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### Quick Hits

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### This week in history

- Martha Washington Theatre was demolished in 1984. A sad end to the golden age of Hamtramck's nightlife.

- A Memorial Mass was held in 1966 for Vietnam War casualties.

- Hamtramck's oldest resident Elizabeth Pyzik died in 1975 at the age of 105.

Source: Hamtramck Historical Commission

## — HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

# What's 'IN' and 'OUT' this year? Read on

By Charles Sercombe

We don't know about you, but for many folks the year 2010 just flat out sucked.

The economy was still in the crapper, more people lost their jobs or homes, we lost too many good friends and if summer got just a degree hotter it would have made Hades look like a vacation.

Can we collectively say "Good Riddance" to the last 12 months?

Unfortunately, the year 2011 isn't looking like an improvement, but we are going to remain optimistic. At least until the end of next week.

So with that in mind, let's see what's "IN" and what's "OUT" for the coming 12 months. And remember we are totally being a smart ass.

**"IN"**  
The Hamtramck Labor Day Festival rocks with local, volunteer organizers and wide community support.

**"OUT"**  
Those same local volunteers after being dissed by City Councilmember Cathie Gordon. Uh ... anyone out there who wants to work



Above: Last year's Hamtramck Labor Day Festival was a smashing success, thanks to local volunteers. That job may be open this year thanks to some dissing from City Councilmember Cathie Gordon. Below: The good news is that another round of a major housing construction/rehab is underway. The bad news is the housing market is still in the dumps.



endless hours and all Labor Day weekend long for no pay? The line forms over .. oh never mind.

**"IN"**  
Hamtramck's good old political in-fighting that has endured despite endless promises from elected officials to "work together" and other clichés too numerous to mention.

**"OUT"**  
Those gushy and over-the-top promises of "working together" and being there for the people from some – and we mean just some – of the folks holding elected office. C'mon, who were you kidding?

**"IN"**  
That steady drum beat of fiscal doom beating ever louder for the public schools. Will the leadership of the teachers' union wake up and accept contract concessions? Will the so-called leader(s) even tell his/their membership what is being offered?

**"OUT"**  
Teachers and other employees who will be out of a

# Once again, rumors fly about Kowalski Co. moving out

By Charles Sercombe

Once again, rumors have spread through town in the past few weeks that one of Hamtramck's oldest businesses – if not the oldest – is pulling the plug on its famous neon sign and is relocating.

As it turns out, there is a kernel of truth that the Kowalski Sausage Co. has made overtures to relocate to a vacant building in Madison Heights, according to a recent C&J news report.

City officials also said they recently met with the head of the company, Mike Kowalski, to see what it would take to keep the business located in Hamtramck. Kowalski did not return a call for comment and

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## Town hall meeting to dispel rumors

Money, it's a gas  
Grab that cash with both hands  
And make a stash  
— Pink Floyd, "Money"

By Charles Sercombe

Hamtramck officials took the city's financial woes to the people Thursday evening.

A town hall meeting was held after we went to press Thursday. From what we heard on the streets, it was likely that the meeting was packed with residents curious and worried about what is going to happen to Hamtramck.

The meeting was suggested by first-term City Councilmember Kazi Miah, who had stressed in his campaign for office to make the community more involved in decision-making.

City Manager Bill Cooper has been warning anyone who will listen – but more pointedly toward the city's labor unions – that the city will be broke by March. That means there will be no money for employee payroll or to pay bills.

But before that happens,

## Should Hamtramck even exist? A question for some

By Charles Sercombe

What's one question that rattles Mayor Karen Majewski these days?

Try this one: "Why should Hamtramck exist?"

That's the question she's been asked by the editorial boards of the Free Press and Detroit News, as well as by state treasury officials. They ask that question in the context of Hamtramck's financial crisis and plea to file for bankruptcy.

"How do you answer that?" said Majewski, who is known to be able to articulate a good sentence on the fly.

It's not so much as a loss for words but a reaction to how anyone can think that. For Hamtramckans, there are too many reasons to exist as a separate city. Our long and rich legacy for one.

But to some, Hamtramck as a separate municipality doesn't make sense. The unspoken thing is why not merge Hamtramck – and presumably neighboring Highland Park, which is financially unstable –

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# Town hall meeting to dispel rumors

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Cooper and city officials have been asking state officials to allow the city to file for bankruptcy. So far, state officials have denied that request and have instead offered the city four loan options.

Cooper has declined a loan, saying it will delay having to deal with the city's underlying financial problems as well as add more debt to the city.

But that reply from the state was when Gov. Granholm was still in office. With Gov. Rick Snyder now in charge, it's anyone's guess what option will be available to the city.

Cooper said he will ask for a meeting with the new administration within a week.

In the meantime, it was hoped that Thursday's meeting with residents would clear the air for some, and also give city officials a better idea of what the public wants.

Mayor Karen Majewski said one reason to also hold the meeting was to dispel rumors and misinformation going around.

"We want people to know here are the facts, here are the options," she said.

One person spreading a sensational take on things came from former city appointee Bill Meyer.

Meyer was once the head of the city's Human Relations Commission. He is now the executive director of a group called OneHamtramck. In an email he sent out on Wednesday urging people to attend Thursday's meeting, he started out saying: "The drastic attempt to bankrupt the city has brought national attention to Hamtramck and prompted the state to urge an emergency loan."

Contrary to Meyer's claim, city officials are trying to file for bankruptcy protection to allow city employee con-

tracts to be re-negotiated. Cooper said he needs the unions, particularly the police and fire unions, to allow him to purchase a less expensive health insurance plan.

He said health insurance costs have risen each year, the last shooting up by 40 percent.

Hamtramck's financial health seemed to be in fine shape over a year ago. But then the City of Detroit started to withhold tax revenues from the GM Poletown plant. Since the plant straddles both Hamtramck and Detroit, Hamtramck receives a portion of the property taxes.

Detroit is claiming it has overpaid Hamtramck for the past several years by over \$7 million. Hamtramck has since sued Detroit for payment. The case, however, could drag on for years, and there is no guarantee Hamtramck will prevail.

# Should Hamtramck even exist? A question for some

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with Detroit?

It's a concept that has been raised before – and feared by city officials and residents. But, in the past, Hamtramck has always been able to pull out of its financial crises. This time, though, it's looking pretty dicey, considering that the whole region and state are facing grim financial times.

And to top it off, there's a new governor now who has been quoted saying cities and public school districts need to merge services.

Gov. Rick Snyder is also going after the pay and benefit packages of public employees on the state, county and city levels. Although he's not talking specifics, it may be safe to assume the worse.

Consider, too, he's Republican, from Ann Arbor

and not part of the political machine in Lansing. Does Rick Snyder care all that much about Hamtramck? Has he ever visited here?

With Detroit facing an irreparable multi-million dollar deficit, it might be better for the state to deal with that city by also merging Hamtramck and Highland Park into one big problem.

But how the state could possibly do this raises a number of legal questions, namely does the state even have the authority to make such a bold move?

So what can Hamtramck do to stave off this possibility of a merger?

Hamtramck is facing a \$3 million deficit come the end of January. The city has to find ways to both cut expenses and

raise revenue. It can do both.

Cutting expenses would require city employees – including police officers and firefighters – to agree to contract concessions.

On the revenue side, the City Council would have to gather the political will to raise the city's property tax rate to the legal limit. Voters may even have to agree to an additional tax hike to cover costs.

Had enough with taxes? Consider what would happen if we were merged with Detroit. You could expect to pay even more taxes since its rate is 24 tax mills higher than Hamtramck's.

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## Hamtramck's financial woes attract widespread media attention

By Charles Sercombe

In case you haven't noticed, Hamtramck has been in the news lately.

The city's attempt to file for bankruptcy drew the attention of the local and national press. The New York Times parachuted a reporter here, as did the Wall Street Journal. National TV reports were also done.

The guy who was all over the news was City Manager Bill Cooper. He may just be the most famous small town city manager there is. You'd think that might be an ego

stroke, but Cooper concedes all this attention could come back to bite him.

After all, the point of these stories is that the city has failed financially – but not necessarily because of Cooper. In the long run though, people might only remember Cooper for the bad part.

"I'll either be the hero or the goat," Cooper said of what people might think of his attempt to seek bankruptcy protection before the city actually goes broke. It's

an unheard of move by any city, and it certainly gained the media's attention lickity-split.

The common thread of the media stories is that Hamtramck is much like that proverbial canary in a coal mine: What is happening to us is about to happen to many other cities nationwide as the national economy continues to slump.

People are out of work, house values have plummeted and companies continue to go out of business. That all adds up to commu-

nities losing tax revenues, while pension and labor costs continue to rise.

Cooper's strategy to file for bankruptcy protection is key to being able to rip up union contracts and renegotiate for more affordable health insurance plans and other concessions.

Hero or goat.

There's a lot riding on how this thing will play out. We have a feeling the national media eye is still looking at us very closely.

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has ignored past calls for comment as well.

City officials said they could not talk in detail about what was discussed with Kowalski, but did confirm that there is a good chance that tax and development incentives are on the table.

The Kowalski Co. recently celebrated its 90th anniversary. According to its web-

site, over 200 employees work at the plant, and 75 different food products are sold.

In the past, city officials have said the company needs to expand its plant, and consolidate its three production buildings into one. Hamtramck has vacant land that could be developed with the use of special

"Brownfield" tax incentives offered by the state.

Tax-wise, Hamtramck would suffer a minor loss in revenue if Kowalski indeed moves out of the city. According to city records, which are public records, the company paid \$24,600 in property taxes last year and \$18,500 from income taxes.

## This week at the library...

**ESL Class for Beginners** - Saturday, January 8 at 10:30 a.m. Christine Templin is the instructor for the ESL class for beginners. Everyone is invited. Free to the public.

**Storytime for Children** - Saturday, January 8 at noon. All children are invited to storytime featuring, "Wild About Books" by Judy Sierra. Afterwards, we will show you how to be an author too.

**Computer Classes for Beginners** - Tuesday, January 11 at 11:30 a.m. Basic instructions on computer use for beginners will be held on Tuesdays. Number of participants is limited to available computers.

**Reading and Conversation for ESL Students** - Tuesday, January 11 at 5:30 p.m. Jide Aje is the instructor for the reading and conversation ESL classes.

**Math Club Meeting** - Tuesday, January 11 at 4 p.m. Mr. Nuo is the instructor for the math club and math tutoring.

**Movie Wednesday** - Wednesday, January 12 at 3:30 p.m. Every Wednesday is movie day at the library. Come and enjoy our feature presentation, which includes free popcorn and snacks.

**Computer Classes for Intermediate Users** - Thursday, January 13 at 11:30 a.m.

Adults with basic computer skills can enhance their computer literacy each Thursday at the library. Number of participants is limited to available computers.

**Winter Teen Club** - Thursday, January 13 at 5 p.m. Members of the Teen Club will be making their own photo memory boxes to save all the good memories from 2010. Everyone is invited to join.

**Jeopardy at the Library** - Thursday, January 13 at 4 p.m. Sign up and participate in Jeopardy games held on Thursdays at the library. Compete against friends, win prizes and have fun developing your knowledge skills.

**Meeting of the Library Board** - Tuesday, January 13 at 6 p.m. Regular meeting of the Library Board will be held in the auditorium. Open to the public.

**Friends of the Library Meeting** - Thursday, January 20 at 6:30 p.m. FHPL President Kathy Kristy and Treasurer George Gorday, invite all members and volunteers to participate in the regular monthly meeting and election meeting of the FHPL.

**Special Thanks for donations:** Rahiel Housey-Johnson, DVD's; Rose Fisher, books; A. Curley, books.

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# Second Front Page

## Sidewalk construction mostly finished . . . for now

By Ian Perrotta

Lately, walking down the city's streets has been a little safer.

After the final installation of new traffic lights on Caniff was delayed for months due to a dispute between contractors, the gaping holes left in the wake of the disagreement have finally been filled. However, the work isn't finished just yet.

Because of the winter weather, the dangerously large – and deep – holes were filled with a material called cold patch, which is an asphalt material that is used when temperatures are too low to allow concrete to dry. When things warm up, workers will return to dig up the cold patch and fill the holes with concrete.

The dispute erupted just before the work was scheduled to be completed earlier this year. The company in charge of installing the wiring for the lights' held up construction when it had problems with its contract. But because the money for the repair work came from the federal government, the



The gaping holes found throughout the city's sidewalks have finally been filled. After a contract dispute delayed final work for months, the holes were patched with a substance called cold patch. Workers will return in the spring to dig up the cold patch and replace it with concrete.

city had no leverage in forcing the company to finish the job.

"They have to butt heads until somebody gets a headache," said Department of Public Works Director Marty Ladd, "but now it's

back to work."

In other street-side news, construction on the sidewalks of Jos. Campau will continue for another month or so. The road is undergoing routine maintenance work on its gas

lines, which should be completed in a few weeks. But like the other repairs happening throughout the city, workers will return in the spring to give the holes a more permanent concrete finish.

## TV series 'Detroit 1-8-7' pulls into town for a quickie

By Charles Sercombe

For about the third time, the Detroit-based television drama "Detroit 1-8-7" set up cameras here in Hamtramck.

On Wednesday, the production crew for the ABC show shot scenes at the Shadow Bar (or is it Ice Bar?) and during the night more scenes outside on Jos. Campau.

In previous shoots here, scenes were shot at Three Star Bar-B-Cue and also at other locations along Jos. Campau.

It's unclear if any Hamtramckans have been picked to be extras. There was some spillover for Maria's Comida Mex-Asian Fusion, which was right next-door to the action.

Actors Michael Imperioli and Jon Michael Hall ate dinner there, despite having access to free catered food. Co-owner Marie Pronko said they stayed for over an hour and talked with the staff, customers and even Mayor Karen Majewski who just happened to be there for a business meeting.

"They were a great group, "we were thrilled," Pronko said.

Pronko was especially, ah, thrilled about hunky, tough guy Michael Imperioli stopping by.

"I hoped I would get to see him. That was a real treat," she said.

And in gossipy celebrity



What looks like some actors, or perhaps extras, or maybe just members of the production crew, of the TV drama series "Detroit 1-8-7" cross the street from the Shadow Bar where scenes were shot on Wednesday.

news reporting tradition, here's what Michael Imperioli had to eat: the vegetarian quesadillas.

Huh? A vegetarian dish? Who knew?

Hall had the marinated chicken tacos.

Community Economic & Development Director Jason Friedmann said the city also gets to bask in the TV limelight, by being able to collect permit fees and tax revenue from the visits.

He also said that Hamtramck has gained a reputation as a city that makes it hassle free to work here – unlike other nearby communities we won't mention.

Unfortunately, it looks like the show may not see a second season as its ratings continue to go down, according to those who report on such things.

Hint to producers: There's a certain local newspaper editor just right for this series, and he has plenty of experience playing the role of a boozing, crackpot journo.

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## City Hall Insider ...

What is our City Council up to these days? We have the scoop and the highlights – as well as the lowlights – of the latest council meeting.

Believe it or not, the City Council met three days after Christmas, on Dec. 28, but the meeting lasted for only 30 minutes. We were unable to attend the meeting because our publishing deadline was moved up. But thanks to the folks at Hamtramckstar.com, we were able to listen to the meeting. However, the quality of the recording was so bad, at least on our end, it was nearly impossible to decipher what folks had to say.

So ... needless to say, here's a real short version of what happened.

During the public's portion to speak, former city official Robert Zwolak, as usual, had something to say. He questioned the on-

going expenditures the city is paying to attorneys involved in a housing discrimination lawsuit that many folks think was settled a couple of years ago.

He also questioned why the city is paying City Attorney James Allen over \$8,000 for the city's attempt to get state approval to file for bankruptcy.

City Attorney James Allen had plenty to say about both subjects.

Allen said that the housing discrimination lawsuit is not over yet, and that the city is still required to build more housing units. Until that task is deemed over by the court overseeing the case, the beat goes on.

And just how long will that take? City Manager Bill

Cooper said it could be two-to-three years before the matter is settled. Until that time, over 100 more housing units will be built or refurbished from existing housing stock.

And yes, this couldn't be a worse economic climate for a major housing development.

Fortunately for Hamtramck, there are several state, county and federal revenue streams funding the project.

As for attorney fees for the city's attempt to file for bankruptcy, Allen said legal preparation for the matter was above and beyond what the city retainer provides.

Hey, that's all we have for this week.

## Coming Events

**JANUARY 8, Saturday, 2 – 4 p.m.** The Monthly Soup Kitchen at Holy Cross Parish, located Pulaski at Fleming, is open to the public. All are welcome.

**JANUARY 12, Wed., 11 a.m.** – The Daughters of Isabella Mystical Rose Circle 736 will meet at Our Lady Queen of Apostles' Activity Center, entrance on Harold St.

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# Review: Opinion Page

## Hamtramck is running out of time for Gov. Snyder to decide

Now that we're into a new year, city officials should take a step back and make plans for the coming 12 months.

On top of that list of things to plan for is where exactly does Hamtramck want to go, financially-speaking? Should we still go into bankruptcy or accept a loan from the state? If we seek a loan, will the new Gov. Snyder administration even agree to one?

There are some tough questions facing city officials. What's frustrating, however, is the utter lack

of specifics coming from Snyder. We know he has a lot on his plate, and he has to first flesh out his administration.

But on the other hand, he's had enough time already during his transition period to come up with a plan about Hamtramck. Or at least a response.

There is a lot of bi-partisan hope that Snyder (a Republican) will succeed. We couldn't be more agreement in with that because many issues facing the state of Michigan transcend party politics – at least to a point.

In our view, Snyder got a free pass during this past election. While he may indeed have good ideas, he shared precious few of them. He spoke mostly in generalities during the election, and he still hasn't talked about what exactly he plans to do.

Hamtramck is running out of time. In several weeks it will be broke and unable to meet employee payroll or pay its bills. Here's hoping that Snyder will take action well before that happens.

## Letters • Letters

### Deal or no deal? Keep your sidewalks clear, or else

Hamtramck is a walking city. Many people, young and old, walk for enjoyment or necessity.

People walk their pets. People walk to the store, to doctor appointments, to school, to church, to the bars, etc. It's much more difficult to walk, however, when the sidewalks are snowy and/or icy. Usually, the ice is a result of the thawing and refreezing of the uncleared snow.

And the Safe Routes to School Program doesn't mean anything when the sidewalks are treacherous. All

that money and all those repairs – wasted.

As I'm writing this, the sidewalks are clear and the sun is peeking out. Therefore, the next time it snows, it would be much easier to keep your sidewalk clear. The next time it snows, please go out and sweep or shovel if you are able.

If your neighbor is unable to sweep or shovel due to age or health, how about lending a helping hand? If you have a snowblower, would it be that much more difficult to clear the sidewalk from corner to

corner of your street?

People that do not keep their sidewalks clear just do not care about their own property or the safety of others. So, if you don't care about your own property, why should I?

Here's my proposal: If your sidewalk isn't clear, I will make or leave my dog's "deposits" on your property. Deal?

**Christine Komisarz  
Hamtramck**

## Odds & Ends

**Update ...** We recently received an email from Mike Dobbyn who runs the Robotics program for the public schools. Here's an update from Mike on what's happening with his students this year:

"This year in Southern Michigan nearly 500 teams took part in the FIRST Lego League Robotics Challenge. In December KMS's Team SWATT (Students With Access To Technology) competed at the State Championship in White Lake against 47 of the best teams in the State (6 from Troy, 6 from Northville, 3 from Novi, 3 from Bloomfield Hills, 4 from Sterling Heights, Rochester, Rochester Hills, Plymouth, Canton, Ann Arbor, just to name a few).

"Although the team's robot did not perform as well as expected (they had a score of 305 which was eighth overall) the team did an awesome job in all of the other aspects of the competition.

"They brought home the second place trophy for 'Gracious Professionalism.' This is a term that FIRST actually has a registered trademark on. Gracious Professionalism is the cornerstone of the FIRST program. It is kind of difficult to define the term

in just a sentence or two, but basically it means that you show respect for all

(yourselves, teammates, other teams, judges, etc.), you demonstrate good sportsmanship, and leave others feeling valued.

"I am so proud of the fact that our kids were recognized by the judges (many of whom are managers and supervisors with GM and many of the automobile suppliers) for exhibiting these fine qualities. I think that this PROVES that we as an educational community are doing a great job with our kids, and I feel that the community as a whole deserves a pat on the back.

"We should all be extremely proud of this group of children and how they represented not only the Hamtramck Public School system, but the City of Hamtramck as well. It is really rewarding knowing that others now get to see what I've known for years, that Hamtramck teachers are doing a great job not only educating the children of Hamtramck, but helping to raise them to be fine, productive, respectable members of society.

"These are the kind things that no standardized test could ever measure. Hats off to all who have played a role in shaping these young people's lives.

"Please be sure to congratulate the following students; Almin Bilalovic, Zachery McIntosh Young,

Muhammad Harris, Ian Preston, Jenny Ghose, Tazia Miah, Tapia Miah, Rafia Quazi, Susmetha Baidya, Shakeela Khanam and two outstanding mentors Iqra Nasir and Abraham Aiyash.

"Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Ivezaj and the entire KMS staff for all of their patience and support during the past several weeks."

**Condolences ...** Detroit's rock and roll community has lost another brother. Stanley "The Mad Hatter" recently died at the age of 62 of prostate cancer after suffering from the disease for the past several months.

His passing sucks on many levels: one, is that he was genuinely a nice guy who was passionate about music and the people who loved music.

Second, his passing underscores the need for Americans to have affordable health care. There are powerful forces in congress and in the health insurance industry who are working to make sure this never happens.

Get involved people because your life is literally on the line in this national debate.

As for Stan, his real name was Stanley Zillifro and get this, he grew up in Hamtramck. Rock on Stan, rock on. The world needs more like you.

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**Second Mondays, Eastside Block Club** (if you live or have a business East of Conant) 7 p.m. Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, Activity Center, entrance on Harold Street

**Second Wednesdays, 3 C7 Neighborhood Watch** (if you live or have a business between Carpenter, Campau, Caniff, and I-75) People's community Services Senior Center on Caniff, across from the Public Library

**Third Wednesdays, Midtown Neighborhood Watch** (if you live or have a business between Caniff, Campau, Holbrook and I-75) 6:30 p.m. in the Convent of St. Florian's Church, on Florian Street

**Fourth Thursdays, Southend Neighborhood Watch** 6:30 p.m. in the People's Community Center on Joseph Campau and Danforth, for all residents and businesses south of Holbrook.

**The Central Neighborhood Watch** (the area bounded by Caniff, Conant, Holbrook and Jos. Campau) will meet the first Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m., at the HATCH building, 3456 Evaline. For more information, go online to hamtramckCBC@gmail.com. Facebook: Hamtramck Central Block Club group page.

**The Hamtramck Housing Commission Neighborhood Watch** is now called the W75 and it meets the second Wednesday of every month at 12025 Dequindre (housing commission activities center) at 1:30 pm.

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# Street Life

## 'Joe's Army' on the march to save a buddy

(Editor-at-Large Walter Wasacz writes a weekly column on life in Hamtramck.)

By **Walter Wasacz**

When miracles come – and they still do – they best come during the holidays.

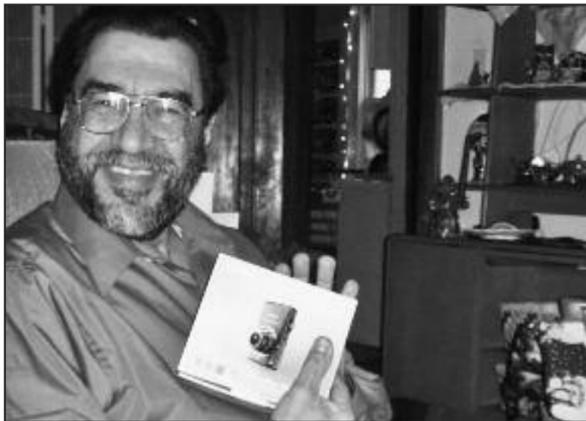
Hamtramckan Vladimir "Joe" Vujic was waiting for one since late August, when he was hospitalized after months of severe shortness of breath and a cough that wouldn't go away.

After several weeks of tests, including a biopsy, doctors diagnosed the condition as interstitial pneumonia, a pulmonary disease characterized by a scarring of both lungs. The disease has no cure and leads to rapid deterioration of the lungs. The outlook for longterm survival is bleak: few stricken with UIP last more than 3-4 years.

Vujic was transferred from St. John Oakland to Henry Ford Hospital, where a medical team evaluated him for a possible transplant. He was placed at the top of the list for a lung transplant – then spent the next two months in the hospital's intensive care unit. Vujic had to fight off infections, was treated with chemotherapy and was found to have a low antibody profile in his blood serum.

The complications meant

that a donor match would be even harder to attain. The transplant team decided that Vujic's best chance was to increase the potential pool of donors by moving him to a national transplant center at



**This past Christmas, Joe Vujic had plenty to be thankful for: a new lung and a network of friends who have supported him for the past several months.**

Duke University in North Carolina.

Back in Hamtramck, another team was assembled, a support group called Joe's Army. The group set up a website in late December to update family and friends about Vujic's condition.

Members of Joe's Army went several steps further. They organized smaller teams to go to Duke to spend time with Vujic, talk to medical personnel there whenever possi-

ble and report on his condition and prospects for a transplant.

On Dec. 20, Josh Saganski wrote that Vujic was undergoing treatments and exercising vigorously per doctors' or-

ders. "Yesterday he was able to walk two entire miles, a significant improvement over the meager 90 feet or so he was able to manage before he arrived in North Carolina," Saganski wrote. "This positive development bodes well for his rate of recovery post transplant. Dr. Zaas said that he is pleased with Joe's effort and rate of physical improvement."

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### ACROSS

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- 5 Nelson's Lady Hamilton
- 9 Head part
- 14 Actress Goldie
- 15 Clock face
- 16 Friday's creator
- 17 Plato's pupil
- 19 Prefix with red
- 20 Not set
- 21 Check mark
- 23 Go under
- 24 Fencing cry
- 26 Capital of Afghanistan
- 28 Bellows, lion-style
- 30 Tax on imports
- 33 Receptacle
- 36 Cassette
- 38 Baldwin's "If \_\_\_ Street Could Talk"
- 39 Kimono sash
- 40 Forfeit
- 42 Heavy weight
- 43 High-altitude probe
- 45 Sketch
- 46 Panhandles
- 47 Actress Tippi
- 49 Beethoven dedicatee
- 51 Russian prison
- 53 Perplexed
- 57 Lose strength

- 59 Conceal in the hand
- 61 \_\_\_ the good
- 62 Express mirth
- 64 Resort city on the Rhine
- 66 Wistful exclamation
- 67 Joined together closely
- 68 "\_\_\_ 18" (Uris novel)
- 69 Where Minos ruled
- 70 Laptop maker
- 71 2000, e.g.

- 13 High spot
- 18 Neophyte
- 22 Krazy \_\_\_
- 25 Go out with
- 27 Infant
- 29 Fifth wheel
- 31 Whip
- 32 Marshes
- 33 Nonsense
- 34 Reed instrument
- 35 Anemometer
- 37 Where Rommel was routed
- 40 Skin
- 41 Taunt
- 44 Coarse rug
- 46 "Looking Backward" author
- 48 Snooze
- 50 Swedish export
- 52 Goggles
- 54 Song of the past
- 55 Inscribed stone slab
- 56 Submarine detector
- 57 Fluffy mass
- 58 Cowardly Lion actor
- 60 Floor covering, for short
- 63 Laugh syllable
- 65 Swine's confines

### Down

- 1 Wall Street commodity
- 2 \_\_\_ al-Rashid
- 3 Due
- 4 Tangle up
- 5 Tokyo's former name
- 6 French president after d'Estaing
- 7 Neighbor of Mauritania
- 8 Smart guy
- 9 Star Wars, initially
- 10 Strong disapproval
- 11 Band together
- 12 Forsaken

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# Street Life

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A few days later, on Dec. 24, Vujic himself reported that waiting for a lung transplant was like "someone pushed a giant pause button." But he also said he was prepared for the moment that the transplant team would come in to shave his chest and wheel him into surgery.

To his supporters in Joe's Army, he wrote: "It's Christmas Eve already and my thoughts refuse to go anywhere else but with you. I think about all the work and sacrifice done on my behalf and I feel truly blessed and humbled. I miss you all so much this holiday season and I hope and anticipate being with you on the next. God bless all your big warm fuzzy hearts."

Later that night, Gary

Saganski (Josh's father) sent out this update: "Tonight at 9:30 p.m. we were called by (Saganski's son) Noah who said that he had just heard from Joe. This may be the very call he described in his Christmas note. Unbelievable! Joe was told that they were sending a surgical team to assess/harvest a possible donor's lungs. They will know by 3 or 4 a.m. Christmas Morning. Stay tuned."

But the match didn't come. Saganski asked that the army "take a deep breath and keep looking at the door." No Christmas miracle materialized.

That came on New Year's Day, during the first hours of 2011, when a match was found. It turned out only one lung was transplanted,

though doctors were confident that one good one was all Vujic needed.

Duke's aggressive approach to organ transplant is to have patients up and active soon after surgery. Joe's Army reported that Vujic was in some discomfort, but moving around the next day, his vital signs - his pulse/oxygen levels in particular - back up to near normal.

After a week to 10 days of recovery at Duke, Vujic will move to a nearby apartment and receive out-patient follow-up care before returning home. Joe's Army is seeing him through the whole process.

The website is set up to take donations as well as report on Vujic's progress. For more details, go here: <http://vujic-transplantfund.org/>

We'll keep following this story of courage, perseverance and teamwork in Street Life and report back what we learn. Get well soon, Vladimir.

# Obituaries

## FEDRUK

John M. "Pops" Fedruk, 82, died January 6, 2011.

Mr. Fedruk was the president of the St. Florian Ushers Club and a member of VFW Post 4404. He was retired from the Dodge Main plant.

Mr. Fedruk is survived by his wife, Patricia; sons, Michael (Marie) and Mark (Lisa); brother, Marvin; three grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral arrangements were made by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home and funeral services are January 8, 11 a.m. at St. Florian Church. Visitation will be January 7 at the funeral home (2396 Caniff), 1-9 p.m. with prayers at 7:30 p.m.

Burial will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI.

## FURWA

Deborah A. Furwa, 50, died December 9, 2010, a day be-

fore she would have turned 51.

Mrs. Furwa was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony, daughter, Dawn, parents, Joann and Carroll, and brother, Walter.

She is survived by her daughter, Melissa; son, Timothy; aunt, Beatrice as well as a sister, brothers, cousins, niece and nephew.

She will be remembered as a loving, caring mother and for her kindness to others.

Funeral services were held on January 4 at St. Ladislaus Church. Funeral arrangements were made by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

years at the former Woody Pontiac dealership.

She loved to feed the birds, squirrels and cats, and was an animal lover.

Mrs. Rodgers is survived by her daughters, Roxanne (Joe) Grucz and Monica (David) McCrary; and her loving partner, Jerry Rodgers.

Funeral arrangements were made by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home. There were no funeral services, and donation in her memory can be made to the Humane Society.



## RODGERS

Theresa M. Rodgers, 74, died January 3, 2011.

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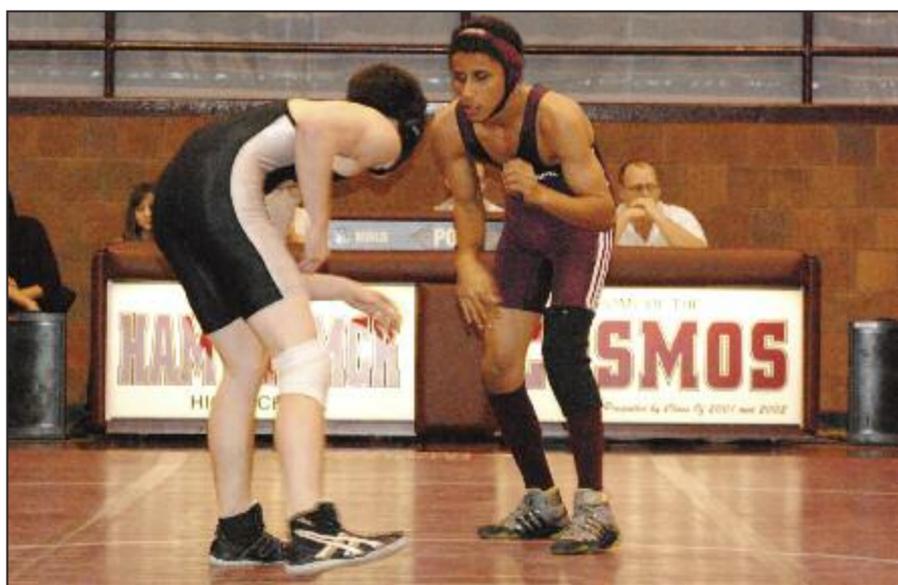
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# Dual wins propel Cosmos wrestling into weekend tournament



Hamtramck High's wrestling team took to the mats on Tuesday's (Jan. 5) dual match-up against Ypsilanti Willow Run and Romulus Summit Academy. The Cosmos won both matches and improved to a record of 4-4. Above: That looks like it hurts.



**By Ian Perrotta**

Let's hope there are a lot more meets next year – Cosmos wrestling is a fan favorite.

On Wednesday (Jan. 5), Hamtramck High hosted its one-and-only wrestling match of the year at the Community Center. And much to both the amazement and delight of Head Coach Adam Mused, the stands were full of cheering students.

"This is great," said Mused. "To think, we came from barely having a program to speak of, wrestling in the upper deck of the gym in front of no one, to having kids screaming at the top of their lungs for our guys. It's incredible."

The screams weren't in vain, either. The Cosmos managed to win both matches in

their doubleheader, bringing their total win/loss record to an even 4-4. Senior captains Ahmed Fadhel and Norealdan Alkusaimi finish 2-0 on the night, taking each of their individual records to 12-0 for the season.

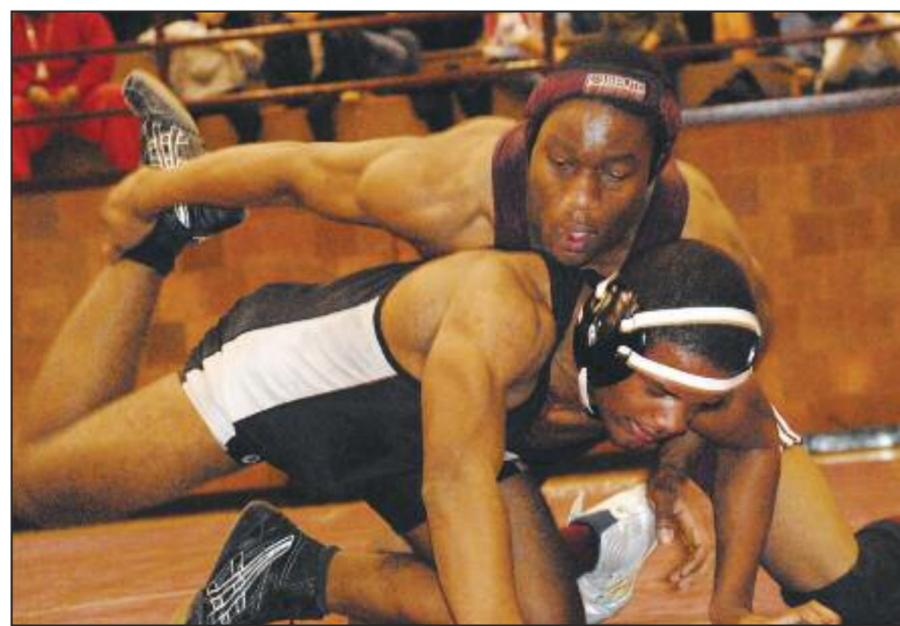
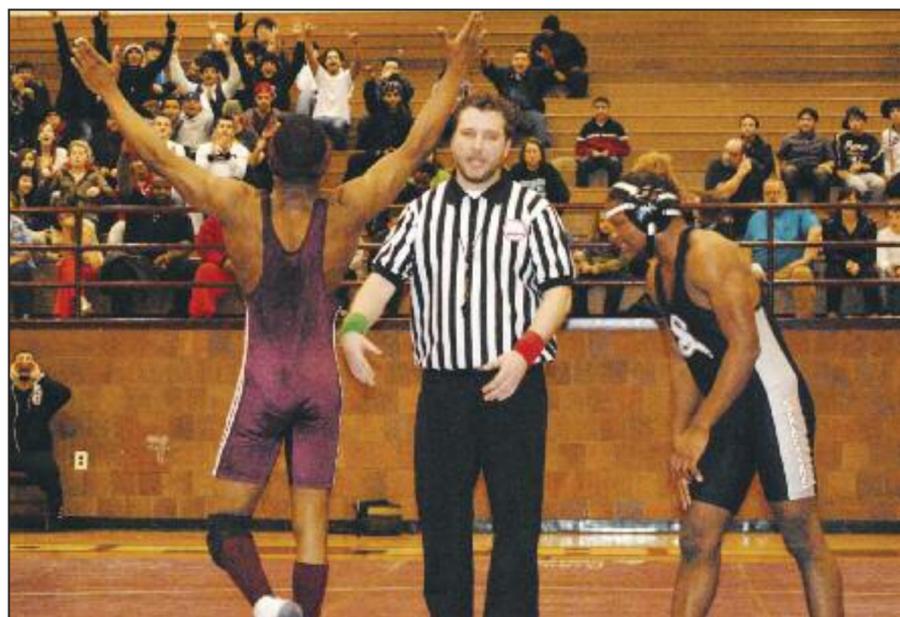
As a team, in the first match of the night Hamtramck defeated a significantly outmanned Ypsilanti Willow Run team by a score of 66-18. The second match was decidedly closer, with Hamtramck ultimately defeating Romulus Summit Academy 44-36. And with a majority of the varsity team being relatively inexperienced, it was an impressive display of athleticism and a testimony to the preparation taken by the team in its daily practices.

"Nine of our 14 starters are

underclassmen and that's why we prepare even harder at practice," said Mused. "Improving on tonight's dual wins is even more key because the students we have in this program are tough, from first year wrestlers all the way up to the few seniors we have."

Though the wins were a good boost to team morale, Mused said there was no time to dwell on them as the Cosmos next matches will be at a 10-team tournament tomorrow (Jan. 8) at East Detroit High School. Mused is confident his wrestlers will do well.

"I always remind our wrestlers that the journey has just begun, and you choose your destiny," he says. "Because the colors and name on the front of your singlet does not make you – you are the program!"



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# What's 'IN' and 'OUT' this year? Read on

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job if contract concessions aren't in the works soon ... very soon.

### "IN"

New housing for those who suffered from housing discrimination from city officials some 40 years ago.

### "OUT"

The housing market, which is still sinking. Good luck trying to sell those houses. Hamtramck's hard luck, eh?

### "IN"

Brand new, hi-tech traffic lights up and down Caniff that can time their lights based on traffic flow.

### "OUT"

Any hope that this so-called improvement is going to make traffic flow smoother. In fact, it's worse - especially in front of the fire station.



The new traffic lights installed last year on Caniff were supposed to make traffic flow smoother. This year we can only hope that will actually happen.



Teachers in Hamtramck's Public Schools may wonder this year if their union leadership actually lets them know what concessions are needed to avoid layoffs.

### "IN"

A first for Hamtramck - its very own historical museum located in the former PLAV Post 1 on Holbrook.

### "OUT"

A few bucks from your bank account because you care enough to donate a little dough to whip this building into proper shape. Come on folks, let's see some pride in our rich legacy that needs a proper showcase for the world to see.

### "IN"

Hamtramck's new official population count from the Census bureau.

### "OUT"

From what we have heard

### "IN"

Continuing property tax reductions because of the ongoing slide in housing values. Yea!

### "OUT"

Thousands and thousands of dollars the city annually collects and depends on to function as a city. Good luck trying to put out your neighbor's house fire with a garden hose.

### "IN"

A comprehensive study to determine what the proper speeding limits should be in our city streets - which is required by state law.

### "OUT"

Ha-ha-ha. Although you,



Will medical marijuana growing facilities be "in" this year? Only if local officials stop being buzz killers.

### "IN"

Medical marijuana growing facilities that will generate thousands of dollars in needed tax revenues.

### "OUT"

Hamtramck's silly "moratorium" on allowing such facilities. Talk about a buzz killer.

### "IN"

A new Review "cover girl" to replace last year's reoccurring Kasia Maziarz. We lost track of how many times her photo was taken at various events and conveniently found their way into our pages.

### "OUT"

Just kidding. We mean,

### "IN"

Continued hope that American Axle & Manufacturing will restart its plant and hire workers.

### "OUT"

Hope that those jobs will ever pay decent wages since the company managed to get the UAW to agree to \$14-an-hour wages. Heck, you can probably forget about those jobs being union.

### "IN"

Another year in which we at The Review have the privilege of serving Hamtramck.

### "OUT"

Cynical wisecracks from Review writers. Not a chance.



Yes, last year's "cover girl" Kasia Maziarz will make a return.



Last year the town celebrated the purchase of a building where the city's historical commission will set up a museum. The cost for the museums remodeling will largely depend on the public digging a little bit into their pockets this year.

from the Census people, a few thousand former Hamtramckans. Yes, the count will likely reveal we lost people during the past 10 years.

Why?

dear readers, are expected to follow the law, the city has other plans. If the city didn't have speed traps, how could the city collect hundreds of thousands of dollars from traffic tickets?



Despite the best efforts of local volunteers to make sure Hamtramck received an accurate Census count, it looks like the news this year will be that Hamtramck lost population.

It's a good guess the 400 vacant houses lost to foreclosure in the last few years is the main culprit.

### "IN"

The Bengali voter tiger. In the last few elections, Hamtramck's Bangladeshi community has proven it is now the top player when it comes to determining who's going to win elected office.

### "OUT"

The Bengali voter tiger? As it turns out, a cross check of voters after the 2009 election with those who filed income taxes here has shown hundreds of folks who have failed to pay taxes.

Hamtramck's next local election is going to be ... let's say, interesting.



One can only hope that American Axle & Manufacturing starts back up this year. But you can forget about middle-class paying salaries.

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