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Quick Hits

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One of Hamtramck's best used goods sale will take place next Saturday (Sept. 14), at 10 a.m. in front of city hall.

Longtime readers will know what we are talking about: The yearly Hamtramck police auction. They have a bunch of stuff for sale – all dirt cheap – including electronic gear, bikes and even cars.

In fact if you are in the market for a 2001 Cadillac, be sure to come early.



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.

"I thought I'd better go check the basement."

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Hamtramck Festival provides a rocking end to summer

By Charles Sercombe

By all accounts, it looks like the annual Hamtramck Labor Day Festival was another successful weekend.

Although overshadowed by Royal Oak's Arts, Beats & Eats, Hamtramck's festival drew a decent-sized crowd over its three days.

Co-organizer Konrad Maziarz said bills are still coming in as well as receipts so he could not pinpoint whether there was a profit this year, but he said he felt that at worse the festival broke even.

But success isn't just measured in money, he added.

"All in all, the festival was a success for the community," Maziarz said. "It brought a lot

of people into town."

If there were any complaints heard over the weekend it was that there was only one polka band included in the music lineup.

But Maziarz, who did not organize the music schedule, said it's part of a changing demographic that the festival is reaching out to.

"I noticed a lot of 25-30 years old," he said. "We were getting a good buzz."

If it is a younger, hipper crowd that is being sought, then lining up top garage and cutting edge performers was the way to go. It sure made Royal Oak's music offering seem "square," as Mayor Karen Majewski



Once again, the Polish Day Parade, held on Monday, capped a perfect weekend for the Hamtramck Labor Day Festival.

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Former Citizen publisher was a pioneer in newspaper industry



Former publisher and owner of The Citizen newspaper, Karen Spang, died last Sunday after a 14-year battle with cancer.

By Charles Sercombe

In an industry dominated by men, Karen Spang stood out as the publisher of Hamtramck's former newspaper of record, The Citizen.

She came from a newspaper family, and inherited her father's gutsy nose for news.

Karen Spang oversaw The Citizen, located for many years at Jos. Campau and Zinow, for about 20 years before retiring and selling the paper in 2002.

Ms. Spang died on Sept. 1

at the age of 69 after battling cancer for 14 years.

She is survived by her sister, Susan; son, Joseph (Jay); daughter, Ellen and three grandchildren.

Ms. Spang steered The Citizen through some of Hamtramck's most historical moments: The visit of Pope John Paul II in 1987 and numerous visits of presidents, vice presidents, major presidential candidates and a host of national celebrities.

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Tax plan rejected by state

By Charles Sercombe

Relax homeowners, you won't be paying a special 7-mill tax this year, or any year in the near future.

The state Treasurer's Office rejected one of the key financial remedies in Emergency Financial Manager Cathy Square's recovery plan that was recently presented to the public.

The tax would have raised \$1.2 million to make the city's pension fund financially stable. Instead of the tax, Square told The Review, "We're going to work out a payment plan with MERS."

MERS, which stands for Michigan Employees' Retirement System, is the state's pension plan for public employees, and was created by the state legislature in 1945.

Square's financial recovery plan was rejected by a majority of city councilmembers and Mayor Karen Majewski for a variety of reasons, including opposition to the tax proposal.

Reached by phone on Wednesday, Square shrugged off criticism of her plan by local officials, saying: "They're politicians, and politicians make comments for political reasons."

The tax proposal rejection by the state wasn't the only thing to go down this week. On Wednesday, Square fired Acting City Manager Kyle Tertzag, who was hired a little over a year ago by the city council before Square was appointed emergency manager.

Also fired were Jason Friedmann, the Director of Community & Economic Development, and Darren Grow, the Manager of the Downtown Development Authority.

Square's former assistant, Kathy Angerer, will take the jobs of Friedmann and Grow. Square said she will not

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She did not shy away from funding in-depth investigative reports into leading political figures and institutions, which at times resulted in a backlash and advertising boycotts. Despite the challenges, Ms. Spang remained committed to journalism.

It was under her guidance that The Citizen staff went on to win numerous awards from various journalism organizations.

Ms. Spang was active in the Michigan Press Association and rose to become its first-ever female president.

She also pioneered the role of women in local fraternal organizations, being one of the first women accepted as a Hamtramck Rotarian when the club was still strictly for men only.

Besides hiring a number of interns and beginning journalists, Ms. Spang also mentored many local students.

Ms. Spang took her journalism mission to Poland in June of 1987 when she covered Pope John Paul II's third historical visit to his native land. The Polish authorities were none too pleased about the visit and the ensuing worldwide media scrutiny.

The world waited to see if the Pope would acknowledge the Solidarity movement that had been struggling for several years to topple the long-hated communist government.

He did, in a veiled way, saying: "A person is not alone;

he lives with others, through others, for others."

It proved to be an electrifying moment in Poland, and Ms. Spang was there to help record that historic visit.

The Citizen began in the 1930s, at the height of the Great Depression, when Ms. Spang's father, Joe Kargol, invested his meager savings in a struggling paper. He weathered the Depression and grew the newspaper into one of the largest weeklies in the metro area.

After Mr. Kargol died, his wife Frances took over. That's when reporter Greg Kowalski started his career. Kowalski went on to become editor of a major suburban weekly and is the author of several books on Hamtramck.

He is currently the Chairman of the Hamtramck Historical Commission.

Kowalski recalled his first week on the job at The Citizen in the 1970s. It was the same week that Joe Kargol had died, and there was a question whether his wife, Frances, could handle her husband's job.

Without a doubt, she did.

"She was a tough newspaper woman. No one thought she would be able to take over the paper after Joe died, but she did, and she ran it well," Kowalski said. "She was very supportive of me, and I loved The Citizen. I learned more there than I ever did any place else. It was the greatest training ground for a young journalist that you could hope for. My memories of her and the paper are very positive. She and the paper will always have a special place in my heart."

Kowalski also helped Ms. Spang transition into publisher when her mother retired in the 1980s.

"Karen did a fine job of carrying on the family tradition of running The Citizen," Kowalski said. "She was extremely dedicated and really understood the role The Citizen played in shaping opinion while informing the community as to what was

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Tax plan rejected by state

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name an acting city manager until she is ready to exit from her job as emergency manager next July.

"We were top heavy," Square said about the cuts and consolidation of departments. "This city has to be leaner, and folks have to do more."

Square had high praise for Angerer, who had been the assistant to the acting city manager.

"She's got a lot of energy and has a can-do spirit," Square said. "That's what we need to move forward."

One of the roles of the act-

ing city manager was to sit in on city council meetings. Square said that only the city clerk will put together the council agenda and attend council meetings to record council actions.

Square said she will take over other duties of the acting city manager, such as overseeing the day-to-day operation of the city.

"But I am not attending council meetings," she said.

Next on her agenda, Square said, is beginning negotiations with the unions representing firefighters and police officers.

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ESL Conversation Class - Tuesday, September 10 at noon. Ms. Latisha conducts English Conversation classes each Tuesday night. Free of charge to Hamtramck residents.

Basic Computer Class - Thursday, September 12 at 11:30 a.m. This week's class is on basic computer usage, Internet searches, e-mail and word processing. Registration is required, and new students are welcome.

Reading and Writing ESL Class - Thursday, September 12 at noon. The reading and writing ESL class conducted by Ms. Latisha is free to the public (registration required).

Citizenship and Naturalization Classes - Thursday, September 12 at 5:30 p.m. This

program, conducted by the International Institute, is free of charge to Hamtramck residents. It provides help with preparation of documents and legal assistance, if necessary.

ESL Class "News for You" - Friday, September 13 at 3:30 p.m. This intermediate ESL class conducted by Latisha, free to Hamtramck residents, consists of reading news articles from a publication prepared for ESL, "News for You."

Library Gardening Club - Friday, September 13 at 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to join the library gardening club, with activities in the library community garden. Each week we will do a project in the garden and provide each member with a chance to get their own gardening plot, and grow vegetables, herbs or flowers to their liking. For more information see Ania or Kate.

Family Story Time for Children - Thursday, September 13, at 6 a.m. Join your friends at

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Make & Take Workshop - Friday, September 13 at 4 p.m. The theme of this week's arts and crafts workshop is "Back to School."

Friends of the Library Meeting - Thursday, September 12 at 6 p.m. FHPL President Kathy Kristy and Treasurer George Gorday invite all members and volunteers to participate in the regular monthly meeting.

Meeting of the Library Board - Thursday, September 12 at 6 p.m. Regular meeting of the Library Board will be held in the auditorium. Open to the public.

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Second Front Page

Friday night rains cause massive flood throughout city

By Charles Sercombe

Can anyone say “lawsuit”?

That’s what some residents might be talking about after last Friday night’s torrential rainfall that likely flooded hundreds of basements in the city.

Hamtramck has had a long history of basement floodings, and a few years ago it prompted a massive lawsuit filed by hundreds of residents. The lawsuit resulted in a multi-million dollar award that forced property owners to pay a special property tax.

Last Friday’s downpour may have been even worse compared to the storms that lead to the lawsuit.

Water was spilling over curbs on dozens of streets throughout the city during the storm, and made part of Holbrook impossible to drive through.

Worse, many households experienced backed up raw sewage in their basements.

Christine Komisarz said her concern grew as water kept rising in the street and up to the sidewalk at her Florian St. house.

“I thought I’d better go check the basement,” she said in an email to The Review.

“All I had to do is open the door. I could actually hear the water gurgling up with gusto through the floor drains. So, I took a few steps down the stairs and saw it bubbling up through the drains. I mean, bubbling with some force.”

It didn’t get better from there, Komisarz said.

“I went down Saturday morning. All the water had drained and left behind the most disgusting, black,

slimy, filthy crap (probably literally) I had ever seen. Or at least that I could remember. I could not face that,” she said.

Instead of cleaning the raw sewage herself, she

structured it eroded sod surrounding a new housing development next to a house at 2996 Goodson St.

Kathleen Trusick, who lives at 2996 Goodson, looked at the large section

Community & Economic Development, on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, to find out who is responsible for the project, but several calls went unreturned, including calls to his cell phone.

It was later learned on Wednesday that Friedmann was fired on that day, along with two other city administrators, in a restructuring move by Emergency Manager Cathy Square.



Above: Kathleen Trusick of Goodson St. points to where her lawn was eroded away from last Friday’s torrential rainfall. Part of her sod fell down into a hole that had been dug where a house will soon be built. Below: That’s raw sewage that came bubbling up in the basement of a Florian St. house.



hired a company, which took a crew to wash down and disinfect. Fortunately, she had insurance coverage.

“The insurance company suggested I try to get my deductible back from the city,” Komisarz added.

Yeah, that may be what a number of other people are now thinking – at the very least.

The flooding was so de-

of lawn that fell down into the bottom of a housing site, about a 15-20 foot drop-off, and worried.

“What if my grandchildren were around this?” she said.

Trusick, who is a widower and on an extremely fixed income, is even more concerned if the erosion continues.

“I don’t have a basement,” she said. “What happens if I lose more?”

What is unknown is why the beginning stages of the new housing development was left open for weeks without further development.

The Review attempted to get a hold of Jason Friedmann, the city’s Director of



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Hamtramck Festival provides a rocking end to summer

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The Hamtramck Labor Day Festival offered plenty of bands, food and dancing over the weekend.



pointed out on her Facebook page.

Certainly no one could complain about the weather as Mother Nature provided sunny skies and mild temps throughout the weekend.

The number of food and art vendors also increased this year, making the festival grounds appear more crowded.

Of course the Polish Day Parade on Monday afternoon attracted thousands of visitors

tally, Levin's would-be successor, Congressman Gary Peters marched in the parade as well, backed by a large number of supporters who chanted "Gary, Gary, Gary."

Despite the growing number of scandals involving his administration, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano also participated in the parade. But at one point in the parade there were some onlookers ominously holding tomatoes, as if



and dignitaries.

Although he is not seeking reelection and is about to retire, Sen. Carl Levin returned as he has for many years to march in the parade with his brother, Congressman Sander Levin.

And perhaps not coincident-

ready to throw them at Ficano's escort car.

The tossing of fruit and vegetables isn't without precedent. When President George Bush (the first) visited Hamtramck and marched down a part of Jos. Campau a bystander threw broccoli at him.

It was unclear what the point of that was, but Bush had famously said he didn't like broccoli, which apparently drew the ire of broccoli lovers.

But we digress.

Crime-wise — something that has been a major concern this summer — Police Chief Max Garbarino said there were no significant incidents, other than the occasional disorderly conducts.

As for next year, it will once again depend on the city giving festival organizers the OK to proceed. Maziarz said plans call for expanding the volunteer base and going after corporate sponsorship now that the festival has been firmly established as a 501(c) non-profit organization.

Chalk up another festival year and another great party to usher summer out.

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Review: Opinion Page

City should consider making festival an official event

Congratulations to those who put together this year's Hamtramck Labor Day festival.

It was another successful weekend, and the festival made Hamtramck shine. We know how to throw a great party.

Not to take away from the hard work of the volunteers who put this festival together, but now is a good time to revisit what to do with the event. At one time this was considered an official city event.

We think there is a good argument to turn this back to the city's control, just to give it stability and guaranteed financial backing. We think it's too much to ask volunteers to be held responsible for covering the

costs of the festival.

The festival is a terrific promotional tool for the city. It needs a professional event organizer to work on this year-round.

Asking volunteers to throw themselves into organizing this event is too much to ask.

But again, what a great job these volunteers did.

It's time for the city to take ownership of the festival and begin marketing it to compete with Oakland County's Arts, Beats & Eats that also takes place every Labor Day weekend.

The Hamtramck Festival has already shown that its musical line-up is far superior to the Beats & Eats' lame offering.

And while we're thinking

out loud here, is there any reason why we couldn't have occasional weekend block parties during warm weather? Hamtramck needs to promote itself as a hip hangout and place to live.

We need to attract young adults and make this an exciting and fun place to live. It could be the needed nudge to bring back retail development on Jos. Campau.

It sure beats allowing another religious institution or non-profit from gobbling up Jos. Campau retail space.

But that's another issue for another day.

Other Voices: Guest Editorial

Summer's fresh air giving way to fall days

By Father Lawrence M. Ventline
Catch your breath.

That's what others would say to me as I was growing up. It was an admonition to slow down and pause. To take a deep breath, in fact!

And, it worked. It did.

In the rhythm of life's regular routine and rites of passage and faith coming face to face with God and others, heartbeats have to slow down. Metabolism is like that. It is. Really.

Rest in the Hebrew definition means, to "catch your breath." It does.

It's about re-awakening, re-tuning, re-attending and re-accepting nature's ways of cycling my own rhythm and rhyme, in fact.

With the pause to ponder this summer, one's systems with self, others, God and organizations, school's debut, and relating with the neighbors, comes front and center.

Couple all that with balance and getting centered with the Creator. Otherwise, one is eccentric, off center, not balanced, and, perhaps good for nothing, including being there for others.

No one wants to be dubbed eccentric, odd, off center.

Centering prayer, in fact, developed by the revered Trappist monk, Thomas Keating, among others, is a way of being still.

Of shutting up some. For the summer, and more.

Labor Day's departure will give way to fall and summer's end as we know it.

Enter fall. And, all of the seasons of rhyme and reason require gratitude - an attitude, and posture of thankfulness.

Catch your breath.

Do it now, in fact. Breathe in the breath of God in making you, hold it deep within your diaphragm. Now, push out the breath of God. And,

just be.

Pause.

Fall's frenetic force is upon us with its fury of activity, of school bells ringing, and so much more for mom, for dad, for soccer, and ballet, and, beaming faces of children smiling at their teachers.

Enjoy the season.

It's worth it. Every moment of its fleeting and fading, fast pace.

After all, life is so short when measured by the clock. And, ME!

It is.

(Father Lawrence Ventline has been a pastor for 37 years. He is a board certified professional counselor, a nationally-certified spiritual director with the Mercy Sisters in Burlingame, CA., and, an AFPA fitness trainer Reach him for guidance at <http://www.religionrootsrelationships.blogspot.com/>, or (313) 530 2777.)

Odds & Ends

Election update ... The fate of City Councilmember Abdul Algazali's attempt to win the mayor's election will now wait until next week.

Algazali has come under scrutiny lately for being about \$17,000 delinquent on back property taxes he owes on four buildings - at least that's what the records show in the Wayne County Treasurer's Office.

If that is true, Algazali could be kicked off the mayoral ballot because there is a city

charter provision that says any elected or appointed official who is a "defaulter" to the city or any other government entity will have their election voided.

And if an election official violates the charter, says another provision in the document, that official will be kicked out of office.

Whew.

That's a heavy deal, and it's an issue no one else has faced.

Emergency Manager Cathy

Square said Algazali will have a chance to meet with the city attorney next Tuesday to give his side of the story. So far, Algazali has refused to return phone calls from The Review and the Detroit News for comment.

It's presumed that a decision on whether he continues in the election will be made next week.

As it stands now, Algazali won last month's primary election, with Mayor Karen Majewski trailing by 61 votes.

Also at press time on Thursday, a recount of votes for the mayoral election and the city council election is tentatively scheduled for this coming Monday, Sept. 9 in city hall.

City lots ... Anyone who has a city lot permit needs to act quickly and take part in a city-wide survey.

If you are using a city lot for, say a community garden, contact Angel Salatrik at (313) 575-8814, or by email at hamtramckrecycle@gmail.com.

Salatrik will provide the survey form, and you are asked to return it with two photos of your lot. This information will be used to make a case to Hamtramck's emergency manager to give permit holders first dibs on either purchasing the lots or at least continue to maintain them.

The surveys are due back by Sept. 15.

Get a glimpse of the city's past at the historical museum

By Kristin Rose
Special to The Review

You could consider last weekend "historical."

That's when - after several years in the making - the Hamtramck Historical Museum, located at 9525 Jos. Campau, opened its doors to the public.

Hamtramck Historical Commission Chairman Greg Kowalski noted that, "Despite no advance publicity, 200 people made their way to get a glimpse of just some of the vast trove of historical items that the Hamtramck Historical Commission has been collecting over the years."

The artifacts include antique furniture, signage, documents and a host of oddball items that have appeared in Hamtramck's colorful past and have contributed to the town's diverse character.

There was concern that the museum might not open in time for the festival weekend. A last-minute push by members of the commission to obtain all the necessary paperwork - permits, licenses and inspections - made the event happen in just the



After years of effort, the Hamtramck Historical Museum opened last weekend. The museum is located at 9525 Jos. Campau.

nick of time.

There is still much work that needs to be done in order to turn the building into the vibrant, interactive community gathering place that the historical commission sees as the potential for the museum. Kowalski urges community members to lend any financial or physical support that they can.

"If you can hold a paintbrush, come down to help paint. If you are handy laying carpet, we'll need you pretty soon," he said.

The museum is open

every Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. As more volunteers are able to help out with the museum, the hours will continue to expand.

To donate or to volunteer at this ambitious work-in-progress, contact Greg Kowalski at (313) 574-9758, or email at: hamtramckhistory@gmail.com. The Hamtramck Historical Commission also has a Facebook page with a link to receive email updates, and a website: www.hamtramckhistory.org.

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happening in town. She really cared. I will always remember her with great fondness."

Another reporter who started out at The Citizen is Keely Kaleski, who some longtime readers will remember her by her married name, Keely Wygonik.

She remembers Ms. Spang as a hands-on publisher who thrilled at the chase of a story.

"I remember my first day on the job, there was a major fire in the city, and the editor had just quit. Karen grabbed her notebook, and said let's go! Although she didn't live in the city, Karen Spang was very much a part of it, and so was her staff at The Citizen," Kaleski said.

"We all worked long hours, because we cared about the city, and wanted to serve the community. Karen was proud to be one of the first women accepted into the Hamtramck Rotary Club, and made it her business to know what was going on in town.

"My late husband David Wygonik and I learned a lot from Karen while working at The Citizen — she was our boss, friend, and mentor; the person who signed our checks, and brought out the very best in us."

Walter Wasacz, who used

to write about sports in his teenage years for The Citizen and years later was hired on as a reporter remembers Ms. Spang's passion for newspapering.

"Karen was one of the last of an increasingly rare breed of newspaper publisher — someone with a journalism background who understood journalists and the real value of their job," said Wasacz, who is now managing editor for the online publication Model D in Detroit.

"She had keen eyes and ears for news, and never backed down from a potentially controversial story. Karen was also generous to her employees. If the paper had a good sales year she shared some of the profits in the form of Christmas bonuses and holiday dinners. Karen made sure The Citizen milieu was professional, but it was like a family at the same time. She was some lady. I will miss her dearly."

After The Citizen was sold in 2002, the paper struggled financially for several years during a time when scores of newspapers across the country — both big and small — were going out of business.

A third owner took over in 2007, but the paper finally closed its doors in 2009 —

the year it should have been celebrating its 75th anniversary.

There was no memorial service for Ms. Spang, although family members encourage her friends to make a donation to a charity or cause of their choice, if they so desire.

For the past several years Ms. Spang was living in Traverse City. She died in her sleep while at her daughter's house in Traverse City.

At Pope Park, something good is cooking up

By Kirstin Rose
Special to The Review

Want to grow healthier kids?

The folks at Henry Ford Health System will hold a free cooking demonstration this coming Monday, Sept. 9, at the Hamtramck Farmer's Market, located in Pope Park at Jos. Campau and Belmont.

It's part of a Henry Ford program called "Generation With Promise."

The goal of "Generation With Promise" is to promote healthy eating habits in Detroit-area youth. Their website describes their goals as "decreasing risk for chronic disease and incidence of obe-

sity, to promote healthier communities and develop health care advocates and leaders."

What better way to get children to eat their veggies than to show them just how delicious they can taste?

The cooking demonstration focuses on all stages of food preparation in the home: From providing healthy recipe cards, to planning balanced meals and reading nutrition content labels while at the grocery store, to the final preparation and meal at home.

When the program guides children through the process of making healthy choices,

their parents tend to follow. This little boost of encouragement and motivation is sometimes all a family needs to change their not-so-healthy eating patterns into a more deliberate, conscientious approach to meals.

Cooking demos with free samples will be at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Free recipe cards will be handed out, as well as a wealth of nutrition education resources. Children and parents, as well as anyone interested in healthy eating, are invited to attend.

The Farmer's Market is located in Pope Park, at the corner of Jos. Campau and Belmont.

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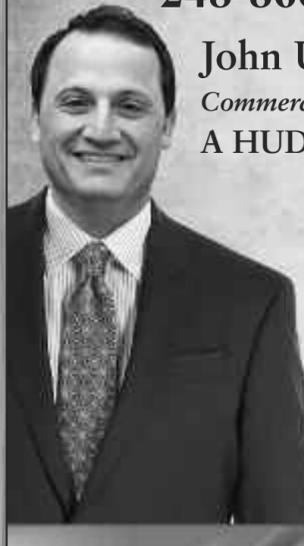
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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Aug. 27-Sept. 2.

Tuesday, Aug. 27

A man was stabbed while in front of a residence in the 12000 block of Oklahoma. The man was treated for his injuries.

A woman reported that someone damaged her 2001 Dodge Stratus while attempting to steal it.

A resident reported that on Saturday her boyfriend became intoxicated and argued with her all day. She said her boyfriend struck her 20 times and at one point stuck an unloaded revolver to her head and slowly pulled the trigger. Officers arrested the man on Tuesday at his McDougall St. residence.

The principal of Caniff Liberty Academy reported someone stole two Dell computers and two printers.

A man reported that someone withdrew all his money out of his Huntington Bank account.

A man was arrested after failing to secure his truck door, which struck a parked car causing damage.

A woman reported being robbed by three suspects while walking in the city parking lot on Yemans St.

A Hamtramck man was found deceased in his garage from self-inflicted injuries.

A Hamtramck man reported his mountain bike stolen from Pope Park.

Wednesday, Aug. 28

A man reported that while he and his girlfriend were having a verbal dispute on the front porch of a residence in the 2600 block of Caniff, the girlfriend's son pulled up and brandished a

black handgun, and fired one shot into the air. The suspect had already left when officers arrived.

A man reported that someone wrote a check from his account at PNC Bank and cashed it.

A man reported that someone opened a Verizon account in his name without his permission.

Officers were dispatched to a local party store for a report of a person drinking in public. A Detroit man was arrested for consuming alcohol in public.

Thursday, Aug. 29

A man reported that someone opened four Verizon cell phone accounts in his name without his permission.

A woman reported that someone used her debit card number to make a purchase at Family Dollar store on Jos. Campau.

A Jos. Campau business owner said that three women entered his store and stole several items.

Officers were flagged down at Yemans and Jos. Campau on a report that a man was just robbed of his Rolex watch. Officers located and arrested four Detroit men and recovered two guns, and the stolen watch.

A resident reported that while walking on Jos. Campau a man unknown to him asked to use his cell phone. The man, however, refused to hand back the phone and walked away.

Friday, Aug. 30

A Lehman St. resident reported the theft of a hand-icap parking sign.

A Moran St. resident reported a domestic argument involving a soda pop can.

A Yemans St. resident reported the theft of his 2002 Dodge Intrepid.

A resident reported his bike stolen from his house on Holbrook St.

Officers were flagged down and a resident turned over a stray dog, a Terrier mix.

A resident reported that an unknown person opened a Verizon account and ran up charges totaling \$1,900

Saturday, Aug. 31

The city's Public Works Department was notified that barricades needed to go up at Conant south of Holbrook because of flooding.

A person was arrested at 11:30 p.m. for obstructing officers who were conducting an investigation in the

12000 block of Grayling St. At 1:30 a.m. a person was arrested for causing a disturbance while in the 11400 block of Jos. Campau.

A resident reported that his air conditioner was stolen sometime during the night from his residence in the 11600 block of Nagel St.

Sunday, Sept. 1

A person was arrested at 12:40 a.m. after causing a disturbance in the 11400 block of Jos. Campau.

At almost 1 a.m. a person was arrested following a domestic dispute in the 3300 block of Edwin St.

Five people were arrested for disorderly conduct while they were in the 11400 block of Jos. Campau.

A woman said that while walking on Holbrook near Brombach a man grabbed her purse, but the woman resisted. The suspect fled on foot without the purse.

A resident in the 12000 block of Mitchell St. reported a break-in at his residence.

Monday, Sept. 2

A resident was arrested for felonious assault after threatening a family member with a weapon.

A man was arrested in the 3000 block of Jacob St. after obstructing officers who were investigating a domestic dispute incident.

A woman reported that two men approached her while she was walking on Evaline St. and snatched a gold chain off her neck.

A woman living in the 3800 block of Belmont St. reported someone stole her 2007 Dodge Charger.

A man reported someone stole his handgun from his car while it was parked at Latham and Poland streets.

A man reported that another man he knows punched him in his face 10 times and then stole his Apple iPhone and then ran away.

A Botsford St. man reported someone opened a Verizon cell phone account in his name and ran up a charge of \$580.

A man was arrested while at a resident in the 9400 block of McDougall St. for public intoxication. The man was taken to a hospital because his blood-alcohol level was 0.31.

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granddaughter, Christine (Thomas) Rhadigan; great-grandchildren, Alice and Amelia.
Visitation is Friday, September 6, 2 – 8 p.m., with Rosary at 7 p.m. at Krot Funeral Home. Funeral is Friday, September 7, instate at 9:30 a.m., Mass at 10 a.m., at Our Lady Queen of Apostles. Burial is at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

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