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Quick Hits

Play ball with some Detroit Tigers

By Alan Madlane

Already missing summer, and it isn't even gone yet?

Come out on Sunday, Oct. 2 at 1 p.m. to Turkey Stearnes Field at the historic Hamtramck Stadium, and celebrate local baseballer Ike Blessitt, who'll have just turned – well, let's just say a "dignified age" that rhymes with "Heaventy-Free" – on Sept. 30.

Better yet, if you are a player of the game, well, Ike wants you to sign up and celebrate the stadium's Negro League roots by showing off your baseball stuff on the diamond.

He's looking for 40 players to play in one of the two back-to-back seven inning games. It'll set you back only \$26.50 for an experience you aren't likely to forget. You'll mingle in with players from Ike's fantasy camps and others from the Detroit Mens Senior Baseball League.

Pre-register at hamtramckparks.com, the website of the Hamtramck Parks Conservancy, who are hosting the game.

Special guests expected to attend include 1984 World Series champion Tigers Barbaro Garbey and Juan

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Tax abatement for former Missant site gets approved

By Charles Sercombe

After several weeks of putting off a vote on whether to grant a tax break for the development of the former Missant property, the city council agreed to the deal.

At Tuesday's city council meeting, the council voted 4-2 in favor of granting a 10-year tax abatement to 8801 Conant Holdings, LLC.

The company plans to demolish decrepit buildings on the 25-acre site, and lease it to Zbox Global, LCC, an e-commerce company that specializes in selling truck equipment.

A new building will be constructed at the site as well.

The abatement will freeze the current property tax rate, which is about \$60,000 a year.

The council had been split 3-3 over this issue for several weeks, but Councilmember Adam Albarmaki changed his position and voted for the abatement.

Albarmaki said that, after talking with various people, he decided that



The city council was finally ready to vote on a proposed tax abatement for development of the former Missant property on Conant, and agreed to go ahead with the tax break. The council had delayed voting on the matter for several weeks.

"we want to send a clear message to investors to come to Hamtramck."

He added: "This (tax abatements) is something common in the state of Michigan."

Councilmembers Mohammed Alsomiri and Khalil Refai were opposed to the deal, and had counter-offered a tax break for six years instead of 10. That was rejected by fellow councilmembers.

Refai said the company has already invested

in the site and that, even if the deal was rejected, the company is "going nowhere."

Until Tuesday's meeting, Mayor Ameer Ghalib had not offered his opinion on the matter, but on Tuesday he noted that the city had been able to negotiate a deal from 12 years down to 10 years.

He said that Hamtramck is not a wealthy city, and that "we need to bring in business. ... It's not a risky decision."

Ghalib would have vot-

ed on the matter only in the case there had been a tie vote.

The site, located on Conant near the county jail on Hamtramck Dr., has been vacant for years and had turned into an eyesore. The current owner of the site promises to not only raze buildings but also to install landscaping.

Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury noted that the site is currently "scary looking."

Hamtramck school district rolls out a new program for students

By Alan Madlane

Heather Dorogi is the Hamtramck School District's brand-new student coordinator in a unique program, and by brand-new, we mean that this position is also a new one for the district.

Dorogi is part of the district's DEIJ program, which stands for Diversi-



Heather Dorogi

ty, Equity, Inclusion and Justice, and is all about making students feel heard, accepted and supported to be best able to succeed.

We asked Dorogi to explain the program and her role.

The Review: First, let's get a little background

about you, if we could. Where were you working before taking this position? How did you hear about this position?

Heather Dorogi: I have been in education for almost 20 years, serving students and their families in places like Ann Arbor, Royal Oak,

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City also has an offer

By Charles Sercombe

The Hamtramck Public School District isn't alone in offering hiring incentives.

The City of Hamtramck is also offering a \$1,000 bonus for those who are hired into the police department.

The money, however, is restricted to the purchase of uniforms.

The department has a long history of officers leaving for greener pastures in other communities. The incentives are usually better pay and working conditions.

Hamtramck is not alone.

At a recent city council meeting, it was explained in a note to the council that:

"The ability of police agencies to recruit, hire and retain qualified police candidates has been a difficult task throughout the country.

"Quite often even if candidates are hired, they receive extensive training and ultimately move on to other agencies for a variety of reasons but often for monetary reasons. "

Interim City Manager Max Garbarino, who used to be the Hamtramck's police chief, said the recruitment of new officers nationwide has been "devastating."

New officers are not the only ones who qualify for a financial incentive. City employees are also invited to make referrals of candidates.

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and Southfield. I spent 15 years of that time at Royal Oak Schools as a classroom teacher, where I was allowed multiple opportunities for leadership and development.

I have been part of cohorts, all across Oakland County, that provided a lens on not just what my district was doing or was struggling with, but the lens of other districts as well.

When a grassroots movement at Royal Oak Schools started, with a few teachers coming together to form a social justice committee, I knew I had found a team as passionate about DEIJ as I was. That committee brought Professional Development to teachers, grants for multicultural books for every classroom, and grew into a K-12 district committee that now has their own DEIJ District Coordinator.

I have been part of the work to ensure that all students, regardless of the district I am working in, feel visible, voiced, and valued.

The Review: What

made you want to apply for this position? Do you know how many others you were up against for it?

Dorogi: I am not privy to how many other persons applied for this position. I applied because I believe that this work is important in order to really meet the needs of ALL students. We have achievement gaps, but more importantly, we have opportunity gaps that have to be addressed in educating our students.

These gaps can only be addressed when we allow students' authentic selves to show up in classrooms. What research, and best practices, tell us is that, when students feel safe and valued, they are able to really focus on the academic growth that is expected of them.

When they do not feel safe and valued, it can manifest in their academics and behaviors. I spent years in a classroom, trying to ensure that I created this space for each student. Now, this position allows capacity to this message.

The Review: The position of DEIJ Coordinator is a brand-new one for the Hamtramck district. What will be your main duties, as you understand them? Are you already at work for the 2022-23 school year?

Dorogi: Yes, in fact the work and planning for the 2022-2023 school year started the moment the 2021-2022 school year ended.

In order to be in compliance with the state in several regards, we had deadlines of June 30th for our 2022-2023 school year. This planning included work by the Curriculum Dept., led by Widad Luqman, fortifying systems in place around curriculum and instruction, finding and providing sustainable professional development to our staff, finding equitable curriculum and assessments that help us better understand the needs of our students for our MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports) process, and beginning the 2022-2023 school year ready with excitement around all that our students and their families will achieve this year.

For clarification, I am not ONLY the DEIJ District Coordinator, I also coordinate the MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports) process at HPS. The two are completely intertwined, because we have to bring an equitable lens if we are really trying to support the whole child through this process.

Students, and people,

are more than academics and behaviors. We have to come ready to remember they have multiple identities, as we all do, that are deciding factors in how they show up each and every day.

Factors like their socio-emotional needs, socio-economic needs, and ways that they may be experiencing marginalization are all important to our lens and discussions as we meet to discover how our students' needs are best met.

The meetings, systems, professional development, curriculum, assessment, and instruction in our district all need to be filtered through this lens. As with any position, there is a person who is responsible for gathering and collaborating with a team of people, to try to ensure this goal is achieved. I have been asserted with leading the formation of this DEIJ team.

One person cannot bring every lens to the table, so to speak. This requires a team where the voices that represent our students, their families, and the community are heard. The long-term goal is to create a sustained K-12 DEIJ district committee that will evolve and grow with the district.

This COMMITTEE will be the driving force in continued DEIJ work and goals. My role is not to be "the person" for DEIJ. My role is to facilitate that development of this committee, and support its work, so that HPS students and families feel safe in our schools and hence, successful, at them.

The Review: Was this position modeled on that of other school districts

around the state or country? How much input do you anticipate having in shaping what the role may become?

Dorogi: MTSS District Coordinator positions are not new in Michigan, or around the country.

The DEIJ aspect is "new," however the district I was hired from had this position previously. Farmington Hills and other districts are now looking to hire for this position as well. We have an amazing Curriculum Team Dept. and Interim Superintendent that all collaborate together to support shaping what this role will look like in Hamtramck.

Networking opportunities throughout Wayne County and Oakland County also help shape and guide what this position entails. The ISDs have had DEI leadership and work for years, leading up to this being a district position.

The Review: Were you given any support staff working underneath your position to help you? If so, were you allowed to hire them, or did HR?

Dorogi: I am happily part of the Curriculum Team at HPS, led by Widad Luqman. My position is part of the team that helps drive curriculum development and implementation, data and assessment, and academic strategy and innovative design.

We collaborate constantly to ensure that we are student-centered, data-informed, and future-focused.

The Review: What is the multi-tiered system of support (MTSS), and how will it be applied in the Hamtramck School

District? Does this address bullying, for example, or the seemingly constant tensions between racial or other groups that we sometimes see spilling over on students' walks home from school, or on weekends even?

Dorogi: I hit on some of this in my answers above. MTSS is this:

It is the system where we address the WHOLE child. Behavior is addressed through the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports) system, and through our social-emotional components like Positive Action.

This is how we support anti-bullying education, by building empathy and acceptance, character traits that live outside of our classrooms and into student lives, and are vehicles for our continued DEIJ work. The goal is that, when students feel safe and accepted at school, this will spill out into their lives outside of school.

Learning that you have more in common than not with your peers is a powerful way to help address these tensions.

The Review: What's your response to those who are critical of diversity programs as part of a student's curriculum?

Dorogi: This is not a "diversity program." This position ensures that ALL students have a voice and are seen in our district. We must provide our students with opportunities for mirrors and windows to the diversity around them.

Mirrors are when students see themselves in their surroundings and in classrooms. For many, they need to see more **Continued on page 4**



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Adoptive Yoga and Thai Chi: Good news for those awaiting our group practice exercise sessions. Adoptive Yoga returning Tuesdays at 3 pm (starting October 4th) and Thai Chi resumes Fridays at 10 am (starting October 14th). These programs are Senior friendly. Comfortable footwear and clothing recommended. Presented by the RIM Foundation.

Mihaly Csikszentmihaly: Do you ever find yourself in the groove? Can you get in the zone, sometimes, do things just flow? The expert on the study of this state of being completely involved in action for its own sake was this psychologist born on September 29, 1934. He was also known for his research on happiness, creativity and motivation. Discover ways to make some positive change in your own life based on these insights on your next visit to the library.

Family History Project: The Library of Michigan will host a ZOOM demo of how to navigate the MyHeritage collection of historical documents, images, and public records. Event begins at 6:30 pm on October 6th. Please visit www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/public/programs-for-the-public and scroll down to find the link to register.

Decluttering Project: If that task

you have been putting off is making you feel intimidated, worry not! We are enlisting the help of professional home organizer, Emilie Rivard, to set you on the path to less mess. Stop by at 6 pm on Wednesday, October 12th, for a presentation you will not want to miss. Information shared will be also available in Bangla.

Dementia: Another event on the horizon is an upcoming talk about dementia. Representatives from Bickford Home Care will share resources and strategies for caregivers and their families. Dealing with the new reality of a loved one changed by dementia can seem overwhelming. However, making use of the info provided here will help you discover that there is an answer. Please join us Tuesday, October 18th at 6 pm.

Model T: Henry Ford's Model T, a "universal car" designed for the masses, went on sale for the first time.

Game Night: Drop in on a Friday Game Night, starting at 4 pm (open to all ages)

Redwood National Park: On October 2, 1967 California's Redwood National Park was established. Redwoods are the tallest of all tree growing up to 400 ft. and span 2,000 years.

ESL Classes in the Library: For the 2022-23 school year, the ESL classes organized by Horizon School, will be held in the library four days a week (Monday to Thursday). There will be two sessions with the first starting at 9 am and the second at 11:30 am

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School Bell



Mirjana Maros

Spotlight on HPS staff

Did you know that over 19 languages are spoken within the Hamtramck Public Schools district?

Mirjana Maros, English Language Development District Facilitator for HPS, helps students and families acquire the re-

sources to have successful educational experiences. She's been with HPS for five years, and in addition to English, Mirjana also speaks Serbo-Croatian and Bosnian!

One of Ms. Maros' favorite aspects of HPS is the atmosphere that is created by the students and staff. She appreciates that the school can respect cultures while also embracing new environments. Acceptance is taught at HPS, and Ms. Maros is one reason behind it!

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HPS Recreation

The Hamtramck Recreation Department is sponsoring what they're

calling a Fall Harvest.

It'll happen on Friday, Sept. 30, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Pulaski Park, 9625 Lumpkin (between Edwin and Norwalk).

What's there? Let's start with pumpkins: You can pick one up, priced from \$2 up to \$7, first come, first served. Get yourself your gonna-be Jack O'Lantern, while they last.

Also on the docket? That dynamic duo of cider and donuts, is what!

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Berenguer, as well as 60s speedster Jake Wood and several other old-timers.

Techno music originator and legend Kevin Saunderson is expected to show up, lace up, and actually play in one of the games as well. We hear Kevin is a pretty dang good player and has sons who are also really talented in the game.

Fellow techno legend DJ Stacey "Hot Waxx" Hale will be announcing for at least a portion of the games.

Blessitt said: "I am grateful for the love and support from fans and friends everywhere in remembering me – especially the efforts of the Hamtramck Parks Conservancy in our shared goal to bring baseball to all kids, no matter where they live."

"I look forward to once again bring together ballplayers and spectators on October 2 to celebrate the great sport of baseball. I am hoping to draw about 40 ballplayers from the area to join us on the field."

This should be a fun day all around.

Covid: The disease is still a top killer in the U.S.

By Charles Sercombe

The number of new Hamtramck COVID-19 cases trickled downward for the past week, according to Wayne County health officials.

The county recorded 19 cases (as of Monday), bringing the total number of cases for the past two years up to 5,548.

That number represents 18.6 percent of the city's population.

There were no new deaths attributed to the disease. That number remains at 76.

Just where covid is going seems to be in ques-

tion. On one hand, a number of states are reporting a drop in new cases.

But the number of daily deaths from the disease, nationwide, is still in the range of 400 to 900 – making it the third leading cause of death among Americans, behind heart disease and cancer.

One thing to watch out for is the growing number of cases involving school children.

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Hamtramck school district rolls out a new program for students

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mirrors in the texts and literature that they are exposed to, to the posters and illustrations they see, and to a community of learning that ensures that everyone feels accepted and safe, regardless of any of their identities.

Students also need opportunities for windows into other identities that might represent their peers and their community members.

Again, students learn best when they feel safe and accepted and when there isn't any part of them they feel they have to "check at the door" when they walk into classrooms at HPS.

This is not a diversity program – diversity exists – this is about including everyone's voice so that we can be equitable in meeting each student's needs and then providing actionable steps to achieving this.

The Review: Are there certain textbooks or lesson plans that are involved with this DEI effort?

Are there learning materials that are considered the "paragon" or "essence" of teaching this material? Does it include history books that try to see the formation of world culture from all sides, for example?

Dorogi: There are many resources that support this work, as the work itself has been around for a long time.

DEI resources are research-based, and there is a plethora for our DEI team to eventually vet, and then decide which will work best, for our district. Collaboration with Wayne RESA, and other districts throughout the country, around this work also provides guidance for what resources really meet the needs of students.

Podcasts like Leading Equity are prevalent for research-based opportunities to collaborate with the people and districts leading the way in this work. Once we have established our DEI team this year, the team will dive into resources that we want to take district-wide.

I am but one voice. I need a team to lead this work.

The Review: What kind of feedback have you been getting from parents, the media, the government, or anyone else? Are you getting a lot of pushback, and if so, is any of it coming from outside the district? And if it is, what (if anything) needs to be done about that?

Dorogi: I have not received any negative feedback so far! There is a curiosity, and many are "waiting" to see what this will look like.

I firmly believe that, when we utilize the lens that the goal of this position is to allow ALL students to feel visible, voiced, and valued, it is hard to make an argument against meeting these needs.

The Review: Feel free to add anything else that you would like to here, at this point.

Dorogi: I apologize for this taking so long. These were questions that required some lengthy responses, and with the school year just kicking off, things have been a little hectic.

Our Curriculum Team is working hard to support all staff, all students, and all families, and sometimes this takes more time than there is in a day! Thank you for being patient with me! I wanted to ensure efficacy in the answers your questions required.

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In Our Opinion

After years of dreaming, a Bike trail is now in the works

After many years of talking and even sometimes arguing (in Hamtramck, can you imagine that?), the city is on course to install a bike/hiking trail.

The trail, officially called the Joe Louis Greenway, will wind about 27 miles through Hamtramck, Detroit, Dearborn and Highland Park in one big circle.

The concept of a bike trail first appeared at least 20 years ago when Preserve Our Parks, an organization that is no longer active, proposed hooking up with Detroit's Dequindre Cut.

The ride to get where we are at now was bumpy, but was stalled mainly for one reason: funding.

That funding is now in place to complete the Joe Louis Greenway.

Unfortunately, as it commonly is with government, it's going to take about 10 years to totally complete the trail in all four cities.

The main goal of this trail is to get people walking or biking as a way to improve our health, and also stimulate visitors to shop in all of the communities.

Hamtramck could use all the help it can get in attracting more people here.

In the meantime, it took a lot of work and dedication by many people to see this project get through – and for that we say “thank you.”

Odds & Ends

Crime update... A number of people are wondering what all the police action was about last Friday afternoon at a house on Gallagher, across from the HPS Community Center.

A SWAT team, including two armored vehicles, swarmed around the house.

As it turned out, that was case being handled by Detroit police. Hamtramck officers were on hand to handle crowd control.

Hamtramck Police Chief Anne Moise said she did not know what the case was about, but did say that it did not involve another house on Gallagher that was also of police interest several weeks ago.

The Review contacted the Detroit Police Department through its media inquiry email system, but as of Thursday, the day we went to press, the department had not responded.

And that, folks, is no surprise about Detroit, which is one of the worst cities in which to actually get a hold of someone.

Fowling for dollars... It's fall, and that means football is in the air.

And there'll be plenty of footballs in the air tonight at the Fowling Warehouse, and wouldn't you know, it'll be for charity to boot.

Fowling, for the uninitiated, is basically bowling played with a football instead of a bowling ball. You toss the ball at the pins, do it again (unless you threw a strike, you Patrick Mahomes you) and tally your score through ten frames.

So tonight (Friday, Sept. 30), from 6:30 until 10 p.m., you can head over to the Warehouse (3901 Christopher St. on the city's far southeast end), pay \$35, and get: three hours of fowling, plus food, a T-shirt, a 50/50 raffle and a 10-pin challenge.

There's also a cash bar available. You must be 21 and up.

You can also purchase sponsorship from a number of would-be sponsors, including Woodward Throwbacks, Amicci's Pizza, Spirit & Sons Roofing, PNC Bank, tracksuit, one of several churches (genesis, First Baptist or United Church of Christ), Couzens Lansky attorneys, or even the Hamtramck Public Schools.

The whole shebang is presented by Molina Healthcare, with the co-presence of Detroit Friendship House (who's been in the business of helping the hungry in this area for some time now).

They bill it as “The most fun you'll ever have feeding hungry people.”

So whether you're a young Kyler Murray or an old Joe Namath, come on out and have a heave.

It's for a great cause, and that's a touchdown every time.

Medicare help... For those about to turn 65 – or those who already have – there's some rare good news, courtesy of the State of Michigan.

The State has created a new program to assist with navigating the process of getting onto Medicare, or reconsidering your current Medicare situation. It is also intended to help people avoid the many scammers operating in this area.

It's called the Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program, or MMAP and it was just launched this past Wednesday, Sept. 28. It amounts to free counseling with no bias, and it comes just as the October open enrollment period is about to begin, wherein Medicare recipients can select their health plan.

Needless to say, there's a lot of money at stake in all this, and that, of course, attracts the scam artists.

MMAP is the only resource of its kind available to help Michigan residents. It aims to help persons navigate Medicare, understand their doctor and hospital bills, enroll in Medicare Savings Programs, explore long-term financing options, identify potential fraud, and more.

“MMAP's certified counselors aren't there to force you through the process or sell you any insurance, but they're a helping hand with the goal of finding you the best possible plans to meet your healthcare needs,” said MMAP Executive Director Jennifer Page.

Counselors are available by phone, by virtual appointment (on a computer screen using a videoconferencing setup) or in-person in your community. Just go to the website: mmapinc.org, or call (800) 803-7174.

It's nice to know the state has your back – and, well, the rest of you too – on this one.

Going electric... Driving electric these days?

Are you also taking the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel, and getting a good snootfull of those fumes for your

day's commute?

Well, on the off chance these things both apply to you simultaneously, you're in luck: you're about to start saving the BIG bucks.

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But now, though instead of paying the \$4.25, it'll cost you only \$4 with this extra Environmental, Social and Governance initiative of the Tunnel's, on top of the normal pass reduction.

To see if your electric car is on the eligible list, go to dwtunnel.com. The car must be a zero-emission, battery-powered and/or hydrogen fuel-cell fueled car.

Also, you must present the vehicle's registration to the border agent on the Detroit side. That person will validate your discount.

Now, you can retire early.

Reminder... The folks behind the Hamtramck Neighborhood Arts Festival have this reminder:

“Have you signed up for this year's Hamtramck Neighborhood Arts Festival?”

“We'd love to get you on the map and on the promo campaign! Deadline is midnight tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 30.

Sign-up here!
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“This INCLUDES businesses, organizations, and anyone with a brick&mortars! We're sure you have a friend who's an artist! Or staff member?!?! Cause what a fun, special way to connect with our community. Be part of it, and get new peeps to your place of business!

“The HNAF is NEXT Saturday, Oct. 8, ALL throughout Hamtramck!

“The twelfth annual Hamtramck Neighborhood Arts Festival (HNAF) highlights a creative, dense city of 2 square miles and the artists and musicians who call it home.”

Letters • Letters • Letters


Do I qualify for the HPS special ed job?

As a special education caseload manager who, while petitioning for Federally guaranteed family medical leave, was twice dismissed by Hamtramck Public Schools during Covid closure (once without cause, and a second time following an evaluation done in my absence), and as one whom HPS reports to the State of Michigan as having left his position voluntarily, thus blocking unemployment

ment compensation, I would like to know if I qualify for the signing bonus now being offered to "passionate and compassionate" educators interested helping to provide special services for the district.

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The Look...



By Suraj Bhamra
The heat radiating off the windows to my left and the pitch of the sidewalk underfoot pushes me toward the curb impeding the investigation of how the closer I get to my reflection, the faster the scene across the street dances past, dipping slightly with every step, momentarily interrupted by the passing panes.

The closeness of a reflection that looks increasingly like my father these days and the miasma behind that suggests what is to become of us serves as a dialectical reminder pushing together and pulling apart as a man in broken shoes rushes past.

(Suraj Bhamra is a Detroit-area photographer who specializes in street photography.)



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Obituaries

YAMASHITA

Lisa A. Yamashita of Henderson, Nevada passed away Tuesday, September 13th, 2022, at Saint Rose Dominican Hospital surrounded by loved ones. Lisa was born on November 25th, 1981, in Detroit, Michigan to Joni Yamashita and Donald Sauer. Both preceded her in death.

Lisa received her education in the Hamtramck public school system where she was an honor student. She attended Dickinson Elementary, Kosciuszko Middle School and graduated from Hamtramck High

School in 1999. During her high school years, Lisa participated in several sports and clubs. She was Student Council President, played varsity softball, volleyball, a cheerleader, and flutist in the school band.

She continued her education at Eastern Michigan University where she earned a bachelor's degree in Communications and Business in 2006. Not long after graduating college Lisa relocated to Henderson, Nevada for new career opportunities. In 2008, Lisa met Frank Bracamontes, the man that would change her life forever. Together they created God's most precious gift Jasmine R. Bracamontes. Lisa was a

diligent and proud Mama Bear whose whole world was Jasmine aka Jazzy.

Lisa loved to dance, have fun, play Bingo and was an avid cat lover. She shared her love of Bingo with her 30,000 plus TikTok followers! Lisa was always laughing and joking, she could light up a room with her outgoing personality.

Her open and honest ways endeared her to all from the moment they met, she never met a stranger.

Lisa is survived by the love of her life Frank Bracamontes, her daughter Jasmine R. Bracamontes of Henderson, Nevada. Her Aunt Geraldine McCall, her Uncle Fred Yamashita both of Arizona and her Uncle Rodd Yamashita of MI and Aunt Jan Van Buskirk of CA as well as a host of cousins, extended family and friends who all loved her dearly.

There will be a memorial service at The D Loft at 9421-2 Joseph Campau, Hamtramck, MI 48212 on Saturday, October 15, 2022, at 1 p.m. There will also be a service in Las Vegas on October 1, 2022.

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By Charles Sercombe
This week's Crime Log covers Sept. 20-26.
Tuesday, Sept. 20
• A vehicle was reported stolen in the 5000 block of Caniff.
• Officers attempted a traffic stop of a dark-colored SUV, but the driver sped away.
• A break-in was reported in the 12000 block of Oklahoma.
• A car-jacking was reported on Conant at Carpenter. The suspect was later arrested.
• An armed robbery was reported on Belmont near Conant.
• A domestic assault was reported on Evaline.
• An assault was reported on Selfridge.
• A neighbor dispute was reported on Fleming.
• A complaint was made about a disorderly person on Gallagher.
• Officers investigated a complaint about a loud noise on Fleming.
Wednesday, Sept. 21
• A report was made about a male holding a gun at Conant and Casmere.
• A hit-and-run accident occurred at Conant and Holbrook.
• A Conant Ave. business reported a theft.
• A hit-and-run accident occurred at Conant and Carpenter.
• A complaint was made about a disorderly group of people who were

in front of a Jos. Campau business.
• A hit-and-run accident happened on Mackay near Holmes.
• A complaint was made about a disorderly group of people on Dyar.
Thursday, Sept. 22
• A complaint was made about two intoxicated males arguing in the 2300 block of Botsford.
• A theft was reported in the 9500 block of Conant.
• A report was made about a male sleeping on machinery in the 3300 block of Hamtramck Dr.
Friday, Sept. 23
• A male was arrested after crashing into several vehicles in the area of Gallagher and Norwalk. The suspect initially fled from the scene. He was also arrested for driving drunk.
• A possible fight was reported on Belmont at Lumpkin.
• Family trouble was reported on Burger.
• A complaint was made about a suspicious man on Caniff.
• A break-in was reported on Casmere.
Saturday, Sept. 24
• A possible domestic assault was reported in the 3900 block of Prescott.
• Officers responded to the 3900 block of Prescott in regards to a possible domestic disorderly group of people who were

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pute.

- Vandalism of city property was reported at Veterans Park.
- A complaint was made about a disorderly person in the 3000 block of Hanley.
- A break-in was reported in the 5100 block of Yemans.
- A neighbor dispute was reported on Grayling.
- Family trouble was reported on Mitchell.
- A Moran St. resident reported that their mail had been stolen.

Sunday, Sept. 25

- A complaint was made about a disorderly group of people at Holbrook and Jos. Campau.
- A report was made about a male knocking on several doors in the 11300 block of Sobieski. Another report was made about a male knocking on doors in the 9400 block of Charest.
- Officers investigated a complaint from a person who said they were followed home by a suspicious vehicle in the 12000 block of Selfridge. Officers located the vehicle and questioned the driver. It was determined that no crime occurred.
- Following a traffic stop on Moran, a suspect was arrested for multiple misdemeanor charges.
- A juvenile was arrested, on Carpenter near Moran, for reckless driving. The juvenile was turned over to their parent.

Monday, Sept. 25

- A complaint was made about a male carrying a gun in the 10000 block of Conant who was attempting to sell narcotics.
- A report was made about a suspicious vehicle following another vehicle.
- A male was arrested

City also has an offer

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new hire is still employed by the city, another \$500 bonus will be given to the city employees who made the referral.

“The thought is everybody is on board for recruiting,” Garbarino told the city council.

Over at the public school district, it’s now offering up to \$15,000 for those who successfully apply for a special education teacher position.

That offer is also extended every year to new hires who stay for up to another five years.

ported on Jos. Campau.

- An incident of fraud was reported at a Jos. Campau business.
- Officers recovered a loose pit bull on Holmes, then took it to the Westland Humane Society for boarding.
- A runaway juvenile was returned to their home on Selfridge.
- A theft from an auto was reported on Poland.

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