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Henry Ford Medical Center opens its doors to the community

By Charles Sercombe

Henry Ford's medical center started out with the idea of throwing an open house to introduce a new doctor to the community.

But then, said Marianne Beach-Langlois, a spokesperson for the Ford health system, "We decided to turn it into a health fair."

And so, this Saturday (June 9), the public is welcome to attend an open house and health fair.

There's something for all ages.

For kids, there will be inflatable toys to bounce around on, as well as games and activities.

For adults, it's a chance to hear talks about health tips from the center's physicians on a variety of subjects, in-

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This Saturday (June 9), head on over to the Henry Ford Health Center for a free health fair. There will be a number of activities for adults and kids, as well as free refreshments. Presentations will be made on a variety of health issues.

Dr. Salah Alenzi

Quick Hits

You'll notice to the right of Quick Hits we have a story about the health fair happening tomorrow (June 9, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.) at the Henry Ford Medical Clinic (9100 Brombach).

A highlight of the day will be the introduction of Dr. Salah Alenzi (above), a Yemeni-American, who has just joined the team.

He will be on hand to talk about diabetes, in both English and Arabic.

Also on Saturday, the Bangladeshi community will host a big event later in the day at the Balkan-American Community Center in Troy.

It's being called "First Bangladeshi-American Night," and it's sponsored by the Bangladeshi-Ameri-

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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 on our radar."

Al's Corral makes a nostalgic – and welcomed – comeback

By Alan Madeleine

Everything's OK down at the Corral.

That's Al's Corral, partner, and it's once again open for business. Has been, in fact, since January of this year.

The site of a number of different restaurant incarnations, especially the original Al's Corral and the more recent Bengal Masala Café (as well as, at least, one other Indian or Bangla restaurant), it has a sharp new interior and sharp new menus, courtesy of sharp new owner Zef Lulgjuraj.

Hamtramck old-timers might recall the original Al's Corral, and the man who owned it, Al Cieslak.

Cieslak was one of three Polish Hamtramck restaurateur brothers in the area, whose father set them all up in the business, Lulgjuraj recalls. Al Cieslak got this place, and christened it "Al's Corral." Al moved to Las Vegas some years ago, and

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Contract concessions are likely

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's financial woes made the headlines in several metro media outlets this past week.

The reports hinged on a special meeting held Monday to discuss the future of police and fire service, and a request to have the state perform a preliminary financial review, which is the first step toward having a state-appointed emergency financial manager take control of the city.

Well, guess what?

The special meeting turned into a two-hour closed session, at the end of which the council decided to delay taking action until next week.

City officials have been tight-lipped over what was discussed, but sources tell us there was a significant agreement reached with the police officers' union, as well as a promise from the firefighters' union to look for cuts into their budget.

Details of the plan are expected to be made public at next Tuesday's regular city council meeting.

Hamtramck is facing payless paydays in the next few weeks unless the state comes through with the city's request for a $3 million emergency loan.

The city's finances took a nosedive in the last couple of years due to cuts in state revenue and the free fall in property values, which affect how much the city collects in property taxes.

City officials say they need to bridge a looming $3 million

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ended up dying there.

You might well remember Eugene Cieslak's famed "Genie's Wienies," which sat further north on Conant; Gene passed away on Nov. 7, 2006 after an apparently long illness, and that business eventually relocated out on Groesbeck in Fraser, renamed Flashback Burgers now.

Local memory is fuzzier about the third brother – was it Bob? Bill? – and the place he ran, or perhaps still runs.

But, to get us back to the important matter at hand, Zef Lulgjuraj owns Al's Corral now, and he's got it looking real nice. He also has close relatives in the local dining business: Nick and Mario Lulgjuraj run Maine Street, the popular eatery up on Jos. Campau.

Zef Lulgjuraj also owned Maine Street, once upon a time (actually, the mid-90s) when he called it United Coney. And, he owned The Clock, from 1997 to 2001.

Here at the new Al's Corral, he partners with his father-in-law to offer up some wonderful homemade chicken noodle soup, a fine chicken pita, or some tasty wings.

He's actually had this building since last September. The full-scale renovation took him about four months, and he finally had his official opening this past Jan. 2. It's a small staff that Lulgjuraj keeps around here, and a multicultural one to boot.

Lulgjuraj, pressed by this writer to recommend some other dishes, emphasizes the chicken pitas, as well as the recently popular "Texas burger" (with green peppers, on Texas toast), the wings, and the corned beef. Told that his chicken noodle soup is good, he modestly agrees, and then also mentions the chili, to which he adds his own recipe of secret spices.

What he needs is more business – down here in the southeast corner of town, on the west side of Conant just north of Holbrook, the look of things is increasingly Bangladeshi, which leaves him a little at odds with his potential closest customer base. It's empty in here at 3 p.m., although two other tables do get seated by other single men during the course of our conversation.

It's a shame that it's not busier, because one thing Hamtramck always can always use more of is a decent restaurant, and this one is definitely more than decent.

A nice guy, and a nice place. Check it out soon.

Al's Corral Coney Island is at 9335 Conant. Their phone number is (313) 870-9050. They're open Mondays through Saturdays, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. , except for major holidays. Closed Sundays.

By Alan Madeleine

Crime Log is a compilation of items taken from Hamtramck Police Department Reports from between the dates of Thursday, May 31 and Wednesday, June 6.

From Thursday, May 31:

• A man was arrested after he was spotted driving a Chevrolet vehicle that had been reported stolen by Detroit Police.

• A woman reported that someone stole her vehicle from a location in the 3200 block of Jacob, but then returned it sometime later. It had been damaged.

• A woman living in the 9300 block of McDougall reported that someone broke into her garage, although she found nothing to be missing.

• A man living in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau reported that someone stole the catalytic converter from his vehicle while it was parked in front of his home.

From Friday, June 1:

• Officers recovered a bike and two jackets in an alley near to where they had been investigating an attempted larceny in the 2300 block of Commor.

• A man came into the station to report that someone had stolen his 1993 Plymouth from in front of his home in the 2200 block of Faber.

• A person was arrested for being disorderly, and during a pat-down search, it was revealed that they were carrying a loaded five-shot revolver in an ankle holster on their left foot.

• A man came into the station to report that someone had unlawfully entered his rental property in the 5000 block of Evaline and stolen two water heaters.

• A man was arrested after striking a parked vehicle with the one he was driving, in a location in the 3400 block of Yemans, and then fleeing the scene of the accident. After officers found him, the vehicle was also impounded.

From Saturday, June 2:

• Officers arrested a man in the 2200 block of Danforth after he attempted to assault a woman, perhaps known to him, with a drinking glass.

• Two juveniles, both of Detroit, were arrested on knife pos-

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deficit in the budget, which they hope to achieve through contract concessions from city employees, including police officers and firefighters, and finding new revenue streams.

There has also been talk of contracting out police and fire services, although it's a topic that city officials concede would not sit well with the public.

Hamtramck is not alone in facing financial troubles. Many communities and public school districts are suffering from gaping budget deficits. Allen Park is talking about shutting down its police and fire services and contracting with another community to take over those duties.

According to our sources, the concessions by the police and fire departments would still fall $1 million short of balancing the budget.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED 2012-2013 BUDGET

The Board of Education of the School District of the City of Hamtramck will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, 3201 Roosevelt Street, to review and consider the school district's 2012-2013 proposed budget.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Copies of the 2012-2013 Proposed Budget will be available for examination in the Superintendent of Schools Office, 3201 Roosevelt, from 8:00 a.m. June 19, 2012, until the time of the Public Hearing.

Hedy Shulgon, Secretary
Hamtramck Board of Education

Legal Notice Regarding Zoning

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

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

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

VI – 1.06. Structure and Site Requirements

f. All new signs shall meet the following standards.

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

A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 28, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, MI 48212

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

— Zoning Board of Appeals

This week at the library...

Detroit Museum Adventure Pass Program - The 2012 Museum pass program is coming back to the Hamtramck Library with four free admissions per pass. To get more details about the participating museums, visit the library.

Pet Photo Contest Awards Program - **Saturday, June 9 at noon.** Winners of the Pet Photo Contest will be announced and awards will be presented to prize winners.

Story Time for Children - **Saturday, June 9, at noon.** Join your friends at the library for a reading of "To the Beach."

ESL Class with Christine Templin - **Saturday, June 9 at noon.** Intermediate ESL class conducted by Christine Templin, free to the public.

Computer Classes for Beginners - **Monday, June 11 at 12 noon.** Adults who would like to acquire basic computer skills can enroll in this free of charge course. At this time the class is full, call to check for openings. Tom Zaworowski is the instructor.

Computer Classes for Advanced Users - **Monday, June 11 at 1 p.m.** Adults with basic computer skills can enhance their computer literacy. Tom Zaworowski is the instructor.

Toddler Time at the Library - **Monday June 18 at noon.** Join us for story time, arts & crafts, games and other fun activities. (Children must be accompanied by an adult.)

Citizenship Preparatory Program - **Tuesday, June 12 from 1 to 4 p.m.** The International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit will conduct citizenship workshops. Residents interested in becoming U.S. citizens are invited to meet with a team of attorneys who will guide them in this process.

Computer Classes for Beginners - **Tuesday, June 12 at noon.** Adults who would like to acquire basic computer skills can enroll in this free of charge courses. Two classes are offered on Tuesday at noon, and 1 p.m. At this time the class is full. Call to check for openings. Tom Zaworowski is the instructor.

Math Club Meeting - **Tuesday, June 12 at 3:30 p.m.** Mr. Nuo is the instructor for the math club, math tutoring and Math Kangaroo competition.

ESL Conversation Class - **Tuesday, June 12 at 4:30 p.m.** Ms. Trisa conducts English Conversation classes each Tuesday night. Free of charge to Hamtramck residents.

ESL Class with Ms. Templin - **Wednesday, June 13 at noon.** Christine Templin is the instructor for the ESL class for beginners. Everyone is invited. Free to the public.

Computer Classes for Beginners - **Thursday, June 14 at noon.** Adults who would like to acquire basic computer skills can enroll in these free of charge courses. Three classes are offered on Thursday at noon, 1 and 2 p.m. At this time the class is full. Call to check for openings. Tom Zaworowski is the instructor.

Family Game Night - **Thursday, June 14 at 4 p.m.** Everyone is invited to participate in games and contests during the family night.

Meeting of the Library Board - **Thursday, June 14 at 6 p.m.** Regular meeting of the Library Board will be held in the auditorium. Open to the public.

ESL News for You - **Friday, June 15 at 3:30 p.m.** ESL reading and discussion class with Latisha Edge. Free to the public.

National Museum Mascot Project - Kick-off Party of the Summer Reading Program - **Saturday, June 16 at 11:00 a.m.** Join us for the Kick-off of the Summer Reading Program and a special presentation by National Museum Mascot Project.

Movie Night - **Thursday, June 21 at 4 p.m.** All children are invited for a movie and popcorn. This week's feature is "The Goonies."

Friends of the Library Meeting - **Thursday, June 21 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.

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9	4	2	3	1	5	8	6	7
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Sudoku

Second Front Page

Firefighters rescue six people trapped on second floor of house

By Charles Sercombe

Here's a lesson on why you should clear out the clutter in your garage.

Fire Chief Paul Wilk said an early morning house fire on Trowbridge last Monday that trapped six people in an upper flat started in a garage stuffed with mattresses and furniture.

It's not known how the fire started, but Wilk said it could have been something as simple as a cigarette.

No matter, the fire was so intense because of the packed garage, the heat it generated started a fire in the rear of the two-family house. Although both flats had smoke alarms, it was already too late to make an escape through the rear doors, Wilk said.

"So they all went to the porch," Wilk said.

By the time firefighter arrived at 3:30 a.m., it was a life-threatening moment. Firefighters had to scramble to get a ladder set up in seconds flat and start bringing the tenants down, which included two children.

No one was injured in the fire, which according to firefighters was a small miracle.

The fire remains under investigation, and fire officials are waiting to talk to the owner of the house about why the garage was crammed with items.

The house, on the 2100 block of Trowbridge, is next to two other burned houses.

Hamtramck firefighters had to scramble early Monday morning to save six people trapped on a second floor porch in a house fire on Trowbridge St. All six people, including two children, were rescued without being harmed. Photos by Dennis Walus.

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Saturday, June 9, 2 – 4 p.m., Monthly Soup Kitchen at Holy Cross Parish, Pulaski at Fleming. All are welcome.

Wednesday, June 13, 11 a.m. – The Mystical Rose Circle 736 will meet at Queen of Apostles Activity Center, entrance on Harold St. There is fenced parking.

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.

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Adults get their kicks with kickball league

Adult co-ed kickball is all the rage these days across the country, and Hamtramck is no exception. A new league started up this past week.

By Charles Sercombe

Kickball isn't just for kids any more.

In yet another trend of adults re-inventing games from their childhood – check out dodgeball – kickball leagues are the growing rage around the country.

And Hamtramck is right on top of it.

On Tuesday evening, adult kickball made its debut at Playfair Field, thanks to a new program by the Hamtramck Recreation Department. So far there are six teams, which by the way are each a mix of men and women.

And judging by this debut, we are happy to report that kickball is – ahem – a ball of fun.

You'd think kicking a ball would be easy. Ah, my friend, how easily you forget your childhood. No, this kickball is a big red spongy thing that bounces unpredictably. Often the kicker ends up slicing the ball foul.

As it turns out, a soft touch often works wonders.

And we're also going to predict that the real action happens after the game when the players – male and female (heh-heh) – celebrate at any of Hamtramck's dozens of bars.

Henry Ford Medical Center opens its doors to the community

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cluding hypertension, contraception and diabetes.

And since Hamtramck is a multi-ethnic community, there will also be health topics discussed in the Arabic language.

Beach said this will also be a chance to talk about candid health issues, you know, those topics you've been too embarrassed to ask your family or friends about.

"We can tell you whether you need to make an appointment, or not to worry about it," she said.

Also at the health fair will be the center's physical therapy department, which will talk to you about any aches or pains you might be experiencing, including arthritis issues.

There will also be free hotdogs, refreshments, a raffle and prizes.

Sounds like an inexpensive way to spend quality time with the family this weekend.

Henry Ford Medical Center is located at 9100 Brombach (just south of Holbrook). For more information, call (313) 972-9000. The health fair runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Quick Hits

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can Democratic Caucus.

The night will feature a number of guest speakers and some very well-connected guests, such as Sen. Carl Levin, Sen. Debbie Stabenow, and Congressmen Gary Peters, Sander Levin, Hansen Clarke and John Conyers.

The evening will be capped by spectacular performances from Bangladeshi singers and musicians.

Tickets are $50 per person. For more information, call Ripa at (248) 756-5781.

City of Hamtramck Accepting Applications

The City of Hamtramck is accepting applications for full time Human Resource Coordinator. The position reports directly to the City Manager and the Finance Director. The salary will be between 36-40K, plus a benefits package. Candidates should have experience in handling employee benefits, including retirement. For a full job description, log onto www.hamtramck.us.

Resumes, including a cover letter, should be emailed to ckumpula@hamtramckcity.com or mailed to: City of Hamtramck,
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Closing date of this posting is June 15, 2012. Documents postmarked after that date will not be accepted.

FRONTIER INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY PUBLIC NOTICE Board Meeting Calendar

The Academy Board of Directors holds their meetings at 2619 Florian St, Hamtramck, MI 48212
The 3rd Saturday of each month beginning at 10:00 a.m., unless otherwise noticed.

June 23, 2012-Annual Board Meeting
July 21, 2012
August 18, 2012
September 15, 2012
October 20, 2012
November 17, 2012
December 15, 2012
January 19, 2013
February 16, 2013
March 16, 2013
April 20, 2013
May 18, 2013
June 15, 2013

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Board Meeting Calendar 2012-2013

The Academy Board of Directors holds their meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month beginning at 5:30 p.m., unless otherwise noticed.
They alternate their meeting location between their East and West campuses which are located at:
East: 9600 Buffalo St., Hamtramck, MI 48212
West: 3501 Carpenter Rd., Detroit, MI 48212

July 18, 2012-Annual Board Meeting-WEST
August 15, 2012-EAST
September 19, 2012-WEST
October 17, 2012-EAST
November 21, 2012-WEST
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Police ask businesses to get rid of synthetic drugs

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck is joining the growing number of communities asking local businesses to stop selling synthetic marijuana products.

The most well-known product is called K2, which is sold as herbal incense. The products, which also go by the names Spice, Hayze, Black Magic and bath salts, are mostly sold in party stores and gasoline stations.

Despite being labeled not for human consumption, people have been smoking the products. There have been numerous cases of drug overdoses, as well as other serious health issues, such as heart attacks, strokes and mental instability.

In one of the most notorious cases, a man believed to be high on bath salts assaulted a homeless man in Miami and ate his face (yes, you read that right).

State legislators are fast-tracking a law to make the products illegal. A number of cities, including Detroit, are passing laws prohibiting the sale of synthetic drugs.

There is talk of passing a law in Hamtramck, but that process will take weeks to complete.

In the meantime, the city's Police Department hand-delivered a letter asking business owners to remove the products if they carry them.

Police Chief Max Garbarino said he is not aware of any specific store selling the products. He also said that, to his knowledge, there have been no cases of anyone suffering health problems from using them.

"We're just being proactive to make sure all our business owners are in the loop," Garbarino said. "It needs to get off the shelves, and business owners need to be responsible."

Over at Walter's party store, owner Frank Ayar said he has never carried the synthetic drug.

"That's one thing I'm against – anything that will hurt a child," he said. "I don't care how much money you can make with it."

Dear Reader:

In order not to appear narcissitic, I wish to inform you that I truly believe the Lord Jesus and The Holy Ghost work through my hands. For this that I write I will give God all the praise and glory. I however stand ready to defend this writing against any and all who might speak out against it.

Signed,
William L. Zeunen

Action and Words to Live By

I know you heard me, But were you listening
Or were you waiting, For my mouth to close
So yours could open
Now that I have your attention
Let me say:
If I were a preacher
What kind of preacher would I be?
I'll be the fire and brimstone preacher,
That's the kind of preacher I would be.
I would tell you the difference between right and wrong.
Then ask you to listen to the two voices in your head.
The one telling you to do wrong (temptation)
And the one telling you to do right (salvation)
Spoken to you buy your guardian angel assigned by God to watch over you.

Footnote: Temptation is not a sin, but to succumb to temptation is!

The Stand

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

Sinner's Prayer

I believe that Jesus is the son of God.
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Calvary's tree
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I believe that he rose from the dead
And is alive right now.
Dear Lord Jesus, Come into my life now
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CRIME LOG

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session and curfew violations after officers investigated a complaint that they were checking out car door handles in the Evaline and Charest area at about 11 p.m. A parental responsibility ticket was issued for each.

• A man reported his 2001 Dodge Durango SUV, license plate BAX 3119, taken from the 2200 block of Alice earlier on this date, between 12:30 and 7 a.m.

• A woman reported her 1998 Dodge Caravan van, license plate CDD 3412, taken from the 2300 block of Evaline sometime between the day before, 6/1, at 4 p.m. and this date at 11:10 a.m.

• A man reported being assaulted by another man with a knife while in the area of Jos. Campau and Lehman on yesterday's date.

• A woman living on Caniff was arrested for felony-level property destruction, as well as obstructing arrest, and also for assaulting officers, after she was seen by officers throwing concrete and severely damaging a vehicle in the Brombach and Yemans area, and then attempting to flee on foot, just before 8 p.m.

From Sunday, June 3:

• A man reported that someone had tried to steal his 2001 Dodge Durango SUV, license plate BRN 7417, from in the 2300 block of an otherwise-unidentified street, sometime between yesterday's date at 6 p.m. and this morning at 9 a.m.

• A man reported the theft of six shrubs from a location in the 3900 block of Miller.

• A man reported that someone had used his identity to open numerous accounts of (an) unspecified type(s) while he was out of the country.

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Summer Movies

Every third Friday at Pulaski Park

June 15: Disney's The Muppets

July 20: The Smurfs

August 17: Kung Fu Panda 2

All movies will be shown in Pulaski Park on our large inflatable movie screen. Showtime begins at dusk.

Anyone being disruptive will be asked to leave so that everyone can enjoy the movie.

Please bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on. The playground will be closed at dusk.

Please remember: The playground and pavilion close at dark. Also alcohol, tobacco, pets and fireworks are not permitted in the park.

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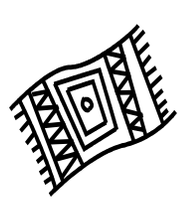

Review: Opinion Page

Do local officials know something we should all know?

We can't help but chuckle at the thought that four out of six city councilmembers are seeking higher office in the upcoming election cycle.

There's nothing wrong with local elected officials seeking to step up the political ladder, but Hamtramck is in the middle of a financial crisis, and the timing is certainly curious.

Are they abandoning a sinking ship?

Shouldn't they stick around until the city solves its finances?

Voters should ask these local officials just what they have done for Hamtramck so far while in office before they consider who to vote for.

This mass run for elected office outside of Hamtramck is unnerving at the very least. It makes you wonder if they know something we should all know.

In other words, is this a signal that Hamtramck's financial woes are so insurmountable that our elected officials are looking for an exit?

On the other hand, it would be a breath of fresh air if Hamtramck had an actual representative in the county and state governments. So, come this August when the primary election is held, we'll most likely be rooting for the home team despite our initial reservations.

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• A woman reported that a heavy-set white male, wearing a blue shirt and blue jeans, came to her door stating that he was with DTE Energy. She noticed that his story changed several times, until her son came downstairs, whereupon the man fled in a black Chrysler Sebring. There were two other men in the car already, another white male and an Arabic male.

From Monday, June 4:

• A woman living in the 2600 block of Trowbridge reported that a vehicle (not described) tried to strike her when she crossed the street.

• A man reported his 1998 Dodge Caravan, license plate CKU 9838, stolen from a location in the 3900 block of Evaline sometime between the previous date at 6 p.m. and this date at 6 a.m.

• A man reported that someone stole his 1996 Jeep, license plate CJL 7469, from in front of a location in the 3300 block of Holbrook sometime between the previous date at 6 p.m. and this date at 8 a.m.

• A woman reported that a man grabbed her purse from off the counter while she was at a drug store in the 9300 block of Jos. Campau. She found the purse right away in the parking lot, and could not determine that anything was missing from it.

• A man living in the 2300 block of Norwalk reported finding a boy in his daughter's room back on Feb. 18 at about 3:30 in the afternoon.

• A woman living in the 12000 block of St. Aubin reported being assaulted by her brother during an argument over money.

• A woman reported that someone used her social security number to file their income taxes.

• A woman reported that someone broke into a building located in Veterans Park at Jos. Campau & Dan.

From Tuesday, June 5:

• A woman living in the 3400 block of Edwin reported being assaulted by her daughter's boyfriend during an argument.

• An officer, along with Hamtramck firefighters, responded to a black Ford pickup truck that was ablaze in the 2000 block of Belmont. Arson is suspected in

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Hello!

On behalf of Henry Ford Medical Center – Hamtramck, I welcome you to attend our annual Health Fair and Open House this Saturday, June 9th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For anyone who has attended our health fairs before, we welcome you once again. If you've never been to one of our Health Fairs, we hope to see you Saturday.

We are inviting the entire Hamtramck community to our location at 9100 Brombach, south of Holbrook, where you can join us for food, fun, and presentations given by our providers. Our physicians and midwives will be speaking on hypertension and contraception/family planning. All of our providers will be available to answer any questions you may have.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our newest physician, Dr. Salah Alenzi, who specializes in Family Medicine. Dr. Alenzi will be speaking on the topic of diabetes in both Arabic and English.

Henry Ford Medical Center- Hamtramck is proud to be a part of this great community, and we look forward to meeting you!

Most sincerely,

Marianne Beach-Langlois

Marianne Beach-Langlois
Administrator, Henry Ford Health Center - Hamtramck

Odds & Ends

Update ... One of the biggest crimes the city has suffered is the kidnapping and eventual murder of two young women.

The latest on the case involving the deaths of Ashley Conaway, 22 and her close friend Abreeya Brown, 18, is that the five suspects charged in their murder are scheduled to go to trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on Oct. 15.

The suspects went through a week-long preliminary examination here in Hamtramck 31st District Court. Despite vigorous challenges to the

Abreeya Brown

Ashley Conaway

charges, Judge Paul Paruk ruled that all of the defendants will face all of the charges the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office filed against them.

The suspects face charges that include kidnapping, murder and torture. Although they were bound over on all charges, this is not going to be a slam-dunk case – at least not for all of the defendants.

According to the testimony we heard and read about, there is a lot of piecing together of evidence that a potential jury could easily not understand or perhaps not believe.

We base this on our collective coverage of criminal cases in 25-plus years.

Rest in peace ... Those of us who have been around here for, well, a certain number of years, will remember Detroit News reporter Chris Singer.

Chris covered Hamtramck and Highland Park for a number of years until the powers-that-be at the News decided that no one was interested in the inner-city and assigned Chris to the suburbs.

Well, that was certainly Hamtramck's loss, because Chris was a truly great reporter.

Sadly, we learned he died on June 1 at age 66. The cause of death – read this carefully you smokers – was emphysema and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Yes, Chris was a smoker.

But don't let that shade your thought of Chris because he was not only a reporter, but one hell of a compassionate guy when it came to the concerns and causes of the less fortunate.

He had a special love for Hamtramck, Highland Park and Detroit.

We can tell you from personal experience that Chris travelled and talked with folks well off the time clock.

His reporting, simple and straight-forward, was the voice of the people.

He was sorely missed when he retired – after working 42 years! – and he is dearly remembered. God speed, old friend.

Now showing ... It's outdoor movie season in Hamtramck, thanks to the Hamtramck Recreation Department.

Starting on June 15, the Third Friday film series starts at Pulaski Park.

First up is Disney's "The Muppets." Then on July 20 it's "The Smurfs," and on Aug. 17 it's "Kung Fu Panda 2."

The movies are shown on a large inflatable movie screen, and they start at dusk.

Bring the family, and a blanket or chair to sit on, and enjoy the show. Remember, too, that alcohol, tobacco, pets and fireworks are not permitted in the park (sorry pet lovers).

Strike! ... Mayor Karen Majewski had the honor last Friday to throw out the ceremonial first pitch for Polish-American Night at Comerica Park.

From what we heard, she did the city proud.

Mayor Karen Majewski was in good form during Polish-American Night at Comerica Park last Friday.

Police investigating possible illegal drug prescriptions

By Charles Sercombe

"It's on our radar," is all Police Chief Max Garbarino would say about the alleged illegal prescription services being offered in town.

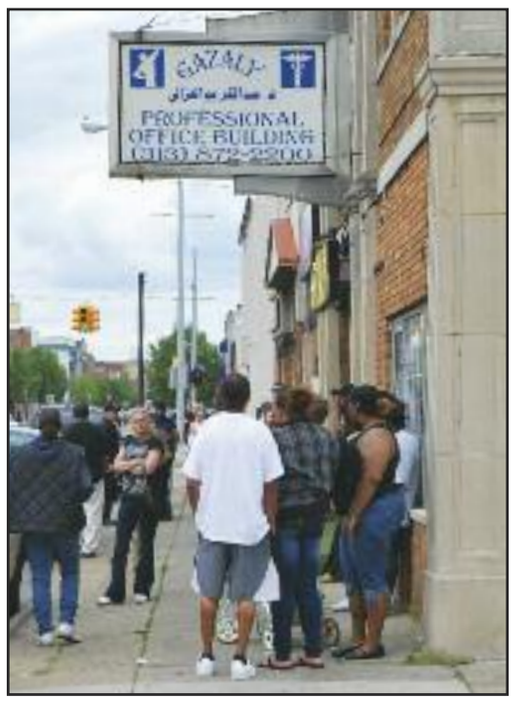
His comment came after police were called last Monday to break up fights happening outside a southend doctor's office.

About 100 people were lined up outside the medical office located in the Gazaly Professional Office. According to those lined up outside the office, people in line became impatient and started fighting.

No one has been charged with writing false prescriptions, but Garbarino said his department is aware of a few medical clinics in town suspected of writing them.

Garbarino declined to discuss details of the department's investigations.

But according to our sources, certain medical offices in town are willing to write prescriptions with little or no examinations.



Police were called to a doctor's office on the southend on Monday after fights broke between people waiting in line to get in.

A word on science and health ...

By Dennis Lukas

With sunny, hot weather fast approaching, it's time to take a closer look at your skin.

That spot on your arm is just a freckle, right — or is it something more serious?

Skin cancer is the most serious cancer in the United States, affecting more than 3.5 million people every year. Melanoma accounts for less than 5 percent of these cases, but it is the deadliest form of cancer and it causes a majority of skin cancer deaths every year. This year 76,250 people will be diagnosed with melanoma and 10,000 will die from it.

While it is never too late to begin protecting your skin from damaging UV rays, experts say sunburns experienced very early in life can cause skin cancer in later years.

However, sun-damaged skin is cumulative, spanning a person's entire lifetime in the sun. Knowing this, it may not be surprising to learn that cases of skin cancer among seniors are more prevalent than in the younger population.

Yet this disease begins early in life. Despite this information there is a serious lack of awareness about skin cancer. Many people dismiss melanoma with "It's just skin cancer."

Take cover from the sun this summer in order to avoid skin cancer.

Even though there is no formal skin screening for skin cancer, it can be monitored. Since skin cancer is on the surface of your body, you can see things yourself. So check your skin often. Check to see what stands out, what's different, what's changing.

Early detection of skin cancer can literally mean the difference between life and death. Although melanoma, like other cancers, occurs in older people, it is increasingly found in younger individuals.

Looking at your skin isn't enough.

You have to know what to look for. Look for signs of moles that are raised, have changed in shape, or have jagged edges, discolorations, or signs of bleeding. These things should be viewed by a dermatologist, along with any other skin abnormalities. While not all skin lesions are malignant, it is important for everyone to regularly monitor any skin spots that you find.

Wearing sun screen daily is one way to protect yourself from skin cancer. Use a lotion that has an SPF of 30 or greater. Don't forget to use a lip balm with the same SPF. Remember that health is always in style, so wear clothing that can protect your skin from harmful UV rays. Also avoid peak sunlight hours.

Many individuals feel safe using tanning beds. But, while you may like the way you look with a sun-kissed glow, that "glow" isn't a sign of health and vitality. It is a sign of skin damage. Don't be fooled into thinking tanning beds are somehow less harmful.

There is no such thing as a safe tan.

Dermatologists report that tanning indoors is more dangerous than tanning outdoors. If you must bronze yourself, do so with a sunless self-tanning product – and don't forget the sunscreen.

(Mr. Lukas is a retired science teacher from the Hamtramck Public Schools.)

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.

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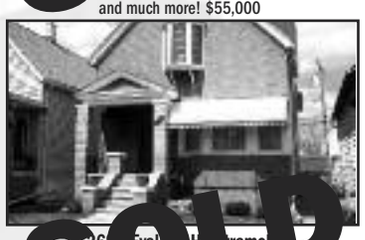
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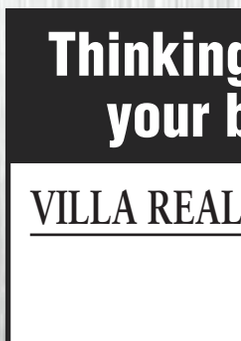
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Michael Wdowyn

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Mike, you are missed so much. You left a big hole in our hearts. You should be here to celebrate your 69th birthday. Life is so empty without your craziness and sense of humor. You were the best brother ever. Sadly missed and loved by Helen, Rachel, Tammy, Lisa and Buddy. Our only consolation is that you are now with Mom (Baba).

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the incident.

· A man reported his Dodge Caravan, license plate 8 JQF 08, stolen from in front of his residence (no street given).

· A woman reported that someone fraudulently used her identity to rack up a $393.56 bill at Henry Ford Hospital.

· A man reported that someone took his 1998 Dodge (no model or license plate given) from in front of a location in the 2900 block of Roosevelt, sometime on this date between midnight and 9 a.m.

· A man reported having his cell phone grabbed out of his hands while in the 9800 block of Jos. Campau, by a black male approximately 20 years old, 6-foot, and wearing a red, black and white football jersey, jeans, and a black cap, who fled north on Jos. Campau and then east on Caniff.

· A woman living in the 12000 block of Selfridge reported that someone broke into her home on the previous day. No mention of what was taken, if anything.

· A woman reported that someone damaged her vehicle while it was parked in the 3100 block of Jos. Campau.

From Wednesday, June 6:

· A man reported the theft of three pine trees from his front yard, sometime between 10 p.m. the previous night and 11:30 a.m. on this date. Address not given.

· A man reported being assaulted by someone using their shoe as a weapon this previous Monday at around midnight, while he was in the 11700 block of Moran. No description of the suspect.

· A man was arrested at 10 a.m. after a traffic stop showed him to be under the influence and in the company of a suspected female prostitute, who was also arrested for an open intoxicant and possession of narcotics paraphernalia. The man's vehicle was forfeited and towed.

· A man living in the 2200 block of Bernard reported that someone damaged his vehicle at approximately 5 a.m. on today's date, while it was parked out in front of his home.

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Officers also made two arrests for driving on suspended licenses; three for outstanding warrants (one including possession of narcotics paraphernalia); five for presenting officers with fraudulent auto insurance; one for repeated loitering/sleeping on the street; two for other domestic violence incidents; and one for disorderly conduct.

They wrote three ordinance violations, one for marijuana possession, one for possession of narcotics paraphernalia and one unspecified.

They took reports of two missing juveniles (one turned back up); the theft of a wallet; a cross-complaint of assault; one incidence of threatening text messages and three of threatening phone calls; one false claim of committing a crime; two cases of theft of appliances by former tenants; and one case of a fraudulent check passed at a payment center.

They investigated two building alarms/open doors; 10 auto accidents; took two juveniles to their father's house after they were left alone by the mother; took a dog that had chased a person; recovered a stolen Detroit vehicle; took over a vehicle stolen here; and notified DPW of a boarded up building.

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'Do-Over' at Planet Ant as good as it gets

By Jacob Plante
Special to The Review

Planet Ant closes out its late night series for the 2011-2012 theater season with "The Do-Over" by area playwright Margaret Edwartowski.

The story is presented in one act, and tells the tale of a pair of past lovers who have lost touch over the years, only to reconnect through the use of social media. As they spend time together in a quaint hotel room, it's revealed that both of them are already stuck in relationships they are not quite sure they want to be in, and are looking towards each other for another possible chance at happiness.

As "Ben" (Jon Ager), the male lover, is trying to navigate the situation concerning his old girlfriend "Bernadette" (Karen Kron), he receives advice from an unlikely place, the Polish immigrant "Tolia" (Margaret Edwartowski), who is the maid keeping up with the regular rounds of housekeeping.

This play was great, and it made you feel warm and fuzzy and tingly inside – all while making you laugh. The show was pieced together wonderfully by the director; a director's job is always made much easier from the start of the process if you know how to cast the play with the right talent, and director Kelly Komlen-Amadai has done just that.

Planet Ant closes its late-night series with the one-act play, "The Do-Over." The play has been getting rave reviews.

Jon Ager did an excellent job with portraying his character, and I thoroughly enjoyed his past performance at Planet Ant in "The Hebrew Hammer."

Karen Kron, what can I say about Karen Kron that hasn't been said by her extensive resume and list of acting awards?

She brings reality to the stage with her character work, and as I watched her perform it was quite evident before even reading her program bio that she received her training from the University of Detroit-Mercy.

Margaret Edwartowski not only wrote a great one-act, she also stole the show. She was hilarious as the immigrant Tolia. One of my favorite moments was when she was trying to figure out an English word and she started acting out the object and saying, "how do you call... is like...?"

This still makes me laugh out loud when I think back on this moment in the play, because it's one of those comic moments that is so true to life. I have a dear friend who is an Albanian immigrant and he is constantly doing this to me when he doesn't know the English word.

The only unfavorable thing I have to say about the play really isn't even so much about this play, but about almost every stage play that I have ever seen; which is that it feels like the exposition at the beginning of act one is drudgingly taking much longer than it actually is, and I find myself staring at the ceiling and fiddling with the program.

It would be very refreshing to see more contemporary writers use the writing technique "en medias," where the story begins in the middle of the action and exposition and the backstory is filled in as you go.

This was a great show, and you don't have to take just my word for it. After the show I followed cast, crew and audience to 7 Brothers Bar over on Jos. Campau.

As I mingled with not only the cast but with the audience, the most common reply about the show I heard was, "I loved the show, that was a great show!"

One woman at the bar even said: "I knew that Margaret wrote it, so I was expecting it to be good, but I didn't know it was going to be that good!"

"The Do-Over" plays Fridays & Saturdays at 9 p.m. through Saturday June 16. Tickets are $10. Call to make reservations (313) 365-4948, or e-mail at reservations@planetant.com

Planet Ant is located across from the Hamtramck Public Library at 2357 Caniff. Their website is www.planetant.com. And as always, 7 Brothers Bar on Jos. Campau, known as "Detroit's Actors Bar", welcomes cast, crew, and audience to come celebrate after the show with an ice cold beverage.

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