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Quick Hits

Want to get your body in Paczki Day shape?

One convenient way to do that is participate in tomorrow's (Saturday, Feb. 25) annual 5K Paczki Run, which is now in its fifth year.

If you have not already pre-registered, the cost is \$45, and sign up is at the race site on Jos. Campau just south of Holbrook.

The run takes off at 10 a.m.

Last year about 3,000 runners participated, and it's estimated that many more are expected this year.

And to give the event that extra Hamtramck twist, there will be free paczki and beer (for those 21 years old and up) at the end of the race.

The route of the run winds throughout the city, and offers a unique glimpse into our fascinating neighborhoods.

"The Paczki Run celebrates the rich immigrant tradition that makes Hamtramck one of the most diverse communities in Southeast Michigan," said Vittoria Katanski, Di-

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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD

Paczki Day promises to attract thousands of visitors

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's very own holiday is right around the corner. Paczki Day is this com-

ing Tuesday (Feb. 28), and local bakeries and bars are already gearing up for the big day. Several thousand visi-

tors are expected to swarm into town. According to weather reports, the warm weather trend is expected to continue through next week with temps in the 50s.

But on Saturday, the metro area will experience a dip down into the sponsored by Tour de to increase. The run be- the neighborhoods of



Hamtramck's bakeries will be working around the clock this weekend to meet the demand for paczki next Tuesday. Thousands of paczki lovers are expected to jam the city's bakeries on Paczki Day.

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the annual 5K Paczki Run, that number is expected walkers - wind through

gins at 10 a.m. at Jos. Hamtramck, and come 30s. Saturday kicks off Last year 3,000 people Campau, just south of back to free paczki and Paczki Day festivities with in the run, and this year Holbrook. Runners - and beer (for those who are 21 years old or older).

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It's music, food and drinks all day long at several local bars on Paczki Day. Come out and enjoy Hamtramck's version of Mardi Gras.

It's party all day and night on Paczki Day in Hamtramck

By Charles Sercombe

There is no shortage of things to do on Paczki Day.

And keeping in the Mardi Gras spirit of the day, it mostly involves drinks, food and music. Here's the rundown:

New Dodge Lounge, 8850 Jos. Campau

We can't think of a better way to start the day than an early morning wake-up at New Dodge. The Polish Muslims hit

the stage at 7 a.m. to usher in the bar's

"PaczkiPalooza" festival. The place gets packed quick, but there is plenty of room both upstairs and down. New Dodge has it all: drink specials, homecooked Polish food, Miller Girls, Jager Girls, DJ's (Jo-Town, Mike Bush and Reverend Tire Iron), mini-beer specials, booze, and more booze and live music

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Keyworth to get more upgrades

By Charles Sercombe

Renovations at the historic Keyworth Stadium are far from over.

Recently, the Detroit City Football Club announced plans to continue its overhaul of the stadium.

The club will complete its grandstand repairs on the east side of the stadium as well as the northend and portions of the southend.

The work is expected to be completed before the season opener on May 6.

The northend of the grandstands will include bleacher seating, while the southend portion will be standing room.

Additional renovations include structural and utility upgrades throughout the 80-year-old stadium.

With the additional investment, and based on a recalculation for safety precautions and code compliance, the official capacity at Keyworth will stand at 7,325.

The southernmost portion of the east grandstands will not included in year's renovations.

After announcing its move to Keyworth Stadium in late 2015, DCFC launched Michigan's largest community invest-

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Your guide to where the best paczki can be found

By Charles Sercombe

Where are the best paczki?

The short answer is, 872-1988. Hamtramck of course.

Assuming you are already here, follow the paczki scent to these locations:

The most well-known bakery is New Palace at 9833 Jos. Campau. Folks wait up to three hours to get a dozen or so of these treats. You can beat the rush by buying your paczki starting this Sunday at 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.; then again on Monday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Fat bakery Tuesday, the opens at 3 a.m.

One way to cut down on your wait is to call ahead and place an order. New Palace can be reached at (313) 875-1334.

New Martha Washington Bakery is saying the heck with it and will do a marathon around-theclock paczki pushing starting on Monday at 5 a.m. and staying open through Tuesday until 9 p.m.

It's located at 10335 Jos. Campau, and you can call ahead at (313)

Off the beaten path a little bit is Family Donut at Conant and Caniff. where there is a much shorter line but good paczki nonetheless.

Got a hankering for Polish food this weekend?

How about something kind of homey and a one of a kind Hamtramck experience?

Holy Cross Church will be serving up a "Pre-Lenten" Polish meal on Saturday (Feb. 25) from 4 to 7 p.m., which also features live accordion music.

It's a good deal, as well, with adults paying \$10 and children \$5. The church is located at Pulaski and Fleming and there is free parking across from the church.

Keyworth to get more upgrades

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ment campaign ever to finance stadium renovations. Over \$700,000 was raised.

Last year's season attracted 52,550 fans. So far, ticket sales for this season are outpacing last year's.

Keyworth will host 11 matches this year beginning with a preseason exhibition game with the Dayton Dynamo on Saturday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Le Rouge, the club's nickname, will begin its 2017 National Premier Soccer League (NPSL) season at home on Friday, May 12 against the Milwaukee Torrent. Kickoff for the NPSL opener is set for 7:30 p.m.

Season tickets start at \$70, and single game tickets go on sale in early March.

For more information go online at detcityfc.com.



This week at the library...

Feb. 27, 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, March 1, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ESL classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is quired.

Movie <u>Night</u> Wednesday, March 1, "Doctor p.m. Strange," a former neu-

a journey of healing only to be drawn into the world of the mystic arts.

ESL Class – Friday, March 3, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. English as a Second Language classes are free to all Hamtramck residents. Registration is required.

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ESL Class - Monday, | rosurgeon embarks on | tions. 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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Second Front Page

School Bell

Kosciuszko Middle School News

Kosciuszko Middle School is proud to announce the students of the month for February: Johnny Adair, Rania Alasad, Quzlan Ali, Nema Al Qasimi, Reem Alsomairi, Emrana Begum, Jahera Begum, Musmmat Begum, Atef Choudhury, Lance Dudley, Rejoanna Eva, Sadia Fouzia, Kianna Holcomb, Peyton Hill, Enida Is-Kenee Jones, lamovic. Tanvir Khan, Farzana Mina, Munshat Rahman, Shahriar Rahman, Nevra Salkic, Humayun and

RED team update: Do you ever notice some people seem to say one thing, but they are actually thinking something else?

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That happens a lot with teenagers talking about drugs and tobacco. The RED team is excited to educate other KMS students about the differences between how we hear about drugs and what is actually happening. Look for a cool bulletin board next month!

The RED Team is also in the first steps of partner-

ing with the high school DECA (business) team. The high school students will help our RED Team members use real marketing strategies to get our message across: we're proud to be drug free! The RED team meets every Wednesday from 3-4 p.m.

Early Childhood Elementary School

Before the winter break weekend, ECE students celebrated the 100th day of school and Valentine's Day. Students were busy counting, writing and reading books that had to do with the number 100.

Ms. Amanda Lesko's second grade class even made a snack that had all kinds of delicious ingredients that added up to 100 in each snack bag. Students brought in 100 things to count by 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's.

On Valentine's Day students shared cards and sweets with their classmates. In Ms. Janice Rakoczy's class, the students had a home project where they decorated a valentine box with their

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Above photos: Students in the Early Childhood Elementary School had a busy week.

Quick Hits

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rector of Tour de Troit, in a press release.

Tour de Troit is the sponsor of the run.

Funds raised from the 5K go to renovating Ham-

tramck parks and assisting the Hamtramck DDA with its non-motorized transportation plans. The runs so far have raised over \$7.500 for the DDA.

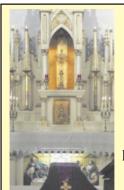


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It's party all day and night on Paczki Day in Hamtramck continued from front page

winding up with the St. many paczki as they can Thomas Boys Academy.

Bar owner Cathie Gordon will be serving, and pouring, and if you're lucky, she'll do her standing-on-the-bar-pouring-adrink-down-your-throat thing.

PLAV Post 10 Hall, 11824 Jos. Campau

The party starts at 10 a.m., and for those who can stomach it, there is a Paczki Eating Contest at noon upstairs.

For 15 agonizing minutes contestants stuff as

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in their mouth, chew and swallow them. Trust us, this is not for the squeamish.

For those who want a regular meal, the kitchen kicks out some tasty Polish meals, thanks to Srodek's, at a super low

Live music starts right after the contest with Polka Floyd at 12:30 p.m. At 2:30 p.m. it's the Kielbasa Kings; 4 p.m. it's Hamtramck's own Danny D and the evening caps out with the Polish Mus-

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lims at 6:30 p.m.

Downstairs DJ Chuck E will be spinning. Proceeds from the day go toward helping hospitalized veter-

Smalls, 10339 Conant

This is where the famous "Paczki Bomb" was invented, and yes it is just what you think: A paczki filled with booze. These go fast, so first-come, first-serve.

There are also plenty of beer specials.

The bar opens at 10 a.m. and goes all night to 2 a.m.

Live music starts at 4 p.m. with Polka Floyd, and then Eastside Elvis & the Motor City Mafia and Captains of the Head. For the latest info, go to: smallsbar.com.

Trixie's Bar, 2656 Carpenter

This little gem has expanded the Hamtramck bar scene to the northern border of Detroit.

This will be the bar's first Paczki Day offering, and it's a good one. Trixie's opens at 3 p.m. and will offer Srodek's sausage and

sauerkraut to customers at 4:30 p.m. Around 6 p.m., Nicollett Warczak will be selling "Wilk Pierogi" Homemade made fresh the morning of Paczki Day. These huge pierogies will be three for \$5 or you can take home a dozen for \$7 and fry them up yourself.

Whiskey in the Jar, **2741 Yemans**

There's big fun in the bar's backyard heated

Polish food and drink specials abound. Come with some friends, or make some new ones, and share a "Poleski." When you see it, you'll get the joke.

Music starts at 11 a.m. with the Kielbasa Kings and at 2:30 p.m. with the Polish Muslims.

Here's what the bar has to say about itself: "Paczki Day, The Whiskey Way ain't for the noobs, rookies or amateurs. ... We weren't voted One Of America's Best Bad Decision Bars for nothing!!

"Just know that, as always, it'll be a spectacle."

Paczki Day promises to attract thousands of

Visitors continued from front page

Yes, you read that correctly: first you run and then you eat paczki and drink beer. Experienced Hamtramckans. course, skip the running/ walking part and proceed directly to the paczki/beer part of the day.

The city's Downtown Development Authority is also holding a "Countdown to Paczki Day" event right next to the starting place for the 5K run.

In a heated tent, you can enjoy a free paczki sampling and dance to a live polka band, courtesy of the Misty Blues. A Polish folk dance ensemble, the Gwiazda Polish Dancers, will also perform.

There is also an added bonus: A shuttle bus will take you to local bakeries for free so you can load up on paczki and beat the crowd on Tuesday. That service is free.

The event goes from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On Tuesday, local bakeries will be open all day and through the evening. Here's a heads-up: You can order ahead of time and you won't have to wait in line as long.

Historical Museum looking for some helping hands

Have a few extra hours to help preserve the city's history?

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· Social media: Updating website. Facebook page, Tweeting.

 Historical research: Tracking down historical information about Hamtramck on the Internet, visiting the Burton collection at the Detroit **Public** Library, other

 Light housekeeping: Dusting cabinets, vacuuming floor, cleaning bathroom/back room,

 Lifting: This entails carrying boxes and donated items to proper storage areas.

All volunteers would be asked to work no more than a couple of hours a week, usually on weekends. Museum board directors would be present while volunteers are working.

Volunteers do not have to be Hamtramck residents. If you would like further information or wish to volunteer, please email hamtramckhistory@gmail.com or call (248) 770-8389 and you will be contacted.

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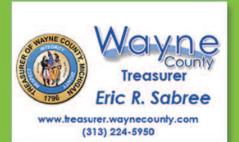








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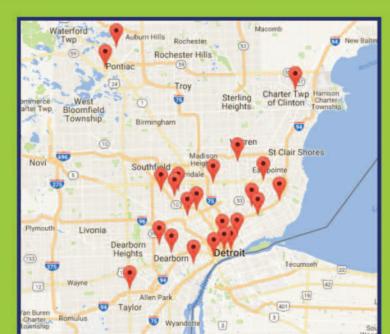




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parents. Students voted on the best boy's and girl's box, and the winners won an award.

Students from kindergarten through second grade have been taking science field trips to Schoolcraft College in Livonia to explore different science concepts. Students and parents worked at centers experimenting with different materials and wrote down their findings in a science passport.

The classes will be returning in the spring for another great day of exploring Science.

Many of the teachers at the Early Childhood Elementary were awarded a class pet grant from Petco. Mrs. Rosemary Haacke's first grade class will be getting a hamster. Ms. Amanda Lesko's class will be getting a blowfish. Mr. Jerome Helminiak's class and Ms. Janice Rakoczy's class received leopard geckos.

Students will learn about special animal through many different types of lessons. Ms. Jan-Rakoczy's class named their gecko, Poppy.

All Schools

- · Wednesday, March 1 -- End of Progress Report Period 3.
 - Thursday, March 9 Progress Report 3 distrib-

uted.

- Thursday, March 9 Half day for all students. Parent teacher conferences all schools from 12:30-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.
- Thursday, March 31 End of 3rd quarter.
- Thursday, March 31 Half day for Horizon High School- Final exams.
- · Monday, April 3 Friday, April 7 - No school for students. Spring Break.
- Monday, April 10 School resumes.

Athletic Events

- Monday, February 27 -- KMS Girls' Varsity Basketball Trillium VS. Academy at 4:30 p.m. Away.
- Tuesday, February 28 -- HHS Boys' JV Basketball vs. Star Academy at 5:30 p.m. Away.
- · Tuesday, February 28 -- HHS Boys' Varsity Basketball VS. Academy at 7 p.m. Away.
- Wednesday, March 1 KMS Girls' Varsity Basketball vs. Melvindale ABT at 4:30 p.m. Home.
- Friday, March 3 HHS Boys' JV Basketball vs. Flint Academy West at 5:30 p.m. Home.
- Friday, March 3 HHS Boys' Varsity Basketball vs. Flint Academy West at 7 p.m. Home.

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In Our Opinion

It's Hamtramck's moment to shine in the coming weeks

Time to roll out the parking lot. Hamtramck welcome mat.

Some huge events are coming up in the next couple of weeks that will attract thousands of visitors. First up is the now annual 5K Paczki Run this Saturday, sponsored by Tour de Troit. Last year about 3,000 runners participated, and folks in the know say that number will greatly increase.

After the race, the vearly Countdown to Paczki Day will take place in a heated tent at the Hamtramck Town Center

It's a fun day that offers a chance for many visitors to get a unique look at the city.

Of course on Tuesday, the big day is here, and our local bars and bakeries will be ready for the onslaught of visitors. Each year it seems that Paczki Dav in Hamtramck gets bigger and bigger.

After Tuesday ends, rest up because the next weekend offers more fun. The Hamtramck Music Festival returns for the fourth year, and once again thousands of peo-

ple will be crowding the streets.

This is a homegrown event that has replaced the former Hamtramck Blowout.

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All of this comes at the right time as we get ready to say good riddance to winter and welcome back

At 95 years old, she runs the kitchen at Queen of Apostles

By Charles Sercombe

Two years ago Frances Farnia, the soup lady at Queen of Apostles' Soup Kitchen, was about to celebrate her 93rd birthdav.

And she also regaled us about her fight over a ticket she got for parking in a handicapped spot in the CVS parking lot.

Farnia isn't handicapped nor does she have a handicap designation on her license plate, but a nice security guard didn't want her to park in a muddy section of the lot and told her to park in the handicap zone.

But by some crazy stroke of bad timing, an overzealous Hamtramck officer drove by, noticed the parking infraction and ticketed

When did you ever see a Hamtramck cop do that on a private commercial lot?

Anyway, all was good as she beat the ticket, and the cop in question surprised her with a birthday cake to make up for his, ah, indiscretion.

Flash forward to a couple of weeks ago, and we



Frances Farnia recently celebrated her 95th birthday.

dropped in again to visit with Farnia. This time, thank goodness, there was no ticket issue.

Instead, she was celebrating her 95th birthday, and we swear she didn't look a day older than 93. Actually, she looks better than a lot of folks in their 70s and maybe a few of you 50-year-olds.

She may be slightly hunched over and whitehaired, but she's also got a lot of spunk. Let's just say you don't want to mess with a Hamtramck grandmother - especially one standing her ground in a kitchen loaded with uten-

If you need any more proof, do you know any other 90-something-yearold who is in charge of a kitchen crew and works long hours every Thursday to feed Hamtramck's growing low-income community?

That's a key part of her secret to living a long and healthy life.

"Work all the time and keep busy," is the motto she lives by.

Keeping busy also includes going to Eastern Market every Saturday when the weather is nice.

She lost her husband, Casmere, 31 years ago, but has three adult children, five grandkids and 11 great-grandkids who make sure she stays busy the rest of the week.

Farnia has been living in the same house for 65 years, but not entirely

"It's me and my shadow, and my angels," she says. Why stay put in Ham-

tramck all these years? "It's a nice city to live in," she said.

As they say in Hamtramck, "Sto Lat" and see you next year Frances.

Odds & Ends

Correction... In last week's issue it was incorrectly reported that the Hamtramck Public School District is a Sanctuary District. The district is actually a "Safe Haven" for immigrant students. The two terms have been used interchangeably by media outlets.

So-called Sanctuary cities and school districts pledge to not cooperate with federal authorities in detaining undocumented immigrants. Safe Havens only offer legal assistance and emotional supimmigrant to students and their families.

Celebration... The local

Bengali community celebrated International Mother Language Day last Monday evening at Zussman Park and also at local businesses.

The purpose of the day is to promote the awareness of language and cultural diversity all around

the world.

The 21st of February also commemorates the day in 1952 when four students were killed in Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh. The students were protesting the repression of their native language.



The city's Bengali community celebrated International Mother Language Day last Monday at Zussman Park.

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Visitation is Friday, February 24, from 2-8 p.m., and the funeral service is Saturday, at 10 a.m., at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home in Hamtramck. Interment will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

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City Hall Insider ...

What is our City Council up to these days? We have the highlights of the latest council meeting.

By Charles Sercombe

The city council met on Jan. 24 and all councilmembers were present. Before the regular council meeting a work session was held. During that

meeting the city's financial

auditor gave a report on his yearly findings. He said the city needs to improve on timely water meter readings.

He also said the city's expenses dropped from \$17 million to \$15 million

mostly because of a reduction in public safety costs.

Councilmember Anam Miah questioned what were the most significant "issues."

The auditor said it was a "pretty standard audit."

Miah also questioned whether it would be wise to dip into the city's \$4 million budget surplus to pay back a \$2 million loan from the city's pension system.

Finance Director Bhama Cairns said the city's pension obligation keeps going up about \$200,000 to \$300,000 a year. She said it's better to save the surplus for that expense.

to the pension system has a very low interest rate at about 2 percent. In the regular meeting

She added that the loan

the council adopted a proclamation celebrating Feb. 21 as International

Mother Language Day.

During the public comment section, Carrie Beth Lasley said she was "upset" with the recent appointment of a Zoning Board of Appeals member by a bare majority of councilmembers in the past meeting.

She questioned why those councilmembers, Miah, Mohammed Hassan and Saad Almasmari, would go against the recommendation of a city department head.

Robert Zwolak urged the council to renew the contract for City Manager Katrina Powell, or otherwise begin a search for a new city manager. (Powell's employment contract with the city expires in June.)

Cathie Gordon asked for a report on legal expenses for all city cases. She said the administration told her to file a Freedom of Information Act request to get this information.

She said there is no reason to demand that.

"This is our tax dollars," she said.

She added that the Po-

lice Department has only 29 officers but the city is paying out millions of dollars in legal costs and for engineering work.

The city's engineer talked about an upcoming street repair project. He said the city was awarded a federal grant that will cover 80 percent of the cost to replace Holbrook from Jos. Campau to Co-

That project will happen in 2018.

City Manager Powell said the city is also going ahead with other street repairs. She added that all of the city's potholes have been repaired.

Councilmember Miah said that the worst portion of Holbrook is from Jos. Campau to Lumpkin. The city's engineer said that it is possible to extend repairs to that section in the coming years.

Councilmember Miah praised Mayor Karen Majewski for her participation in the Women's March on Washington D.C.

"My hat is off to you," he

Majewski replied: "We feel threatened as a diverse community."

Councilmember Ian Perrotta commended City Manager Powell and her staff for their management of city finances.

"It's a big change on the way things were going even a couple of years ago," Perrotta said.

Councilmember Hassan agreed, saying the city is "going in the right direction."

Powell said Hamtramck was a winner of an engineering award for the sewer repair project.

"This is just the beginning," Powell said, referring to more projects to come in the next few years.

Councilmember hammed Hassan said he wants to add a second portion on the agenda for the public to comment.

City Attorney Travis Mihelick said that is up to the city manager and the mayor, who decide what goes on the agenda.

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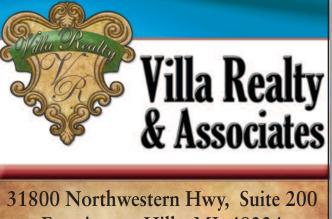


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By Charles Sercombe

This week's Crime Log covers Feb. 14-20.

Tuesday, February 14

- · At 10:30 p.m. a report taken about five suspects who kidnapped a resident from the area of Conant and Jacob and then released the victim in New York. The suspects are known to the person who made the police report.
- · At about 2:30 a.m. a Sterling Heights resident reported his 2012 Buick Regal was stolen while it was parked on Belmont near Ellery.
- A resident in the 11400 block of Klinger complained about a neighbor's dog. Officers transported a terrier mix from the location to the Michigan Humane Soci-
- · A resident in the 3200 block of Belmont reported a break-in.
- · A resident in the 3100 block of Hanley reported her purse was

stolen by a suspect while she walking to the rear door of her residence.

· A resident reported the rear window of his car was broken out while it was parked on Trowbridge near Jos. Cam-

Wednesday, February 15

- In a check on a building alarm in the 2600 block of Florian, officers found an open door. The door was secured.
- · At almost 11 p.m. a resident was arrested at a business in the 3200 block of Caniff for being disorderly.
- At almost midnight a resident was arrested for leaving the scene of an accident that happened at Pulaski and Mackay.
- At a little after 2 a.m. an Ann Arbor resident was arrested at a bar in the 2600 block of Carpenter for being disorderly and assaulting a

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police officer.

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resident in the 2000 block of Belmont re-

ported her ex-husband kicked in her door and broke several items and then fled the scene.

· A business in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau reported retail fraud. · A Dequindre resident

- reported being assaulted by a person they know.
- · A resident in the 3800 block of Harold reported his window was broken out.
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- A store in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau reported two males stole an iPhone and fled the scene in an older model Ford Explorer.
- A highly intoxicated resident was arrested in the 2700 block of Evaline for being disorderly, obstruction and child neglect.
- · A domestic violence reported was taken at the I-75 Service Dr. and Caniff. The suspect was gone by the time officers arrived.
- A Detroit resident reported his on again-off again girlfriend threw liquor on him and slapped him while they were in the 3500 block of Caniff.
- At almost 4:30 a.m. a male was seen exiting

suspect then drove away and stopped on Gallagher near Jacob and did the same thing to another car before fleeing.

Saturday, February 18

- · At almost 2 a.m. a Detroit resident was arrested for driving without a license and possessing narcotics.
- · At almost 3 a.m. officers conducted an investigation at Evaline and Conant about a stolen cellphone. While investigating, a Flint resident exited a party bus and interfered with officers and was then arrested for obstruction.
- · At almost 3 a.m. a Detroit resident was arrested for damaging the windshield of a tour bus that was leaving White Star Lounge on Conant.

Sunday, February 19

residence. He left before officers arrived.

Monday, February 20

- · At almost 4 a.m. a Detroit resident was arrested after a traffic stop for driving without a license. The driver was previously cited 41 times for this offense.
- · A police department in Minneapolis recovered a car stolen out of Hamtramck.
- A Southfield resident was cited for possession of marijuana and driving without a license.
- · A resident in the 3000 block of Trowbridge reported someone stole wicker lawn furniture from her front porch.
- · A resident in the 2200 block of Yemans reported the theft of their 2015 Buick Regal.
- · A resident in the 2200 block of Yemans reported her cellphone kitchen.

