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**Quote of the week ...**

Who said this, and what is it about? You can find the quote and the story it belongs to somewhere in the pages of this issue.

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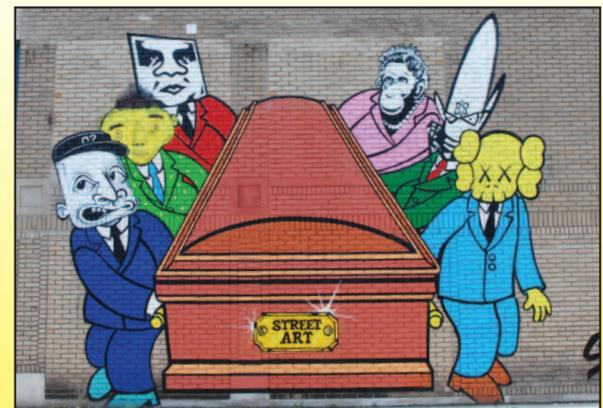
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**Mural still has some demanding it be removed**

**By Charles Sercombe**  
A change is coming. Or is it? There has been a renewed attack over a mural on a city-owned building in the southend. The mural was part of a recent citywide street art project that was sanctioned by the city. Out of the several murals painted by internationally-known artists, one painted on the side of a loft development at Goodson and Jos. Campau caused an immediate re-

sponse. The mural, created by an artist by the street name of "Sever," depicts six well-known – well-known at least to those familiar with the street art movement – cartoon characters carrying a coffin representing the death of ... street art. Huh? Apparently, the artist was making a statement about how street art is becoming increasingly "legitimate," and

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The controversy surrounding a mural on a city-owned building isn't over yet. City officials are being asked by some critics of the mural to remove it.

**Three Hamtramck men die in late-night car accident in New York**



**By Nargis Rahman**  
**Special to The Review**

A little after midnight, on Sunday going into Monday, Richard Hildebrand, 87, of New York, had been driving his SUV eight miles the wrong way on I-190 before he smashed into the Toyota Camry the Hamtramck men were travelling in, instantly killing Shofiu Alom, 20, and 21-year-olds Rezwan Chowdhury and Nazim Khan.

An estimated 2,000-2,500 mourners packed the Caniff Ave. mosque, and the area outside in the parking lot, for prayers.

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**Another one bites the dust**

**By Ian Perrotta**  
The revolving door of Hamtramck city managers keeps spinning. In a somewhat unexpected turn of events late last week, former Acting City Manager Erik Tungate resigned from his position and was replaced by current Finance Director Nervus Nazarko. Throughout the last week, rumors circulated that Tungate would either resign or be fired. On Tuesday (July 3) a special meeting to terminate Tungate and appoint Nazarko was called by City Councilmembers Bob Zwolak and Cathie Gordon. By Thursday, Tungate formally submitted a resignation letter stating he would remain with the city no later than August 30. However, on Friday another letter was submitted by Tungate which immediately tendered his resignation. He was not present at Friday's special meeting. Tungate was hired three months ago after the council abruptly fired City Manager Bill Cooper. With Tungate's resignation, Friday's (July 6) special meeting was effectively a "moot issue" – as described by City Attorney Jim Allen – as the meeting's sole resolution was to terminate Tungate and appoint Nazarko. "You can't really terminate someone who resigned," said Allen. "There's no sense in inviting liability that termination may approve." The meeting moved forward

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## Another one bites the dust

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after the resolution was amended to accept Tungate's resignation rather than terminate him, but started to stall when it became bogged down during a discussion of compensation. Thankfully for all involved, City Attorney Allen was there to keep things moving.

"Just accept the resolution and somebody for the love of god move to appoint Mr. Nazarko as Acting City Manager, because that's what we all want here anyway," he said.

With that, the talk about compensation was postponed until Tuesday's (July 10) council meeting. Before accepting his position, Nazarko was given a chance to address the council.

During his speech, Nazarko

said that he would have preferred to speak with the council first regarding their expectations for him, and vice versa in order to "establish a mutual understanding and then go into it," but ultimately he accepted the role on a temporary basis through the weekend, with a more official answer to come at the July 10 council meeting.

"We are at a crossroads as a city, financially, and there is a lot involved," he said. "No one in their right mind would want [this job]."

The council then voted unanimously to pass the resolution, with the exception of Mayor Karen Majewski and Councilmember Anam Miah, who were both absent. The discus-

sion of compensation was tabled until Tuesday's meeting, when it was held in closed session.

At Tuesday's meeting, the outcome of the closed session was made official by council when it was decided that Nazarko would receive a salary increase of \$250 per week for performing the duties of both Finance Director and Acting City Manager.

Additionally, when a permanent city manager is hired, Nazarko's salary for Finance Director will increase to the level of the police chief. The new amount will be an increase of a few thousand dollars per year.

When exactly a new city manager will be hired is still anyone's guess, but there is currently a search underway. Councilmembers Zwolak, Miah and Cathie Gordon, along with Mayor Majewski, are in charge of the process. But until then, the consensus around town is that people are more than satisfied with Nazarko.

Reached by phone, Tungate said "it was never my intent to stay there permanently."

Tungate had come under increasing criticism by some councilmembers, most notably Gordon and Zwolak.

Asked if he thought his ousting was politically-motivated, Tungate declined to comment. However, he did say: "The personal attacks were not right."

Tungate's departure comes at a time when the city is facing payless paydays and a \$3.5 million budget deficit by this time next year.

(Editor Charles Sercombe contributed to this report.)

## Recycled Treasures celebrates five years of helping the needy

By Alan Madeleine

It's hard to believe the giving's gone on for five full years already.

Well – coming up here next month, if you want to be precise.

That giving spirit emanates from 12101 Jos. Campau, the not-so-secret location of Recycled Treasures.

Run by Executive Director, Board Member and former City Councilperson/Mayor Pro Tem Catrina Stackpoole, the 501c3 non-profit corporation has the primary mission of providing low-cost second-hand furniture to the Hamtramck community, particularly those most vulnerable, and in the process saving usable things from going into landfills.

Stackpoole goes beyond that, to say that their mission is actually threefold: "We're still selling low-cost items to the public. We make emergency referrals for cases of documented need. And we give away all mattresses and kitchen appliances (they have a waiting list for those items)."

To qualify for emergency help, you must be a resident in the 48212 area code (which includes all of Hamtramck, and a few tiny bordering areas of Detroit), although occasionally exceptions are made for someone who, for example, works a low-paying job here within the zip code.

Many may already be aware that Recycled Treasures exist. One thing they may not know is that board members meet with a consortium of other Hamtramck charities, all of whom have been meeting once a month for the past 40 years. Recycled Treasures steers any emergency relief requests through this system, to help ensure it reaches the appropriate agency.

One of their other big things is to turn some donated pieces, for example those that may have outlived their initial utility, into art.

Calling their artisans the REDO Studio Crew, they've made garden art out of old glassware, lapel pins and jewelry out of old buttons and pearls, and house number signs from broken dishes, to name a few of their projects.

Originally conceived to "fill the gap, following the closing of the Friendship House Family Shop and Annex," according to their brochure, the people they help can include (but aren't limited to), people left homeless due to fires or other disasters, people just starting fresh after having had to live in shelters (or in prison), and other disadvantaged folk.

"We usually give them, at a minimum, a piece of furniture, a box full of kitchen

utensils, and a box of linens (sheets, pillowcases, towels, etc.)," Stackpoole said.

They also carry some higher-end vintage stuff that might appeal to your inner hipster, should you possess one. Or, even, know one.

So, what's new lately at Recycled Treasures? And what, if any, plans for a five-year celebration? Stackpoole is upbeat.

"Plans are in the works for a small celebration, on-site," she confirmed. Keep reading their ads in The Review for details.

As to anything new happening, she lists off a couple of things.

"We are making more recycled art now than when we first opened."

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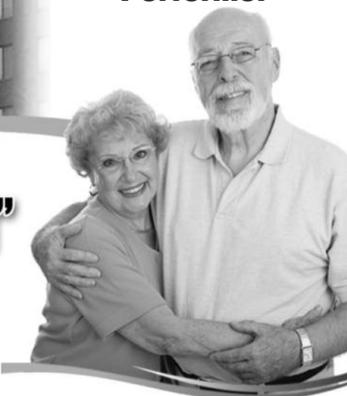
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**Town Hall Meeting of June 28, 2012** - Video of the City of Hamtramck last Town Hall Meeting has been released and is available at the library.

**Toddler Time at the Library** - Monday, July 16 at noon. Join us for story time, arts & crafts, games and other fun activities. This week's topic is Night Day! (Children must be accompanied by an adult.)

**ESL Class with Latisha Edge** - Monday, July 16 at 3 p.m. Intermediate ESL class conducted by Latisha Edge, free to the public.

**ESL Conversation Class** - Tuesday, July 17 at 4:30 p.m. Ms. Trisa conducts the English Conversation classes each Tuesday night. Free of charge to Hamtramck residents.

**Computer Classes for Beginners** - Tuesday, July 17 at 12 noon. Adults who would like to acquire basic computer skills can enroll in this free of charge course. Tom Zaworowski is the instructor.

**Summer Reading Program** - Wednesday, July 18 at 1 p.m. Special attraction for this week is a visit from Mr. Inflation with a program filled with fun and amazing things you can make with balloons.

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free of charge course. Tom Zaworowski is the instructor.

**ESL News for You** - Thursday, July 19 at 3 p.m. ESL reading and discussion class with Ms. Latisha. Free to the public.

**Computer Classes for Beginners** - Thursday, July 19 at 12 noon. Adults who would like to acquire basic computer skills can enroll in this free of charge course. Tom Zaworowski is the instructor.

**Friends of the Library Meeting** - Thursday, July 19 at 6 p.m. FHPL President Kathy Kristy and Treasurer George Gorday invite all members and volunteers to participate in the regular monthly meeting.

**ESL Class with Christine Templin** - Friday, July 20 at 11 a.m. Intermediate ESL class conducted by Christine Templin, free to the public.

**Summer Reading Program** - Wednesday, July 25 at 1 p.m. Mike Brophy will present his show starring creepy, crawly and slimy reptiles, followed by book selections and arts and crafts. All children are invited.

**Teen Club Meeting** - Friday, July 27, at 1 p.m. Teens are invited to join us for the kick-off meeting of the Teen Club.

**Meeting of the Library Board** - Thursday, August 8 at 6 p.m. Regular meeting of the Library Board will be held in the auditorium. Open to the public.

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# Second Front Page

## One arrested in shooting death of man

By Charles Sercombe

Police are still trying to find out why a 23-year-old man was shot to death early Tuesday morning.

As of Thursday, the day The Review went to press, one suspect was in custody. Police declined to identify the suspect until charges – if any – are filed.

According to investigators, Quintus Parham was shot down while running from one or more attackers around midnight at Grand Haven and Commor, right next to the Col. Hamtramck housing projects, said investigators.

There were reports that Parham had once lived in the projects, but according to housing sources he never rented an apartment there, although he had a girlfriend living there.

However, that was years ago, sources say.

Hamtramck Housing Director Kevin Kondrat said Parham had been in trouble before, but he declined to go into more detail.

“We’ve had contact with Quintus before,” Kondrat said. “He was involved in complaints from residents.”

By Tuesday afternoon, all

that remained at the scene of the shooting were two stuffed animals on top of a blood-stained sheet. A Jeep parked next to where police found Parham’s dead body had its back window shot out, apparently from the gunfire directed at Parham.

Parham reportedly has a 5-year-old child.

A woman at an apartment

near the shooting site said she knew Parham and said he “was just a nice young man.” The woman declined to identify herself.

At the crime scene, police officers arrested a man for disrupting the investigation. No further information was available on the matter.

This is the third homicide of the year in Hamtramck.



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## Smear campaign targets city councilmember

By Charles Sercombe

August Primary elections usually go by pretty quietly.

But this year’s primary has perked up a bit – if you can call it that – with at least one provocative smear campaign.

The target is Mohammed Hassan. A flyer was reportedly inserted in some issues of The Review, with a photo of Hassan being interviewed by a news station, and the quote “Let them die! Let them all die!” next to it.

The quote is factual. Over a year ago, Hassan said that to officers responding to a call he made. He was apparently upset that officers could not respond quicker because of a fight at a local bar.

Hassan was recorded by police officers saying that they should have let the patrons die.

There are also accusations that he has beaten his wife, and protects his supporters who like to “marry little girls.”

The flyer misspells Hassan’s first name, spelling it “Mohammad.”

Reached by phone, Hassan said he was aware of the flyer but denied the accusations. He also said that he is not concerned about the flyer.

“It’s not a big deal for me,” he said. “I’m dealing with a large number of people, not just a few.”

Hassan is a Hamtramck City Councilmember and is running for State Representative.

Hassan is among eleven candidates running for the open seat. Other Candidates from Hamtramck include Councilmember Robert Zwolak and Beverly Tran.

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# Review: Opinion Page

## In County Commission election, vote for SCOTT

This year's election for county commissioner offers some interesting choices for Hamtramck voters.

City Councilmembers Cathie Gordon and Tom Jankowski are among five challengers taking on incumbent Martha Scott.

Commissioner Scott has worn many hats in her 30-plus years in public service. She's been up against greater odds, but has managed to come out on top.

It's a pretty amazing track record. Through it all,

Scott has been a friend to Hamtramck and a proven ally.

It's curious that Gordon and Jankowski have decided to take her on. Did they enter the race to put their names out there for future campaigns?

Or do they have a sincere desire to serve the public?

We have usually advocated voting for a local candidate when the choice comes up. We think Gordon and Jankowski would serve the community well on the County Commis-

sion.

But we also believe that it's going to be one tough challenge to unseat Scott. Scott is fully entrenched in her district, which besides Hamtramck covers Highland Park and a slice of Detroit.

Her experience also speaks volumes.

While we don't think voters can go wrong with Gordon or Jankowski, we urge voters to stick with the tried and true, MARTHA SCOTT.

## Odds & Ends

**Batter up ...** Most Hamtramckans know who Art "Pinky" Deras is. Now, much of the rest of the baseball world is catching up.

Regarded by many, including just about everyone who saw him play, as the best little leaguer ever to pick up a glove, Deras is the subject of a documentary by Grosse Pointe filmmaker Brian Kruger called "The Legend of Pinky Deras: The Greatest Little Leaguer There Ever Was."

The film was nominated for an Emmy in the Best Historical Documentary category, and now expects to reach a breakout audience on the Major League Baseball Network, where it will screen for the first of hopefully multiple times on Saturday, July 28 at 1 p.m.

Deras' special claim to fame was bringing a national Little League World Series title to Hamtramck in 1959, when he dominated the sport like perhaps no one before, or since:

He pitched to an 18-0 record, which included not only an incredible 16 shutouts, but 10 of those shutouts as no hitters! In 108 innings, he struck out an unbelievable 298 batters – only 26 total outs, in those 18 games, were made in the field! He threw a ball 71 miles an hour – all this, at the age of 12.

Want more?

Not content with the pitching milestones, he hit .641 that year, with an astonishing 33 home runs and 112 runs batted in! His bat speed, as a 12-year-old, was timed at 105 mph. To put that in perspective, Mickey Mantle's bat speed, that year, was only 10 mph faster, at 115!

A big kid for his age (former teammate Mark Modich was quoted, in a 2010 Detroit News piece on Deras by writer Ted Kulfan, as saying "Artie was bigger, taller stronger" than the rest of the kids, "... a whole head bigger"), Deras

went on to lead many of those same kids to a Pony League title two years later, in 1961.

But, whereas a lot of ball players with potential were counseled to "get married, and quick have a kid," as Kruger said, to curtail the likelihood of being drafted, incredibly, no one was looking out for Deras, and the draft caught him. When he finished his duties, he could never recapture his previous glory.

Now in his mid-60s, is he bitter about the whole thing?

Find out on July 28 – or, buy the DVD for \$29.95 on filmmaker Kruger's website ([www.stunt3.com](http://www.stunt3.com)), or here in town at the Polish Art Center.

And no, the Polish Art Center is not named for Art Deras. Although, maybe it should be!

**Robbed ...** The good folks at Lo and Behold on Jos. Campau near Belmont recently became a crime victim. Here's

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## Recycled Treasures celebrates five years of helping the needy

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And, on top of the gently used mattresses they give away, "We've applied for a grant, and are hopeful that it will go through, to support a program involving brand-new mattresses," she says.

"They would only be marked up a small amount, and those small profits would support giving away every sixth one, free, to someone who could desperately use one. We've got a lot of kids sleeping on floors in the city," she adds.

Speaking of which – isn't there a concern with giving away the used ones, what with the increase in bedbugs reported over the last few years?

Stackpoole responds: "We're pretty selective about who we accept donations from. So far, we've had no problems with bedbugs, at least not that we've ever heard about," she said.

Think you might have a little time to help them out? They're always looking for potential new boardmembers, general volunteers, artists, and especially, right now in

particular, a handyman or repair person.

"We are in rather desperate need of a repair person for simple furniture repairs," Stackpoole said. "We only have a very small paid staff. Everything else is volunteer-driven."

As of last November, they had donated almost \$13,000 dollars worth of emergency items to needy people. That makes them truly a worthy cause – in a town that can use a little help, now and again.

Recycled Treasures is lo-

cated at 12101 Jos. Campau, on the west side of the street near Botsford. Their phone number is (313) 826-7158. Note that they are only open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. They're currently offering an extra 10 percent off their goods, any time the inside temps in the un-air-conditioned building go over 80 degrees, and also, free clothing right now -- while supplies last. They do close if temperatures get over 90 in there: They're no dummies!

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# Mural still has some demanding it be removed

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as a result, is now dead. Locally, that obscure message seems to have been lost in translation. Not soon after the mural went up, resident Mickey Pokoj circulated a petition around the southend signed by people who wanted the mural removed. Some thought the coffin depicted the death of Hamtramck. He said the depiction of death was inappropriate for public art. "It should be put back to the way it was," he told city councilmembers a few weeks ago at a council meeting. His crusade against the mural was met by a counter-petition by those who supported the mural. That was several weeks ago, but the issue reared up again at Tuesday's city council meeting. Pokoj again insisted the mural has to go, and is waiting for an answer from the city council about its fate. The subject of murals is probably not high on the council's list of things to tackle, considering that city government is in transition. Acting City Manager Erik Tungate submitted his resignation last Friday, and the city council agreed to accept the resignation at a special meeting that night. The council was about to fire Tungate anyway. In the interim, Finance Director Nevrus Nazarko has been appointed the new Act-

ing City Manager. Flash forward to Tuesday's council meeting, and Nazarko agreed to discuss the issue, at council's prompting, with Jason Friedmann, the city's Director of Community & Economic Development, and the city's point person for the art project. Still with us? Friedmann has defended the controversial mural, but has also agreed that if there is enough outcry from the community to remove the mural, so be it. However, he said he would not be "bullied" into removing the mural, and that there are just as many people in the community who support it, including the council – at least the council from several weeks ago. Still with us? After Tuesday's meeting, there was still plenty of discussion left. Bill Meyer, the former Chairman of the city's Human Relations Commission, accused Friedmann of being insensitive of the city's southend residents. Friedmann countered saying – now get this – the mural will be "changed." So, what does "changed" mean? Contacted on Wednesday, Friedmann stressed that it is up to the council to decide, and not "because one person is loud about it." Stay tuned, this issue is far from dead.

# Three Hamtramck men die in late-night car accident in New York

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The driver, Burhanur Rahman, 22, and Hildebrand are in critical condition at Erie County Medical Center in Buffalo. Police said it appeared one or both of the cars tried to dodge the other. At least two drivers called state police to report Hildebrand was driving the wrong way. Authorities believe Hildebrand, a regular driver, was confused during his eight-mile drive. Investigators have yet to release details of why he was driving so late by himself. The four Hamtramck men left Saturday morning for a trip to Niagara Falls, and were headed to Buffalo to a mosque before the accident. Families said at least three of them purchased matching white T-shirts to wear during the trip. The families retrieved the bodies of the three deceased men Tuesday afternoon. They said the young men appeared in a peaceful slumber. Burial services proceeded Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. for Alom and Khan, and at 5 p.m. for Chowdhury at the Woodmere Cemetery in Detroit. Nazmul Hassan, chairman of the Bangladeshi American Democratic Caucus in Michigan, said he was heartbroken by the news in a mass e-mail to Bangladeshi-Americans Tuesday morning. "I ask our community people to keep the departed ones and the families who lost their loved ones in their prayers," said Hassan. Chowdhury worked as a cashier at Bonoful Sweets & Cafe for the past year. Khan



Nazim Khan



Rezwan Chowdhury



Shofiu Alom

worked at NYX in Livonia for the past seven months, according to a co-worker. Alom came from Bangladesh over a week ago to visit his father, Shahjan Miah, who is on life support from an unrelated car accident. Community members have visited the families upon hearing the news. The young

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# Odds & Ends

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# School board goes with experience to fill empty seat

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck's new school boardmember has a familiar face.

That's because it's former Boardmember Alan Shulgon. Shulgon was selected Wednesday evening to replace Elizabeth Zwolak, after she recently announced her resignation.

Shulgon was one of three candidates seeking the open seat.

It wasn't an easy choice for Boardmembers Titus Walter, Yvonne Myrick, Hedy Shulgon and Magdalena Srodek (Boardmember Eric Burkman was absent).

Walters and Srodek were concerned about Alan being appointed, since he is married to Boardmember Hedy Shulgon.

"I have a hard time with two people living in the same house," Walters said.

Hedy Shulgon assured her colleagues that there won't be a problem with serving on the board with her husband.

"Don't hold it against him that we're married," she said in reference to her husband. "I am a very independent person, believe me."

She also noted that both of them served on the board previously.

Nasr Hussain was the first to recommend Shulgon over the other two candidates, retired Hamtramck school teacher Dennis Lukas and Darla Swint.

"He's the most experienced, and he's been on the board before," Hussain said.

Alan Shulgon had been on the board for nine years before being booted out of office in a politically-charged recall campaign that ousted two others as well. Shulgon has attempted to come back to the board in the past few elections, but fell just shy of making it each time.

It took Srodek about 15 minutes to make up her mind in a roll call vote, prompting Hussain to urge her to decide.



**Former School Boardmember Alan Shulgon was appointed Wednesday evening to fill the seat vacated by Elizabeth Zwolak.**

"I don't want to voice a vote if I'm not comfortable with it," she said. And then at one point she snapped at Hussain's persistent urging, saying: "I'm taking my time to make a decision."

She was torn between Shul-

gon and Swint. (Lukas had been eliminated upon mutual agreement of the board.)

Finally, after an awkward silence, Srodek said she was ready to vote and cast her support for Shulgon.

However, Shulgon was still one vote short.

The board then faced a dilemma: If they failed to choose a candidate on their own, then the decision-making would be turned over immediately the next day to Wayne RESA, a regional education source for schools.

Not wanting to go that route, Walters volunteered to change his vote from against Shulgon to supporting him.

The board also voted on Swint, who also fell one vote short. No one agreed to change their vote for Swint, which meant Shulgon won the open seat.

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By Alan Madeleine

Crime Log is a compilation of the most interesting or newsworthy items as selected from the Hamtramck Police Department's Intelligence Reports from between the dates of Wednesday, July 4, and Wednesday, July 11.

### From Wednesday, July 4:

A woman was arrested for receiving and concealing a vehicle that had been reported stolen, following a traffic stop at Conant and Casmere at about 12:15 a.m. The car was then impounded, and Detroit Police were notified of the vehicle's recovery.

A woman reported that her brother's 2001 Chevrolet Impala, license plate number BKF9893, was taken from the 11600 block of Charest sometime between June 29 at 11 p.m. and June 30 at 9 a.m. No word on why the delay in reporting the crime.

A man reported that he was assaulted and robbed by three Arabic males while in the alley north of Caniff near McDougall earlier today, between midnight and 1 a.m. Reported taken from him were two silver chain-link bracelets, his cell phone, and his wallet containing his Bank of America debit card.

A man reported the theft of his 1999 Chevy Tahoe SUV, license plate 1BAX22, from the 2700 block of Florian earlier today at approximately 3:30 a.m.

A man reported that someone opened an insurance policy in his name, and then collected on a claim for a house in the 12800 block of Klinger in Detroit. The man stated that he does not own a home in Detroit, and never took out any policy through this insurer.

Patrolling officers arrested a man after they observed him sleeping in a 2002 Toyota with an open 40-ounce bottle of malt liquor at Jos. Campau and Evaline. The car exhibited damage consistent with having been stolen, and also heavy front-end accident damage, which appeared recent. The vehicle was registered to someone in Dearborn Heights. It was impounded.

While investigating a disturbance in the 3300 block of Edwin, responding officers arrested a Caniff St. resident on an outstanding Hamtramck warrant, as well as for public intoxication and trespassing.

A woman reported the theft of her 2003 Dodge Durango SUV, license plate number BMZ5344, at about 6:15 p.m. Officers were able to recover this SUV for her, sitting unoccupied at Jos. Campau and Evaline a short while later.

### From Thursday, July 5:

A man was arrested after a woman reported that he broke into her home in the 11500 block of Fleming and passed out on the kitchen floor, where responding officers found him, still in the same spot.

A woman living in the 3900 block of Trowbridge re-

ported being assaulted by a man known to her, who lived across the street. The man then fled the area.

A man stated that he was intentionally struck with a "roman candle" type of firework by a man known to him, while he was walking in the area of Holbrook and Mitchell.

A man living in the 2700 block of Evaline reported the theft of his vehicle, which was not described in any way in the report.

A man living somewhere on Miller reported a break-in, followed by a subsequent attempt at the theft of his refrigerator at about 6:15 p.m. on this date.

### From Friday, July 6:

At 4 p.m., officers arrested a man attempting to cash a fraudulent check at a store in the 12100 block of Conant.

### From Saturday, July 7:

A man reported that someone threw a rock at his 2002 Ford Taurus, damaging the rear passenger window, at about 12:30 a.m. back on July 3 near the area of Casmere and Fleming. It is unknown why he waited four days to report the incident.

At 12:10 p.m., a woman living in an apartment in the 12000 block of Selfridge stated that someone broke in sometime yesterday between 5 a.m. and midnight, taking her laptop computer and all the frozen food out of the refrigerator.

Officers took a report of someone using their vehicle to strike two Florian St. residents in the 2200 block, after an argument over the ownership of a cat. The victims refused EMS assistance.

### From Sunday, July 8:

Officers arrested a passenger of a 2006 Land Rover, which had initially been stopped for a traffic infraction at Caniff and Lumpkin, after the man fled on foot. He was arrested for an outstanding 16th Circuit Court (Macomb County) warrant related to a break-in. Suspected marijuana, plus some currency, were recovered at the scene.

Officers arrested a resident of Selkirk for larceny from a building, after he stole money from the tip jar at a pizza carry-out business in the 10200 block of Conant. The man was also cited for obstructing officers and for public urination.

### From Monday, July 9:

A man was arrested at a gas station in the 9500 block of Conant for disturbing the peace by refusing to leave the area, and then also for providing false information to officers.

### From Tuesday, July 10:

A man was killed in the street at about 12:28 a.m., after being chased by one or more gunman to the area of Commor and Selfridge, and shot multiple times. One suspect is being described as a black male, wearing all black including a black mask. This (or, these) suspect(s) then fled

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in a dark blue, 4-door car, possibly a Hyundai (see separate story, p. 3).

In a related incident, a man was then arrested just before 4 a.m. at that same Commor/Selfridge location for obstructing police, after he walked into the crime scene and then refused to leave.

Someone reported that 27 laptop computers were taken from a school in the 2300 block of Alice sometime between July 3 at 12:30 a.m. and yesterday at 8 a.m.

A woman reported the theft of two Kent bicycles, a Razor scooter and a Huffy scooter from an address in the 2900 block of Roosevelt, sometime between yesterday at 10:30 p.m. and today at 8 a.m.

A man reported that another man had attempted to assault him back on July 9 at about 11 p.m., at an address in the 2600 block of Pulaski.

**From Wednesday, July 11:**

A man, address not given, reported that someone broke into his 2005 Dodge Ram pickup truck and stole an Apple iPad laptop computer.

In addition, during this time period, officers made the following arrests: (During traffic stops) one for possession of heroin, one for possession of narcotics paraphernalia, one for marijuana (and driving without ever obtaining a license); one for assault; three for outstanding Hamtramck warrants, plus one for a felony warrant; another including public intoxication and trespass, and two others including driving on suspended licenses, as well as one made at Dickerson jail and one brought in by CN Railroad Police; four arrests for presenting officers with fraudulent auto insurance, and two more for driving on suspended licenses.

They took reports of four other assaults (where one party was known to the other) and one where that was unclear; took reports of five au-

tomobile accidents, plus another with injuries, two more that were hit-and-runs, and one involving property damage; took reports of two incidents of the same business receiving counterfeit checks; one report of harassment by the internet and two by phone; one

report of theft of property by someone known to the victim, and well as three cases where the suspect wasn't known.

Finally, officers recovered one stolen vehicle and one stolen wallet in separate incidents; transported three persons for committal; investigated an open door on an abandoned house; completed a Michigan Liquor Con-

trol Commission inspection on a bar in the 2700 block of Yemans; took a report of a suspicious situation at a strip mall in the 9000 block of Jos. Campau; and notified the DPW about three separate instances of traffic lights out due to severe weather or heat, as well as a large fallen tree blocking a sidewalk in the 11700 block of Moran.

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