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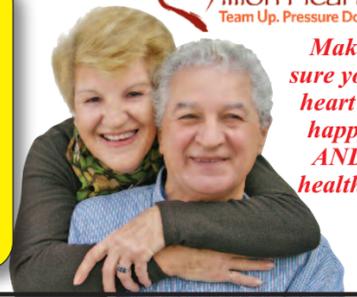
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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

Primary Election brings out a record number of voters

By Charles Sercombe

What a wild and crazy Primary Election.

Elections results were tentative after Tuesday's election because of a computer breakdown at the Wayne County Election Bureau. Final results were not known until Wednesday, and they won't be made official until the Wayne County Board of Canvassers meets and confirm the findings.

For Hamtramck candidates who hoped to go to Lansing, it was close. Very close.

At one point City Councilmember Saad Almasari was in the lead for the state representative seat he was seeking.

Also at one point Hamtramck candidate Abraham Aiyash was on top in his race for state senator for this district.

But at the time the results were fluctuating wildly from the county, and it appeared chaotic until the county was able to get control of the information.

Tuesday was also a historical moment for Hamtramck. Some 3,543 voters turned out — something that has not happened since the city's population was over 50,000 decades ago.

It was the same thing statewide and nationwide. Media reports said this was the highest mid-term primary election turnout in 40 years. Precincts in Hamtramck were buzzing with activity throughout the day, including in the afternoon, which is usually a down time.

Why the high turnout?
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Tuesday's election was one for the history books. A record 3,543 voters came out, which is unheard of for a Primary Election. Local candidates came close to getting new jobs in Lansing.

Election notes: For many voters, local races, issues are what counts

By Sam Corey
The Review Special
Writer

"It's usually dead," said Rahat Hassan, a voting clerk for the 6th precinct, when asked if

there's normally a high volume of voters during primary elections.

The trickle of voters waiting in line to vote on Tuesday may not have
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Quick Hits

We take our baseball cap off in appreciation of the awesome folks who have been mowing and cleaning up the Hamtramck Stadium field/site.

The site is slated for some major league repairs and will eventually be redeveloped for all types of community sports and activities.

The Hamtramck Stadium Grounds Crew could use some financial help to keep the effort going.

This Saturday, they will be hosting a barbecue fundraiser at Trixie's Bar (2656 Carpenter) starting at 2 p.m.

Besides offering good food and good company there will be live music and plenty of cold, cold beer.

Maybe some peanuts, too.

The group will also explain their mission and will be selling hats and T-shirts to help put gas in their mowers and for supplies. You can find out more online at: www.facebook.com/HamtramckStadiumGC

If we're lucky, there might be a seventh-inning stretch and a throaty rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

Well, we might be kidding about that last part. Or not.



Attorney Aisha M. Farooqi recently opened an office in Hamtramck.

Taking Care of Business ...

TCB (Taking Care of Business) explores Hamtramck's business community. This week we talk to a new attorney in town, Aisha M. Farooqi, who has an office on Jos. Campau and Trowbridge.

By Alan Madlane
How long have you been a practicing attorney?

Aisha M. Farooqi: I have been practicing law for two and a half years now.

Where did you attend law school, and when?

Farooqi: I graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy in 2012. Following my graduation, I decided to work on a passion project and traveled a bit. I passed the (Michigan) bar exam in 2015.

Do you specialize in certain areas of law?

Farooqi: My practice is focused in the following areas: immigration law, family law, wills, some

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Recycling drop-off to end

By Charles Sercombe

As predicted, the city's recycling collection program will end after this Saturday.

Bill Wiitala, the chairman of the city's Recycling Commission, had earlier warned that unless volunteers stepped up, the program would have to come to an end.

"No one came forward to take over responsibilities," he told The Review this week.

He said it is possible that within a year a permanent recycling center will be established, but it would take at least \$6,000 to purchase proper containers.

For several years the city offered a monthly free drop-off center, held on the second Saturday of the month at the city parking lot at Caniff and McDougall.

Recycling Commission members and supporters recently made their pitch at a July city council meeting, hoping to generate interest in the community.

Hamtramck does not have curbside recycling, which many other communities offer. The city has asked its sanitation contractor to include that service, but the company declined, saying there is no money to be made in processing recycled items.

Others say the energy costs to collect and recycle is not worth the effort.

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Voters we talked to said they were upset with how things are going in the state and in the country.

For Democratic Party voters it appeared to be a backlash against President Trump and the Republican Party. Hamtramck has been a Democratic stronghold for decades and remains one.

"I feel a lot of people are dissatisfied with the way things are going," said Sam Gray after he had voted at the Hamtramck High School Community Center.

"It's sad for terrible things to have to happen to motivate people to do something."

As for local election results, in the state senate race Adam Hollier

won. That didn't come as a total surprise since he had worked with former State Senator Bert Johnson, who resigned from his seat after pleading guilty to a felony charge a few months ago.

Hamtramck resident Abraham Aiyash came in a close second and City Councilmember Anam Miah was way down in the field of 11 candidates.

In the state representative election, Isaac Robinson won – again not a surprise since his mother, Rose Mary Robinson, is being termed out of office this term after serving six years.

Councilmember Saad Almasari came in second with Hamtramckan

Michele Oberholtzer following closely behind in third. Fellow Hamtramck candidates Syed Rob and Justin Jessop also were in the race but finished well behind.

Also of interest to Hamtramck residents was a proposed city charter amendment to change the qualifications for the appointment of a city manager.

Without any public promotion, the proposal overwhelming passed, 1,155 to 643. The proposal loosens the qualifications to allow the council and mayor to hire who they think is qualified.

The Wayne County millage renewal for the SMART bus system was approved countywide as well as in Hamtramck.

In the heated race for Democratic governor Gretchen Whitmer won statewide, but in Hamtramck Abdul El-Sayed was the favored candidate.

Wayne County Commissioner Martha Scott easily won re-election. Former Hamtramck City Councilmember Mohammed Hassan finished second.

Taking Care of Business ...

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criminal defense, and traffic violations. In addition, I assist my clients with the drafting of contracts (land, business, etc.).

Your business card lists two office locations, one in Hamtramck and one in Farmington Hills. Do you split your time between them evenly, or tend to be at one or the other more?

Farooqi: I spend the majority of my time at my main office in Hamtramck. I use the Farmington Hills office to meet with my clients from the west side.

So you're obviously in courts in both Wayne and Oakland Counties, at least; can you compare your experiences in the two court systems?

Farooqi: The majority of the cases I have handled have been in the counties of Macomb and Wayne. I worked for a well-known law firm in Macomb County, which allowed me to meet many of the prosecuting attorneys, as well as judges, in Macomb County.

I have a special place in my heart for Wayne County, as I was a law clerk for a Judge at the 3rd Circuit Court. In addition, I was sworn in as an attorney at the 3rd Circuit Court. I have been very lucky to encounter some amazing prosecuting attorneys and judges in both counties.

Are there any areas of law you're not practicing in yet, but hope to add to your practice in the future?

Farooqi: I would love to add entertainment law to my practice, however it's unusual to come across individuals seeking entertainment lawyers in the metro-Detroit area.

Would you like to share any personal information with our readership?

Farooqi: My family and I moved to the United States of America in 1993. It didn't take long for me to realize that America is the land of opportunity. I wholeheartedly believe in America and the values for which it stands: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

I became an attorney because I believe that it is my duty to stand up for the voiceless, and to empower those who have been marginalized for far too long. My goal is to leave a positive impact in this world, and I intend to

do so by advocating zealously for those in need, and giving back to my community.

I'd also like to point out that I absolutely love the diversity and the liveliness of the city of Hamtramck! I am so grateful to have met some wonderful people in this amazing city! Thank you for your generosity!

On a related note, what do you like to do in your off time? Any hobbies, or other interests outside of practicing law?

Farooqi: I enjoy reading, and writing poetry and screenplays. I'm a huge film buff. I have made my own short film, which focuses on the dehumanization of the homeless community. I've submitted it to film festivals, and am hoping for the best!

Well, thank you so much for taking some time out of your busy schedule to talk to us, Aisha.

Farooqi: Thank you so much!



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SATURDAY, Aug. 11, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. – Hamtramck's Recycle Center is open at Caniff and McDougall. Drop off your recyclables for free.



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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.

The library is located at 2360 Caniff.

Second Front Page

School Bell



Dickinson East students started on a big garden project at the school.



The H.O.P.E. High School program participated in a hands-on "STEAM" project lesson plans.



Holbrook H.O.P.E. students enjoyed a presentation on pet and animal safety given by the Hamtramck Health Clinic.

Hamtramck Public Schools is strengthening its partnership with community organizations. Mrs. Ahmed, ELD Director, is working closely with Children's Hospital to offer a variety of information and services to the Hamtramck community.

The last event for this summer is Aug. 11, featuring a Teddy Bear Clinic. This event will be from 2-4 p.m. at Tau Beta Gym at 3056 Hanley St.

Children's Hospital will offer health screenings, Teddy Bear Clinic, and the HPS school administrators will highlight information to the public.

The effort continues a partnership during the school year with Children's Hospital.

Recreation Program News

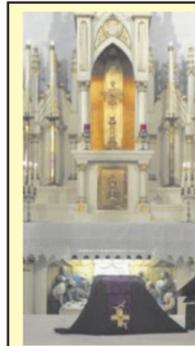
Movies in the park at Pulaski Park. Shows begin at dusk, weather permitting. The last movie of the season is August 17, featuring "CoCo." Popcorn will be sold for 50 cents.

Hamtramck Public Schools Pre-K – 12th Grade Enrollment For the 2018/2019 School Year

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Compiled by Janice Gandelman



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Residents bark about city's policy on tree upkeep

By Charles Sercombe

The city's tree maintenance policy has left some in the community feeling like they are out on a limb.

Recently, City Councilmember Ian Perrotta invited residents to email him with any concerns regarding trees through his Facebook page.

That discussion was meant to clear up some confusion. One of the issues had to deal with the city's tree contractor's public signs announcing work that is going to be done.

The signs say only that a tree is going to be removed – even if it's just a simple trimming job. Those signs put some people into a panic that their seemingly healthy tree was about to be cut down.

Perrotta's Facebook posting prompted Acting City Manager Kathy Angerer to respond, and hopefully clear up some matters. The following is Angerer's "update" on the city's tree policy:

"I wanted to clarify what I could at this time for all of you in one email:

"The City has contacted our tree trimming/tree removal vendor. There will be an adjustment in their signage as soon as printing is possible. The good news is our residents are



Residents have been complaining about the city's policy on maintaining trees.

reading signs. The bad news is the vendor posts dead tree cutting and healthy tree trimming in the same way.

"We have now requested that trees that will be 'trimmed only' have a different type of informational sign versus a 'tree cutting' sign. This one item should reduce the public outcry when a tree trimming vs. tree cutting is scheduled.

"The City has a regular tree trimming program. We trim trees as necessary so that falling limbs are not a problem. That is the case with the tree that had signage on Klinger, and two on Belmont. These trees are being trimmed only.

"Tree removal – Unless the tree is completely dead, Rodney Johnson (the city's director of Public Works) will work with

an expert before any tree removal to determine that the tree is in need of removal. We do not have experts or arborists on staff, so we will use an outside expert from this point going forward.

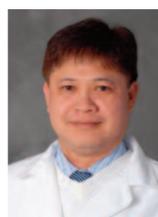
"Moving of trees – One small tree was requested to be moved due to it impeding a stop sign and possibly being a tree that is not appropriate for the location. We will move that tree, but will not do so until such time (fall) it can be safely moved and hopefully be able to thrive in its new location at Zussman Park.

"Trees with fallen limbs – The Department of Public Service picks up fallen limbs regularly for disposal. If a fallen limb is dangerous and impeding vehicular or pedestrian traffic, we will come out

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seemed like a lot, but considering past primary elections at the People's Community Services on Jos. Campau, it was significant.

So what stirred voters to action?

Local issues, civic duty, and open seats drew unusually high turnout for Tuesday's Primary Elec-

tion.

By 6 p.m., the 6th voting precinct had turned out almost 280 voters – something that almost never happens, according to Hassan.

The voter turnout in Hamtramck was indicative of a much larger trend across the State of Michigan, where about

27% of the voting population cast their ballot, beating electoral records dating back to 1978.

In Hamtramck, for comparison, 3,543 residents, or 30.41% of the registered voters, voted on Tuesday – which is actually higher than the state percentage.

"I've seen nothing like

this before," said City Clerk August Gitschlag, who had to help out in some of the precincts because some election workers failed to show up.

By far the majority of voting happened at the Hamtramck High School Community Center, a place that is normally quiet. On Tuesday, however, it was densely packed. Lines of people snaked around the door as residents eagerly waited to cast their vote.

Regan Watson, the clerk overseeing voting at the Hamtramck High School Community Center, which encompassed the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th voting precincts, was lightly sweating by late afternoon.

"We've been running around all day," she said of the voting clerks. Some of the highest turnouts she had seen – easily the highest turnouts of any other voting center in the city – belonged to the community center's gymnasium.

By the end of the day, estimations of voting tallies were 493, 453, and 714, for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th voting precincts, respectively.

City Clerk Gitschlag said one reason voters came out in droves was because of the open seats for state representative, state senator and for the governor, who is being termed out.

"There was a lot of money spent, a lot of open seats," he said.

There were so many voters, the amount of spoiled ballots, or ballots that needed to be re-submitted, were "through the roof," said Gitschlag. Many voters did not realize you had to vote for only one political party in the partisan section of the ballot.

In the 4th precinct alone, there were 143 spoiled ballots.

Voters were eager to express their own reasons for voting. What motivated them? Their experiences are described below.

For some, voting was a civic duty:

Yasin Farhan exited the polls with a relieved smile on his face – he was voting for the first time. "It was quicker than I thought it was." Farhan, who will be going to college in the fall, believed that change occurs at the local level, and by voting, he affected change.

Evan Sotnik, who lives on McDougall, has been a Hamtramck resident for three years. Sotnik has been voting ever since he turned 18. "I know that primaries are a little more difficult to get motivated for," he said, "but with the way things are going everyone needs to do their part."

Jarek and Eva, a couple who have lived in Hamtramck for the last 25 years, have always voted. When asked why, they gave a dumbfounded expression.

"Why did we vote?" Jarek asked rhetorically. "It's a civic duty," both responded in unison.

"When you ask me 'why?' that's a strange question because 'why do you eat?' 'Why do you go to the bathroom?'" Jarek explained.

Lynn Blasey has lived in the Hamtramck since 2012, when she moved for her job with the College of Creative Studies.

"I always vote in the primaries," said Blasey. "I think it's awesome that so many people are running for state rep. I love that anyone has a chance, and that's what the primaries are about – anyone has a chance to run."

For others, they came out to support local candidates:

It was her first time advocating for a candidate at the polls for Candace Martin, a Detroit resident, who has been canvassing for the past five months for Brian Banks, a state senate candidate who lost on Tuesday.

"I support Brian for some of the things he wants to talk about in Lansing, such as public education, we need our schools back in the city. Talking about auto insurance, we're paying more

than our note. And you know we need good health care," said Martin.

Donnell Young, a lifelong Hamtramck resident, now living on 6 Mile and Conant, was canvassing for Anam Miah, another state senate candidate who lost Tuesday. Miah, like Young, supports labor unions.

"I feel like people that are homeless need skills," Young said.

Fahad Chuwdhury has lived in Hamtramck for five years. He supported MD Rabbi Alam, a veteran of the Iraq war.

"He was a U.S. army sergeant. He can help the community," said Chuwdhury.

For the rest, the primary election meant addressing the issues:

Like most of her friends, Lindsey Robillard was excited to vote based on issues that affected her. A Hamtramck resident since 2014, Robillard voted to lower the price of car insurance.

"This election felt particularly important because I know they will be addressing car insurance," she said.

"We need to put someone in office we can trust," said longtime voter Tony Dedvukha. Dedvukha, who grew up in the city, came out not just because of the importance of voting, but also because he wants to begin solving the issues in Hamtramck, and Michigan more broadly.

"I understand that we want to make our nation great again," Dedvukha began, "but you're throwing people out who are paying their taxes. We need someone in office who is caring for the people, not just the high class, the rich people, what about us little people down here? That's what we need, man."

Zakaria Hossain came to live in Hamtramck when he was 6 or 7 years old. This was his first experience voting in the primary. "What people don't understand is this is the vote that actually counts," said Hossain.

"I just keep hearing people, 'oh I don't like this,' 'oh I don't like that,' but you have to go out there and make a change."

Hossain was concerned about creating a better school system, and better roads.

Kit Parks, a local artist, and Alissa Shelton, the owner of Bank Suey, stalked the polls to get voters to vote "no" on charter amendment proposal one, which would allow city council members "to wave the requirements for city manager regardless of the qualification," said Parks.

Despite their effort, the proposal overwhelmingly passed, 1,155 to 643.

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In Our Opinion

Alley repair project is an investment in the future

Hamtramck city officials are on their way to expanding the alley repaving project.

And for that they deserve to be congratulated.

The city has long neglected improving its streets, sidewalks and water lines. Credit is due to former City Manager Katrina Powell for putting into place a systematic street repair program.

Acting City Manager

Kathy Angerer has continued with that plan and now has proposed to expand it. The city council has ultimate say in how much the city can spend on the proposed alley expansion proposal and so far councilmembers are receptive.

While this project will cut into the city's budget surplus, it's worth the expense. We can't afford to continue ignoring the crumbling and potholed

streets.

Why past city administration allowed this situation to deteriorate is a mystery. But time moves on.

Street improvements are happening at small steps, but the point is to keep moving forward.

It's frustrating that it takes so long, yet future generations will appreciate that finally, decisive action has been taken and is continuing.

Residents bark about city's policy on tree upkeep

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after hours. If it is not dangerous to those around it, we will pick up during regular working hours.

"Master Plan – Our City's Master Plan has an entire section devoted to improving our tree canopy, which is something I have worked diligently on and tried to do in every role I have had in the City.

"We have planted over 350 trees in the last few years with help from Greening of Detroit, our own efforts at DTE Grants, an 'anonymous' donor, and ReLeaf Michigan, and Tree Detroit.

"This year, volunteers

from a block club helped to plant our DTE city grant trees. We can do more! I had brought to the City administration some time ago a grant for a tree count and examination of our tree canopy.

"Unfortunately, it was not something that was deemed a priority when I brought it forward a couple of years ago. This morning, I sent an inquiry to find out if that opportunity still exists for Hamtramck. I received an out-of-office reply with the notification that the individual that I was working with two-and-a-half years ago would be back at his

desk on July 30. I will follow up next week and see if we can again get on the list and make this a priority.

"City of Hamtramck Tree FAQ – This is a document I created a few years ago using a combination of frequently asked questions and our ordinance. Hopefully it will be a helpful starting point for you as you continue to think about this topic.

"Finally, what we all need to understand is that trees are good for our City. They provide social, communal, environmental, and economic benefits. ..."

Odds & Ends

Volunteers needed...

Renovation efforts are still ongoing at Hamtramck's top attraction site.

Hamtramck Disneyland, that wonderful collection of folk art and whirligigs created by Dmytro Szylak, is now in the care of the good folks

at the Hatch art collective.

Szylak died at age 92 three years ago, but his handiwork can still be seen at his former house on Klinger, which is now also under the care of Hatch.

The group is holding a volunteer day this Sun-

day (Aug. 12) from noon to 4 p.m. They will focus on fixing up the part that is on wheels so it can be used in the Hamtramck Labor Day Festival. They will also be doing some construction and deconstruction.

The site is located at 12087 Klinger.

Crime Watch ... Narcan, 'crotch rockets' and trash cans

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck police officers are now becoming proficient with a new set of skills.

Reviving drug overdose victims.

For the past few weeks the Police Department's daily incident reports have included several incidents where officers have come upon people overdosing on a drug.

The reports don't go into detail about what kind of drugs are being used, but thanks to a product called Narcan, officers have been successful in reviving the victims.

So what is Narcan? Technically it's a brand name for naloxone, which has been used in emergency rooms to halt the effects of opioid overdoses.

These days it comes as a nasal spray and it is administered by spraying it

up the nose of a drug overdose victim. It is now commonly carried by police officers and other first responders.

With the opioid crisis growing nationwide, the product has become common in use. Even some bars now have it on hand. However, even though a victim may be revived, they still need to get immediate medical help.

You can purchase Narcan over the counter at Walgreen's here in Michigan.

Also trending recently are motorcyclists driving crazy fast and refusing to be pulled over by police. Officers have either called off chasing them or have not even bothered since there is such a high chance for a serious accident to occur.

We're going to bet that these bikers are riding

what are commonly called "crotch rockets."

And finally, the theft of city-issued trash cans continue to plague the city. We have raised this question before, and no one seems to have an answer for it, but what are people doing with these stolen trash cans?

One explanation we heard, which made us chuckle, is that people are taking them to their cottages up north.

That begs the question: How many Hamtramckans can afford a cottage but are too cheap to buy their own garbage can?

Fortunately for those who are a victim of a trash can theft, the city will replace it for free as long as you have made a police report.

If anyone knows where these trash cans are ending up, give us a shout.

Metro news...

It's said that whatever happens to Detroit, so goes Hamtramck. Our friends over at modelmedia.com have been reporting on fascinating development projects for the past several years.

This week, with their permission, we are sharing one of their features:

A 19th Century Russian fable by Ivan Krylov called "The Inquisitive Man" is credited as being the origin of the phrase, "the elephant in the room." In the story, a visitor to a museum recounts to his friend all the tiny wonders he saw there — dragonflies, beetles, and gnats — without noticing the elephant.

In a small Detroit bungalow on Carpenter Street there is an elephant in the room. Two elephants, to be precise. Fully grown, but not fully formed, life-size paper-

mache reproductions of Asian elephants who will soon have the ability to walk, sway, and swing their trunks around.

The artists and performers at Carrie Morris Arts Production, or CMAP, are creating these behemoths from scratch, using wood and paper, old nylons and glue. These life-size puppets will be walking on stage for four performances at the New Center Park amphitheater July 27 to 29.

Since 2012, Carrie Morris, director and founder of CMAP, has brought her vision and passion for theatre and puppetry to the Detroit/Hamtramck neighborhood known as Bangaltown, where the CMAP house on Carpenter exists as a venue, studio, park, and community space.

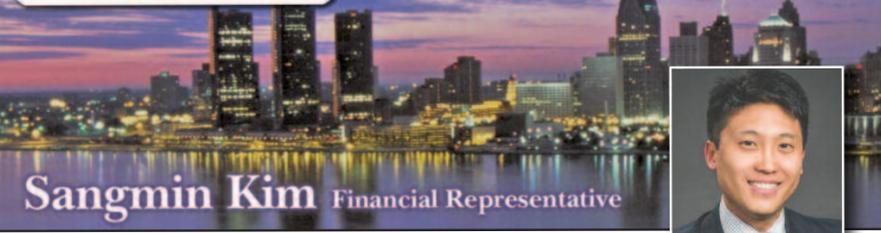
Performing a local story

a few miles from the main studio and venue is intrinsic to the mission and history of CMAP. Deeply rooted in its neighborhood, the theatre continues to tackle local stories and visions, whether it's dramatizing interviews from Detroit firefighters using an ancient Japanese puppetry style called Bunraku or collaborating live with neighbors the Bangla School of Music for a performance that took place in the window of their venue.

Morris, who has a lengthy history in puppetry and theater, describes CMAP as a "super local" troupe and venue that uses international puppet traditions.

After studying theater in both undergraduate and graduate school, she

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National Night Out celebrates public safety and showing city's finest



Scenes from Last Tuesday's National Night Out program, celebrating public safety.

By Charles Sercombe

This past Tuesday wasn't just about voting.

Hamtramck also took part in National Night Out during the evening. This event allows the public to meet and greet their public safety officers and firefighters.

Hamtramck's showcase was held in front of city hall and in Zussman Park.

The Fire Department parked one of its fire engines in front of city hall and allowed kids to climb in and explore the vehicle.

The department also

gave away little red plastic fire helmets to the kids.

The Police Department also allowed kids to sit in their vehicles, including a modified Humvee the city received from the federal government.

Kids also enjoyed playing "fowling" – a cross between football and bowling. A police officer joined in on the fun and tossed a football with some of the youths.

This was the 35th anniversary of the event.



Metro news...

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studied puppetry in Indonesia as a Fulbright grantee for a year, becoming immersed in the cultural significance and rich history of the art form of shadow puppetry known as Wayang. Morris borrows inspiration from many different puppet traditions, and utilizing forms from Japan, Indonesia, and the West for past shows.

The connecting thread is the telling of a story. "I really liked the idea of telling stories. And as audience members we put our emotions on these inanimate objects ... and believe that they live and have feelings," Morris says.

In traditional theater, a script is created or studied, actors may wear costumes or makeup or inhabit a stage with props and backgrounds. In puppetry, a whole different set of logistics are demanded. The puppeteers have to inhabit the puppets as well as use voice, narration, and the stage itself.

But it's also a huge engineering challenge, one that's magnified when working with life-sized elephants, the largest scale puppets CMAP has created. The performance, an all ages show sponsored by the Kresge Foundation and Midtown Detroit, is titled "Wanda and Winky Go To California." It's adapted from a children's book by Michigan author Linda McLean and based on the true story of the last two elephants of the Detroit

Zoo.

Puppeteer, musician, and performer Lindsay McCaw is patiently forming the elephant's head, stuffing nylons into the creature's nascent skull.

"Because we don't have a huge budget, we do a lot of scavenging for materials," says McCaw, who's been involved with puppetry since 2000. Before coming to Detroit, she performed with puppet theaters in Minnesota and Vermont.

CMAP taps into the the well of talent in Detroit to bring the puppets to life. Many performers, such as McCaw and performer and contributor Torri Lynn Ashford, have extensive experience performing with puppets in the area. And given the show she's creating, that talent is needed.

"The scale of the Wanda and Winky show is bigger than anything that we've done before," says Morris. "We're very lucky that there are a fair number of people in the area that have been available for us to work with."

CMAP is also very committed to place. In 2015, it collaborated with Hamtramck neighbors the Bangla School of Music for their Outdoor Summer Series to create shadow puppet shows in the window of their venue on Carpenter, using music composed and performed by the Bangla School of Music and their director and founder Akram Hossain.

By Glen Morren



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This week's Crime Log covers July 31-Aug. 6.

Tuesday, July 31

- At 3:30 a.m. a Clarkston resident was arrested for drunk driving and driving without a valid license.
- A Detroit resident was arrested for being wanted on an outstanding felony warrant.
- An employee of a Jos. Campau business reported someone stole her wallet from her purse.
- A Detroit resident reported suspicious circumstances that occurred in the 9100 block of Jos. Campau.

Wednesday, Aug. 1

- A resident reported being sprayed with mace by a family member.
- A resident in the 2600 block of Commor reported a break-in.
- A Caniff resident reported someone stole his vehicle.
- A Holbrook resident reported someone stole his city-issued trash can.
- A Whalen resident

was arrested for being wanted on an outstanding warrant.

- An Andrus resident reported someone damaged their garage door.
- A resident in the 2600 block of Holmes reported someone damaged their privacy fence which allowed their dog to escape the yard.
- A person reported they were sold a fake cellphone by a suspect in the area of Jos. Campau and Goodson.

Thursday, Aug. 2

- A resident reported her lost credit card was used at a local business.
- A juvenile that resides in the 3000 block of Hanley was reported missing. The juvenile was later reported to have returned home.
- A motorcycle driver fled from officers during a traffic stop.

Friday, Aug. 3

- A Dearborn resident was arrested in the 3200 block of Caniff for sexual

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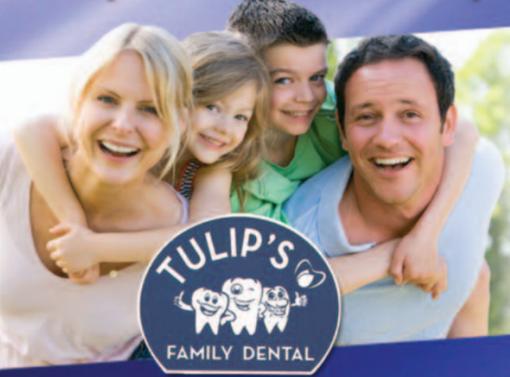
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assault.
 • A resident in the 3500 block of Caniff was arrested for misuse of 911 emergency service.
 • A resident on Lumpkin and a resident on Fleming both reported the theft of their cars.
 • Officers administered Narcan to a Detroit resident who was overdosing in a vehicle on Conant.
 • A mother was cited for child neglect after her 2- and 3-year-olds crossed the Caniff-Conant intersection alone.

Saturday, Aug. 4
 • A resident was arrested in the 3100 block of Holbrook for being disorderly.
 • A Detroit resident was arrested for various traffic offenses.
 • A resident was arrested for possessing open intoxicants while in public.
 • The owner of a business in the 10200 block of Jos. Campau reported a break-in.
 • A Harper Woods resident reported her car was stolen in the 3400 block of Holbrook.

• A resident reported the theft of items from his yard.

Sunday, Aug. 5
 • At a little after 11 p.m. a person was arrested in the 2300 block of Caniff for being disorderly. About 30 minutes later another person was arrested in the area of Caniff and Moran for also being disorderly.
 • At almost 1 a.m. a person was arrested in the area of Jos. Campau and Trowbridge for a narcotics offense.
 • At 2:30 a.m. a person was arrested for driving while impaired.
 • At 6:15 a.m. a motorcyclist fled from officers as they attempted to pull over the suspect.

Monday, Aug. 6
 • The city's ambulance service reported seeing a reckless driver in town.
 • Officers revived a drug overdose victim with Narcan.
 • A resident in the 3400 block of Carpenter reported the theft of their city-issued trash can.
 • A resident in the 11600 block of Lumpkin reported the theft of their city-issued trash can.
 • A Warren resident was arrested in a road rage incident in which two people were assaulted. The Warren resident also brandished a BB gun. He was arrested for driving without a valid license, having an expired license, assault and battery and possessing a replica firearm.
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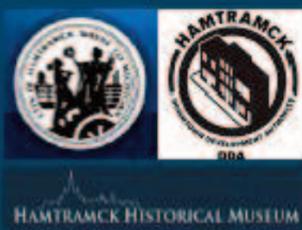
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