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## Quick Hits

If it's April, it's city clean-up season.

Leading the charge this year is a group of youths who are inviting everyone to come out tomorrow, Saturday (April 16). It just so happens that Saturday is Global Youth Service Day, although we're pretty sure you don't have to be young to participate.

They will be meeting up at Jos. Campau and Caniff at 9 a.m. and will then proceed to pick up litter on the sidewalks and curbs.

That will go on until noon, at which time they will head over to the Hope Center on Campau at Botsford for lunch, games and activities. Judging by the way things look on or streets and alleys, the kids have plenty of work waiting for them.

For more information and to register go online to [www.gysd.hopecenter.org](http://www.gysd.hopecenter.org).

## Quote of the week ...

**Who said this, and what is it about?** You can find the quote and the story it belongs to somewhere in the pages of this issue.

**“It's the second biggest day of the year.”**

— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

# Will local control return to Hamtramck? A decision awaits

By Charles Sercombe

The future of the state's role in supervising Hamtramck's finances is up for review.

The state-appointed Transition Advisory Board will soon put together a recommendation on what course the state should take.

That recommendation goes to the state Treasury Department, which WILL then decide what's next for the city. That decision will be released in June or July, said Jeremy Sampson, a spokesman for the department.

The TAB has been overseeing city finances for the past year. Prior to the TAB, Emergency Manager Cathy Square was in charge of the city. She left behind a number of final directives for the city manager and city council to follow.

During this time the council has not had the authority to control financial decisions or contracts. But, the final directives laid out by Square require the city manager to involve the council on contracts, hirings, and promotions, among other things.

Just what the TAB will base its recommendation on could include any number of items. Sampson told The Review it is “premature” to say what that could include, other than to say “many different areas.”

TAB members do not speak publicly about this issue, but their recommendation will be a matter of public record.

The city came under a financial crisis three years ago, and the city council asked for the state to declare a financial emergency. That was granted and an emergency manager was appointed to oversee operations.

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**A state-appointed financial board will soon make a recommendation on whether to return local control to city hall, or perhaps modify the state's supervision. City officials have not had the authority to make financial decisions since 2014.**

## City Life

## City Life: Memories, yearnings, inspiration

By Walter Wasacz

(Editor's note: City Life is a column about walkable discovery in Hamtramck.)

In the past few weeks I've been busy walking in all directions. Though the weather the first half of April has been dispiritingly wet and cold, I've still managed to step up my daily routine.

I walked all fall and winter, usually once a day at a minimum of two miles inside Hamtramck city limits and nearby Detroit neighborhoods. These are my constitutionals, akin to having an evening brandy by the fire. Now

I don't drive anywhere I can walk to. Since I work out of my home, and experiencing by foot the streets and alleys right outside my doorstep is the essence of my work, the Beetle often sits in my garage for a full week, or more, at a time.

I recently estimated that I might drive 30 days out of the year, maybe less. When I do drive, I prefer to do it for pleasure, like when I visit my friends who have a house on Lake Huron. I have friends in Detroit who have given up their cars and trucks entirely for bicycle and foot transportation.

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## Ethnic slurs and tire dumping alleged

By Charles Sercombe

Several months ago there were media reports of a police informant claiming he was forced by a Hamtramck detective to illegally dump used tires.

That informant, whose name has not been made public and is being called by the alias “John Doe,” has now filed a lawsuit against the Hamtramck and Highland Park police departments on April 8 in Wayne County Circuit Court.

The accusations in the lawsuit are lurid and a public relations nightmare for the city.

In a nutshell, the informant claims he was not paid money he was promised in exchange for providing information and carrying out assignments.

In the course of dealing with a detective from Highland Park and Hamtramck, he claims officers regularly used ethnic and racial slurs.

The Review is not identifying the detectives' names because they conduct undercover work.

Hamtramck Police Chief Anne Moise declined to respond to the lawsuit claims, saying: “It is not the city's policy to discuss any pending or current litigation, this would include comments from our employees.”

Here is a breakdown of the informant's claims: He was promised 5

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# Will local control return to Hamtramck? A decision awaits

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Cathy Square ended up staying here for 18 months, the maximum amount of time allowed by law. Day-to-day control was left in the hands of City Manager Katrina Powell, who was hired at the end of Square's tenure. Since that time the city has accumulated a budget surplus, a modest \$800,000. On paper the city's finances seem in order. But

down the road, in about four years, the city's pension obligation will far exceed what the city can afford to pay out.

That financial burden is still being worked out.

There is one other factor at play, one which the state said contributed to the initial financial crisis: the political atmosphere in city hall.

Hamtramck's politics have always been a blood sport, and the interplay between past city councils and the city manager has proven to undercut stability. Prior to the state declaring a financial crisis here, the council went through five city managers within one year.

The current relationship between some members of council and the city manager has not been good.

Will that weakness in the city's stability play a role in the TAB's recommendation to the Treasury Department?

That's hard to tell, if Pontiac's case is any guide. The state recently relaxed its control of Pontiac's financial decisions and eliminated a state-appointed city administrator.

Local control has pretty much returned there despite the mayor and city council generally being at odds with the city administrator.

# Ethnic slurs and tire dumping alleged

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percent of all money seized as a result of his information.

In 2015, the informant's work lead to a raid of an auto dealership on 8 Mile in which 63 vehicles were seized along with \$6,000 to \$8,000 in cash. The cars were eventually redeemed for \$1,000 each.

The informant said he was compensated for that raid.

Last August the informant participated in an investigation into a Conant tire store. He was told by the detectives that they wanted to broom out "these f—ing A-rabs" from the community.

The informant's job was to get the owner of the tire business to sell him marijuana and guns. But to gain the trust of the owner, he first offered to take used tires and dump them for \$1 each.

The informant did this with the assistance of the detectives, who acted as lookouts and escorts. The Highland Park detective paid for a U-Haul to transport the tires.

An unmarked police van was also used in performing this job.

The informant at first thought the tires would be dumped in Hamtramck, but the Hamtramck detective said: "You must be out of your n— mind if you think we are dumping those tires in Hamtramck."

Instead, the tires were dumped in Detroit.

During the course of the informant's contact with the detectives the following slurs were used: "sand n—"; "towel heads"; "f—ing A-

rabs"; "camel jockeys."

At one point the informant complained about the language and was told by the Highland Park detective: "A little n— never hurt anybody."

Eventually the police raided the tire store and confiscated \$30,000 but the informant was not given his 5 percent of the take.

In a raid of an insurance agent in Dearborn in which \$7,000 to \$8,000 was seized, the informant said he was also not compensated.

He reported this to Chief Moise, who told him she would "take care of it."

That didn't happen and the informant then told the FBI about the use of racial and ethnic slurs by the detectives. After that the detectives came to the informant's house in an unmarked car with their guns drawn, saying: "We don't give a f— if you call our bosses, we

aren't scared of any FBI, and now you are really going to wait for your money."

Other accusations include an officer putting thousands of dollars into his pocket from the raid of the 8 Mile auto dealership.

Officers converted seized televisions for personal use and offered seized property to people not with the police departments for their own use.

The informant's attorney, Marco Bisbikis, said he hopes the lawsuit will encourage others "to step forward and speak up if they have been victimized similar to what is stated in our suit, so together we can stop this oppression, discrimination and abuse."

"In doing so we must hold these officials accountable for their actions."



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# Second Front Page

## Perennial candidate sentenced to federal prison for falsely redeeming church bonds

By Charles Sercombe

For over 10 years Taras Nykoriak of Hamtramck has run for Wayne County Sheriff, as well as for other public offices.

He never stood a chance of winning, considering he is largely an unknown running as a Republican in heavily Democratic Wayne County.

But now he is getting first-hand experience of a jail. He was recently sentenced to 16 months in prison.

Nykoriak, 28, was convicted in federal court for cashing in over \$70,000 worth of US bonds belonging to St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church located just outside of the Hamtramck border on Buffalo.

Nykoriak's involvement in the church took many twists and turns. According to news reports by WDIV Channel 4, Nykoriak ingratiated himself with the church starting back in 2014.

He apparently started a division in the church which pitted some newcomers against oldtimers. At one point he was living inside the church. At an-



**Taras Nykoriak, left, talks with Detroit police about issues happening with the St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church located just outside of Hamtramck. Nykoriak was recently imprisoned for illegally redeeming US bonds belonging to the church.**

other point, he was presenting himself as a priest to the public.

At a gathering last December in Zussman Park in which the Muslim community held a rally to protest against terrorism, Nykoriak wore a priest's collar and spoke at the event.

Last year at Nykoriak's urging, a longtime parishioner of St. Andrew was arrested by Detroit police for trespassing while attending a service. That parishioner was never charged.

But it was the start of Nykoriak's undoing.

According to charges filed against him. Nyko-

riak "misrepresented that he was acting on behalf" of the church. He did so by redeeming nine bonds belonging to the parish, totaling \$73,170.

There was also footage shown by WDIV of Nykoriak wearing a priest's collar as he redeemed a bond at a bank.

At first the federal government told the church to stop redeeming the bonds, and Nykoriak, acting on behalf of the church, agreed to repay what had been redeemed. He never followed up though.

The matter never went to trial and Nykoriak pled guilty to subsequent

charges.

Interestingly, the court noted that Nykoriak goes by several aliases. Those who know him also said he has been living in Warren, not Hamtramck.

Nykoriak filed a lawsuit against the Hamtramck Police Department on another matter, claiming he was falsely arrested.

When he was about 10 or 12 years old, Nykoriak would attend city council meetings, dressed up in a trench coat, and proclaimed he would one day become mayor of the city.

Several media outlets did feature stories on him.

Nykoriak was also interviewed while he was in Ukraine where he reported on the Russian military aggression going on at one time.

Part of his plea deal requires him to pay back the church. His prison sentence could have been much worse, up to 10 years for each charge, or in other words a total of 90 years.

A former parishioner, who asked not to be identified, described Nykoriak as a "real con artist."



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## House fire leaves family with four children homeless

By Charles Sercombe

A few minutes might have been the difference between a house fire and something much worse.

On Wednesday at about 9 a.m. a mother of four children came back to her Sobieski lower flat to discover a fire in the kitchen area.

Her children, the oldest being 4 years old, were asleep, along with her boyfriend.

The family escaped without injury, but Hamtramck Fire Chief Paul Wilk said a few minutes more could have turned the incident into a tragedy.

"Thank god the mother came home," Wilk said.

Wilk said there appeared to be no smoke alarms in the house. Had there been, chances are the fire would not have spread so far.

"That (smoke alarms) would have woke somebody up," he said.

As part of a deal with Detroit, Hamtramck firefighters were assisted by Detroit firefighters.

Wilk said the extra help was needed because the fire spread quickly up the walls into the attic.

"We had to rush to get up there," Wilk said.

A neighbor witnessing the fire praised the work

of firefighters.

"They did such a great job, so fast," said the woman, who asked not to be named.

He added that firefighters were able to contain the fire to the house and not let it spread to neighboring houses, which has always been a threat in Hamtramck because of the housing density.

Wilk said it appears the house won't be able to be repaired.

The family was assisted by the Red Cross, and an aunt was able to take them in.

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# School Bell



Above: scenes from the Recreation Department's Karaoke Night at the Senior Plaza.

## Recreation Department News

The residents at the Hamtramck Senior Plaza had a blast last Thursday, April 7, when the Hamtramck Recreation Department hosted Karaoke Night. With over 21,000 songs to choose from there was a song for everyone to sing.

## Hamtramck High School News

• Wednesday, April 20, 4-6 p.m. Spring College and Career Expo at the Community Center. Please RSVP to: [acovington@hamtramck.k12.mi.us](mailto:acovington@hamtramck.k12.mi.us) or call (248) 416-7689. Please enter the doors between the community center and HHS. Door prizes will be given. Ishtiaq Uddin was awarded Peacemaker of the Month at Hamtramck



Ishtiaq Uddin

High School. According to many teachers and students, Ishtiaq is "very accepting of others, intelligent with a vision for his future and he clearly wants to make a difference."

We congratulate him and his family for his contribution to a positive and safe school environment.

## Kosciuszko Middle School News

Ms. Callahan's Spanish 2 class has been studying food and how to order at restaurants. This past week the students took a trip to the restaurant Los Altos where they had to apply their Spanish skills in real world situations.

Students ordered, discussed food and menus as well as conversed all in Spanish with other patrons and staff at the restaurant. Students said they had a great time and an even better experience. This has been a tradition with her classes for the last couple years.

• Tuesday, April 19 – KMS boys' baseball vs. Ecorse at 4:30 p.m. Home.

• Thursday, April 21 – KMS boys' baseball vs. HP Renaissance at 4:30 p.m. Away.

## Holbrook Elementary School News

• Tuesday, April 19 –

P.O.G.S (Parents of Great Students) 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

• Thursday, April 21 – Parent-Teacher Conferences, 12:30-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.

Please plan to attend our conferences.

• Friday, April 22 – Earth Day, several activities are

planned for Earth Day.

## All Schools

• Thursday, April 21 – Half day for all students. Parent Teacher Conferences, 12:30-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Report card #3 distributed.

## Compiled by

**Janice Gandelman**



Hamtramck High School students got to practice their Spanish speaking skills at the Los Altos restaurant.

## Metro news ...

*It's said that whatever happens to Detroit, so goes Hamtramck. Our friends over at modelmedia.com have been reporting on fascinating development projects for the past several years.*

*With their permission, here is an edited version of this week's story:*

For all of the stories about new businesses that have either opened in or moved to Detroit over the past few years, some of the more familiar refrains include pop-ups and food trucks.

These relatively inexpensive venues provide entrepreneurs an opportunity to do business without the up-front costs of outfitting a permanent location. One local entrepreneur is taking those concepts to create a uniquely Detroit service in the process.

Lisa Waud owns Pot & Box, a fresh floral and horticultural service with studios in Detroit and Ann Arbor. She has purchased an old ice cream truck, is customizing the truck to become a mobile floral retailer.

The flower truck – nicknamed Scoops, a result of its previous life – has already scheduled three stops throughout the week and Waud plans on adding more. Waud will be selling flowers and plants in front of Shinola

in Midtown every Wednesday, Astro Coffee in Corktown every Thursday, and Red Hook in West Village every Friday.

Waud says the truck provides her the opportunity to sell flowers without the cost and risk of opening up a permanent shop. With the flower truck, Waud can more accurately target her customers.

"I'm so excited to have this truck," says Waud. "As small business owners, we're in front of our computers a lot. I can't wait to talk to and meet customers and be out in the world."

Pot & Box has largely been an event-based service, outfitting weddings, dinners, and other occasions. But Waud also offers daily delivery and weekly subscription services. Her flowers are sourced almost exclusively from American farms, and once warm weather finally comes to Michigan, she'll focus more and more on Detroit-grown plants and flowers.

Waud is also known for creating the Flower House art installation in Hamtramck.

The flower truck makes its debut on Friday, April 22, in front of the West Village location of the Red Hook coffee shop.

**By MJ Galbraith**

# Hamtramck Health Hike

## Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00am

The Health Hike will begin at the Piast Institute.

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# Review: Opinion Page

## In Our Opinion

### Hamtramck waits for Lansing’s decision on returning local control

We’ve posed this question before, but it’s worth repeating. Now that the City of Pontiac has been given more local control from the state, what is the state waiting for when it comes to Hamtramck?

Pontiac came under the control of an emergency manager in 2009 because it was in a financial crisis. The EM eventually left but a state-appointed city administrator was still in control of local finances, to a certain degree.

That position has now been eliminated, but the state will continue to monitor costs of anything worth \$500,000 or more.

Hamtramck came under the control of an EM in 2014 and left over a year ago. A Transition Advisory Board is still in place to oversee all expenditures. Hamtramck’s finances are now on solid footing.

However, in about four years the city’s pension obligations will present a serious challenge, and it could sabotage Hamtramck’s continued financial well-being.

Our city manager has been given resources from the state to tackle this issue and hopefully prevent another financial meltdown.

But still, the city is doing well. So, why are we under the thumb of the state? Is there any reason why local control can’t be returned or at least relaxed like Pontiac?

Some in the state might insist that there is still political instability among the city council. They have a point there because this council still shows signs of division and confrontation with the city administration.

But then again, this is a democracy and a democracy can be messy and imperfect. Look no further than our state legislature or congress. Talk about dysfunction.

Sooner or later local control has to be restored.

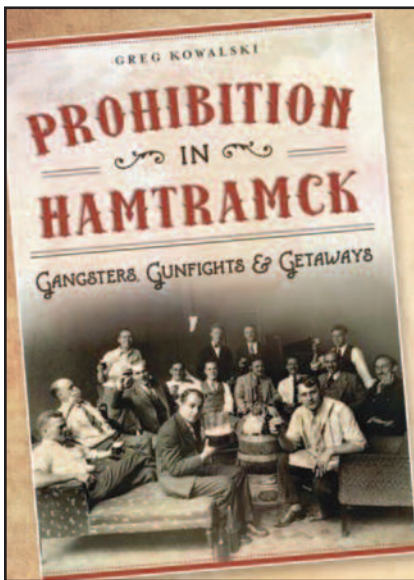
## Odds & Ends

**Congratulations...** Hamtramck resident Michelle Odrobina is playing an important role with the Matrix awards committee for the Women in Communications Detroit Chapter. The chapter’s awards banquet will be held Thursday, May 19, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at The Detroit Golf Club with Mary Kramer serving as keynote speaker. Kramer is the publisher of Crain’s Detroit Business and the Detroit Executives Association’s 2015 Executive of the Year. This year’s theme is "Detroit: Then and Now."

Odrobina has donated a half-day tour of Hamtramck for the silent auction segment. For more information, visit [womcomdetroit.org](http://womcomdetroit.org).


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And why not, if you can do it?

Detroit geography is vast, but it becomes more accessible as connective neighborhood tissue grows.

Think of it this way: as neighborhoods directly south, southwest and west of Hamtramck (Pole-town East, Milwaukee Junction and North End) rebuild and repopulate, more contiguous walkways are created that lead to Eastern Market, Midtown, New Center, Woodbridge and Corktown. One of the best stories from my youth is of my then family friend, Robert Kozaren – who later became the city’s longest serving mayor, from 1980 to 1998 – walking from Hamtramck to Belle Isle for a picnic.

For those who remember Bob, who did not drive and walked everywhere, this 7-mile trek is easy to imagine. At 6-foot-6, Kozaren had a legendary, loping stride ideal for marathon walks. I can close my eyes and see him turning left at the intersection of Mt. Elliott and Grand Blvd, lighting a cigarette as he crosses beneath the pedestrian bridge at the Packard Plant near Concord, then turning right (at the Frontenac intersection) as the boulevard veers south to the river.

I have a few destinations in mind for big walks this spring and summer.

One is to visit friends who live in the North Cass Corridor. It’s about 4.5 miles from my house to theirs, a doable walk on some future afternoon. Third Man Records, opened by Jack White last year, is about the same distance, as is the bakery Avalon International Breads.

I’m on the board of a nonprofit organization called the Detroit-Berlin Connection. We meet at a building at E. Grand Blvd near Brush. That’s about 3 miles from my house, a 45-minute stroll. I already have a route picked out for each of these future walks.

But I’m doing more than just walking, an action that requires full multidirectional alertness. By that I mean paying attention to the physical realities of city life: signage, motor traffic, occasional stray animals, sudden changes in weather.

As my heart rate accelerates so do the thoughts and pictures that make up my inner journey. My mind clears, leaving room for remembered conversations with family members now gone, yearnings for personal adventures to come, ideas for stories to start or projects to complete.

It leaves room for everything, the sweetness and sadness of everyday life.

It’s a healthy exercise, a practical application of the main principle of psychogeography, which has its roots in a Paris-based art movement of the 1950s and 1960s.

That movement, which called itself the Situationist International, created no art (though was credited for producing among the first graffiti artists), but contributed mightily to a critical view that suggests (quite accurately, it turns out, in articles written 60 years ago) that we live in a world of increasing inauthenticity.

They wrote much more than that, in fact reams of incendiary text over a 15-year period, and left inspiration in some odd places — perhaps most notably the “idea” that launched the Sex Pistols and punk rock culture as a social revolutionary force in the mid-1970s.

That inspiration is the fuel that gets me out the door and on the streets each day. I find something new in neighborhoods I have walked through my entire life — a feeling, a memory, anticipation of something better still to come.

All of these things appear fresh and new as I move back and forth in familiar spaces I track from birth to the present in the blink of an eye.

*Walter Wasacz spends most of his time walking, reminiscing and writing in Hamtramck, where he was born and still lives.*

**Satanya Van Dam Hamtramck**

## Letters • Letters

### Recreation department offers many programs to keep kids busy

I have a 9-year-old son who has been an active participant at the Hamtramck Recreation Department since the age of 2.

Each year, we look forward to the activities that the Recreation Department provides for our community. My son has participated annually in the Back to School Carnival, Breakfast with the Bunny, Spook-Ta-Cular Boo Bash, the Fall Harvest, Winter Glow and karate classes, in addition to many other activities hosted by the department.

These activities are especially important to us because not only are most of them free or extremely affordable, they are always conveniently located for my babysitter who does not drive.

We need activities for our youth. An idle mind

is the devil’s playground and keeping them active and involved will keep them out of trouble.

We as a community must vote YES on Tuesday, May 3, for the recreation renewal millage. Remember, this is not a tax increase to us and it is a benefit to our community.

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## Coming events

**WEDNESDAY, April 20, 7 p.m.** – The Hamtramck Midtown Block Club will meet in St. Florian's Convent, 2626 Florian; please use the side entrance. Join us and invite your neighbors and friends as we discuss our project, safety concerns and upcoming events around town. Guest speakers are regularly featured, along with light refreshments. Thank you in advance for showing your support by attending our meetings, usually held the third Wednesday of the month.

**WEDNESDAY, April 27, noon** – The Daughters of Isabella Mystical Rose Circle 736 will host a Card & Bunco party, featuring door and table prizes, raffles, share the wealth, light lunch, at Queen of Apostles Activity Center, \$7 admission, on Harold, fenced-in parking.

**SATURDAY, May 14, 9-3 p.m.** – Hamtramck's Recycle Center is open at Caniff and McDougall. Drop of your recyclables for free.

# Record Store Day spins around once again at local shops

By Charles Sercombe

If you like independent record stores, Saturday is your day to show your appreciation.

The ninth annual Record Store Day is tomorrow (April 16). There are about 1,400 independent record stores nationwide, and in Hamtramck there are three: Lo and Behold (on Jos. Campau and Belmont), Detroit Threads (also on Campau but near Trowbridge) and Record Graveyard (2610 Carpenter).

Only Detroit Threads is part of the official celebration.

Organizers of the event say it was started as "a day for the people who make up the world of the record store – the staff, the customers, and the artists – to come together and celebrate the unique culture of a record store and the special role these independently owned stores play in their communities."

Those participating will



**Saturday is the ninth annual Record Store Day. Hamtramck has three record stores.**

be selling special one-of-a-kind releases, as well as offering other creative events, such as body paintings, live performances, celebrity meet-and-greets and cookouts.

Mikel Smith of Detroit Threads, which as the store's name implies sells more than records, said before we went to press on Thursday he wasn't sure what special releases he would receive from organizers.

But on hand during the day through the evening

DJ's from the Detroit Techno Militia will be spinning vinyl. He will also have a barbecue going on.

Smith said of the yearly celebration: "It's the second biggest day of the year" for him business-wise.

The biggest day?

That would be first day of the Movement Electronic Music Festival, held in downtown Detroit over Memorial Day weekend.

At Lo and Behold, there is nothing special planned, although a band

will be holding a practice in the store during the evening.

At Record Graveyard, those with a Hamtramck ID can enjoy a special deal in which for every record purchased, you get one for free.

While vinyl records were once thought to be going the way of the Dodo bird at first the arrival of CDs and then digital downloads, they have been enjoying a resurgence in recent years.

According to media reports, vinyl record sales have increased by 53 percent in 2015, and have now surpassed sales of nine million.

In other words, records are cool once again.

Actually so cool that in 2013 the co-founder of Record Store Day, Michael Kurtz, was bestowed one of the most prestigious arts awards: He was made a Chevalier of the Ordre Des Arts et Des Letters in France.



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**By Charles Sercombe**  
This week's Crime Log covers April 5-10.

**Tuesday, April 5**  
• A resident in the 3300 block of Edwin reported someone he knows broke into his residence.  
• An employee at CVS Pharmacy reported someone walked in the employee break room and stole items.  
• A teenager ran away from home in the 2400 block of Goodson. Officers found the teen later.  
• A man reported the theft of his car while it was parked at Jos. Campau and Casmere.  
• A resident in the 2000 block of Commor reported the theft of his license plate.  
• A Lumpkin resident reported a break-in.

**Wednesday, April 6**  
• A resident in the 11300 block of Moran reported a break-in and the theft of her television.  
• A person was ticketed for trespassing following an investigation in the area of Jos. Campau and Roosevelt.  
• A resident in the 2400 block Commor reported the theft of an item from his car.  
• A woman reported the theft of her license plate.

• A Lumpkin resident reported someone entered her unlocked car and searched through it. Nothing was stolen.  
• A Lumpkin resident reported the theft of her Social Security card and ID.  
• A Livonia resident reported the theft of her license plate while her car was parked in the 9800 block of Jos. Campau.

**Thursday, April 7**  
• At a little after 4:30 a.m. officers responded to a call about an unresponsive female in the 11600 block of Lumpkin. The woman was pronounced dead on arrival.  
• At 6 a.m. a resident in the 3800 block of Trowbridge resident reported seeing two men who had been driving a silver car attempting to steal his catalytic convertor from his car.  
• A woman on Evaline reported the theft of her 2000 Chevrolet Suburban.  
• At 9 a.m. a man was arrested for assaulting his wife at their residence.  
• A Wyandotte resident reported his catalytic converter was stolen from his Honda van.  
• A man reported someone stole items from his car while it was parked

behind a business in the 11400 block of Jos. Campau.  
• A Selfridge resident reported being assaulted by her ex-boyfriend.  
**Friday, April 8**  
• A woman reported fraudulent use of her Social Security Number.  
• A resident in the 12000 block of Mitchell reported someone broke out a side window of her car.  
• A resident from Georgia reported their rental house on Whalen had been vandalized and items stolen from it. The landlord also reported that their tenant and property manager had stopped keeping in touch.

**Saturday, April 9**  
• At 4:30 a.m. a person was arrested after a traffic stop for possessing narcotics and driving with a suspended license in an unregistered car.  
• A Detroit resident was arrested in the 2600 block of Whalen for possessing dangerous drugs.  
• A resident was arrested for domestic violence in the 3200 block of Belmont.  
• A Poland resident reported a window broken out at their residence.  
• A Yemans resident re-

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ported her daughter missing.

**Sunday, April 10**

- At a little after midnight Ann Arbor police reported finding a runaway juvenile from Hamtramck. The girl's mother picked her up.
- At 5:30 a.m. officers attempted to pull over a

silver Impala with no license plate but the driver sped off.

- A man was arrested in the 2200 block of Danforth for possessing narcotics, carrying a concealed weapon and animal cruelty for stomping and beating a puppy. A woman was also arrested for obstruction. The dog

was taken to the Humane Society for treatment.

- A man was arrested for stealing an item from a car in the 2200 block of Evaline after he was caught breaking in.
- A Jacob resident reported his catalytic converter was stolen from his car.

**Monday, April 11**

- A Belmont resident reported two juveniles and an adult threw a brick

through a window at his residence. The resident also reported a window in his car was broken out.

- An adult resident living in the 3500 block of Caniff was reported missing.
- A Caniff resident reported that a person who had vandalized his car the day before showed up at his residence and threatened to do it again.
- A resident on Botsford turned over property

that was found.

- A Detroit resident was ticketed for presenting fake insurance to an officer during a traffic stop.
- A resident reported that a business on Caniff sold cigarettes to his 13-year-old daughter.
- A resident was assaulted while walking at Burger and Mackay.
- A Detroit juvenile was arrested after a traffic stop for not having a license and speeding. The

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- Two Nagel residents were arrested for being wanted on felony warrants, providing false information to an officer and possessing narcotics.

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