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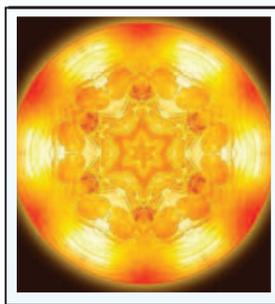
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Quick Hits

This past Wednesday was the first day of summer, also known as the Summer Solstice.

It seems to us that summer began about a month ago, what with temperatures being in the 80s, and trees and plants bloomed a month ago.

All of this tells us that it's going to be one long and hot summer – just like last year.

There's one great way to beat the heat, no matter how old you are. On really hot days, head on over to Pulaski Park and enjoy the cooling waters of the Recreation Department's splash pad.

There's also nothing like sitting out in the shade and enjoying a cool brew. Best place to do that is over at Celina's on Jos. Campau and Pulaski.

No matter, enjoy your summer!



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 might not be a perfect spot."

HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD

Bangladeshi Festival attracts largest crowd yet

By Ian Perrotta

If you went to last week's Bangladeshi Festival, you definitely weren't alone – after four years of closing down Conant for the weekend, the event's turnout was the largest yet.

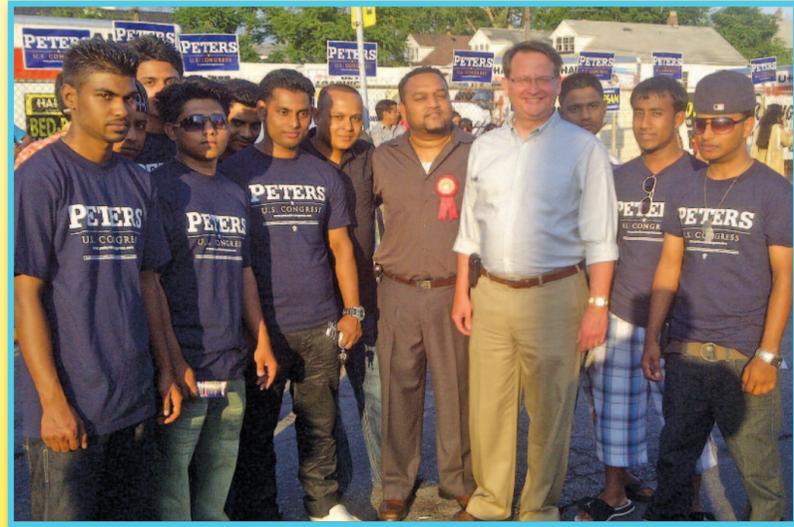
Hosted by the Bangladesh Association of Michigan, the

festival was a showcase of Bengali food, fashion and culture that was highlighted with musical performances and accentuated by vendors lining the street.

Now in its 13th year, the festival began as a small event in Jayne Field. Like the Bangladeshi community that

celebrates, since then it has taken root, flourished and become an institution.

For those of you who didn't make it, enjoy the pictures and mark your calendar for next year.



Congressman Gary Peters (center) poses with Councilmember Anam Miah (to his right) supporters at last week's annual Bangladeshi Festival, which featured live performances and an array of foods from the homeland.



Police now have a choice to make

By Charles Sercombe

City officials took a major step forward in cutting costs this week.

Now it's up to the two police unions to decide whether to agree to the terms of a new contract.

If they do, city officials are projecting a savings of about \$1.2 million.

If the unions reject the offers, the council has already agreed to ask for the state to step in and conduct a financial review – the first step toward getting a state-appointed emergency financial manager to take over.

At press time on Thursday, it was unknown if the two police unions had voted on the contracts.

But there was plenty of grumbling from the union representing patrol officers. Sources said they were upset that they had to take a pay cut, while their bosses in the Ranking Officers Association were offered a

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Arson-suspected house fire leads to injuries



Three Hamtramck firefighters were injured last Friday while battling a house fire on Edwin St. They have since returned to work.

By Charles Sercombe

Three firefighters injured while battling a house fire last Friday are all back to work.

One of the firefighters, however, is limited to light duty, said Fire Chief Paul Wilk.

Last Friday at about 8 a.m., an empty house on 3435 Edwin St. went up in flames. By the time neighbors had noticed, the house was engulfed.

Firefighters were extinguishing the fire on the roof

when it collapsed. That forced firefighters to poke through the shingles to continue putting out the fire.

That's when things took a wrong turn, Wilk said.

"You can't predict what a structure is going to do with thousands of pounds of water on it," he said.

The weight of the water apparently caused the three firefighters to fall to the floor below.

"It got weak and the floor gave out," Wilk said.

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Low-income med clinic to open

By Charles Sercombe

Thanks to the county and a federal grant, by next fall residents without a primary doctor or insurance won't have to go to an emergency room just to treat routine medical ailments.

Wayne County's Department of Health and Human Services announced this week that it obtained a \$1.2 million federal grant under the Affordable Health Act to open a medical clinic in Hamtramck.

"The Hamtramck Health Center will enable residents to have a 'medical home' to receive regular,

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Wilk said there will be a review of procedures, but he added that firefighting is inherently risky and, to an extent, unpredictable.

Wilk also said that the fire appears to be a case of arson.

There was some talk in town of firefighters being short-staffed. Wilk said the ambulance crew was on a

run at the time of the fire, but showed up three minutes later.

"But every minute counts," he said.

The injuries also came at a time when city officials are asking for concessions from the firefighters' union in order to stave off a projected \$3.5 million deficit and payless paydays.

Low-income med clinic to open

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routine health care services instead of frequenting costly hospital emergency rooms for ailments best treated by a primary care physician," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano in a press release.

"It will help area families receive the quality health care they need and deserve regardless of their health insurance status."

The county said a site for the clinic has not yet been determined, but it should

open by mid-October.

The county also pointed out that almost half of the city's population lives in poverty. Those using the clinic will be charged something, depending on what their income is.

The county is also encouraging those with Medicaid and insurance to make the clinic their primary caregiver.

The last time the city had a county health clinic was in the 1980s.

Police now have a choice to make

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raise.

But, considering the possible consequences of a state-takeover, things could get very much worse for officers – namely having the department dissolved and contracting out the service to Detroit or Wayne County.

Or, officers could face having contract terms dictated to them without union approval under a consent agreement clause in a state takeover.

The city council had met in several special meetings in order to come to an agreement on new contracts. Until a meeting on Monday, the council had unanimously rejected one contract offer after another.

Monday's meeting was not unanimous in agreement. In a sometimes tense meeting, packed with police officers and their families and supporters, the council voted 5-2 for the new contract, with Councilmembers Abdul Algazali and Robert Zwolak voting in opposition. They disagreed with a pro-

vision allowing officers to work up to 32 hours per pay period in traffic patrol overtime.

The vote on the contract for the police brass was closer, with a split between councilmembers. Those voting against the ROA contract were Councilmembers Algazali, Zwolak and Cathie Gordon, who were opposed to giving the police bosses raises.

Mayor Karen Majewski broke the tie by supporting the new contract.

Councilmember Algazali said requiring patrol officers to take a pay hit while their bosses receive an increase didn't make sense.

"How responsible is that?" he said.

The new contracts require union members to kick in 15 percent of their pension costs, instead of 5 percent, and eliminates a lieutenant position as well as the position of detective sergeant.

The minimum staffing level would be reduced by one per shift, from seven to

six.

In exchange, three positions of corporal will be created, but those command positions require them to be on the road patrolling instead of being inside the police station, which would make up for the cut in minimum staffing.

contract.

The council gave the unions until next Tuesday to respond. If the unions reject the offer, the council already voted to have a request for a state financial review move forward on that day.

Councilmember Anam Miah said the contract for



Last Monday's special city council meeting was packed with police officers, their families and supporters while the council discussed new police contracts.

The salary for the position of corporal would be lower than other ranking officers' salaries.

There would also be a capping of salaries at a lower end compared to the former contract.

The service of dispatching would also be handed over to a civilian under the new

patrol officers is a "good place to be" for both sides. "It might not be a perfect spot," he said.

But if there is a counteroffer submitted, Councilmember Gordon said it's likely the council will hold off from requesting a state financial review.



By Alan Madeleine

This week, Crime Log is a selection of items that we have deemed the most interesting, relevant or newsworthy from the Hamtramck Police Department's Intelligence Reports, as we received them for the period of Friday, June 15 to Thursday, June 21.

From Thursday, June 14:
(Nothing notable)

From Friday, June 15:

- A man reported that he was assaulted, and robbed at gunpoint, by several juvenile black males while he was on foot near Hewitt and Lumpkin a short time after 2:30 a.m.

- Shortly after 4 a.m., a patrol officer noticed a front window broken out of a storefront in the 9600 block of Jos. Campau. The store owner arrived at the scene, and reported some power tools missing.

- A woman living in the 9400 block of McDougall reported damage to the front porch of her residence.

- A Detroit juvenile was arrested at approximately

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City of Hamtramck Town Hall Meeting

The City of Hamtramck is hosting a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, June 28, 2012, starting at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at People's Community Services, 8625 Joseph Campau, Hamtramck, MI.

City staff will be presenting an overview of the City's financial situation, steps being taken to address the issues, and the reasoning for the course of action we are undertaking.

As part of this presentation, the City Council is asking for your input.

Please join us and let us know your thoughts.

NOTE: Anyone planning to attend the meeting who has need of special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is asked to contact the City Clerk's office at (313) 876-7700, 48 hours before the meeting. Staff will be pleased to make the necessary arrangements.

This week at the library...

ESL Class with Christine Templin - Saturday, June 23 at noon. Intermediate ESL class conducted by Christine Templin, free to the public.

ESL Conversation Class - Tuesday, June 26 at 4:30 p.m. Ms. Trisa conducts English Conversation classes each Tuesday night. Free of charge to Hamtramck residents.

Summer Reading Program - Wednesday, June 27 at 1 p.m. Activity for this week will include designing and constructing a Library Mascot with help of the Museum Mascot Project Team. Everyone is invited.

Publish Your Book Workshop - Wednesday, June 27 at 1 p.m. Moyna Uddin, a college instructor, conducts a seminar designed to teach each participant how to write, publish and sell your book. Number of participants is limited, advance registration required.

ESL News for You - Friday, June 29 at 3:30 p.m. ESL reading and discussion class with Ms. Latisha. Free to the public.

Toddler Time at the Library - Monday, July 2 at noon. Join us for story time, arts & crafts, games and other fun activities. With summer in full swing, we will take a virtual

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trip to the zoo. (Children must be accompanied by an adult.)

"Between the Covers" - Summer Reading Program for Adults - Monday, July 9 at 3:30 p.m. The first session of the adult summers reading program is scheduled for Monday, July 9.

Summer Reading Program - Wednesday, July 11 at 1 p.m. Randy Baker and his amazing animals will entertain and educate us about forest animals and their habits. Everyone is invited.

Meeting of the Library Board - Thursday, July 12 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, July 19 at 6:00 p.m. FHPL President Kathy Kristy and Treasurer George Gorday invite all members and volunteers to participate in the regular monthly meeting.

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Fireworks may be legal, but there are some rules

Charles Sercombe

Fireworks are now legal in Michigan, but that doesn't mean anything goes.

If you want to be part of the Fourth of July fun, remember you have to be at least 18 years old to purchase and handle fireworks.

Hamtramck Fire Chief Paul Wilk is crossing his fingers that the setting off of fireworks won't result in a busy night.

Keep in mind that Hamtramck is a city that is densely packed with housing, and that anything that goes up, must come down. Hopefully that means sparks from soaring fireworks won't come down and touch off a roof fire.

If Wilk had his way, "there would be rain" during the July Fourth week.

The issue of so many houses being next to each other has City Councilmember Cathie Gordon concerned. She wants to adopt a city law that requires the lighting of fireworks to be a good distance away from structures.

"We are too dense for people to do this," she said.

A number of communities are also adopting local laws to restrict when fireworks can be shot off to mirror state law, which limits fireworks to the day before, the day of and the day after a holiday.

By adopting a local law

with those restrictions, communities can prosecute offenders under its own law and then keep the fines, as opposed to being able to only prosecute under state law and then passing on the fines to the state.

Hamtramck has missed the opportunity for the Fourth of July holiday.

Stores need to take notice that just because fireworks are legal that doesn't mean you can automatically sell them. The state requires a permit.

Fire Chief Wilk said he knows of only two businesses that have received a state permit.

Synthetic weed is now outlawed throughout the state

By Charles Sercombe

As expected, Gov. Rick Snyder signed into law a ban on the sale of synthetic marijuana.

The product, which went by many names, most notably "K2," had been making headlines in recent months from those who experienced side-effects, some of which

caused people to commit acts of violence.

It was a legal way to get high, but it came at a high cost to users.

Many communities in the state took quick steps to prohibit sales in light of recent media reports on how harmful the products are.

Hamtramck officials didn't

bother passing a law on the product because state legislators were moving so rapidly toward prohibiting it. But the police department hand-delivered a letter to merchants asking them to voluntarily remove the items if they had them.

DDA goes to the Internet for festival fundraiser

By Charles Sercombe

If the Hamtramck Labor Day Festival is going to take place this year, it's up to us to fund it.

In an e-mail from Darren Grow, the head of the city's Downtown Development Authority, which funds the festival, he said the effort to go after corporate sponsorship has not been successful.

While organizers are still seeking corporate financial help, Grow has now turned to the Internet to whip up support.

He has created a Kickstarter page at: www.kickstarter.com/projects/966933163/hamtramck-labor-day-festival

"The DDA has a fairly lofty goal, and the only way we will meet it is to take full and complete advantage of the Internet and its viral nature (unless one or more of the corporate sponsors steps up)," Grow said in his e-mail.

Time is running out, though, Grow said.

"The DDA is ... fast approaching the deadline in terms of deciding whether or not they are financially capable of hosting the festival, so if you wish to donate please don't hesitate," he said.

The festival has run, except for one year, since 1980.

In recent years, it has ex-

perienced a turnaround in attendance after taking a beating from competing festivals, namely Oakland County's "Arts, Beats & Eats," which is now held in Royal Oak.

Hamtramck's festival has gained a reputation of hosting some of Detroit's hipper bands.

Grow said he is seeking \$20,000 from the Kickstarter fund drive. As of Wednesday, the day before going to press, the site said a little over \$600 has been pledged so far.

He did not say what the deadline is to decide whether to go ahead with the festival or call it off.

Science Corner

Test your knowledge of the Fourth

(Editors note: this week we take a detour away from science to American history.)

By Dennis Lukas

Celebrating the Fourth of July is the biggest birthday party for the nation. The story of our nation's founding is filled with larger-than-life personalities and fascinating events. Try answering this fun quiz and test your knowledge of the Fourth - then and now.

Choose from one of the answers found after each question. Answers are at the end, but don't peek!

• How many times has Elmo, America's favorite Muppet, performed on A Capital Fourth program?

- Two times
- One time
- Not sure, ask again later
- More times than he can count

• Who was the first signer of the Declaration of Independence, and why is his signature so large?

- George Washington
- Patrick Henry
- John Hancock
- Thomas Jefferson
- John Adams

• What famous character with a stars-and-stripes top hat has become the symbol of America?

- Cat in the Hat
- Uncle Joe
- Captain America
- Big Bird
- Uncle Sam

• Which of our Founding Fathers created the blueprint for our Fourth of July celebrations

by suggesting that the day be celebrated with, "bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other", by succeeding generations of Americans?

- George Washington
- John Adams

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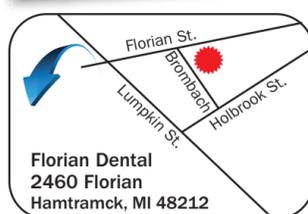
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Review: Opinion Page

Time is running out for police contracts

It may be the best deal Hamtramck police officers, and their brass, can get.

But the new contracts passed Monday night by the city council for the police department's two unions are not perfect by any means.

The most prominent flaw is that the police bosses get a salary increase while patrol officers have to take a pay cut.

We agree with Councilmember Abdul Algazali that any new contract has to come with pay cuts.

While there are other cuts

in the contract that will amount to over \$1 million in savings, it doesn't make any sense for ranking officers to get a pay increase at the expense of patrol officers.

But, by the time this paper hits the streets, there could have been a change to the contracts, or changes might be agreed on in the days to come.

No matter what, if the two department unions reject this offer, which was a long time in coming, that will trigger a request for the state to step in and review the city's finan-

cial picture.

That could be the first step toward having a state-appointed emergency financial manager take control of the city.

If police officers think this contract is a bad one, just wait for a financial manager to step in.

Hamtramck is facing a financial collapse as well as payless paydays if the state doesn't agree to an emergency \$3 million loan.

While a little tweaking may be the only thing left in the police contracts, time is running short for an agreement.

Odds & Ends

Condolences ... Words fail us in expressing the grief many in the city are feeling for Deb Nevinski and her family. Deb, for those who might not know, had been a city employee for 36 years before retiring two years ago.

She died on Wednesday. Her death was sudden and tragic for all.

There aren't too many people you can say this about, but Deb didn't have an enemy in the world. She was the kind of person you liked immediately.

Our heart especially goes out to her husband, Carl, who is set to retire from the city's Treasury's Department at the end of this month.

Deb's death is just awful, gut-wrenching news. But

there is one huge silver-lining on her passing: Whoever she met, she certainly put a smile on their face.

Shine on, old friend.

Hot enough for you? ... We recently received an old-fashioned letter asking us to remind the community that the city has cooling centers to go to when the weather gets hot and muggy like it did this week.

Well, at least we think the city has centers.

Last year you could go to city hall, the Senior Plaza and the Community Center if the heat was getting to you. While those locations are usually open during the day, it's not clear if they are set up this year to handle folks coming in

to cool down.

City Clerk Ed Norris said he will be checking into this. One more thing, the same concerned reader asked us to remind readers that you should check on neighbors to make sure they are holding up OK in this extreme heat.

Don't forget ... Tonight (June 22) head on over to Skipper's Hamtown Bar on Conant and Evaline for some good old time bluegrass music by the Waywood Boys.

The fellas do it up real fine, but with a slight twist. They'll do classic bluegrass and also "grass up" some classic country and rock tunes.

Hee-haw!



City Hall Insider ...

What is our City Council up to these days? We have the scoop and the highlights – as well as the lowlights – of the latest council meeting.

By Charles Sercombe

We last left off about halfway through the June 12 city council meeting. All councilmembers were present at the meeting. Let's continue where we left off.

A new industrial recycling center is being built at Denton and Jos. Campau, the city's southend.

The city had previously entered into an agreement with the company to split the cost of redoing part of the road, thanks to a state grant. However, the original estimate on how much of the road needs to be repaved fell short.

So, the city's Community & Economic Development Director, Jason Friedmann, asked the council to OK a

funding increase, from \$64,000 to \$87,000. The city would be responsible for half of that cost, which the council agreed to.

There was concern among some councilmembers that Jos. Campau would later suffer from wear and tear from increased truck activity. Friedmann said truck traffic leading into the plant would come from Hamtramck Drive.

The company will be recycling plastic, paper and cardboard.

In a review of the city's bills, Councilmember Robert Zwolak took issue with the money being spent on the city attorney.

He specifically wanted to know more about charges for

pending lawsuits and other legal matters.

City Attorney James Allen said he was going to soon submit a detailed update on the cases he is working on.

Community & Economic Development Director Jason Friedmann asked the council to release \$200,000 from a federal fund to allow the "deconstruction" of six dwellings.

He said the concept of deconstruction entails dismantling the structures and selling reusable items, such as hardwood flooring, some of which are 100 years old.

The flooring has a high resale value, he said.

Friedmann said the field of

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Science Corner

Thomas Jefferson
John Hancock
Benjamin Franklin

• What is the grand finale of A Capitol Fourth program?

The closing credits

The cast bows

The host says "Goodnight"

"You're a Grand Ole Flag"

The most spectacular fireworks anywhere in the nation

Answers to the Fourth of July Quiz

• Two times! Elmo appeared on A Capitol Fourth in

2006 and 2009. In 2009 he appeared with the Muppets from Sesame Street. In 2006, he sang, "Happy Birthday" to America

• John Hancock was the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence. Legend has it that he made his name large and clear to make sure that King George III if England could read it without his spectacles!

• Uncle Sam. The character was popularized during the War of 1812, when someone saw the initials "U.S." on an

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army supply container and suggested that the shipments came from "Uncle Sam"

• The answer is: John Adams. You should know this answer because it was in the article on fireworks. You did read it, didn't you?

• The most spectacular fireworks anywhere in the nation, showcased on A Capitol Fourth program.

Check your TV Guide to see the Independence Day show and fireworks on the program, A Capitol Fourth. It is well worth it.

Metro news ...

It's said that whatever happens to Detroit, so goes Hamtramck. If you were to rely solely on the local mainstream media, you'd think Detroit is no more than a crime-infested wasteland. Well, we're here to say that isn't so. Our friends over at modelmedia.com and metro-mode.com have been reporting on fascinating development projects for the past few years.

With their permission, here is this week's story:

"One day, we'll have a public transit system fully capable of serving the needs of its citizens. Solutions like light rail, bus rapid transit and new, healthier budgets may arrive and bring our communities together like never before. On that day, we'll be able to step aside and allow these systems to move people everywhere they need to go," the new Detroit Bus Company's website states. "Until then, we'll be working away towards that dream."

While Detroit grapples with crippled services and plans for a Regional Transit Authority navigate the state legislature, the start-up private bus company hopes to bring a unique but reliable transportation option to the city. Andy Didorosi, a 25-year old Detroit-area native with unbridled enthusiasm for anything carrying an engine, started the DBC early this winter – shortly after the proposed Woodward Avenue Light Rail failed. Didorosi's team has since developed an ambitious plan to get people back on the bus.

The DBC's ultimate plan is to have dedicated routes within the city and commuter routes to Royal Oak, Ferndale, Ham-

tramck, Metro Airport, and (maybe) Plymouth. Having no delusions about profitability, they will supplement those routes by offering private rentals, giving themed tours, running an entertainment shuttle, and offering a door-to-door service.

At \$5 a day, they aren't yet as cheap for most riders (assuming one round trip per day for commuters) as SMART or DDOT, or even other private companies. However, they plan to incorporate a philanthropic element that might make up for that difference in social equity. For every \$5 fare collected the DBC will help fund a free door-to-door shuttle for commuters who can't afford the regular service.

The small company, whose garage is currently in Ferndale, has three full-time employees, a rotating roster of drivers, and a fleet of five, bio-diesel fueled former school busses. They have also hired local artists to paint the busses. "Bettis" (named for NFL star and Detroit native, Jerome "the Bus" Bettis) features the work of Detroit graffiti artist Kobie Solomon.

"We want to eventually send busses out to every neighborhood and connect the city and its suburbs together," Didorosi says, "But we realize we can't do that all at once. You can't just jump in and do that in a day, right? So we're focusing on the entertainment dollar first."

The Greater Downtown Loop, a weekend and game-day circuit connecting downtown, Eastern Market, Midtown, New Center, Woodbridge, Corktown, Mexicantown, and a park-and-ride lot, just finished it's sec-

ond weekend in operation. The route takes about an hour to complete but by using an on-line GPS tracker, having a conductor on board who is reachable by calling, texting, tweeting, Facebooking, or Instagraming, riders can easily locate the bus.

So far, riders and businesses have welcomed the service with open arms and fist-pumping cheers. During a two-hour ride early the first Saturday evening – hours before the real party crowd got going – 18 people rode the bus. Most of them were non-Detroiters who came downtown for the night, either for the Downtown Hoedown at Comerica Park, or just to enjoy the dinner and bar scene. None of them were regular bus riders, but all of them said they would ride the shuttle again. "I'm riding this for the novelty of it," said one rider, on his way from Northern Lights Lounge in New Center to Greektown. "But I think it's great. It's just more convenient than driving."

Jacques Driscoll, who, along with his wife Christine Driscoll, recently opened Green Dot Stables on a stretch of West Lafayette that doesn't see much traffic, is especially excited the bus is running. Green Dot's parking lot is one of the route's 13 stops. "I love the concept of it. I think it'll allow people to see some things in the city they wouldn't normally see," says Driscoll. "We're not on a road people typically drive down, so they might not know we're here." The owner also hopes the service will help his business compete with bars that operate their own free shuttles during major events.

By Denise McGeen

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City Hall Insider ...

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deconstructing houses is a new one, and he conceded it is double the price of just demolishing them.

He said the average cost to demo a house is \$12,000, and the typical cost for deconstructing one is \$25,000, Friedmann said.

Businesses that purchase the recyclable items from a typical house sell them for \$47,000.

So, what is the benefit of deconstructing a house? Friedmann said it helps ease up on damage to the environment, provides jobs and helps build up a new industry.

In an added note, Friedmann said the city is set to demolish another 17 houses that have little or nothing to be salvaged. The location of the houses was not mentioned.

Acting City Manager Erik Tungate was sharply questioned about the status and wording of a job listing for his replacement, a permanent city manager.

Tungate said he has posted the job, but Councilmember Cathie Gordon said that Tungate left out certain requirements, and criticized him for posting a salary of \$85,000, which is less than what the city's finance director makes.

Tungate quickly pointed out that the salary posted was \$85,000-plus depending on qualifications.

Gordon further accused Tungate of wording the ad so that only Tungate will qualify. Tungate took issue with

that remark, saying he puts "the city above myself" and that he is not "trying to pull a fast one."

(One requirement left out in the ad was the city's charter requirement that a candidate for the job must have experience in a city with a population of at least 10,000.)

Councilmember Abdul Algazali said the salary should be set lower, to around \$60,000. He said there are plenty of city manager candidates willing to work for that much.

At the end of the discussion, Tungate agreed to reword the ad and extend its publishing time.

A lengthy discussion was held on the status of the city's historical museum.

Greg Kowalski, the chairman of the city's Historical Commission, said there is a chance a Jos. Campau building will be donated to the commission. He said the current building owned by the Friends of the Historical Commission, on Holbrook, has run into a number of problems.

Kowalski said it is hoped the Jos. Campau deal will go forward in the near future.

"Things are lining up," he said.

As for the Holbrook building, he said it would be put up for sale.

Councilmember Algazali asked if the museum would be open to everyone.

Kowalski emphasized that "this is not a Polish mu-

seum." Kowalski said the museum will reflect the entire community.

Councilmember Zwolak questioned the city's media policy, and even if it had one.

Zwolak is concerned about "negative" stories about the city that the media reports on, particularly crime. He said he wants to know how these stories are released to the media.

Acting City Manager Tungate said he agrees there should be a policy, and noted that there is a need for many other policies.

In another matter, Zwolak proposed reducing the city's budget by \$1.6 million. He called for a budget session.

Tungate said he disagreed that the city needs to trim costs by \$1.6 million.

In the vote to cut \$1.6 million from the budget, the council split, with Councilmembers Cathie Gordon, Tom Jankowski and Zwolak voting in favor.

Mayor Karen Majewski was forced to break the tie, and did so by voting against it.

"\$1.6 million comes out of nowhere," she said.

From the public, Roberta Olko said cities are getting millions of dollars from the federal government to offset the cost of their fire departments. She said all the city needs to do is layoff firefighters, and rehire them with federal funding.

In another matter, she said she has "stray cats up to my eyeballs."

Olko said that she has birds and exotic fish in her backyard, and that if the cats are not trapped, she will take action.

"You might not like the results," Olko warned.



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11:45 a.m. for stealing a car from the area of Jos. Campau and Botsford.

A man entered the station just before 1 p. m. to report the theft of a lawnmower.

From Saturday, June 16:

A man came into the station at 11 p.m. on the 15th, to report the theft of his white 1997 Ford pickup truck, license plate CHQ6235, from the area of Caniff and McDougall.

Two women were arrested following a disturbance in the 12000 block of Grand Haven at about 12:40 a. m.

Another person was arrested following a disturbance in the area of Jos. Campau and Faber just after 2:15 a.m.

A resident living in the 2400 block of Holmes reported damage to a window of their home just before 3:45 a.m.

Just before 12:45 p.m., a man reported the theft of his 2005 Lincoln LS, license plate CKP3252, which was stolen from in front of a home in the 3300 block of Doremus sometime between Thursday at 10 p.m. and today at 12:30 p.m.

A woman reported that someone used her EBT/Bridge card number to make a purchase at a spice store in the 11600 block of Conant this past Tuesday, just after 1 p.m. The purchase totaled \$66.84.

A patrol officer spotted a car previously reported stolen in Hamtramck. The vehicle was pulled over, and the driver was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle and marijuana possession as well. The vehicle was impounded.

After taking a report of a

shoplifting at a grocery store in the 12100 block of Jos. Campau, officers located the suspect in the area of Conant and Commor. The stolen merchandise was recovered. No description of the suspect was made available.

Officers arrested a man

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Block Club Corner ...

3C7 Block Club Meeting

When: Second Wednesday of every month, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Where: People's Senior Center, 2339 Caniff St. For: residents that live between Caniff and Carpenter and between Jos. Campau and I-75

Hamtramck Heights Neighborhood Association (4Cs Block Club) Meeting

When: First Thursday of every month, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Where: Hamtramck Community Center (11350 Charest St.) For: residents that live between Caniff and Carpenter and between Conant and Jos. Campau

East Side Block Club Meeting

When: Second Monday of every month, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Where: Our Lady Queen of Apostles Activity Center For: residents that live East of Conant.

Midtown Block Club Meeting

When: Third Wednesday of every month, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Where: St Florian 2626 Poland Street For: residents that live between Caniff and Holbrook and between Jos. Campau and I-75.

Senior Plaza Block Club Meeting

When: Fourth Monday of every month, 4-5 p.m.

Where: 2620 Holbrook St For: Residents of the Hamtramck Senior Plaza

For more information about Hamtramck's network of block clubs, go online to: www.hamtramckblockclubs.com



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This year's program will run from June 25-August 17, 2012. The program runs Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Please do not drop off children before 9 a.m. and please pick up children by 4 p.m.

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Field trips will be on Fridays this year; sites are closed on field trip days. Your child must attend the park for at least 3 days the week of a field trip in order to participate.

Sites	Time	Act #
Pulaski Park	9 a.m.-4 p.m.	3260
Colonel Housing	9 a.m.-4 p.m.	3261
Karpinski Park (Keyworth)	9 a.m.-4 p.m.	3262



This program is free to Hamtramck Public School students or children who live in Hamtramck! Proof of residency is required for child. Current: drivers license, utility bill, report card (must be a HPS), rental agreement. Parental proof and proof of child's age is also required (birth certificate and proof of guardianship if not birth parent).



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School Bell

By Charles Sercombe

In the wake of School Board President Betty Zwolak's abrupt resignation last week, boardmembers agreed to elect Yvonne Myrick to the position of president.

The school district is now seeking candidates to apply for the open seat on the board. If interested, you have until June 29 to submit an application.

Applicants will later be publicly interviewed for the job.

Some HHS grads are giving the Alumni Association a reboot, of sorts. Two recent grads gave an overview of their plan to reinvigorate the organization, and are planning a get-together for all alumni on July 6, from 5 to 8 p.m., at the High School

Community Center.

This will be a chance to mingle with former classmates and teachers, look through old yearbooks and just plain socialize. There will also be refreshments.

Boardmembers said they welcome the effort.

Expect a stepped-up campaign in the effort to curb bullying in schools. A group of teachers have prepared a program and lesson plan for students to fight against bullying.

One of the key components to ending the practice is for students to step up when they witness a bullying incident. Student intervention has proven to be the most effective way to end bullying.

Students, remember, you have the power.

Frontier International Academy student Waleed Ahmed is proof positive that hard work pays off.

Ahmed won a GEE full tuition scholarship from the University of Michigan, which is worth \$46,000.

Waleed was selected from nearly 200 eligible students

on the basis of academic performance, community service and a group interview, school officials said.

"We wish Waleed all the best and hope that this is just the beginning to much more success in the near future," said school officials.



Waleed Ahmed, a student at Frontier International Academy, is one happy guy these days. He won a U of M scholarship worth \$46,000.

Trish Astrology

ARIES (March 21-April 19): After all is said and done, more is said than done. So it's said. Except by us Aries. We're a doer, not a talker. Except this week, when what we'll be doing is a lot of talking. Unless we lose our cell phone. In which case we'll be doing a lot of looking.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): "I don't buy that. That's what we say in our culture when we don't believe in something," notes Mike Daisy on America's infatuation with money. We're buying what we believe in this week Taurus. If we don't buy anything then we're an agnostic materialist; something worth buying may exist, and then again it may not.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): "Marry money," said Max Schulman when asked if he had any advice for aspiring authors. A partner's resources are critical to new creative directions Gemini. Hopefully they won't mind as much as our little sister did when we were kids and "borrowed" her crayons because her box still had all the colors.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): It's been said that after all is said and done, more is said than done. Stars say it's a good week to turn words into action Cancer. We've been waiting for an excuse to practice our paper airplane making skills.

LEO (July 23-August 22): A recent psychological study reports that 354 Facebook friends is the tipping point after which people begin to feel more insecure and dissatisfied with their life. Stars say it's a good week to hang out in the psychology/self-improvement section of Barnes and Noble Leo because right now everyone wants to be our friend.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 22): Stars say this week we realize how much we've put into a relationship, and how little we're getting in return Virgo. This is what happens when a person who doesn't own an air pump orders a blow up doll.

LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 22): "What I find is that you can go almost anywhere and do almost anything if you're not in a hurry," notes travel writer Paul Theroux. Travel plans require patience to be

successful this week Libra. We'll give advice for the ability to do anything plans next week.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21): "Treat people in your debt like family," say the Ferengi, Star-Trek's race of uber-capitalist aliens, "exploit them." Stars say we feel like our family owes us this week Scorpio. Stars also say we'd best check if there's a disconnect between perception and reality before we begin any exploitation, or risk mom cutting off our allowance yet again.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21): "Two people in love, alone, isolated from the world," writes Milan Kundra, "that's beautiful." We think no, that's limiting one's conversational options Sadge. Stars say that feeling a need to get out of the house and talk to other people does not mean we have to change our relationship status. Just in case we were wondering.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19): If you can afford to buy a new fridge, says a report on happiness, you're usually pretty happy. Stars say appliances are

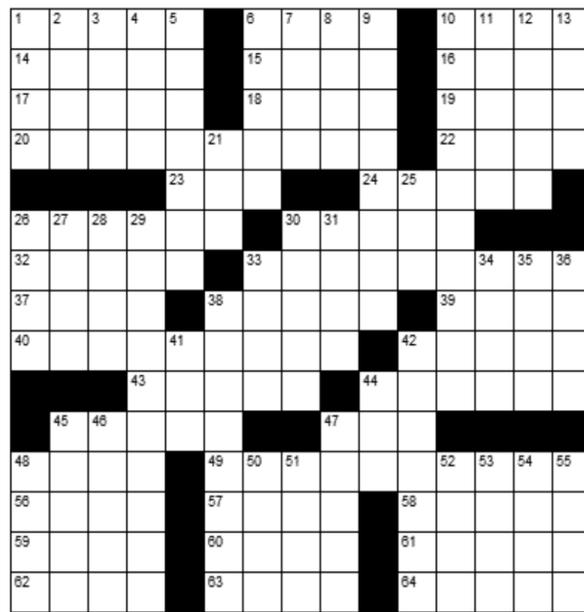
a source of distress or happiness this week Cappy. Which means it may be time to get a new dishwasher. Especially if the old dishwasher is making us sleep on the couch because we've been resisting an appliance upgrade.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18): "We see nothing but increasingly brighter clouds every month," said former US President Gerald Ford. We're feeling optimistic "in spite of it all," this week Aquarius. It's either our naturally upbeat personality, or those pills the doctor gave us are kicking in.

PISCES (Feb 19-March 20): Did we know that if one freezes dandelion seeds in ice cubes, it doesn't hurt the seeds and it's then a lot easier to launch them out of a slingshot. Which seems like pretty useless information. Unless we're a Pisces, in which case this week we're looking for a way to make the home ground look better "comparatively." Neighbor's lawn, here we come.

Trish Marie is a professional astrologer based in SE Michigan. She first realized the sky is talking in 1996. It hasn't shut up since. So much for space being silent.

Crossword



ACROSS

- 1. Cicatrices
- 6. Spindle
- 10. Utilized
- 14. Bay window
- 15. 64 in Roman numerals
- 16. Roman emperor
- 17. Not true
- 18. Assistant
- 19. Trade
- 20. Self-denial
- 22. At one time (archaic)
- 23. Deep-dish or meringue
- 24. Brusque
- 26. Anagram of "Steals"
- 30. Flat floating vessels
- 32. Change
- 33. Unwillingness
- 37. Oversupply
- 38. Rope fiber
- 39. Winglike
- 40. Reasoning
- 42. Platform
- 43. Flax fabric
- 44. Cheddar or edam
- 45. Napped
- 47. Craggy peak
- 48. Flower stalk
- 49. Tasteless
- 56. Interlaced
- 57. Person, place or thing
- 58. Unexpired
- 59. Ends a prayer
- 60. Cocoyam
- 61. Habituate
- 62. Kiln-dried grain
- 63. Lascivious look
- 64. A tart fruit

DOWN

- 1. Couch
- 2. Fourth sign of the zodiac
- 3. Afflicts
- 4. A musical pause
- 5. Roomette
- 6. Winged
- 7. 22 in Roman numerals
- 8. Adriatic resort
- 9. Important
- 10. Downplay
- 11. Clairvoyants
- 12. Delete
- 13. Airhead
- 21. Zero
- 25. And so forth
- 26. Labels
- 27. Friend
- 28. Render unconscious
- 29. Village
- 30. Varnish ingredient
- 31. "Oh my!"
- 33. Ascend
- 34. Wings
- 35. Badgers
- 36. Tall woody plant
- 38. Guard
- 41. Pelvis
- 42. Wither
- 44. Mountain pass
- 45. Leaf opening
- 46. Even
- 47. Adult male singing voice
- 48. Travelled through water
- 50. Connecting point
- 51. Guy
- 52. Walking stick
- 53. Astringent
- 54. Novice
- 55. Biblical garden

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Notice is hereby given that the Community & Economic Development Department of the City of Hamtramck will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor City Council Chambers, City Hall, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI**

Pursuant to federal guidelines, the City of Hamtramck is announcing its intent to create Housing Demolition as a new program activity for 2010 funds and transferring Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding allocated in 2010 for the purpose of Housing Demolition throughout the city.

<u>PROPOSED FUNDS TRANSFER FROM:</u>	
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<u>PROPOSED PROGRAM ACTIVITY:</u>	
Housing Demolition	\$40,000.00

The public is invited to attend and comment on the proposal during the public hearing or to make written comments on or before July 10, 2012. Written comments should be made to the attention of the Community & Economic Development Director, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212.

Coming events

WEDNESDAY, June 27, noon – The Daughters of Isabella Mystical Rose Circle 736 are holding a card & bunco social, featuring lunch, door and table prizes, raffle and share the wealth, at Queen of Apostles Activity Center, on Harold with fenced parking. Admission is \$7.

Every Monday & Thursday, 6 p.m. – Get in shape at Corinthian Baptist Church in a group fitness session designed for older adults, \$2 per session, 1725 Caniff. For more information, call (313) 866-1443.

Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition meets every second Thursday of the month (next meeting: July 12), 11 a.m. at The Piast Institute, 11633 Jos. Campau.

NOTICE OF VACANCY

Notice is hereby given that there is a vacancy on the Hamtramck Board of Education. Interested candidates are to submit a notice of their interest, in writing, to the Board President by 3:00 p.m. on June 29, 2012. Letters can be sent to the Hamtramck Board of Education, 3201 Roosevelt Hamtramck, MI 48212 or via email to jmcbray@hamtramck.k12.mi.us The Board will interview all interested candidates to ascertain their qualifications.

Yvonne Myrick, President
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Obituaries

COLLINS



Marlene Cheryl Woods Collins, 67, died on May 28, 2012.

Marlene was born May 26, 1945 and died at her home in The Villages, Florida where she lived with her husband Edward Collins.

They were blessed with a daughter, Cheryl Lynn Collins and also one grandson, Brandon Edward Collins.

Mrs. Collins graduated from the Hamtramck School System in 1962 and attended Ferris State College in Big Rapids, Michigan.

She married Edward Collins on August 15, 1964. She was employed by De-

troit Edison for 25 years, and was the manager of the Hamtramck branch office for a number of years, helping the city and residents whenever she could.

Marlene was a very loving daughter and sister. Her grandson Brandon graduated from St. John University in New York and is now teaching there and doing very well. Her daughter Cheryl manages a baby store in New Jersey.

On Saturday, June 23, there will be a memorial from 2 to 4 p.m., at 2257 Hewitt in Hamtramck, at the home of family friend, Susan Dunn.

BANAS

Alexander Banas, 97, died on June 18, 2012.

Mr. Banas was a retired tool maker from General Dynamics Corp. and also operated a neighborhood grocery store in Hamtramck. He served as a Staff Sgt. in the U.S. Army during WWII.

Mr. Banas was predeceased by his wife Bernice and daughter Alexandria Demanski. He is survived by his son Lawrence (Susanne) Banas; seven grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Friday, June 22, at Krot Funeral Home, from 2 to 8 p.m. with parish rosary at 7 p.m. In state at Queen of Apostles Church Saturday, June 23, at 9:30 a.m. with Mass following at 10 a.m. Burial will be at Resurrection Cemetery.

NEVINSKI



Debra Marie Nevinski, 59, died on June 20, 2012.

Mrs. Nevinski was retired from the City of Hamtramck's Economic Development Department.

Mrs. Nevinski is survived by her husband Carl; her parents Raymond W. and Marie Wojtowicz; sisters Ruth Ann (Ken) Kondrat, Patricia Ann Kiraga, and Lisa Marie (Chris) Rewald; brother Raymond T. (Michelle) Wojtowicz; four nieces and three nephews.

Visitation is Friday June 22, from 1 to 9 p.m. at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home. In state Saturday, June 23, at 9:30 a.m. followed by Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Edmund Church, 14025 12 Mile Rd. between Hoover and Schoenherr, in Warren. Cremation at Meadowcrest Cemetery.



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living on Dubois for shoplifting after he fled from a deli/grocery store in the 11600 block of Lumpkin without paying for his merchandise.

From Sunday, June 17:

• A man was arrested while on northbound I-75 near the McNichols exit for being in possession of a Chrysler Pacifica with a temporary tag that had been stolen previously in Detroit. He was also driving on a suspended license. Detroit Police were notified.

• A Lincoln Park man was arrested following a traffic stop at I-75 and Davison after a search of the man's vehicle turned up several jars containing suspected marijuana, Hydrocodone, mushrooms, and THC. A 2009 Audi was confiscated. A search warrant for the man's blood to be drawn was secured through the 31st District Court.

From Monday, June 18:

• A woman reported that, shortly after 1:30 p.m., an Arabic man, approximately 20 years old and with dark hair, backed her into a corner and touched her inappropriately.

• A man living in the 3900 block of Dorothy reported that someone damaged a window of his home.

• A man was arrested in the 11300 block of Moran after a report that he made unwanted advances to two juvenile females earlier.

From Tuesday, June 19:

• At about 3:51 a.m., a resident of the 1200 block of Dyar reported being assaulted near Dyar and Circle Dr.

• A man living in the 12000 block of Fleming reported an attempted break-in of his residence just after 5 a.m.

• At about 8:30 a.m., a man reported his 2007 Cadillac Escalade, license plate CFZ1904, stolen. Half an hour later, he called again to say that his brother-in-law found the vehicle at Harold and Alpena. Officers recovered the vehicle and had it towed.

• A man came into the station to report having been robbed on yesterday's date at about 1:45 a.m. near Gallagher and Holbrook while he was getting into his vehicle by a white male about 20 to 21, with blond hair and a husky build, wearing dark clothing. The man pointed a black semi-automatic handgun at the victim, and made off with \$30 before fleeing.

• A man was arrested in the 2300 block of Grayling on a domestic violence charge after arguing with his mother and damaging some property inside her home.

• A man reported that someone had tried to break into his business in the 9400 block of Jos. Campau by

damaging the shop's rear door sometime between yesterday at 10 p.m. and this date at 10 a.m.

• A woman reported that, back on June 9, a black male stole her purse, which contained several prescription medications. No reason given for the delay in reporting it.

• A man was arrested for trying to shoplift some items from a drug store in the 9200 block of Jos. Campau.

• A man living in the 11600 block of Mitchell reported being confronted by a neighbor who implied he was carrying a handgun. The victim claimed not to know why the man was upset.

• Officers arrested a man who tried to flee after a traffic stop at Jos. Campau and Hanley.

• A juvenile male reported that a black male struck him in the face and then stole his bike in the area of Evaline and Mitchell.

From Wednesday, June 20:

• Officers checked on a possible residential break-in in the 12000 block of Charest.

• A landlord reported that, after a real estate agent showed his property to someone, the realtor failed to re-secure the house, whereupon someone entered the unit and vandalized it.

• A woman was arrested after attempting to cash a bad check at a store in the 12100 block of Conant.

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They also made the following other arrests: Two for domestic assaults, one for no operator's license ever applied for, one for driving on a suspended license (and hav-

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