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In Hamtramck, the Labor Day Festival is a labor of love

By Charles Sercombe

It's hard to believe, but summer's end is coming up this weekend.

And you know what that means: It's time to throw a celebration.

This weekend is once again – for the 43rd year – time for the annual Hamtramck Labor Day Festival.

While Labor Day is not officially the end of summer, it does signal the near-end of this season, and the beginning of school. We've already gotten a hint of fall with the recent cooler days and nights.

Hamtramck (no, not you Detroit, nor that certain city to the north of Hamtramck) knows how to throw a party.

By the looks of it, this year's festival (Sept. 2-4) is shaping up to be one of the THE best. We don't know why, but there is just a general buzz in the air



The Hamtramck Labor Day Festival will celebrate its 43rd year this weekend. The festival, which is free to attend, runs Sept. 2-4 on Jos. Campau between Caniff and Carpenter.

about it.

Festival organizers say they have more of everything this year – including vintage clothing and goods vendors, and even more food selections.

And the foods so far include tastes of India,

Africa, Mexico, the Middle-East, Bosnia, Poland, and, maybe, more. Such as, of course, the traditional barbecue offerings.

You like ice cream? The festival will be serving up nothing but the best from Michigan's very own Ray's

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Of course, there will be plenty of cold beer and drinks for those who imbibe. Once again, there will be a midway, with both rides and games of "skill."

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Once again, the Labor Day Festival features dozens of bands and entertainers.

Time to get your dancin' shoes on for a toe-tappin' weekend

By Charles Sercombe

The music line-up for Hamtramck Labor Day festivals has always catered to a wide-variety of tastes.

And this year is no exception.

In fact, it's going to be the place to be this weekend (move over Arts, Beats and Eats).

For rock fans, the big news is that the Dead Milkmen will be playing, on Sunday at 9 p.m.

Other standout offer-

ings include Hamtramck's own B Free on Monday evening, the Detroit Cobras on Saturday, Duende, Connor Dodson, Shadow Show, Sugar Tradition, the Strains, Detroit 442, Tyvek, Matt Smith, and so much more.

Of particular interest for fans of the Detroit Cobras, this show is entitled "Celebrating the life of Rachel Nagy." Nagy was the longtime singer for the group who passed

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Mayor calls former mayor 'Islamophobe'

By Charles Sercombe

Although the Hamtramck mayoral election is now long-over, the battle between the former and current mayors continues.

And it's all playing out – where else? – on various Hamtramck-centric Facebook pages.

The split has largely been over social cultural issues, such as LGBTQ rights and, specifically, Ghalib's support for banning the display of pride flags on public property.

That war of words has now escalated to the point where Ghalib, a Yemeni-American, is calling former mayor Karen Majewski an "Islamophobe."

What set that off is when Majewski posted a photo of a flyer or sticker that was found in a city garbage can that had an illustration of Ghalib's face with the word "terrorist" printed underneath.

On her Facebook page, she said:

"Found in the trash on JC this morning. I can't take credit for creating, only for sharing."

When there was push-back from some Arab-Americans who said Majewski is implying that all Arab-Americans are terrorists, she took down the photo and issued this apology:

"My apologies if anyone saw the photo I posted as an attack on Muslims. I don't know the intent of the person who created the sticker. I interpreted it as criticism of an opportunistic homophobe who is allowing terrorism against

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the LGBTQ+ community and its allies to run rampant in Hamtramck, and then blaming the victim. That is my lens."

Ghalib shot back on his Facebook page, saying:

"Islamophobia at its extreme.

"This is what the whole story is all about. Her true

colors are shown.

"If you disagree with them on something, then you are a homophobe, bigot and terrorist, just because you are a Muslim who embraces his values without trying to enforce them on others, in hope that others would respect your values and do the

same.

"It looks like she wakes up every morning, walks on the street looking inside every trash can to see what the world news updates are, and suddenly she saw my picture inside trash can number 37.

"What a coincidence!

"She is not the one who created that, she just found it during her early daily morning trash rounds!! So don't misunderstand her.

"She then apologized to everyone, except me, confirming in her apology WHAT she didn't in her original post: that I'm supporting terrorism!! Implying that she agrees with what's written on the picture: TERRORIST!

"Message with respect to all the elected officials who stood in solidarity with her not too long ago, including the Muslim elected officials.

"Are those your Allies that you keep talking to me about?"

"Someone really needs attention, including medical one!"

Others also criticized Majewski on social media.

Amed Ghanim replied:

"I expected an apology not doubling down on calling the Muslim community: terrorists. Islamophobia is real."

Ghanim later added this:

"This is not just a personal attack. This is an attack on every American Muslim and we should not let it go without exposing extremists like her who pretend to be progressives

but in fact they are racists at heart."

Majewski further added to her comments:

"I didn't automatically think, 'this sticker calls him a terrorist because he's a Muslim,' but rather, 'this sticker calls him a terrorist because his rhetoric encourages others to commit acts that terrorize others.'

"Which is what stochastic terrorism is. (And stochastic terrorism is

currently a major focus of a general, national public discussion.) So not making a Muslim connection was my own myopia, coming from my concern about what is going on right here in Hamtramck, right now, with the pulse of this community that I am witnessing, in conjunction with incidents across the country.

"For that myopia I have already apologized, and I do so again, as well as deleting the photo. But the discussion of the mayor's (and council's) role in the

current wave of vandalism and intimidation has been ongoing and passionate well before today.

"I'm also aware of the rhetoric blaming the new administration for various ills - and the prejudice underlying some of that rhetoric - just as I'm aware of the rhetoric blaming my own administration(s). ..."

Since Majewski's posting, the back-and-forth has stopped, so it appears the feud is over, at least for the moment.



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Celebrate: September 1st is the National Day of pink Cadillacs, little black dresses and ginger cats. Whatever your personal taste, give us a visit to stock up on great reads to carry you through until October.

Story Time: Get you kids together and drop in on our Wednesday afternoon Story Time at 12 noon. Presented by guest readers from Hamtramck Federation of Teachers.

Miguel de Cervantes: This author of "Don Quixote" (the world's first modern novel), happened to be born this month and would make an excellent start to check out the classics. They are identified as such for a season. It has been a fad for the longest time to criticize highly regarded literary canon, but how many have actually taken the time to physically pick up and read any of it? Cervantes was taken captive by pirates for five years and kept trying to escape. This in itself makes a great story.

Game Night: Join us for Game Night at the library. We are serving up something fun each Friday at 4 pm. Stop by and let us know that you have come to play.

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New York Sun: On September 3, 1933 this newspaper first appeared, marking the beginning of the penny press, inexpensive newspapers sold on sidewalks by newspaper boys. The paper focused on human interest stories and sensationalism and by 1836 was the largest seller in America with a circulation of 30,000.

Phil Hale Quartet: Our next music concert is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20th at 5:30 pm. Everyone is invited, free admission.

Manhattan: On September 4, 1609 the island of Manhattan was discovered by navigator Henry Hudson.

Los Angeles: On September 4, 1781 the city was founded by the Spanish Governor of California, Felipe de Neve, near the site of the Native American village of Yang-na. The original name was El Pueblo de la Reina de Los Angeles (The town of the Queen of the Angels)

First Continental Congress: It was assembled on September 5, 1774 in Philadelphia with 56 delegates representing every colony, except Georgia. George Washington was there.

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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

This weekend is the city's chance to shine

Once again, Hamtramck will welcome a few thousand visitors this weekend for the annual Labor Day Festival.

This festival has been running for almost every year since 1980, and it's gone through plenty of ups and downs.

There have been good years, bad years and so-so years, but for the past several years we've enjoyed a string of successes. We are not the biggest festival that happens in the state, but we are definitely the most "Hamtramcky."

And that means weird in all the right ways.

Something tells us this year will be the one that is over-the-top spectacular.

The band line-up features the usual smorgasbord of entertainers, including a top national act, The Dead Milkmen. That band's inclusion alone has excited a number of people.

We have also been informed that the number of food and retail vendors has increased, and this year's homegrown parade is set to outdo

even last year's "Only in Hamtramck" one.

We have also heard that this year's festival just might be the last one put together by long-time organizers Konrad Maziarz and Shannon Lowell – both of whom have donated countless hours throughout the years to make this, and other, festivals happen.

We hope it's not their swansong, but, if it is, we owe it to them to make this year the biggest and best blowout Hamtramck has ever seen.

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the return of International Big Time Wrestling on both Sunday and Monday (at 3 p.m.), and the ever-popular Canoe Race on Monday, at high noon.

For those who are unfamiliar, this canoe race is not exactly in the water – although water plays a huge part. Instead, the "canoes" are homemade contraptions, usually in a wedge-shape, that are on wheels and pushed by most-likely-drunken maniacs, or maybe just plain-old sober maniacs.

As for the water part, that's where spectators (and even the participants themselves) come into play. Have you been itchin' to throw a water balloon at someone without getting handcuffs slapped on you by a cop? Well, here's your chance to take aim and make a splash.

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If you come, be prepared to get a soaking because this is an anything goes kind of a day.

Confused? Just show up, and take it all in.

The weekend is also all about music – on all three days of the fest. Live performances start around noon-ish on some days, and about 1 p.m. on oth-

ers, and go on all through the day and evening.

See below for more details about the music line-up.

The highlight for the weekend is the Hamtramck Labor Day Parade on Monday, starting at 1:30 p.m.

Last year was the first year without the Polish Day Parade, so it was up to the locals to pull something together. And boy, did they ever.

It was the very best parade the city experienced in quite a few years, and this year, we hear, organizers ratcheted it up several notches.

Mickey Lyons said it best, on a recent Hamtramck Facebook posting:

"Our parade includes vintage cars, Hussars on horses, dancers of just about every nation here in Hamtramck, bands, and general Hamtramck weirdos, just as it should. ..."

The parade's grand marshal this year is "Friendly the Bear" (who is also known as "Friendly the Dumpster Bear"), who is the team mascot for the Detroit City Football Club. If you hang around after the parade, you'll be able to pose for a picture with Friendly.

You should know, this is an all-volunteer event where none of the organizers get paid.

The two fellas who helm this are Konrad Maziarz (otherwise known as the city's mild-mannered city assessor) and impresario by day (and night), Shannon Lowell.

They've been shouldering this thing for too many years to count, and are the ones who have to take on the grief and frustration of dealing with everything.

In a press release issued by the festival folks, Maziarz had this to say about the weekend:

"The bands, the vendors, the music, the parade... we've put a lot of time and effort into making this year's festival one of our best yet.

"We really want to show off what a welcoming place our festival is, to so many different people. It's going to be a busy weekend, and we know it'll be a great one for everyone, and, as always, free to attend.

"We're grateful to our dedicated sponsors, the Hamtramck DDA, Weiss Distilling, and everyone else who's stuck with us and helped us make this great weekend happen."

Odds & Ends

Reminder... There is still plenty of time to register for a fun fundraiser.

Once again, Hamtramck's own Friendship House – which is a food pantry, and so much more, for thousands of low-income households – is hosting its annual night out at the Fowling Warehouse.

To put things in perspective, 43 percent of Hamtramck residents live below the poverty line, and Friendship House is there to help them.

For those not familiar with the sport of fowling, it's a combination of football (the throwing part) and bowling (the knocking down of bowling pins part) – hence the name "fowling" (which, yes, rhymes with bowling).

This year, the fundraiser is being held on Sept. 15, from 6:30-10 p.m.

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Fowling Warehouse is located at 3901 Christopher St. here in Hamtramck.

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It's not clear if the business, a boutique furniture biz specializing in

reclaimed wood and other items, is folding up or moving on somewhere else.

Here's a chance to grab a nice piece of real estate located in the heart of the Jos. Campau business district.

We can't imagine what kind of a business would locate here, but hopefully it will be something as unique as Woodward Throwbacks.

Quick Hits

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apply for the program.

However, each individual district may require forms to be filled out in order for their students to partici-

pate.

Once again, Superintendent Ahmed did not respond to a Review inquiry on how the district will administer this program.

This is the second week in a row that Ahmed has not responded to inquiries from The Review.



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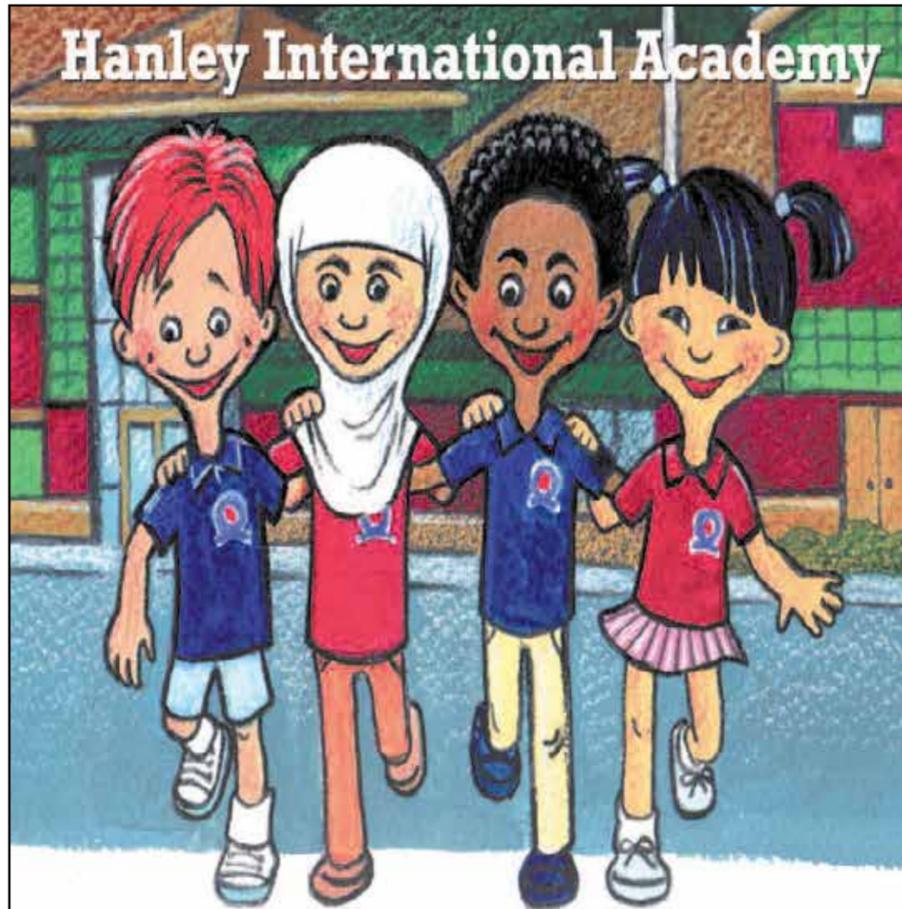
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CRIME LOG

By Charles Sercombe
This week's Crime Log covers Aug. 22-27.
Tuesday, Aug. 22
• At 2:45 a.m., officers checked on the well-being of a male in the 3200 Lehman who is was in a wheelchair.
• A theft was reported on Lumpkin.
• Neighbor trouble was reported on Danforth.
• Customer trouble was reported at a business on Caniff.
• Neighbor trouble was reported on Dequindre.
• A hit-and-run accident was reported on Holbrook.
• A suspect was arrested on Jos. Campau for an assault.
Wednesday, Aug. 23
• At a little after midnight, officers investigated three vehicles parked in a fire lane on MacKay.
• Following a traffic stop, a male was arrested for

carrying a concealed gun, driving without a license, and for possessing open intoxicants.
• At almost 1 a.m., officers responded to a call about a suspect in the 2300 block of Andrus who was attempting to enter a vehicle.
• At 3 a.m., a complaint was made about noise in the 2200 block of Bernard.
• At a little after 3 a.m., a complaint was made about fireworks in the area of Hamtramck Dr. and Jos. Campau.
• An incident of fraud was reported on Trowbridge.
• A hit-and-run accident happened on McDougall.
• A suspect was arrested for retail fraud and for obstruction.
Thursday, Aug. 24
• At about midnight, of

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Obituaries

CORBY
Daniel Corby (age 62) died August 9, 2023.
After a long struggle with kidney disease Daniel passed away at home.
Born in Detroit on November 13, 1960, he is predeceased in death by his parents Don and Jean, and his brother Billy.
Dan is survived by his sister, Linda Duke, who will miss him the rest of her days, and many loving cousins and friends.
Dan worked in construction and became a skilled carpenter. He loved to laugh, and make others happy. Dan was also a skilled musician and played guitar and keyboards. Thankfully, he is no longer in any pain.
Private services were held by the family.
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Donation

Hamtramck resident Tony Liggett gets a gold star for being the generous guy that he is. Tony, or as some know him by his DJ name, "Top Kat," organized a school supply drive at the State Farm insurance office he works at.



Tony Liggett donated box loads of school supplies to Hamtramck High School. There to receive the donation were school counselor Colleen O'Donoghue and school and community facilitator Liz Alpert.

He must know a lot of people, because he collected pounds and pounds of school supplies, such as pens, notebooks, rulers, and on and on.

The supplies were delivered to Hamtramck High School last week.

School counselor Colleen O'Donoghue and school and community facilitator Liz Alpert were on hand to receive the goods, and, of course, were thankful.

A big thanks also goes out to State Farm – the "Like a Good Neighbor" folks – for pitching in, and allowing Top Kat, err, Tony, to spin his magic.

Back to school tips

The good folks at healthy-children.com have some helpful tips on preparing your kids for a new school year:

- Remind your child

that teachers know that students may be nervous about the first day of school; they will make an extra effort to make sure everyone feels as comfortable as possible.

• Point out the positive aspects of school starting, the better to help your kids look forward to the first day of class. Talk about how they will see old friends and meet new ones, for

example.

• Create a bedtime routine that is consistent to help your child settle down and fall asleep. For example, a calming pre-bedtime routine may involve a bath or shower, reading with them, and/or tucking them in and saying goodnight.

• Have your child turn off electronic devices well before bedtime. Try to have the home as quiet and calm as possible when younger children are trying to fall asleep.

• Remind your child to wait for the bus to stop before approaching it from the curb. Kids should always board and exit the bus at locations that provide safe access to the bus or to the school building. Make sure your child walks where they can see the bus driver (which means the driver will be able to see them, too).

• Remind your student to look both ways to see that no other traffic is com-

ing before crossing the street, just in case somebody does not stop as required. Encourage your child to actually practice how to cross the street several times before the first day of school.

• Practice the bike route to school before the first day, to make sure your child can manage it.

• Always have them wear a bicycle helmet, no matter how short or long the ride.

• Wear bright-colored clothing to increase visibility. White or light-colored gear are especially important after dark.

• Make sure your child's walk to school is a safe route with well-trained adult crossing guards at every intersection. If your child will need to cross a street on the way to school, practice safe street crossing with them before the start of school.

• Be realistic about your child's pedestrian skills.

Because small children are impulsive and less cautious around traffic, carefully consider whether or not your child is ready to walk to school without adult supervision. Children are generally ready to start walking to school at 9 to 11 years of age.

• In neighborhoods with higher levels of traffic, consider organizing a "walking school bus," in which an adult accompanies a group of neighborhood children walking to school.

• Choose a backpack with wide, padded shoulder straps and a padded back.

• Organize your child's backpack to use all of its compartments. Pack heavier items closest to the center of the back. The backpack should never weigh more than 10% to 20% of your child's body weight. Go through the pack with your child weekly, and remove unneeded items to keep it light.

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Time to get your dancin' shoes on for a toe-tappin' weekend

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away last year, much to the shock and dismay of her many fans. Vocalist Marcus Durant has been handling vocal duties for the Cobras' current tour schedule.

Sunday evening also features Hamtramck's own party band, The Polish Muslims, who have been playing here since, well, ages ago.

Also, another tradition is returning: Michael Hurtt (yes, with two T's) on Monday at noon.

Another local group, Jezy Boys, promises to be boozy fun on Sunday, with Hamtramck fave Danny D following.

Here's the schedule for the weekend:

Saturday, Sept. 2

North Stage
 1:30 PM Secondary Colors
 2:30 PM ZEM
 3:30 PM Wild Shape
 4:30 PM Briggance
 5:30 PM Fen Fen
 6:30 PM Deadbeat Beat
 7:30 PM SSM
 8:30 PM New Twenty Saints

South Stage

2 PM Sugar Tradition
 3 PM Connor Dodson
 4 PM Strains
 5 PM Detroit 442
 6 PM Dusty Rose Band
 7 PM Prude Boys
 8 PM Shadow Show
 9 PM Detroit Cobras

Sunday, Sept. 3

North Stage
 1 PM Redones
 2 PM Womb Worm

3 PM TOEHEADS
 4 PM 208
 5 PM Stools
 6 PM Werewolf Jones
 7 PM Pat & the Pissers
 8 PM TYVEK

South Stage

12 PM DJ One
 1:30 PM Core Values
 2:30 PM Red Devil Ryders
 3:30 PM Jezy Boys
 4:30 PM Danny D
 6:30 PM The Polish Muslims
 9 PM The Dead Milkmen

Monday, Sept. 4

North Stage
 12 PM Michael Hurtt
 1:30 PM Honest to God Jug Band
 2:30 PM The Whiskey Charmers
 3:30 PM Zastava
 4:30 PM Beauville
 5:30 PM Matt Smith Group
 6:30 PM DUENDE
 7:30 PM Day Residue
 8:30 PM ZILCHED

South Stage

2 PM Pink Spit
 3 PM Coxiopioxio
 4 PM Dark Red
 5 PM Ultimate Ovation
 6 PM MRKT
 7 PM Bill & Isiah
 8 PM B Free
 9 PM GMAC Cash



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Officers responded to a call, in the 3100 block of Trowbridge, about someone attempting to break into a vehicle.

- A complaint was made about an unwanted guest in the 3300 block of Doremus.

- A theft was reported on Belmont.

- Family trouble was reported on Lumpkin.

- A complaint was made about an animal in the area of Conant and Yemans.

- A juvenile was arrested for theft in the 9100 block of Jos. Campau.

Friday, Aug. 25

- No incident report was available for this date.

Saturday, Aug. 26

- Following a traffic stop, a male was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon.

- At 1:40 a.m., officers responded to a call about domestic violence in the area of Poland and Lumpkin. A female was arrested at the scene for assaulting an officer, for malicious destruction of property, and for obstruction.

- At almost 2 a.m., a domestic assault was reported in the 2300 block of Norwalk. At about the same time, a male was arrested in the 3300 block of Doremus for domestic violence.

- A large fight was reported in the 12000 block of Dequindre.

- At a little after 4 a.m., officers observed a blacked-out vehicle in the area of Sobieski and Caniff. Several people fled from the vehicle, but a female suspect was arrested. The vehicle had just been stolen.

- At 5 a.m., a resident in the 12000 block of Sobieski saw a male enter his backyard.
- A theft was reported in the 2400 block of Burger.
- An incident of retail fraud was reported at a business in the 9200 block of Conant.

- A domestic assault was reported in the 11300 block of Sobieski.

Sunday, Aug. 27

- A domestic assault was reported in the 12000 block of Mitchell.

- Officers responded to a call about a child, in the 12000 block of Selfridge, who was having trouble breathing.

- At a little after midnight, a business in the 10000 block of Conant reported that a disorderly customer was throwing items.

- At almost 3 a.m., a report was made about a male wearing no clothes while in the middle of a road.

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