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## Quick Hits

### District court has a deal for overdue tickets

By Alan Madlane

The Hamtramck 31st District Court is once again looking to give folks a financial break.

This time, it's an amnesty for overdue parking tickets, civil infraction tickets, and disposed misdemeanor cases.

Driver license clearance fees will not be waived or discounted, so if you need to have your license reinstated, you will need to account for that financially.

This grace period begins this coming Monday, March 2, and runs through Friday, May 29, 2026.

The court paints it as a win-win in its press release: It allows people to clear outstanding records, and save some money while doing so, and it also helps the courts by clearing out a lot of the backlog of open or stalled cases.

Payments can be made in person at the court, on the third floor of City Hall at 3401 E. Valine, Mondays-Fridays from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Call (313) 800-5248 first to make sure they are open.

Alternately, you could elect to pay online. It is recommended that, if you do, you contact the court administrator by phone first, at (313) 800-5248.



— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —

# Hamtramck's own Rudy 'T' comes home for a celebration

By Charles Sercombe

For Hamtramck basketball legend Rudy "T" Tomjanovich, sports was his ticket out of Hamtramck.

But his love for the city, and the experiences he had here, never left him.

"It's like a fairy tale," he said, at a special ceremony held in his honor Friday evening at the basketball court in the Hamtramck High School Community Center.

"Here I was, a skinny kid who grew up on Nagel St. To be here is absolutely a miracle," Tomjanovich added.

Now, at 77 years old, Tomjanovich is maybe a bit slower, but still youthful looking.

During his high school career here, Rudy immediately stood out, and had the skills necessary to make it professionally. But, before he got to the pro stage, he first went to the University of Michigan, where he once again turned heads.

After graduation, he went on to an 11-year pro career with the Houston Rockets, and then transitioned to becoming the team's head coach.

Tomjanovich credits his love of the game being nurtured on basketball courts outside of the old Copernicus Middle School, which is now Hamtramck High School.

It was called "The Courts" – where the older and better players reigned over the younger ones. When he was tap-

ped by the older players to join them at the better end of the courts, he doesn't remember too much about how he played that first time, but he does remember what that moment meant for him.

"I savored that experience. I wanted to absorb it into my heart," he said. "These courts were learning grounds. It was the beginning of my journey."

The learning experience turned out to be more than a journey into bettering his skills.

"I learned how to become a man," Tomjanovich said.

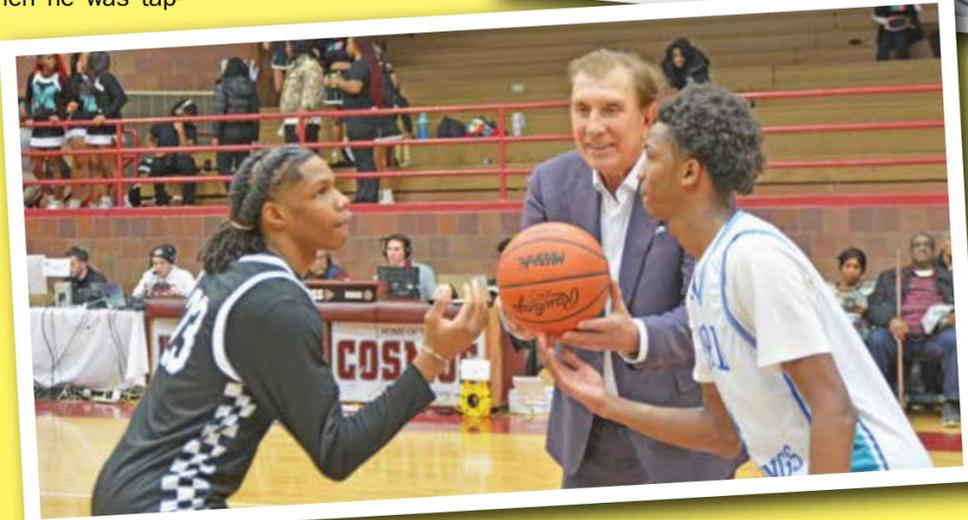
Hamtramck Cosmos players will forever know of Tomjanovich's accomplishments now that the team's home court has been officially named in Rudy's honor.

His advice to players is something he learned from former Cosmos Coach John Radwanski, who went on to become superintendent of the district.

"He (Radwanski) said, 'You got to be better today than you were yesterday.' I credit him with my work ethic," Tomjanovich said.

And with that, the 200, or so, people gathered at the ceremony gave Hamtramck's champion basketball legend a rousing round of applause.

Not bad for a skinny kid who grew up on Nagel St.



## Trump ends TPS for Yemenis

By Charles Sercombe

In the next few weeks, Yemeni immigrants who are in the U.S. with Temporary Protected Status (TPS) will have to make some hard decisions.

By March, that TPS designation for them will be lifted – meaning they have to find a legal recourse to remain in this country, or face being deported.

This is a result of Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem deciding that the country of Yemen is no longer considered unstable, and that it is in the "national interest" of the U.S. to end the protection.

On top of that, there are increasing reports that ICE agents are rounding up Yemeni immigrants in Dearborn and detaining them for deportation.

This action by the Trump administration is taking a number of Yemenis by surprise, considering that many of them voted for Trump in 2024.

Leading that push for Arabs and Muslims to leave the Democratic Party and throw their support to Trump was former Hamtramck Mayor Amer Ghalib.

Ghalib, a Yemeni immigrant, got behind Trump despite Trump's travel ban on Muslim countries, including Yemen, during his first term in office.

Also joining the Trump bandwagon locally were other Hamtramck political leaders, such as City Councilmembers Abu Musa, Muhtasin Sadman and former councilmember Khalil Refai, along with Hamtramck Board of Education members Abdulmalik Algahaim and Moortadha Obaid.

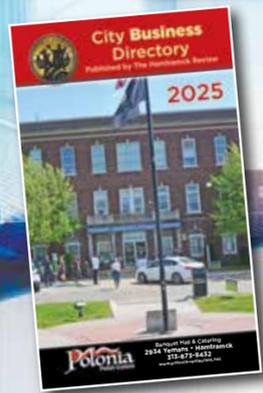
Ghalib was rewarded for his support of Trump by being nominated to be ambassador to Kuwait. That nomination, however, did not gain traction with members of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Committee members took issue with Ghalib's past comments and social media activity, which some members viewed as anti-semitic.

Instead of gaining an ambassadorship, Ghalib was hired by the Trump administration and given the title of Senior Consultant for Strategic Partnerships.

As for the TPS status ending for Yemenis, Ghalib said he is talking with administration officials.

"I have spoken to multi-  
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# Trump ends TPS for Yemenis

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ple White House officials about this matter and explained to them the risks of sending those individuals back to Yemen at this time, but it seems that the administration isn't renewing the TPS for any country, not just Yemen," Ghalib told The Review.

"There are a few thousand Yemeni nationals with TPS; most of them escaped political oppression and persecution, and the causes for that haven't been resolved.

"If the legitimate Yemeni government that is

recognized by the international community is functioning from Saudi Arabia, and they are unable to return to Yemen, even to the areas that are under their control, then how can the people with TPS return to face an unknown fate! I hope the administration will reevaluate the situation in Yemen and reconsider this decision."

The TPS policy affects about 1,400 Yemeni migrants nationwide.

The Trump administration has also ended U.S. visas for citizens of 75

countries.

Those countries include: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Bhutan, Bosnia, Brazil, Burma (Myanmar), Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of the Congo, Dominica, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Iran,

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## Hamtramck Historical Museum had another action-packed year

By Alan Madlane

The Hamtramck Historical Museum recently gave a review of their 2025 year, and a bit of a preview and wish list for this year too.

The top news item was the Hamtramck City Council passing, on Dec. 16, 2025, a resolution giving Wyandotte St. the honorary name "Greg Kowalski St." in recognition of his many years of service to the museum and city.

Wyandotte St. was ultimately chosen because it is the street Kowalski lives on.

The unveiling of the street sign itself had to be moved indoors because of the poor weather on that date, Jan. 19. There were more than 100 people in attendance for

the ceremony, including former Michigan State Rep. Abraham Aiyash, former Hamtramck Mayor Karen Majewski, and current City Councilmember Nayeem Choudhury.

In addition to running the museum, Kowalski has published numerous books on various aspects of the city's past.

The museum continued working with students from Wayne State and Michigan Tech on the Hamtramck Explorer Deep Mapping Project – even though the federal funding for it was lost. They are continuing to push forward by focusing, currently, on scanning specific maps and documents from their collections.

Joe Kochut, the museum's Board of Directors Chairperson, partnered with David Hales from the Historical Society of Michigan to present at the Wayne County "Teaching Diverse Histories Summit" for History Day. Through this and their networking, they hope to have made some connections with other school districts as well as Hamtramck's, to potentially also work with around History Day.

Many tour groups came through the museum, including some guided ones for guests from Ann Arbor, Cleveland and elsewhere.

Tours continue to be free on the last Saturday of each month, from 1-2 p.m. These are full 60-minute tours that cover a lot of the museum in a short time.

The museum is crediting boardmember David Fiegel for helping to create and run the Volunteer Program for the museum.

This program pairs willing volunteers with a variety of projects useful to the museum. They thank all who participate.

The processing and digitizing of artifacts from the collection was begun as well, with a big assist from Wayne State graduate student Lindsey Craig.

The museum also went out of the building to give presentations both near (Hamtramck Public Schools), medium distance (Detroit Regional Cham-

ber of Commerce) and far (Kirk of the Hills, Bloomfield).

In all, another busy year

and another rosy outlook for the city's repository of all things past.

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February 27, 2026

**Story Time:** These programs conducted by the library staff are scheduled for Wednesdays afternoon at 4:00 pm. All children are invited.

**Peace Corps:** On March 1, 1961, President John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps, as organization sending young American volunteers to developing countries to assist with health care, education and other basic human needs.

**Exercise at the Library:** The RIM Foundation was begun exercise classes again this fall. On Tuesdays, its back to Yoga at 2:30 pm. and on Fridays, it is Tai Chi at 10:00 am. To register for the program, stop by the library circulation desk.

**Pennsylvania:** On March 4, 1681, King Charles II of England granted a huge tract of land in the New World to William Penn to settle an outstanding debt. The area later became Pennsylvania.

**Medicare:** A team from Priority Health will conduct a meeting answering questions about Medicare options. The next presentation will take place on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 2:15 pm.

**Casimir Pulaski:** This revolutionary hero was born on March 4, 1747 in Poland. Before aiding in the American Revolution, he was a military leader in Poland's struggle against Imperial Russia. He joined the Americans in 1777 and fought alongside General Washington at Brandywine. Then serviced at Germantown and

Valley Forge. He was mortally wounded during a heroic charge in the Siege of Savannah, Georgia.

**ESL Classes:** These classes are held Monday to Thursday at 9 am and 12 noon. To participate, you must register with the Horizon School.

**Paper Money:** March 10, 1862 was the first issue of U.S. government paper money. It occurred as \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills began circulating.

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**Salvation Army:** It was founded on March 10, 1880, in England by William Booth and now operated in 90 countries.

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# Review: Opinion Page

## In Our Opinion

### School district's finances are setting off alarms

Heads up, taxpayers – and if you haven't done this already, keep an eye on your Hamtramck Public School District.

There should be concern over the financial goings-on at the Hamtramck Public School District – an issue that residents in Birmingham experienced just a few years ago.

District Interim Superintendent James Larson-Shidler recently surprised Board of Education members when he suddenly announced that the district is facing payless paydays, unless an emergency \$15.5 million loan is received.

But, the state turned down that loan request, and now the district is coming back to the state to ask for \$13.3 million.

This reminds us of Larson-Shidler's tenure in the Birmingham Public School District, where suddenly there was

a \$14 million budget deficit that Larson-Shidler came under fire for, which then led to his quick departure from the district.

A lot of finger-pointing ensued over who was at fault for Birmingham's financial mess. Flash forward a few years, and Larson-Shidler landed a job in Hamtramck's school district as finance director.

He now wears two hats, those of financial director and superintendent.

And now, it seems, Hamtramck is facing its Birmingham moment.

As you might expect, school board members were not pleased with the unexpected request to seek emergency payments.

Even more perplexing was that Larson-Shidler never told the board that he had been dipping into the district's budget to cover costs for the past

three months.

Did he think that the financial jam-up would magically disappear, and no one would have noticed it had existed?

More troubling was that, for the third year in a row, the district failed to meet a Nov. 1 deadline to submit its annual financial audit to state officials, which is what led to the state withholding financial support.

Considering that the interim superintendent is also the district's finance director, this all becomes even more concerning.

It seems to us that, if the district were a private business and this kind of a financial situation were not immediately disclosed to higher-ups, some heads would roll.

Frankly, this situation begs the question: What else is not being disclosed to the board of education – and the public?

## Odds & Ends

**"Blowout"...** Hamtramck's annual showcase of talent, the Hamtramck Blowout, is about to hit the ground running, beginning this Thursday, March 5.

Running this year only Thursday-Saturday, March 5-7, the event is a blitz of musical madness across a number of genres, from rock to hip hop to experimental to folk to electronic, and often with more than one act that all but defy categorization.

We'll have a bigger piece on the Blowout, with a more thorough schedule, next week, but for now, the Thursday lineup is as follows:

At Paris Bar, 2961 E. McNichols (just east of Jos. Campau): Ill Amour, 8 p.m.; Dayfruit, 9 p.m.; Coffer, 10 p.m.; Zastava, 11 p.m.

At The Outer Limits Lounge, 5507 Caniff (just two blocks east of Conant, past Buffalo): Space Cadet, 9:15 p.m.; Twin Deer, 10:15 p.m.; Sulk, 11:15 p.m.; and a TBA (to be announced) act at 12:15 a.m.

And at the PLAV Post 10, 11824 Jos. Campau (between Casmere and Commor): Alluvial Fans, 9 p.m.; Toboggan Man, 10 p.m.; The Slouches, 11 p.m.; and Caveman Woodman, midnight.

While only these three venues have Thursday night lineups, the Blowout expands into 15 Friday night locales, and 16 on Saturday.

You can see the lineup as it is currently constructed by going to their website, hamtramckblowout.com.

Wristband info had to be gleaned from their Facebook page, reproduced verbatim here:

Wristbands for the Hamtramck Blowout festival can be purchased online or in person, with prices varying depending on the method of purchase. Here's what you need to know about wristband availability at venues:

Wristband Prices:  
• Online presale: \$35  
• In-person purchase at the festival: \$40

Purchasing Wristbands in Person:

• Available at participating venues, such as:  
• Detroit Threads: 10238 Jos. Campau Ave., after 2 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays  
• Call ahead to ensure availability  
Wristband Pick-up for On-



The Hamtramck Blowout returns next week, featuring dozens of bands playing in various clubs and performance spaces in Hamtramck.

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- Henrietta Haus
- Outer Limits Lounge
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- Polish Sea League
- Polka Dot Bar
- Small's

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Special Note for Performers:

- If you're playing Thursday, you can pick up your wristbands at the venue you're playing
- All other bands can pick up their wristbands at Fowling Warehouse on Thursday between 7 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Property values ... We've noticed, on a couple of Hamtramck social media pages, that some homeowners are questioning why their yearly property tax bills are going way up.

What they are actually looking at is the yearly property value assessments that all property owners receive each year. One homeowner was alarmed that they would be paying \$700 more a year. That's not the case. The notice always says, "This is not a tax bill." Indeed, these are yearly adjustments to your property tax value, and by state law will go up – either by the rate of inflation, or 5%, whichever is lower, figures that are set by the State Tax Commission.

So, to the homeowner who thought they would be paying an extra \$700 a year, we say: Worry no more.

That assessment notice only reflects the increase of your home's value. For a \$700 value increase, you would actually be paying only about \$40 more each year. Still not satisfied? Well, get used to it, folks. Unless the state law changes, there is nothing Hamtramck homeowners

can do about it. If the city doesn't impose the mandatory value increase, the state will.

However, there is one recourse: You can challenge what the city thinks your house is valued at – but, be aware: The odds of getting a significant reduction – or even a small reduction, or any change at all – are not in your favor.

That's because people are paying ridiculously high prices for houses that will automatically boost what you pay in property taxes.

And that's something most realtors will not clue you into when you purchase a house.

In other words, for those shopping for a house, do your homework first. There are a number of other costs, besides property taxes, to consider.

To find out more about how to present an appeal for your property/house values at the March Board of Appeal (which is the only month and process by when and which to do this), call the city assessor's office at: (313) 800-5233, extension 820.

**Mayoral election ...** The decision over who won the Hamtramck mayoral election isn't entirely over yet.

But before we go further: Make no mistake, Mayor Adam Alharbi is Hamtramck's new mayor – until a court says he's not.

Alharbi's opponent, former city councilmember Muhith Mahmood, came up 11 votes short of winning the election, but that's not what's being contested.

Mahmood is seeking to have 37 absentee ballots counted that were not included in the final vote tally. This situation arose because the ballots were not discovered by the city clerk until after the election.

A Wayne County Circuit Court already upheld an earlier decision to not count those ballots because they were discovered

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## Former state rep is now eyeing shot at senate seat

By Charles Sercombe

Former State Rep. Abraham Aiyash's political career is far from over.

Although he decided not to seek re-election as a state representative a couple of years ago, he did so to position himself to run for state senator, and still be able to work the maximum number of years in the state legislature before he would be termed out.

Aiyash is one of at least two Democratic hopefuls looking to fill the seat of Sen. Erika Geiss (D-Taylor), who will be termed out at the end of this year.

Geiss is part of the newly formed Senate District 1 that represents part of Detroit as well as a good portion of the Downriver area. To qualify to be a candidate in this election, Aiyash moved out of Hamtramck to reside within the district.

Aiyash was the first Hamtramck resident in the state legislature since the 1990s. He is also known for being the

first Yemeni-American to serve in Lansing.

While serving two terms in the legislature, Aiyash was appointed Floor Majority Leader – a prestigious position.

When in office, Aiyash steered millions in grants to Hamtramck. He also was a champion of LGBTQ rights, despite facing some backlash from many in Hamtramck's socially conservative Muslim population. Aiyash is also Muslim.

According to campaign finance records, he has amassed a sizeable war chest of over \$100,000.

To officially kick off his campaign, he held a fundraiser in Detroit's Corktown this week.

So far, his top Democratic challenger, at least at this time, is Justin Onwenu, who also has over \$100,000 in campaign funds to use. Onwenu, an attorney, is the Director of Entrepreneurship and Economic Opportunity for the City of Detroit.

Aiyash said he is confi-

dent that he can pull off a victory.

"I feel good about where we'll end up," Aiyash told The Review. "We've won tough races before, and I have Sen. (Stephanie) Chang's backing, who has represented nearly every part of this district in her tenure as a legislator."

Aiyash is also backing State Rep. Donovan McKinney (D-Detroit), who is running to unseat Congressman Shri Thanedar (D-Detroit) who is seeking re-election this year.

Thanedar has come under criticism locally for supporting U.S. funding to Israel, which President Trump also supports. Trump recently funneled about \$6 billion to Israel without prior congressional approval.

Many in Hamtramck's Muslim community endorsed Trump for president in 2024.

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## CRIME LOG

**By Charles Sercombe**  
This week's Crime Log covers Feb. 17-23.

**Tuesday, Feb. 17**

- An assault was reported in the 12000 block of Dyar.
- Stolen property was recovered at Carpenter and Maine.
- A disorderly person was reported at Jos. Campau and Evaline.
- Trespassing was reported on Jos. Campau.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported on Brombach near Yemans.
- A theft from an auto was reported on Fleming.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 3200 block of Lehman.

**Wednesday, Feb. 18**

- A complaint was made about trespassing on Jos. Campau.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 2200 block of Danforth.
- Family trouble was reported in the 2400 block of Denton.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 9300 block of Mitchell.

**Thursday, Feb. 19**

- At a little after midnight, a complaint was made about an animal in the 11800 block of Dequindre.
- A loose dog was reported on Commor.
- A business on Commor reported trouble with a customer.
- A break-in was reported in the 12100 block of Klingler.
- An incident of road rage was reported at Holbrook and Gallagher.
- A male suspect was arrested in the 12100 block of Conant for trespassing, and for being disorderly.

**Friday, Feb. 20**

- An assault was reported in the 11600 block of Mitchell.
- An illegal dumping was reported in the 12000 block of Dequindre.
- A business in the 11800 block of Dequindre complained about trouble

with a customer who had committed an assault.

- A complaint was made about an animal in the 11600 block of Dequindre.
- An assault was reported in the 12000 block of St. Aubin.
- A male suspect was arrested for domestic assault in the 12000 block of Dequindre.
- Reckless drivers were reported in the area of Jos. Campau and Hewitt.

**Saturday, Feb. 21**

- A reckless driver was reported in the area of Conant and Holbrook.
- Property destruction was reported in the 2600 block of Whalen.
- A landlord-tenant dispute was reported in the area of Holbrook and Conant.
- A male suspect was arrested in the 10300 block of Conant for indecent exposure.

**Sunday, Feb. 22**

- At 12:30 a.m., cars were reported doing donuts in the street at Holbrook and Jos. Campau.
- A vehicle reported stolen out of Detroit was recovered on Grand Haven.
- A person living in the 2300 block of Holmes reported receiving harassing calls.

**Monday, Feb. 23**

- A vehicle was stolen in the 3800 block of Evaline.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported in the 12000 block of Dequindre.
- Trespassing was reported on Jos. Campau.
- A dog was reported loose on Dorothy.
- A domestic assault was reported on Selfridge.
- Trouble between neighbors was reported on Holbrook.
- Illegal dumping was reported in the 114000 block of Lumpkin.
- Domestic assault was reported in the 12000 block of Oklahoma.
- A hit-and-run accident was reported at Dubois and Bernard.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 12000 block of Nagel.

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- Monday- 10am-1pm
- Tuesday, Thursday and Friday- 9am-4pm
- Saturday - 9am-12pm

**Drop off location:**  
9540 Conant St.  
Hamtramck MI, 48212  
Phone: 313-871-7443

# Odds & Ends

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too late, and also due to the fact that they were left exposed in the clerk's office and could have been tampered with.

Mahmood attempted to leapfrog over the state appeals court and take his case directly to the state supreme court, which said: Nope. Go first to the appeals court.

So, attorneys for both Mahmood and Alharbi submitted their arguments for the court to consider. As you can guess, Alharbi doesn't want those ballots counted.

Anyway, a decision is expected to be released any day now. It's our guess the appeals court will end up siding with those county elections officials who had initially declined to count the ballots.

And it's another guess that will be the end of that, because making another appeal to the state supreme court would be costly, and also not likely to change anything.

**The tale of "Time Hoppers"** ... There's a new film with animated Arabic characters that recently showed in the area.

Philip Puente, a publicist with Garnier Public Relations, recently sent out a press release regarding the film "Time Hoppers:

The Silk Road," a Canadian-made picture from Milo Productions.

The plot, per Fathom Entertainment, "follows the adventures of four gifted children from Vancouver's Aqil Academy in the year 2050. The characters are Abdullah, Aysha, Khalid and Layla, and they are thrust through time onto the legendary Silk Road, where they try to save that era's scientists from a time-traveling alchemist bent on destroying the new scientific principles.

The Silk Road, or Silk Route(s), was not a single road, but rather a group of connected routes that traversed South Central Asia from China, where silk was farmed and spun, westward to Egypt and Turkey on the Eastern Mediterranean. Those same routes were utilized, in some form or other, for trade and other purposes from the second century BCE until the 15th century.

The promotional material promises a film that is "an important cultural first, featuring underrepresented characters that all families will love."

It played recently in select Detroit-area theaters, and may be found on one or more of the various streaming platforms soon, so keep an eye out for it.

# NOTICE

## CITY OF HAMTRAMCK BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Hamtramck Board of Review will meet in the Hamtramck City Hall located at 3401 Evaline, Hamtramck, Michigan 48212.

Meetings by appointment only on the following days:

**Tuesday March 3, 2026, at 1:00 pm for the organizational meeting (no appeals will be heard).**

**By appointment to hear appeals,**  
**Monday March 9, 2026 12:00pm to 7:30pm**  
**Location: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Council Chambers**

**Wednesday March 11, 2026 12:00pm to 7:30pm**  
**Location: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Council Chambers**

The purpose is to review the assessment rolls of Hamtramck. Matters pertaining to the assessment of property may be brought before the Board of Review. Appointments will be taken until 4:00 pm on Wednesday, March 11, 2026. Appeals will also be accepted by letter.

**\*\*All letter appeals must be received by 4:00pm on Wednesday, March 11, 2026.**

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## From the Office of Wayne County Treasurer Eric R. Sabree



## PROBATE ASSISTANCE

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**Michigan Legal Services: 313-774-1527 | 313-725-4890**

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## Obituaries

### GALLUS



Daniel Gallus (age 77), died February 25, 2026.

Loving husband of Bernadette (neé Sanders) and proud father of Daniel Jr (Michelle), Shelly (Richard) Hanley, and Scott (Kimberly). Dan is also survived by seven grandchildren: Daniel (Jessica) Jordan, Joshua, Jackson, Evan, Lauren, and Frank and six Great Grandchildren. His brother Thomas (Anne) also survives.

Visitation, Sunday March 1, 2026 from 2 – 8 PM with Rosary at 7 PM at Bagnasco & Calcatera Funeral Home, 25800 Harper, Saint Clair Shores, MI 48081.

Funeral service Monday, March 2, 2026, Lying in state at 9:30 AM until time of funeral mass at 10 AM at St. Florian Catholic Church, 2626 Poland, Hamtramck MI 48212. Arrangements entrusted to Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

### MOKRZAN



Theresa Mokrzan, 46, died February 24, 2026.

Theresa was the daughter of Mary and the late Siegmund; sister of Mary, Tina, Frank, and Michelle. She is also survived by her niece and nephews: Omar, Christian, and Caylee and many other cousins.

Theresa fought for 32 years after her cardiac arrest when she was 15. She loved the Detroit Red Wings and especially the "Captain" Steve Yzerman. He was the voice that she recognized in the hospital that made her heart rate increase. She will be missed by her mother and the rest of the family that cared for her.

Visitation is Friday, February 27, 2026, from 3 - 8 p.m. at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212. The funeral service is Saturday, February 28, 2026, at 11 a.m., at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home. Interment will be at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Detroit MI.

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