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A reminder.

The newly-formed Hamtramck Walkers Alliance wants to get residents healthy and interacting this spring with a series of town hall-style walks that feature local officials and celebrities.

Here's the schedule:

April 30: Detroit City Football Club

May 7: Historian Greg Kowalski (meets at Hamtramck History Museum, 9525 Joseph Campau St.)

May 14: Councilman Anam Miah

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.

"It will be culture shock for some people."

— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

City aims to plug delinquent water bills with service shutoffs

By Charles Sercombe

For the second time in about a year, the city is getting serious about water bill deadbeats.

Some 950 water shutoff notices were sent out on April 2, warning property owners to pay up within 10 days or face having their service shut down.

This week, the city made good on that threat and began shutting off water to those who owed \$250 or more.

On Tuesday, city hall had a line going out the door of people rushing to pay their bills. It was not known how many out of the 950 households and businesses paid up by Thursday, the day The Review went to press.

Mark Ragsdale, the Director of Public Works, said his work crew can do only 20 to 40 shutoffs a day.

Ragsdale said that 30 percent of the city's water users are behind on their bills. That means out of 6,000 houses and businesses,



In order to avoid having a work crew come to your house and shut off water service, make sure you are up to date on your water bills. The city began shutting off service this week to those who are behind on their bills.

2,000 are delinquent.

In terms of revenue to the city, that means there is \$1.2 million to collect. Ragsdale said that money could have been used to repair leaking water lines and old fire hydrants, some of which date back to the 1920s.

For those who owe \$500

or more, the city has a deal for you. If you pay one third of what's owed, the city will let you spread out the balance in six payments.

But, you must also at the same time keep up with current bills. One missed payment, and the city will shut off your service and in order to restore it, you have to pay the entire amount owed.

If your water service is shut off before you make a payment plan agreement, that deal won't be offered.

Ragsdale said he will soon hire part-time employees whose only job will be to

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Record shopping is just a spin around the block in Hamtramck



Saturday is Record Store Day, and in Hamtramck there are three independently-owned stores to shop at.

By Charles Sercombe

For music lovers, this Saturday is a special day.

The 8th Annual Record Store Day takes place tomorrow (April 18). The event was created to promote independently-owned record stores.

There are three in Hamtramck: Record Graveyard (2610 Carpenter), Detroit Threads (10238 Jos. Campau) and Lo and Behold Records and Books (10022 Jos. Campau).

While the event started out to support independent

stores, there are critics who say event organizers have narrowed that definition down, and others say it's been serving corporate interests.

Jeffery Garbus of Record Graveyard, who has operated his store in Hamtramck for 14 years, is part of the camp that criticizes those behind promoting Record Store Day.

"Down with corporate control of record store day," Garbus said in an email. "Hello everyday is record store day here! Don't believe the hype."

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Resident or not? School Board has questions

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck School Board-member Mohammad Huda's residency status is being investigated by the public school district.

On Wednesday evening, the School Board voted 4-2 to authorize Superintendent Tom Niczay to gather evidence that might prove Huda is not a resident and present it to the board for further review.

The board agreed to the investigation following a closed session with its attorney during the regular board meeting.

The board unanimously agreed to the closed session, but before that closed session took place the board took a short break. During that break Huda left the administration building without telling anyone.

He was not present during the vote to authorize the investigation.

Those voting in favor of the investigation were Board-members Jackie Starr, Dennis Lukas, Evan Major and Board President Maggie Srodek.

Those voting against it were Boardmembers Hedy Shulgon and Ataur Khan.

Huda did not return calls for comment at the time The Review went to press Thursday afternoon.

Superintendent Niczay has no time limit to gather and present his evidence, but he told The Review after the meeting it won't take long.

"I will do this as quickly and efficiently as possible," Niczay said.

Niczay will also ask Huda to present proof that he is a resident, such as utility bills for the address he claims to live at, 11813 Fleming.

If the board agrees there is compelling evidence showing Huda is not a resident, Huda

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turn off water service. While some customers claim financial hardship, Ragsdale said that it’s not uncommon to see those folks holding top-of-the line cell phones worth \$700 or more. “It’s all about priorities,” Ragsdale said. Ragsdale said that although the city has been spotty about enforcing water payments, this is a new era

for the city. He said the city will be cracking down on a regular basis from now on. “It will be culture shock for some people,” he said. The last time the city forced the issue was when Emergency Manager Cathy Square was in charge. However, she launched the crackdown only once, back when the city was owed over \$600,000.

Record shopping is just a spin around the block in Hamtramck

Cont. from front page

Mikel Smith at Detroit Threads has embraced the day and will have DJs spinning and special record offers. “Detroit Techno Militia is playing all day,” Smith said in an email. “We’ll have an LP by Sun Ra, a 7” by J. Dilla, an LP by Brian Eno, a 7” by the Dwarves, and another 7” by Sharon Jones. Those are confirmed ones, not sure yet what else is coming.” Smith has run his business for over 17 years in Hamtramck. His event will run all day and through the night. Lo and Behold also is not

officially part of Record Store Day, but it is continuing its live music performances this weekend. On Friday night, you can catch a free performance of Danny and the Darleans. On Saturday there is a benefit for a summer camp for girls. That begins at 2 p.m. Later in the evening there will be DJs. Lo and Behold also stands out in the local record store scene by hosting its own record label. All three stores are highly regarded by vinyl collectors for their unique stock of records.

The closeness of the shops also makes it ideal for record lovers to spend a day digging into crates.

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Spring 2015 Walk-And-Talks

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Join us for one or all of our Thursday evening walks this spring from April 16-May 21. Each walk will be led by a weekly "Walking Champion," a local person of interest who will be available to answer questions and to provide information.

April 16 Hamtramck Mayor Karen Majewska
April 23 Community & Economic Development Director Kathy Angerer
April 30 Detroit City Football Club
May 7 Historian Greg Kowalski (Meet at Hamtramck History Museum, 9525 Jos. Campau St.)
May 14 Councilman Anam Miah
May 21 Musician and Business Owner Richie Wohlfell (followed by a neighborhood jam session)

Thursdays at 6p.m.
1-2 mile walk
Free!

Meet at Zussman Park across from City Hall (unless otherwise noted)

For more information, please visit the Hamtramck Walkers Alliance Facebook Page.

Resident or not? School Board has questions

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will be sent a letter asking for his voluntary resignation within seven days. If he does not agree to that, the district will ask state and county election officials to consider criminal prosecution for perjury. When candidates file to run for office they sign off saying they are residents of the community they wish to serve. This isn't the first time Huda's residency has come in question. During the school board election last year, The Review discovered that Huda owned a house in Warren where he claimed a 100-percent Home-

stead tax exemption. To qualify for this exemption the homeowner swears that the home is where he or she lives. Warren property records now show Huda rescinded that exemption. Niczay said The Review's investigation prompted his own. "The ongoing and persistent rumors both within the school district and the community at large fueled by the October 31 and November 14 issues of The Hamtramck Review," Niczay said. The Review also discovered, according to Huda's voter registration record, he made more than one move from Hamtramck to Warren and back again since registering to vote in Hamtramck in 2010 when he said he lived on Norwalk. That record shows he later moved to Warren, then moved back again to Hamtramck, then back to Warren at the house he claimed a Homestead tax exemption, and then one more time a year ago in April back to Hamtramck to the Fleming address. Huda was also connected with a group of investors who started up Caniff Liberty Academy, a charter school, located in the former St. Lad's school on Caniff. Huda is serving his first term on the school board.

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MAY 16th, 10:30AM

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MAY 16th, 11AM
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Children's Movie Night - Tuesday, April 20 at 4 p.m. All children are invited to see a movie shown on high-definition screen and enjoy a serving of popcorn. This week's feature is "The Hundred Foot Journey."

Make & Take Workshop - Wednesday, April 21 at 4 p.m. All children

are invited to an arts and crafts workshop. This week's theme is "Youth Art."

Family Story Time for Children - Thursday, April 23, at 6 p.m. Join your friends at the library for a reading of a storybook for children "Mud." This is part of the Michigan Reads Program.

Common Word Alliance of Hamtramck - Monday, April 27 at 7 p.m. The Hamtramck Common Word Alliance will hold its monthly meeting at the Library.

Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited.

Meeting of the Library Board - Thursday, April 16 at 6 p.m. Regular meeting of the Library Board will be held in the auditorium. Open to the public.

Friends of the Library Meeting - Thursday, April 23 at 6 p.m. FHPL President Kathy Kristy and Treasurer, George Gorday invite all members and volunteers to participate in the regular monthly meeting.

For more information about events at the library call (313) 365-7050, or visit our website at <http://hamtramck.lib.mi.us> where you can also access our online catalog.

Second Front Page

School Bell

Hamtramck High School FIRST Robotics team qualifies for the 2015 World Championship

Team 123, Hamtramck High School's FIRST Robotics team, competed at the FIRST in Michigan District Championship April 8-11.

Out of 101 teams, the Cosmos ranked as the 52nd seated team overall with an average qualifying score of 138 points. The highest number of points they



The Hamtramck High School newspaper staff got to see a live news telecast at WDIV Channel 4. Here they are posing with weathercaster Andrew Humphrey.



Students with the HHS Robotics Team 123 recently competed at the Michigan District Championship.

earned during a match was 181 points. Although they did not advance to the playoffs, the Cosmos went on to win the Innovation in Control Award sponsored by Rockwell Automation, de-

signed to recognize a robot with an impressive control system.

However, the Cosmos' journey does not end here. In Michigan, 123 is ranked 63rd out of a total of 349

teams, qualifying them for the chance to compete at the 2015 FIRST World Championship on April 22-25.

Team 123 will be one of 600 teams to compete in St.

Louis, Missouri. The past several months of the team's journey that have led them to this incredible moment have been inspiring and unforgettable.

On behalf of the entire 123 universe, thank you for your unrelenting support of our team and of FIRST. We have every intention of making our school, our sponsors, and Hamtramck proud. (Submitted by student Jenny Ghose.)

Hamtramck High School Cosmos Times newspaper staff visits WDIV studios

Some of the student newspaper staff of Cosmos Times went on the annual field trip to WDIV Channel 4 with their teacher Mr. Katopodis.



Dickinson East Elementary School students were treated to a Fun Fair.

The Hamtramck High School students got a behind the scenes look at Channel 4 and watched the 6 o'clock news live.

Their host was weatherman Andrew Humphrey. Humphrey also gave them an impromptu broadcasting

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Food stamp fraud suspect allegedly threatening witnesses

By Charles Sercombe

The investigation into alleged food stamp fraud has taken a twist.

According to a source who declined to identify himself for fear of reprisal, one of the market owners charged by federal authorities with illegally cashing in food stamp credits is now threatening witnesses.

“He’s acting really crazy,” said the source.

The market owner has reportedly broken windows at two houses where witnesses live.

The actions of the market owner have been reported to the Justice Department.

The Review could not reach

anyone at the agency to comment on the matter.

The source asked The Review to write about the threats in order to encourage witnesses to not back down or be intimidated.

Last September federal agents raided six markets in Hamtramck and several others in Detroit and Warren. In Hamtramck, 11 market owners and employees were charged.

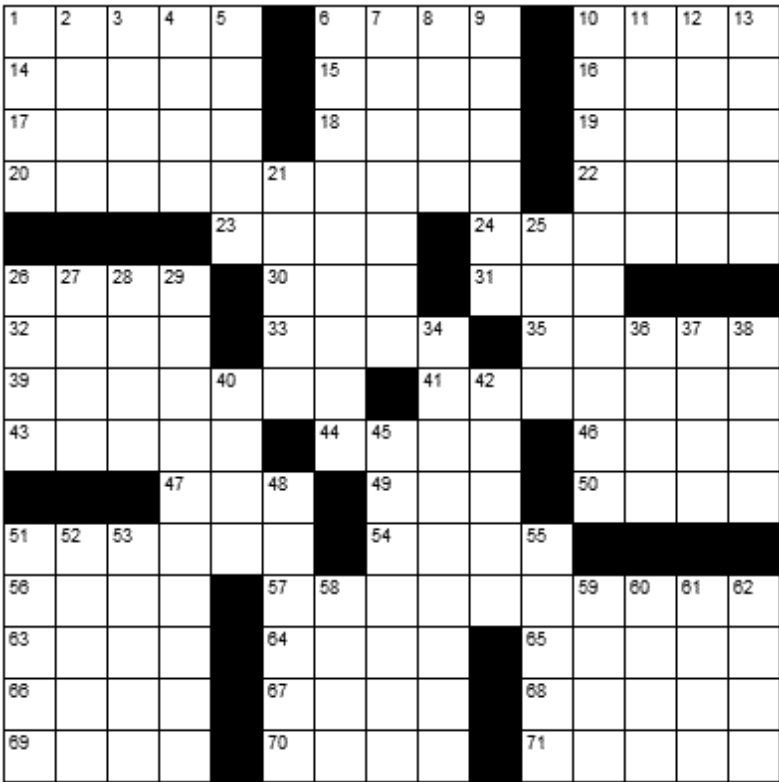
In all, federal authorities say the markets made \$12.5 million in illegal food stamp transactions over several months while under investigation.

According to the source who called The Review, the

market owner making threats to witnesses was the ring-leader in the scam. The source said the owner would run food stamp cards at other markets where he was a silent partner. He also allegedly showed others how the scam worked.

According to federal authorities the markets would give cash back to food stamp card holders, but in exchange would demand at least half the amount of money to be given to them.

According to the Detroit branch of the Justice Department, trial dates are coming up, but in the meantime some of those charged are working out plea deals.



- ACROSS
1. Correct

6. At one time (archaic)

10. Wimp

14. Shot from a bow

15. Close

16. Small island

17. Clamor

18. Tibetan monk

19. Protruding part of the lower jaw

20. Entwined

22. Knows

23. Flippant

24. Come forth

26. Serene

30. In the past

31. Disencumber

32. Dogfish

33. Extremely

35. Escargot

39. Ore refinery

41. Gist

43. Laser printer powder
44. Shredded cabbage

46. Put away

47. Very Important Person

49. In song, the loneliest number

50. A region of SE Pakistan

51. Within a building

54. Delight

56. Found on a finger

57. A type of judge

63. Donate

64. Middy

65. Avoid

66. Baking appliance

67. Blockage

68. Log home

69. Exam

70. Large North American deer (plural)

71. Inclination
- DOWN
1. Hindu princess

2. Press

3. Fortitude

4. A flexible pipe

5. Dweeb

6. Darkroom optical projectors

7. Atomic pile

8. Identical

9. Wall Street figure

10. Evil

11. Doorkeeper

12. Hoisting device

13. Feel

21. Depart

25. A young lady

26. Actors in a show

27. Ammunition

28. Mortgage

29. Evil

34. Lambs

36. Against

37. Computer symbol

38. Bawdy

40. Threesome

42. Sugary

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48. Frolic

51. Metal bar

52. Unsophisticated

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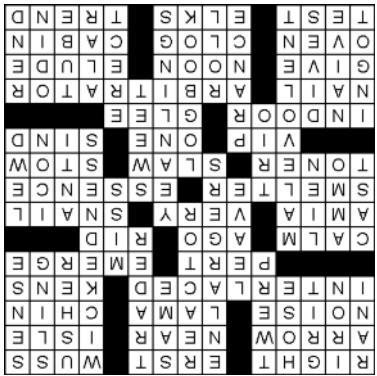
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60. Pipe

61. Norse god

62. Cleave



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lesson that they can use for the school's morning announcements.

Dickinson East Elementary Fun Fair

The PTA at Dickinson East hosted the first ever Fun Fair at the end of March.

Students attended with their parents and participated in many fun events and activities. There were carnival type games to play and tables set up for balloon animals, face painting, tattoos and hair dying.

The Fun Fair ended with nine lucky students on stage putting a pie in a teacher's or principal's face. It was a fun time for all and we are hoping for many more to come.

All Schools

• Monday, April 20 – No school for students. Teacher Professional Development Day. Fundraiser at Maine Street restaurant for non-homestead millage renewal committee.

Holbrook Elementary School

• Tuesday, April 21 – Holbrook Elementary is having a Kindergarten Round Up from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Parents can register their children that

are eligible for Kindergarten next fall and learn about the program.

• Tuesday, April 21 – Holbrook Elementary is having a Gizmos Math night from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, April 22nd Awards Ceremony grades Kindergarten-4th grade from 12:30-1:15 p.m. and grades 5th-8th from 1:15-2:00 p.m.

• Wednesday, April 22 – PTA Earth Day Activities at 2 p.m.

Dickinson East Elementary

• Tuesday, April 21 – Little Caesar's Pizza fundraiser ends.

• Wednesday, April 22 – PTA Meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Horizon Alternative High School

• Friday, April 24 – Half day for students.

Upcoming Events

Kosciuszko Middle School

• Tuesday, April 28 – 4th Annual April Poetry Blast and English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum night from 4:30-6 p.m.

The poetry blast showcases amazing student talent through poetry. Also, at the ELA curriculum part of

the night you will learn about what strategies and tips to help your child read more and increase their reading rate. A book give away is featured along with refreshments.

Kosciuszko Middle School and Dickinson West Elementary School

• Tuesday, April 28 – Parent Care Association Meeting from 3:15-4 p.m.

All Schools

• Thursday, April 30 – Spring District Wide Fine Arts Program at 6 p.m. in the Community Center.

• Saturday, May 9 – Hamtramck Health Hike registration starts at 8:30 a.m. at the community center. Health Hike starts at 9 a.m.

Horizon Alternative High School

• Wednesday, April 29 – Horizon's Night of Shining Stars 6 p.m. at the Community Center. This night will feature a play performed by Horizon's drama students and showcase student projects and portfolios. Please join us in celebrating all of our students' achievements.

Police waiting for DNA tests to confirm ID of dead woman

By Charles Sercombe

It will be at least two or three weeks before police officials will know for sure that the body of a woman found last Saturday in Hamtramck is that of a missing 85-year-old Detroit.

In the meantime, the family of Henrietta Pearson, who went missing in December, say they are sure it's her, according to media reports. Her wallet and other items belonging to her were found with the body.

Hamtramck Acting Police Chief Anne Moise said that until DNA evidence is analyzed, the department won't confirm the identity of the corpse. The cause of death has also not been determined, but according to one media report there were no signs of foul play.

The family said Pearson, who was in the beginning stages of dementia, left her house to walk to a grocery store in the 7 Mile and Dequindre area.

Her body was found out-

side Bridge Academy by children playing in the area. Contrary to prior media reports, she was not found near the school's playground. The body was in an area surrounded by brush at Alpena and Edwin, which is behind and outside of the school grounds.

That would explain why no one saw the body for the past few months.

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

With fingers crossed, city’s financial future is looking up

The next five years will be revealing regarding the financial health of Hamtramck.

Recently, City Manager Katrina Powell submitted a projected five-year budget to the state’s Transition Advisory Board, which is charged with overlooking the city’s finances for at least the next few years.

The Board was created after the emergency manager left her position here over three months ago.

One thing that immediately jumps out in the budget is that there will be deficit spending. By the end of five years, the city will have eaten into a \$2 million surplus to the tune of \$700,000.

But that’s only if some other revenue streams don’t fall into place.

One area that Powell and her administration have high hopes for is an upcoming citywide re-assessment of all properties. The city won a grant to fund this massive project.

City Treasurer John Gabor recently told the TAB it’s expected the new assessments will raise the tax value of the community by \$1 million. It’s likely that will translate into a few hundreds of thousands of dollars in extra property taxes.

That’s a pretty impressive number.

It will also mean that property owners can expect to see their taxes increase as well. It might come as a shock but it’s a long time coming. According to former Emergency Manager Cathy Square the city has not re-assessed properties since 1961.

By state law the city has to re-assess property values every five years. It’s not clear why Hamtramck officials shirked this obligation, but a few years ago the city council balked at the idea for fear that property values would go down, and subsequently property tax collection would decrease.

Powell says she is optimistic about other areas of growth in the budget. We are, of course, crossing our fingers that Hamtramck is on the rebound for good.

Odds & Ends

Water waste? ... A reader called us this week questioning why the city isn’t doing anything about an apparent water line break at Trowbridge and Jos. Campau. The reader, who wanted to remain anonymous, said it’s ironic that while the city is cracking down on water bill deadbeats, there are gallons of water going to waste.

According to City Manager Katrina Powell the line is the responsibility of Detroit, which had already been informed about it. Powell had her administration gave Detroit another reminder.

Just as we were doubting Detroit would get on this, we saw a Detroit water repair crew on Thursday at the scene.

Good cause ... It’s been reported recently that there is a growing demand from people in the metro area for food assistance, but there’s one problem with that: Local food pantries can’t keep up with that demand.

This is where we all can help out. On May 28 there will be a fundraiser for Detroit Friendship House, which despite the name is actually located in Hamtramck.

Friendship House serves hundreds of local folks who are able to stock up on needed food supplies.

The fundraiser is \$25 and will be held at the Fowling Warehouse, located at 3901 Christopher here in Hamtramck.

The event includes two hours of free fowling, food and a T-shirt. To get tickets, go online to: www.detroitfriendshiphouse.org.

Meeting ... Want to find out where Wayne County is heading? Wayne County Executive Warren Evans has been holding a number of town hall meetings, and the next one will be this Tuesday (April 21) at Wayne County Community College District – Northwest Campus, located at 8200 W. Outer Drive in Detroit.

The meeting starts at 6 p.m.

Fundraiser ... Supporters of the upcoming school millage renewal can get a two-for-one on Monday (April 20) at Maine Street Restaurant.

The restaurant has agreed to donate 10 percent of the day’s sales to the committee supporting the millage. Let your server know you are there to support the millage.

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Letters • Letters

It’s time to clear the air of marijuana, legal or otherwise

A “fresh air” ordinance is needed in Hamtramck now as more and more residents, even renters of space for counseling, like myself, are victims of unlawful and medical marijuana/cannabis odors pervading my office on Caniff.

Not only that but the aroma serves as a trigger for recovering patients who are in remission from illegal drugs, let alone the poorly regulated medical marijuana industry in this nation, also.

Since police aren’t enforcing the law regarding “smoke,” I have made appointments elsewhere rather than subject well-intentioned addicts to such triggers for relapse.

Unfair to this renter spending \$600 monthly for poor working conditions, let alone code violations that should have been fixed after the previous tenant exited. Why should I have to find alternative fresh air spaces?

Just as the distinguished Warren Mayor Jim Fouts is aiming toward a so-called “fresh air” ordinance, Hamtramck leaders also need to initiate similar practices to discourage pot users from inflicting their filthy smoke habits from on neighbors, businesses and apartments nearby.

If unlawful activity is not enforced in this town, and, elsewhere, why not legalize pot, but with assurances that all people have a right to fresh air?

Furthermore, why do I want to continue to serve as a chaplain for the Hamtramck Police Department when the acting chief and officers fail to enforce cannabis laws for whatever reasons?

We all expect better from those who are paid to protect us from criminal and unlawful behavior. Come on, city manager and city council, lead with vibrancy and integrity or get out of the kitchen as President Harry Truman urged.

**Fr. Lawrence Ventline
Hamtramck**

Drivers need to slow down and watch out for pedestrians and kids

I am writing this to all my fellow Hamtramck citizens, because an incident occurred today that left me feeling helpless and angry.

I was leaving Keyworth Park with my two kids when a SUV came speeding into the entrance of the park and I had to quickly pull my kids out the way of this speeding SUV.

Although these young guys apologized, I was left feeling angry and playing over and over in my head how close I came to a tragedy. Sadly, this is not the first time that some young people in Hamtramck have almost ran me and my kids over,

I have had a few close calls in my kids’ school zone while I was taking them to school. This concerns every parent in Hamtramck, because when will there be something done about this, will it be after some innocent child is ran down?

Almost every day I witness these young guys speeding down the streets in our community, where our children are crossing the street, or just playing in their neighborhood like kids should feel safe to do. As Americans, we work hard every day and pay taxes, so we should take action and control over the safety of our community that our children call home.

We have our Hamtramck police officers who do a good job with keeping our community safe, but it will take the combined effort of all our citizens to come together and send a message to individuals that we will not tolerate any type of behavior that threatens the safety of our children.

I hope that there are other parents in this community who feel the same.

**Samantha Abdulla
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Rock out at fundraiser for girls' summer camp

By Mike Murphy
Special to The Review

Tiny Acres, a Hamtramck community farm and non profit is throwing a benefit this Saturday (April 18) at Lo and Behold Records and Books for Girls Rock Detroit's premier summer camp for young female rockers.

"It's sort of a meet-and-greet fundraiser. We're trying to find volunteers for the camp, and we'll be selling

juice and beer and cupcakes," Tiny Acres organizer Angel Salatrik said.

Funds raised from the sales will be used to support the camp and to provide full and partial scholarships for girls who attend the five-day event that will be held July 13 through 17 at Michigan State University's Community Music School. Both MSU and community organization, Girls Rock Detroit, are hosting the

camp.

Although the camp will cover subjects including vocal technique, teamwork, recording, farming, instrument instruction and songwriting, as well as feature local female performers, there will be a taste of what's in store for campers at Saturday's benefit.

The benefit coincides with Record Store Day and is set to begin at 2 p.m. with a kids' open jam session. The hour-long jam will be followed by an hour of story time with a Hamtramck librarian.

Performers at the event will include Molly Jean, Tony Paris and Dave Morrison and the event will wind up with a 50-50 raffle at 6:30 p.m.

Girls Rock Detroit is taking applications for the camp for female-identifying youth from 8- to 16-years-old at the organization's website: www.girlsrockdetroit.org

Lo and Behold Records and Books is located at 10022 Jos. Campau.

Volunteers needed for upcoming citywide spring cleanup

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck is never a pretty sight right after winter ends and the snow finally melts away.

There is litter everywhere. But there is something you can do about that. On Saturday, April 25, the Hamtramck Beautification Commission will host its annual Spring Clean Sweep.

Volunteers will be gathering that morning and will spread throughout the city to clean up streets, alleys and lots. This is no small chore because the city is choking in filth from lazy people who think nothing of dumping their trash, old mattresses, used tires, paper scraps, fast food wrappers – you name it – on our streets and vacant lots.

The plan is to meet up at 9 a.m. at two locations. For those in the southend of the city, at People's Community Services Center on Jos. Campau and Danforth, and



There is no shortage of litter to clean up in Hamtramck. A citywide cleanup will be held on April 25.

for those in the northend of town at Recycled Treasures at 12101 Jos. Campau.

Tools and trash bags will be provided. Be sure to bring gloves.

Refreshments will also be served.

If you can't make it, do a little cleaning up in your yard, front curb area and back alley.

For more information call (313) 312-4945, or go on-

line to: hamtramckbeautification@gmail.com.

In other city cleanup news, the Common Word Alliance, an interfaith group, is hosting a month-long cleanup every Saturday in May. The program kicks off on May 2, 8 a.m. at Glory Supermarket.

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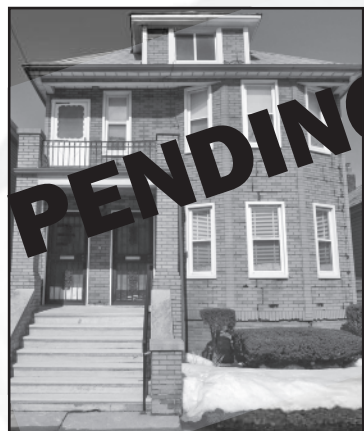
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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers April 7-13.

Tuesday, April 7

- A man reported that there is a stolen vehicle being kept in a garage in the city.
- At almost 3 a.m. a woman was arrested for being wanted on a warrant.
- A man was taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital after damaging the City Clerk's Office and yelling for officers to kill him.
- Child Protection Services reported a case of possible child abuse.
- A resident was arrested at a business in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau for retail fraud, trespassing and possessing narcotic paraphernalia.
- A Lumpkin resident reported someone stole the license plate from their car while it was parked in the Lumpkin alley north of Casmere.

Wednesday, April 8

- A resident reported that while at work her 15 year-old daughter has been having sex with an 18-year-old man.
- A Danforth resident reported that someone broke into her house and stole her purse. The woman said she found the purse on the ground at Lumpkin and Geimer.
- Two Detroit men were arrested following a traffic stop for driving without a li-

cense, possessing open intoxicants and narcotic paraphernalia and being wanted on warrants.

- Two men on bikes grabbed an iPhone from a resident's hands while the resident was at Jos. Campau and Holbrook.

Thursday, April 9

- At 12:30 a.m. police officers checked on the well-being of a mother and her three children.
- A mother reported her 15-year-old son had run away. The son returned the next day.
- A Caniff woman filed a domestic violence complaint against her two sons.
- A Lumpkin resident flagged down officers who were driving by to report someone had stolen their downspout drain.
- A resident was arrested following a traffic stop for possessing a stolen license plate.
- A 15-year-old Detroit resident was arrested after he intentionally ran over a Hamtramck resident in the 12300 block of Moran. The victim was treated at Detroit Receiving Hospital.
- Officers found a loose pit bull in the 3900 block of Caniff. The dog was taken to the Westland Humane Society shelter.

Friday, April 10

- A person was arrested following a traffic stop for driving without a license.
- At about 3 a.m. a person was arrested for disorderly conduct following a disturbance in the 2300 block of Andrus.
- A resident reported that a person who lives above her apartment entered her residence and stole her camera.
- A woman was arrested following a traffic stop for driving without a license and having fraudulent proof of insurance.
- St. Florian Parish reported someone cut the accordion doors leading to an elevator.
- Two juveniles were ques-

tioned about an iPhone they were trying to sell. Officer suspected the phone had been stolen and confiscated it while waiting for proof of ownership.

- A Detroit resident was arrested for driving without a license and possessing an open intoxicant. The driver had been previously cited for driving without a license 10 times.

Saturday, April 11

- A Belmont resident reported someone stole her license plate.
- A man reported that a contractor working at his business assaulted him.
- A Detroit resident was arrested for obstruction during a traffic stop.
- A River Rouge resident reported his wallet was stolen while at a gym on Jos. Campau.
- A Casmere resident reported his car window was broken by a rock.

Sunday, April 12

- No incident report was available for this date.

Monday, April 13

- A resident reported a man about 18 to 20 years old stole their black and red mountain bike from the 2300 block of Goodson.
- A Detroit resident was arrested for fleeing and eluding officers, driving without a license and obstruction.
- A Detroit resident was arrested for domestic violence in the 12000 block of Selfridge.
- At 5:15 a.m. a resident reported a break-in at his residence in the 12000 block of McDougall.
- An agent from Walter's Party Store reported someone cashed a fraudulent check.
- An employee at a business in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau reported two men took items from the store without paying for them. Another employee ran after the suspects after they fled and retrieved some of the merchandise.

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SATURDAY, May 9, 9-3 p.m. – Hamtramck's Recycle Center is open at Caniff and McDougall. Drop off your recyclables for free.

WEDNESDAY, May 20, 7 p.m. – Join the Midtown Block Club! Attend our next scheduled meeting in St. Florian's convent, 2626 Florian, across from the church. A guest speaker will participate in our discussion. We meet the third Wednesday of each month. The Midtown Block Club works for promoting community safety, stewardship, service and social events. Add your voice on any neighborhood concern.

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Let's go to the movies

By Greg Kowalski

These days, the idea of going to see a movie has to be carefully considered. It costs a lot to go to the movies as ticket prices climb and refreshments cost a small fortune.

But in the days before television, going to the movies was cheap and convenient. In the 1930s it might cost 15 cents to see a movie and you could just walk to the theater. At one time there were eight movie houses in Hamtramck. All are gone, but two buildings that housed theaters remain.

(Don't know where they are? Stop by the Hamtramck Historical Museum this weekend and we will tell you.)

People often would go to the movies two or three times a week. But what did they see? Everybody has seen "Casablanca" and "The Maltese Falcon," which were two great movies from the early 1940s. But they were not typical. Most moves, in fact, were the Grade B films starring unknowns who are long forgotten today.

Let's tour the Hamtramck area theaters in 1940. Did you see "Wolf of New York" starring Edmund Lowe and

Rose Hobart?

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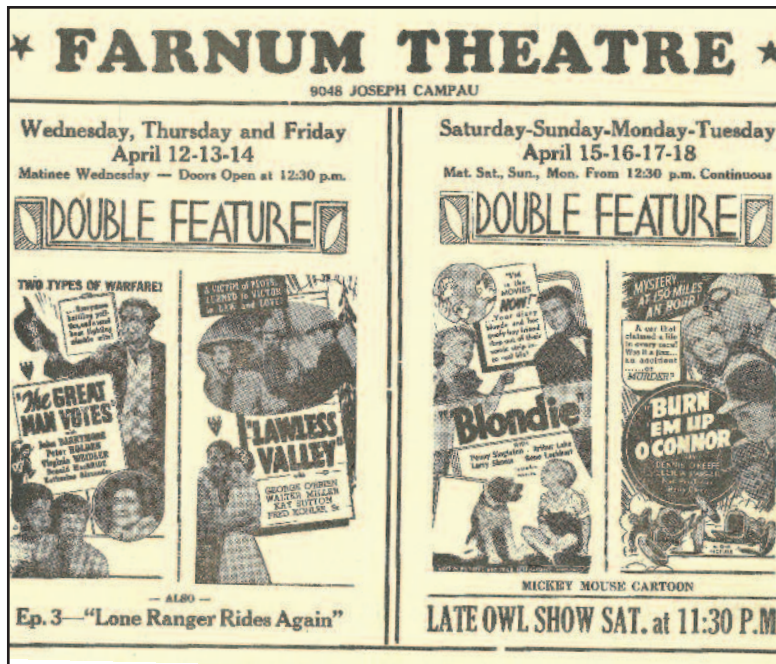
They're forgotten now, but do a Google search and you will find bios on these and others named here. "Wolf of New York" was at the Martha Washington in April, 1940. At least it was billed with a notable film, "Intermezzo" starring Leslie Howard and Ingrid Bergman. If you're over 50 you know who they are.

Over at the Farnum "Married and In Love" was playing. It starred Alan Marshal and Barbara Read. Again, who? Anyway, this was a tale of a wife who "knew what to do about a glamorous husband snatcher. Learn her startling secret in this drama of modern marriage."

George O'Brien sounds kind of familiar, but it's hard to think of what he might have been in, other than "Legion of the Lawless," which was also at the Farnum.

The following week, "Outside the 3-Mile Limit" was at the Farnum. This thriller starred Jack Holt who was "on the trail of counterfeiters ... across unknown seas to trackless jungles."

The Regent Theater was just outside Hamtramck, at Woodward and Grand Boule-



This 1940 Farnum movie poster was typical of what was offered at the time.

vard. In April 1940, it was showing "Santa Fe Marshall" starring William Boyd, who was a genuine cowboy star. That was teamed with the far lesser-known "Three Sons," starring Edward Ellis, William Gargan, Kent Taylor, J. Edward Bromberg and Katharine Alexander. It isn't clear which one of them were the three sons (but Katharine Alexander probably wasn't one).

Typical of the time, along with the movies, the Regent offered "The Regent Hour," which was 60 minutes of featurettes.

Back in town, "Nobody's Children" with Edith Fellows was at the Farnum. This was advertised as an intriguing tale of "Children alone ... homeless. Parentless ... bringing to the screen the heat appeal of the famous radio program."

It and its "famous" radio counterpart are lost in the

mists of time.

Lloyd Nolan was a fairly well-known actor who made

a lot of TV shows when that medium came along. In the '40s, it looked like he turned out a movie a week, like "Pier 13" in which he starred with Lynn Bari, Joan Valerie and Douglas Fowley. He was "fast on the trigger" and she "was pretty."

And there were hundreds and hundreds more. The theaters would change their features twice a week, and if that wasn't enough to pull you inside you could get free dishes when you bought a ticket.

The arrival of TV in the late

1940s put most of the neighborhood theaters out of business and Hollywood itself changed as the "B" movies that were cranked out by the studios faded away too.

Whatever happened to "A Little Bit of Heaven," starring Gloria Jean? Who knows if a print event exists now.

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