequences of their actions before asking voters for another term.

There is more to the proposal. It calls for replacing this loss in revenue with money the state will receive when past industrial tax breaks expire.

You know what usually happens when a company's tax break agreement expires? They come right back and ask for another one, or else threaten to move their business elsewhere.

And communities usually cave when facing a threat like that.

Beside that fact, we don't trust state officials, and neither does the Michigan Municipal League, which has said the state has

failed to live up to past promises before.

Having said all that, it is generally agreed that keeping track of the equipment owned by each and every business and figuring out its taxable value is a nightmare job for communities.

And it can be said the tax likely turns off potential companies from locating – or expanding – here in the state.

But unless someone comes up with a replacement for this tax revenue stream, we can't afford this tax cut.

Communities large and small would face payless paydays.

It's easy to say we should cut taxes, but not so easy to explain how communities will be able to provide services.

Other Voices: Guest Editorial

Proud to support the dream act

By Congressman Gary Peters:

Currently, there are over 10 million undocumented immigrants in the United States. These men and women are forced to live in the shadows and work in an underground economy where unprincipled businesses gain unfair advantages over their legitimate competitors by paying less than the minimum wage and skirting health and safety laws.

Their children are unable to obtain student loans for college or join the military, trapped by their parents' choice to bring them to the United States when they were small children. American citizens see their families torn apart by the deportation of their parents and spouses.

It didn't need to be this way. More than seven years ago, President George W. Bush was sworn in to his second term. After the 2004 elections, Republicans controlled the White House, the Senate, and the House of Representatives. President Bush boasted: "I earned capital in the campaign, political capital, and

now I intend to spend it."

While immigration reform was a central plank of President Bush's campaign in 2004, he decided to spend his political capital after the election on a dangerous, wrongheaded, and ultimately failed effort to gamble Social Security on Wall Street instead of throwing his weight behind a bipartisan effort to fix our nation's broken immigration system.

Almost a decade later, our immigration system remains inefficient, unwieldy, and all too often unjust. Take Ola Kaso, who entered the United States legally when she was five years old after fleeing Albania with her mother. Raised in Sterling Heights, Ola graduated from Warren High School with a 4.4 GPA as her mother worked sixteen hour days at the bakery that she opened to save money for Ola's college education.

With her outstanding record in high school, Ola was accepted to the University of Michigan where she dreams of completing the pre-med curriculum and going on to become a surgeon. Despite all this potential, and all

of her and her mother's hard work, Ola faces deportation later this year because of their attorney's paperwork error.

But it doesn't need to be this way. In his January State of the Union address, President Obama called on Congress to pass the DREAM Act, legislation I have cosponsored and strongly support, which would allow young people like Ola who came to the U.S. as children to have a chance at staying in the country legally.

The bill would allow students who have maintained good moral character to apply for temporary legal status and eventually obtain permanent legal status and become eligible for U.S. citizenship if they go to college or serve in the military.

Not only would this necessary legislation have a life-changing impact on students like Ola by easing their fears of deportation and allowing them to live up to their fullest potential, it would be good for our nation's economy and military readiness. According to a recent study, students that

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Odds & Ends

Oops ... Due to some last-minute editing changes, part of a quote from Mayor Karen Majewski was cut off in last week's issue.

Actually, it was one freakin' word: "broke."

The story was about the city's finances, in general, and about a vote the city council took to OK borrowing \$1 million from the Water Department and street repair fund to cover immediate expenses, including city employee payroll.

As it turned out, the council split on the vote, which then required Mayor Majewski to cast the tie-breaking vote.

She voted in favor of the loan, saying, and this is the full quote: "I'm not going to allow us to go broke."

Come on in, the water's fine ... Hamtramck's most well-known art gallery, Public Pool, is hosting another opening this Saturday (May 19) from 7 to 11 p.m.

The gallery, at 3309 Caniff (just east of Gallagher), will feature works of Michael McGillis in a show entitled "Reckoning a Peripheral Wilderness." If you go to Public Pool's Facebook page, you can read more about the installation, and it's pretty interesting.

We'll give you a hint on

what it's about: "Concerning the cycle of growth and disintegration."

The show runs through June 30, with gallery hours being every Saturday from 1 to 6 p.m.

Oh yeah, the opening on Saturday features beer, provided by the Traffic Jam brewers.

Get well ... Best wishes and huge hugs go out to one of our favorite barkeeps in town, Virginia Szymanski, the owner of Jean's Bar on Jos. Campau and Commor.

Virg has a little health problem but is on the road to recuperating. Get well soon!

Legal Notice Regarding Zoning

The following individual(s) have made an appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals seeking a variance:

- Owner Frank Ayar, property located 12197 Conant
- Owner Bavvi Phad, property located at 12111 Conant

Variance requests for the following section of Zoning Ordinance 497 of the City of Hamtramck is as follows:

VI – 1.06. Structure and Site Requirements

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2. The light source for signs shall be designed as part of the sign or hidden from view, with the exception of gooseneck lighting, which shall face the façade and shall be shielded from traffic.
3. Each business shall be allowed one awning sign or one projecting sign, and one window sign. The maximum square footage of total signage shall not exceed one square foot per linear foot of building frontage. Temporary signs shall also be permitted.
4. Businesses located on corner lots shall be permitted one sign for each street frontage.

A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212

thus affording the opportunity of your input being recorded on this appeal for a modification of zoning on the premises described above. Any variation or modification granted by the Board would have no bearing on private restrictions. You may appear, authorize others to represent you, or you may express your views in writing. Communications must be received before the date of the hearing.

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Free health expo is something you can't afford to miss

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During the event, WDIV Channel 4 anchor and ER surgeon Frank McGeorge emceed a brief presentation that highlighted the key components of the day. Additionally, Detroit resident Charles Brown gave a speech about how attending the expo helped detect a chronic illness and ultimately saved his life.

"Most guys probably spend more time on their car than on their body. But remember, if your car breaks, that can be fixed," he said. "If you break, that's forever."

His sentiment was reflected by Mary Mazur, the Director of Communications and Com-

munity Collaboration for Wayne County and a key organizer of the event. Speaking about the importance of health care access, she reiterated the event's purpose and importance.

"Even in 2012 there is a need for events like this for the uninsured," she said. "And we'll continue to host health expos until that need is met."

Didn't make it? The county will host another health expo on June 14 at the Inkster Recreation Center. For more information visit www.waynecounty.com/hha or call 1-800-WELLNOW.

NAACP hosts an evening with the police chief

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's new Police Chief, Max Garbarino, will be part of a panel discussion this Saturday (May 19) at People's Community Services.

The Hamtramck NAACP is hosting the event. Topics will include racism, discrimination, crime and safety. The panel will include Rapheal Thurin of the Hamtramck Community Initiative, Rev. David Bullock, the president of the Highland Park NAACP, and Juanita Sephers, the president of the Hamtramck NAACP.

Garbarino is likely the youngest police chief in Hamtramck's history, and he also stands out from his predecessors by not being a Ham-

tramck native. He has said he plans to make some serious changes in the department, which some city officials say is a breath of fresh air.

In the past, the Hamtramck NAACP has been critical of the police department, and even hosted a protest against the department in Zussman Park, across from the station.

Garbarino said he welcomes the chance to talk to the community.

"I want to open the doors to the police department, and debunk some of the myths," he said. "Hopefully we'll chart a new path."

The discussion runs from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. People's Community Services is located at 8625 Jos. Campau.

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would be eligible for the DREAM Act could add over \$3 trillion in taxable income to our economy over the course of their careers.

I was proud to support the DREAM Act when it passed the House of Representatives in 2010. Unfortunately, despite having the support of the majority of the Senate, Republicans filibustered the bill and did not allow a straight up-down vote. While the bill currently has bipartisan support in the House, leadership in the Republican Majority is opposing the legislation and refusing to bring it to the floor for a vote despite President Obama's pledge to immediately sign the bill into law.

We simply can't afford to allow things to stay this way. We need comprehensive immigration reform that will enforce the law, secure our borders, hold businesses accountable for exploiting undocumented workers, and allow the 10 million plus undocumented immigrants to come out of the shadows and start paying taxes. While the disappointing lack of bipartisan cooperation in Washington and heated

election year politics make comprehensive immigration reform unlikely this year, I will keep fighting Republican obstruction and push for immediate passage of the DREAM Act. There are over two million undocumented youth like Ola

Kaso, who came to the United States as small children and now dare to dream of going to college or fighting for the country that has been their home for most of their lives. These young people can't wait, and neither should Congress.

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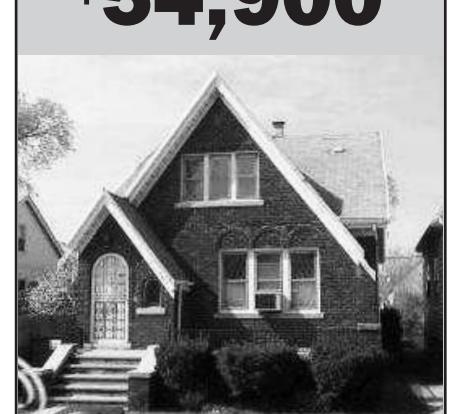
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ported being assaulted by her boyfriend.

A woman living in the 12000 block of Dyar reported that someone broke one of her windows.

A man living in the 2400 Andrus reported being robbed, at about 5:33 p.m., of various items at gunpoint by an unknown black male while outside the rear of his home.

A woman reported that her vehicle was damaged while parked in the area of 9400 Conant at about 9 a.m. on this date.

At 7:10 p.m., a man called to report his girlfriend deceased. The body was turned over to the Wayne County Medical Examiner.

Officers arrested a man in the 12000 block of McDougall after he assaulted his wife with a pan.

From Tuesday, May 15:

A man was arrested for domestic violence stemming from an argument with a woman in the 11600 block of Mitchell.

At 7:27 a.m., an employee with the Hanley Academy reported that someone forced entry into the building and stole unspecified property.

A woman came into the station to report that her identity had been stolen.

At about 1:24 p.m., an employee with the Masquid Saree Center in the 10300 block of Conant reported unspecified damage to the front door of the business.

A person was issued an ordinance violation for the illegal dumping of unspecified items.

A woman was arrested at Walter's Party Store for trying to cash a fraudulent check.

A man reported his vehicle (no description given) was stolen from where it was parked in front of an address in the 3300 block of Caniff.

From Wednesday, May 16:

A woman reported that she was assaulted by her male friend while at the

Checkers Drive-In in the 8900 block of Jos. Campau. The suspect had fled by the time officers were able to arrive.

At 3 a.m., an officer discovered a broken window on a Chrysler Town and Country minivan parked in front of an address in the 2300 block of Norwalk. The van's owner stated that the vehicle had been intact when he last saw it, at about 10 p.m.

At 5:21 a.m., an officer again discovered a broken window on a Chrysler Town and Country minivan, this time where it was parked in the 3200 block of Evaline. The owner stated that he thought he heard the alarm go off at about 3 a.m.

A woman living in the 1900 block of Belmont reported that someone slashed her car's tires.

A man living in the 3800 block of Prescott reported that someone broke out a window on his vehicle.

At about 12:15 p.m., a man living in the 3400 block of Edwin reported his Dodge Caravan stolen.

A woman living in the 3400 block of Yemans came into the station to report her ID stolen by someone.

A woman living in the 2200 block of Edwin reported a Hispanic male posing as a water department employee to gain entry into her home. He then tried to charge her \$50 for a water leak she did have. She didn't have any money, either, so the person left, in a newer-model four-door vehicle.

A woman reported that someone damaged her rented vehicle while it was parked in front of an address in the 2700 block of Norwalk.

A man reported that, at about 4:12 p.m., while parked in front of an address in the 12100 block of Jos. Campau, he couldn't get his vehicle started. A black male unknown to him offered to help,

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Obituaries

CRANDALL

Emily M. Crandall, 88, died April 21, 2012.

Mrs. Crandall was a Hamtramck resident and was a former Chrysler employee. She considered herself one of the "Rosie the Riveters," and was a riveter on the Corsair airplane. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank (1996).

Mrs. Crandall is survived by her daughter, Emily J. (Mike Pietraszkiewicz) Crandall;

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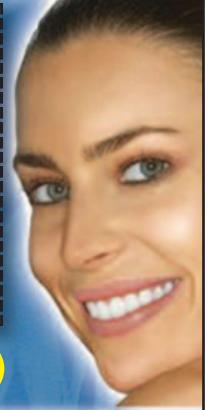
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gardener's corner ...

By Kathleen Wojcinski

If you find your neighbor's front lawn looking green and neat while yours looks like a goat path, try this.

Cut it out!

All around the city, there are two types of people: The tenders, and the naturalists. The former will take

the time to fertilize, weed, cut and trim their lawn to varying degrees of accuracy. The latter take a "whatever" attitude, leaving nature to take its course.

When we live in a tight community, we should look at the big picture. If neatness seems too uniform for you naturalists, try adjusting this view by landscaping your property.

It can be done cheaply.



Remove your grass, replacing it with flat stones or bricks or pieces of cement. Fill the areas around this with mulch, and ground covers, like sedums or low growing cedars and small plants.

All it takes is a little imagination. Just remember to keep things in scale. Small, low shrubs like Japanese maple and miniature shrubs will make a small area appear larger.

If you do this, and pick up the trash that blows down the street, Hamtramck will "spruce" up, and you never have to cut the grass as a bonus!

then once he had gained access to the inside of the vehicle, fled with the victim's iPhone.

A man reported that someone broke into his home in the 11600 block of Moran this afternoon through an unlocked window, and took a television as well as approximately \$80 in loose change.

A man reported that an unknown juvenile male threw rocks at his vehicle, causing damage, while the victim was driving near Caniff at McDougall at about 6:27 p.m.

A man reported that an unknown black female took his vehicle, which was up for sale, for what she said would be a test drive, and then never returned. Officers entered the vehicle (not described in the report) into the Law Enforcement Information Network.

Whew! That's (finally) it for this week. The warmer weather sure brings them out, so keep your eyes peeled for

anything suspicious that you see around neighbors' homes or cars, or businesses or schools.

LOST DOG!

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