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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Councilmember ready to pay the



Officer

worthy'

may be 'NFL

By Charles Sercombe A wild police chase Tues-

day morning has turned a

Hamtramck police officer

Officer Nikole Jabour

was the subject of numer-

ous interviews this week

about her now famous

"tackle" of a woman who

led police on a chase that

started on Detroit's east-

side and winded through

The suspect, who has

not been identified, was fi-

nally apprehended at the

Caniff/I-75 overpass when

she was boxed in by police

cars and ran from her still

The woman attempted

to climb over the embank-

ment fence and was tack-

Some have described

Jabour's tackle as being

Hamtramck.

moving vehicle.

led by Jabour.

into a media sensation.

Quick Hits

Almost every week we receive requests from friends seeking help with their astronomical medical bills.

Often the requests are in the form of an online fundraiser.

Recently, we received one that hit us hard. Community activist Susan Dunn is asking folks to help her daughter, Marisa Rahdar, survive a vicious bout of cancer.

Marisa was recently diagnosed with breast cancer, as well as cancer in her lymph nodes and in her tail bone.

She will require aggressive treatment, and as you can guess it will cost a huge amount of money.

Her online fundraiser goal is to raise \$25,000, and so far she has about half of that amount.

You can help out by online https://www.youcaring. com/marisarahdar-789179.

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.

"However you make them, just fry them up in your oil of choice and enjoy."



Recently, the state-appointed Receivership Transition Advisory Board warned city officials that unless a full-time, profession city manager is in place after June 30, the state could impose a higher interest on the loan, or even call in the loan early. City Manager Katrina

city manager.

Powell's contract expires June 30. The state loan is scheduled to be paid back in 2024. The interest rate on the loan is 2 percent.

Councilmember Anam Miah has led the charge to replace Powell, and apparently has the backing of Councilmembers Musa, Saad Almasmari and Mohammed Hassan.

They constitute a bare

Over two years ago City Manager Katrina Powell (left)

started off her job here by signing her employment contract with Mayor Karen Majewski. Now it appears a bare majority of councilmembers are against extending her contract, which expires on June 30.

majority on council, and they previously rejected a resolution to have the city attorney negotiate a contract extension with Pow-

Miah said he has no problem with paying back the state loan earlier than usual, and stressed that he has been advocating to do that for the past few months.

"Why would you want to extend the payment for another 20 years?" said Miah. "When you have money they find ways to spend it."

The city has a \$2-3 million budget surplus, but it will be paying an extra \$200,000 to \$300,000 per year on rising pension payments.

Miah further blasted

Powell, calling her "incompetent."

You can read Powell's response on page 6.

Miah said that Powell has failed to solve the city's pension financial obligation despite being on the job for over two years. He said she has also allowed employment contracts for police officers and firefighters to remain expired for almost one year, and has not kept the council informed about the hiring of department heads and others.

He also lashed out at Powell for taking more than a week to seek bids for a company to conduct a search for a city manager. A council resolution directing her to do so was approved by the RTAB last week.

"She's hindering the city from moving forward," Miah said. "And you want to keep this administration around? No sir."

"NFL worthy," and some wags have even suggested she try out for the Detroit Lions. Jabour, who has been with the Hamtramck Police Department for two years. has largely shrugged off

the accolades of her performance. "I've never been in a running tackle. That was a

first. That was fun," she

told Fox 2. No injuries were re-

ported. City Manager Katrina

Powell said in an email that she watched the chase unfold by live footage provided by a Channel 7 news helicop-

Powell said as the suspect was running to the fence "all of a sudden, you see a streak of long hair running from across the street from another car towards the female and im-

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CITY LIFE

The future economy, here and now

By Walter Wasacz

This past winter I was introduced to Martin Knispel by a mutual friend, Berlinbased photographer Marie Staggat, with whom I worked last year on a coffee table-sized book called 3130NELOVE.

Martin also lives in

the German film and television industry. He's a digital imaging technician (or DIT for short), working alongside directors of photography, doing on-set and post-production color coramong rection other things.

Martin is also an inde-Berlin, where he works in pendent filmmaker. He ar-

rived in Detroit last month followed by boxes of film stock that came to my address. He rented a house on the near west side of Detroit, between Linwood and Dexter, then bought a minivan from a used dealer on Joy Road. He plans to sell the vehicle when he goes back to Europe in the fall.

Like most creative young travelers from Germany, France, England, Australia and other places around the world that I've met here. Martin quickly found a home away from home in Hamtramck.

No, he didn't find a place to sleep here: the demand for living space in Hamtramck, temporary or permanent, exceeds the supply. Yes, we could use more space, perhaps converting underused induscommercial or properties into live-work units, hostels or affordable boutique hotels.

Three words to social entrepreneurs and innovative developers: just do it. Hamtramck is a highly desirable destination left begging for more visitors if only we had the space to host them.

Imagine, let's say just for fun, an old veterans hall in disrepair, or a former manufacturing facility, or even a section of the old North

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(313) 365-5861 K-6th grades

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Officer may be 'NFL worthy'

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mediately tackles her and takes her down. She was assisted by a DPD officer, but ONLY after she (Jabour) had tackled the woman."

The chase first involved Detroit police, then Michigan State Police and finally Hamtramck.

During the woman's attempt to escape capture, she drove down one-way streets the wrong way and even drove over lawns in the Housing project.

Once captured one news outlet quoted a Detroit officer describing the woman as "delusional." Other reports say the chase began after the woman was thwarted from possibly attempting to abduct a child.

Obituaries

HODGE



Barbara Hodge (nee 74, Goga), died March 31, 2017.

Ms. Hodge was a longtime resident of Hamtramck. leaves She behind her loving partner in life. Rav Mazilauskas. She was also survived by her dear children, Andrea, William Jr., Brian; fourteen grandchildren; five greatgrandchildren.

Ms. Hodge will be missed dearly by all who knew her. Visitation is Sunday from 1 to 9 p.m., with prayers at 4 p.m. at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, Hamtramck, MI. A private burial will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.





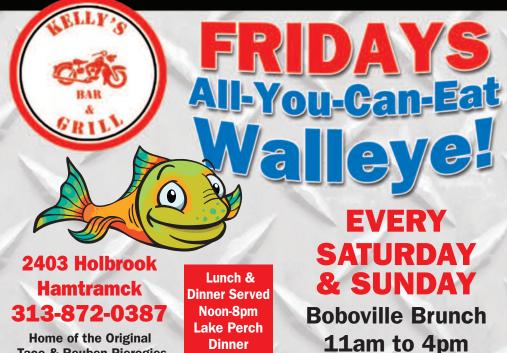


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tramck City Manager: Chief

Danny Hagen, Hamtramck

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hood, One Family" Yard

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ESL Class – Monday, April 10. 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. English as a Second Language classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required. ESL Class - Wednesday,

Taco & Reuben Pierogies

April 12, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required. In Observance of the

Easter Holiday the Ham-April 14.

tramck Public Library will be closed Good Friday, **Hamtramck Community** Initiative presents: Hamtramck Town Hall Meeting ("One Neighborhood, One

Family") Wednesday April

19, 6:30 p.m. at the Ham-

tramck Public Library 2360

Caniff Ave. Guest Speak-

Hamtramck Public Library is teaming up with Gleaner's Food bank to help alleviate

hunger in southeast Michigan. Bring in nonperishable food items until April 20 and help feed hungry children, seniors, and families in the community. For each nonperishable food item the library will remove \$1of fines from your account and \$6 in fines will be waived

Wayne Metro's Free Tax Program - Mondays, 10 a.m-4 p.m. The service offers accessible services throughout Wayne County, with different times and locations. While appointments are encouraged, walk-ins are also accepted. To make an appointment, please call (734) 284-6999 or (313) 388-9799.

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For more information about events at the library call (313) 733-6822, or visit its website at http://hamtramck.lib.mi.us where you can also access the online catalog.

when you bring in five (5)

Second Front Page

There's still time to enjoy an alternative to Lenten staples

By Alan Madeleine **Special to The Review**

Tired of fish on Fridays during Lent?

Consider the culinary advice of a local expert in the field, Magdelena "Maggie" Srodek.

Srodek, of Srodek's Market here in Hamtramck, notes two delicious non-fish options for those gone meatless these next couple of Fridays: potato pancakes and nalesniki (Polishstyle crepes). These inexpensive

Srodek's Potato

Pancake recipe

how to make the best Finely grate potatoes.

Here's a little secret depends on liquid re-

Pssst. Want to know

potato pancakes?

Ingredients:

3-4 tbsp flour

we

Srodek's.

1 egg

To cook:

"stole"

4 medium potatoes 1 medium onion

1 tbsp sour cream salt & pepper to taste

Peel and rinse pota- cream,

easy-to-make Polish recipes have been pleasing families for centuries, she says, and can be made in little to no time at home.

"One of our customer favorites during Lent is potato pancakes," Srodek says. "There are several different ways to make them... You can make them as elaborate as you like. Some people do it the traditional way: with potato, onion, flour and egg, while others may add a dash of

Finely grate onion.

Add egg, flour (amount

leased from onion and

potatoes), and sour

cream. A pinch of salt

and pepper to taste. Mix

Heat pan with veg-

etable oil. Add a serving

spoon's worth to hot cooking oil, then flatten

them out. Fry on each side till golden brown.

with

sour

applesauce,

Serve

chives and/or carrots for the differently. a different taste [or] a little color."

She added: "However you make them, just fry them up in your oil of choice and enjoy. Some people just fry them in butter. Either way, it's something different, other than fish."

But that isn't the only alternative.

"Nalesniki is another very popular breakfast and/or dinner item during Lent," Srodek says. "Like potato pancakes, they're inexpensive and easy to make, and can be filled or topped with all sorts of great tasting items. It all depends on what you are in the mood for."

Srodek claims they will go through at least 720,000 pierogi and over 60,000 butter lambs during Lent "and especially on Easter."

Good Friday (April 14), of course, is treated a lit-

"It's a day of fasting before the Easter feast,' Srodek reminds us.

That feast can then include, for example, selections from their wide variety of handmade meats and sausages. For the kids, think Easter baskets, for which they have many imported specialty candies.

Other Lenten Easter goodies include bread egg "chalka," poppy seed rolls, walnut rolls, angel wings (light egg and flour based sugar cookies); kolaczki (cream cheese cookies) in raspberry, apricot, or walnut flavors, and "specialty adult beverages imported from Poland," Srodek adds, with a seeming wink.

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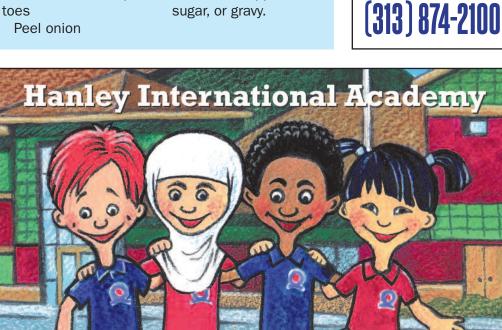
Good Friday, April 14

Holy Saturday, April 15 Blessing of Food Baskets: Easter Sunday, April 16

Easter Monday, April 17

Holy Thursday Liturgy 9:00 am: Liturgy of Passion of our Lord 12-3 pm: Adoration of the Cross 7 - 8 pm: Adoration of the Lord's Tomb 9:30 am: Holy Saturday Liturgy 11:00 am, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm 7:00 am: Procession and Holy Mass 9:00 am: Holy Mass

10:00 am: Polish Holy Mass (Msza Sw. w j. polskim)



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Dickinson East Elementary School

 Thursday, April 13 – Kindergarten round-up from 3:30-5 p.m. Please bring with you: your child's original birth certificate, upto-date immunization record, parent ID and two proofs of residency (utility bill, mortgage, etc.).

Holbrook Elementary School News

- Thursday, April 13 PTO/Parent Forum from 2-3 p.m. All parents are invited to attend.
 - Thursday, April 20 –

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Kindergarten Roundup from 2:30-4 p.m. Please bring with you: your child's original birth certificate, upto-date immunization record, parent ID and two proofs of residency (utility bill, mortgage, etc.)

Dickinson West Elementary School

 Wednesday, April 19 – round-up Kindergarten from 3:30-5 p.m. Please bring with you: your child's original birth certificate, upimmunization to-date record, parent ID and two proofs of residency (utility bill, mortgage, etc.).

Early Childhood Elementary School

 Thursday, April 27 – Preschool/Kindergarten round-up from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Please bring with you: your child's original birth certificate, up-to-date immunization record, parent ID and two proofs of residency (utility bill, mortgage, etc.), proof of income (preschool only).

All Schools

- · Monday, April 3-7 No school for students. Spring Break.
- Monday, April 10 School resumes.
- Tuesday, April 11 -Hamtramck High School and Horizon: SAT for 11th /12th grade (SAT Seniors); PSAT 10, 10th grade; No school for 9th grade and 12th grade seniors who

previously took the SAT.

- Wednesday, April 12 Hamtramck High School and Horizon- WorkKeys /12th (WorkKeys Seniors); PSAT 9, 9th grade; No school for 10th grade, 12th grade Seniors who previously took WorkKeys.
- Friday, April 14 No school for students and
- · Thursday, April 20 Report Card #3 distributed.

Athletic Events

- Friday, April 7 HHS Boys' JV Baseball vs. Clawson at 4:30 p.m. Home.
 - Friday, April 7 HHS

Boys' Varsity Baseball vs. Clawson at 4:30 p.m. Away.

 Friday, April 7 – HHS Girls' Varsity Soccer vs. Detroit Western at 4:30

- p.m. Home. Monday, April 10 – HHS Girls' Varsity Softball vs. Macomb Christian at 4:30 p.m. Away.
- Monday, April 10 HHS Boys' Varsity Baseball vs. Chandler Park at 4:30 p.m. Home.
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- Tuesday, April 11 **Continued on page 8**

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Holy Saturday - April 15th

Blessing of Food Baskets - 12 noon, 1 pm, 2 pm Solemn Vigil Mass of Easter (English & Polish), 7 pm - Includes Blessing of Fire & Water Liturgy of Baptism, Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Liturgy of the Eucharist

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

City's future is at stake in decision over our city manager

Here's a \$2 million ques-

Will a bare majority of city councilmembers dip into the city's budget surplus and pay back a \$2 million state loan, or will they extend the city manager's contract, which is set to expire June 30?

The state-appointed Receivership Transition Advisory Board warned city officials last week at its regular monthly meeting that if the city does not have a full-time, professional city manager in place, the Treasury Department can increase the loan's interest rate or call it in.

This is clearly the state telling the councilmembers who voted against seeking negotiations with City Manager Katrina Powell to extend her contract that there will be a hefty financial penalty if they continue that course.

Councilmembers After Anam Miah, Abu Musa, Mohammed Hassan and Saad Almasmari voted against renewing Powell's contract, the council agreed to seek bids from search companies to begin rounding up candidates for the job. That was back in Februrary.

The only problem is it's too little too late. That resolution,

along with all other council resolutions from February, wasn't OK'd by the RTAB until last week. That means a request for bids has not even

Considering it takes about four months to conduct a search, and the fact that the RTAB has to first OK the contract for a search firm, it's going to be way past the expiration of Powell's contract before a new city manager is

The result is we are heading toward a huge financial

The city could pay back the loan from its \$2-3 million budget surplus. But with pencosts increasing \$200,000 to \$300,000 a

year, that will put the city in yet another financial crisis.

If we had to guess on what the aforementioned councilmembers will do, it's say so long to Powell and take the financial hit.

That course of action will only send the city back into a financial emergency.

But before the state takes any action, it has to weigh this matter very carefully. Is it really in the state's best interest to call in the loan and send the city into a financial tailspin?

If the city does go down that rabbit hole, it will be the third time in 15 years the state could conceivably put it under the control of an emergency manager.

We have a gut feeling the third time around might lead to something far more severe than another EM.

How would you like to say you are now a resident of Detroit?

The future economy, here and now **Continued from front page**

Detroit General Hospital converted into living spaces for people who want to spend spring and summer here. Or anytime of the year, for that matter.

Make no mistake, they are here and more are coming. Rooms, houses and buildings would fill up in a heartbeat.

Last month I met a group of people about to celebrate the Persian New Year. I happened to be walking past the house of visual artist George Rahme, an old friend who has lived in Hamtramck for some time but also has an international art career with representation in New York.

He invited me into his kitchen, where his girlfriend and her brother, both originally from Tehran, were chopping and cooking food that looked and smelled delicious. Another woman, originally from Colombia, was also assisting in preparing the holiday

All moved here recently from New York, all connected to the art world, the man a techno producer/DJ who has a studio at Submerge Recordings at 3000 E. Grand Blvd, probably the most esteemed address in the electronic dance music universe.

More friends and Detroit/Hamtramck-curious tourists are coming later this spring and techno is a big part of the reason. It is a cultural and social movement that has its origins in the Detroit, in the 1980s, and is considered a high art form in Berlin.

A German court ruled last year that popular techno spots like Berghain and Kraftwerk, where the Detroit-inspired Tresor clubs (there are four in one

building and a larger performance space on an upper floor of a decommissioned power station) and label are housed, are not simply entertainment venues but on par with conhalls where cert

symphonies, philharmon-

ics and modern classical dance companies perform. Martin and I talked that about over Bangladeshi/Indian buffet at Zam Zam on Conant, one of three Hamtramck

commercial districts that could benefit from techno tourism. He says the difference he sees between techno in Detroit and Berlin is that it is not taken seriously as a business or industry here, despite its storied local origins.

"In Berlin, it's what drives the economy, by bringing tens of thousands of young people to the city each weekend," he said. "People come for other things too, for art and food and other kinds of music, but it is excitement of participating in techno culture that is the key to it all. The city itself understands this and markets Berlin as a place where creativity has economic value."

The reason why is not lost on me or to my Berlin partner Dimitri Hegemann, with whom I helped launch a project called the Detroit-Berlin Connection in 2013. Hegemann, who founded Tresor two years after the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1991 and who licensed the first Underground Resistance tracks from Detroit that same year, is convinced that techno can stimulate the local economy wherever it goes.

But the economy cannot be restricted by curfews that don't allow dancing or sale of alcohol beyond 2

a.m. or even 4 a.m. with a special extended license now offered by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

We are advocates for what we call a no curfew economy: 24-hour bar service, restaurants keeping kitchens and dining rooms open all night, cafes that offer non-alcoholic beverages and a place to think and have a conversation, read and write. Ideas, and the philosophers and artists that nurture them, thrive at night.

Hegemann will be in Detroit in May for some roundtable discussions with government, business and the local creative communities to see how we can convert our ideas into action. Knispel will be there to document the meetings, which will touch on economic and community growth strategies born of the long Berlin night, aided by the influence of Detroit artists who unwittingly began creating the future economy over three decades ago.

Hamtramck stands to benefit because it is already at the intersection of commerce, culture and the

Roughly during the same time that techno began to change the world, the local economy transitioned from manufacturing to service, from cars and parts to food, art and music. Some of us here already know it and live it. What's next is to extend the hours of availability to attract people who don't.

Walter Wasacz is a freelance journalist, a walking advocate, a consultant and is a founding member of the Detroit-Berlin Connec-

Odds & Ends

Calling all artists... The city's annual Art in the Park is coming up on May 19, and local artists are being called on to participate.

Here's what the city's Community and Governmental Affairs Department has to say about the event:

"The City of Hamtramck is hosting its annual Art in the Park event on Friday, May 19. We are seeking volunteers to host arts and crafts tables and volunteers to oversee children's activities at the

"Last year was the first year of the event and

there was a tremendous response from the community. This year we believe it will be even bigger and better!

"We are hoping that you will encourage artists and others you know to set up a table. Some may wish to display/sell art or even

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City Manager responds to Councilmember Anam Miah

The following is City Manager Katrina Powell's response to Councilmember Anam Miah's criticisms of her management skills (see front page story):

"It is unfortunate that Councilman Miah does not understand the ramifications of financially reckless decisions, such as suggesting the City should pay off an over \$2 million loan with a 2% interest rate that isn't due to mature until 2024.

"While Councilman Miah may not understand the consequences of the State Treasurer's statement, the Department of Treasury completely understands that if the loan is called for early, it could send the city right back into an emergency status and allow use of all of the laws afforded the state in dealing with

such an issue, i.e. PA 436.

"The city's pension problems were incurred through years of mismanagement and 'giveaways' to the employees through multiple Bargaining Unit Contracts, and cannot be solved at this point.

"The State of Michigan hired a consultant to assist the City with its CLOSED group pension issues, and the report was issued about a year ago, which states: 'The largest City contributions to MERS are due on behalf of divisions that have no options to cut costs. The Divisions where changes can be made are well funded and require modest contributions. In addition, recent changes were made to move new hires in Police, Fire and AFSCME to lower cost arrangements within

MERS.'

"The rest are either fully funded or partially funded (ACTIVE EMPLOYEES). If it were a simple fix, every community in Michigan with pension underfunding and unpaid debts to MERS would have figured it out and we would not be working on writing legislation to address it. The majority of the cities in Michigan have the same issues Hamtramck has, and are trying find ways to fix them. Does Miah have a suggestion on how it can be fixed?

"The four (4) Bargaining Union Contracts, which were negotiated by the Emergency Manager prior to her exit, expired at different times; one of which, the AFSCME contract was from March 19, 2015 to November 12, 2015, and was signed by me on March 19, 2015, just three (3) months after I started with the city.

"As such, I would not have negotiated that contract or any contracts until I had a handle on the city's expenses moving ward. The Fire Department and I have been meeting since before the expiration

of their contract, which expired in June 2016, however, we needed to wait to see if we received the SAFER grant and to see if the city could afford to provide additional benefits than it currently provides to the employees, all of which are just now coming to fruition.

"The Police contract negotiations also needed to be put on hold because of the mandatory Police Study that had to be completed and implemented per the EM's Final Orders. Since the previous Police Chief nor the EM sent over a contract to the company that was 'selected' to provide the study, per the EM's final order, and as such that company was booked out for more than a year, the State required us to go out to bid for a company.

"The report was just finalized late last month. It is a very complicated report which will require us to completely revamp the entire Police Department and its operations, all of which will need to be addressed in the Bargaining Contract.

"Unlike private company union contracts, Public Union Contracts have clauses which state the following: 'In the event negotiations extend beyond the expiration date of this agreement, terms and provisions of this agreement shall remain in full force and effect pending agreement on a new contract.'

"The RTAB just approved the Executive Search Resolution last Tuesday afternoon; Wednesday morning I asked the City's Purchasing Agent to prepare an RFP to post on MITN. As has been the law for the past two years, nothing moves forward until all Resolutions, Contracts, Personnel actions, etc., are either approved or denied by the RTAB. Therefore, I would not have used valuable staff time to prepare something that hadn't been approved yet.

"Per EM's S-17 6.(E) and S-20 4. (b) 6. The City Manager is not required to get approval from or involve the City Council in interviewing or in the selection of a Department Director. EM's final order S-20 4. (a) 17 States that the Mayor and City Council shall confer with the City Manager on the City Manager's selection of Department Direc-

"As such, after the appointment of the Chief of Police, in which I did not 'confer' with the Council, I conferred with them on every appointment except the Fire Chief, as the majority was late for the work session before the Council Meeting and all walked out of the Council Meeting before the City Manager comments, therefore I was unable to confer with them on that appointment.

"My team and I work daily to ensure every decision we make is well thought out and calculated, so that we don't create future issues for those who come after us. It is disheartening for everyone employed with the city to know that our hard work and dedication are not appreciated by some of those who are elected to represent this community.

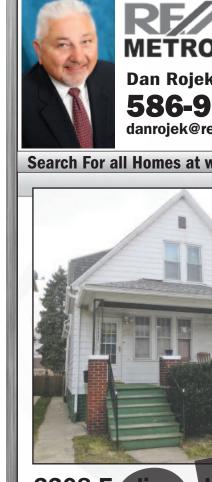
"However, we will continue to work hard in cleaning up the mess we inherited and make honest, impartial and the best decisions we know how to make, until we are no longer here to make them."

PUBLIC NOTICE FRONTIER INTERNATIONAL **ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

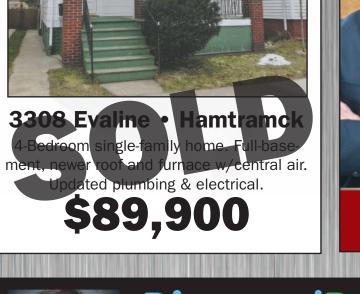
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PUBLIC NOTICE BRIDGE ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers March 28-April 3.

Tuesday, March 28

- · A Detroit resident was arrested in the 2300 block of Caniff for violating a personal protection order, domestic violence, possessing an open intoxicant as well as illegally holding prescription pills.
- · A Warren resident reported someone stole the license plate from his car while it was parked in the 2200 block of Florian.
- Two Hamtramck juveniles were arrested for breaking into a building. They were turned over to their parents, and the parents were issued parental responsibility tickets.

Wednesday, March 29

- · At 10 p.m. a resident in the 3000 block of Goodson reported that while exiting his car, a vehicle pulled up behind him and a moment later he was struck in the head with a blunt object. The victim was knocked out. His wallet, containing \$200, a debit card and ID, was stolen.
- · A Detroit resident reported that his gun was

stolen from his vehicle while it was parked at Conant and Evaline.

Thursday, March 30

- · Detroit police notified Hamtramck police that they recovered a car stolen out of Hamtramck.
- · At 4:30 a.m. a Detroit resident reported a domestic assault taking place on Andrus. The victim was taken to a hospital for treat-
- · A Yemans resident reported the theft of a navigation system from his 2014 Jeep.

Friday, March 31

- · At 11 p.m. a resident in the 3500 block of Caniff reported her 11-year-old son was missing.
- · At almost 4:30 a.m. officers investigated a suspicious situation regarding a man sitting in a Ford Transit van in the area of Caniff and Moran. Upon the arrival of officers, the man drove away, with officers in pursuit. The chase was eventually called off.

Saturday, April 1

· A resident reported that someone opened a Comcast account in his name

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SATURDAY, April 8, 2-4 p.m. - Soup Kitchen, Holy Cross Parish, 2311 Pulaski at Fleming. All Are Welcome.

WEDNESDAY, April 19, 6:30 p.m. - The Hamtramck Community Initiative will host a Town Hall Meeting, entitled: "One Neighborhood, One Family." The event will feature speakers, including the city manager and fire chief.

























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Thursday, May 4th: 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 29th & Saturday, May 6th: 10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

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without his permission. He received a \$900 charge from Comcast.

- At a little after midnight a Detroit resident was arrested for drunk driving. The driver's blood-alcohol level was almost twice over the legal limit.
- · At almost 5 a.m. a Detroit resident was arrested for breaking into a residence in the 2700 block of Norwalk, and also for possessing a gun as well as burglary tools.
- An agent for a business in the 11700 block of Klinger reported that three suspects damaged the store's front door and then

Sunday, April 2

bill too

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- · At a little after 2 a.m. officers responded to a call about gunshots being fired in the area of Oklahoma and Circle Dr. At the scene, officers did not find evidence of gunshots being fired.
- At a little after 2:30 a.m. a Macomb resident was arrested for drunk driving.

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sponsor an arts & craft table with a "kid-friendly make project. There is no charge to reserve a space.

"Art in the Park will take place at Zussman Park (across from City Hall) on May 19 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is a free, family friendly event that aims to bring the community together, showcase local artists, and promote entrepreneurship.

"Interested parties should complete the attached application and reit kangerer@hamtramckc-

ity.com, krutkowski@hamtramckcity.com, or drop it off at the City Clerk's office by April 13.



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HHS Boys' JV Baseball vs. Rochester Hills Lutheran NW at 4:30 p.m. Home.

- · Wednesday, April 12 - HHS Girls' Varsity Softball vs. Henry Ford Academy at 5 p.m. Home.
- · Wednesday, April 12 -HHS Boys' Varsity Baseball vs. Henry Ford Academy at 5 p.m. Home.
- · Thursday, April 13 -HHS Boys' JV Baseball vs. Pontiac AE at 4:30 p.m. Home.

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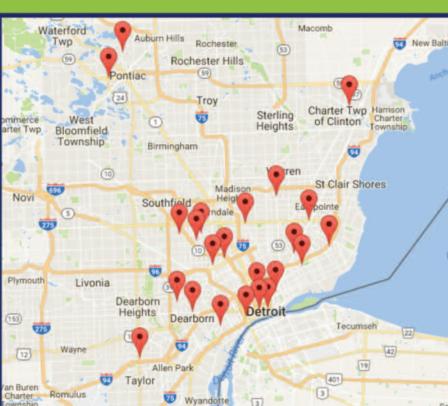
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