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Ghosts of Christmas Past



A SILENT PRISTINE SNOWFALL

By Tom Brank

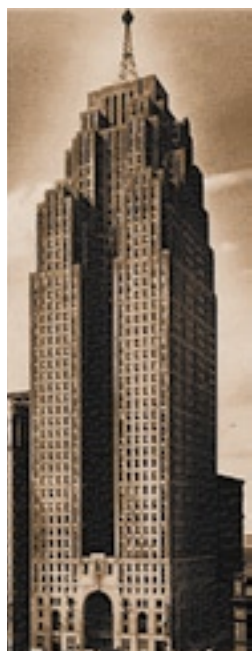
After boarding the commuter train at the Birmingham depot, I sat in a Westside window seat as usual. Soft happy chatter filled the car with a feeling of festiveness. It was a bright, chilly early morning in December. The train carried a mix of people going to work - like me - and well-dressed shoppers going to J.L. Hudson's, and other fine downtown places, to spend the day finding just the right Christmas gift.

It was a forty-minute trip that allowed time to reflect. When we arrived in the Detroit station, I decided to walk Jefferson Ave to see the river, and then up Griswold to the Penobscot main entrance. The large, open foyer, with its classic art-deco design was simply a thing of beauty. The Penobscot building, named after a tribe of Native American Indians from the state of Massachusetts, and also a river of the same name.

The elevator ascended the high tower and I went in our company's large room and laid out work on my desk. Our brokerage firm had forty-five desks nicely spaced. The trading room was at the west end and a Tote Board was forever running, with stock symbols, trading prices, and volume coming from New York, NYSE and American A.E. Stock Exchanges. The market opened at 10am. There was time for breakfast in the Colonnade, far below.

I liked the Colonnade in the morning. It was vibrant, warm and large. One could sit off alone if he wished. This day, the Christmas Tree was up, wreaths around the room, with wonderful songs of the season piped in. I was looking for a table when Ben and Sam signalled me over. Sam Monahan, the elder statesman, great white hair, and the fine clothes of a genuine gentleman. He was a real Kentucky Colonel, and looked the part.

"How are you doing?" Sam asked. I said, "Ok", when I was not.



There was no salary or draw as a stockbroker in our firm, only commission. I did not own a two or three-piece suit, only sport clothes. In my first six months, my income was less than \$1,000. It was very difficult and full of uncertainty, so much so that I had to fight giving up. There was some improvement in my second year, but the struggle was the same.

After breakfast, I went to work and thought of my goals. They were not huge - pay the bills, buy a suit and, frankly, I wanted to afford dinner at the London Chop House. At one o'clock, my lovely wife Pamela came in for lunch with our young son, then they went shopping. What a smart dresser she was, and she dressed our son well, with his neat little outfits.

I needed to work that evening to try and make a little more Christmas money, though I really didn't want to. I wanted to go home. I thought about home, and wives, and families. I thought of my mom and dad, and wondered how they were able to raise a family.

"How am I going to make a living?" I thought. Nothing was working. "What am I doing here? What am I doing?"

It was near 6pm and time for a lift, a little inspiration. My friend Pat, who was the first

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I Know A Little And A Latke About Hannukah

Marci Kozin Stifter

I was asked to contribute a little "something something" for Hannukah this year. I am not very religious, I slept through Sunday school, I'm Jewish, my husband was raised Roman Catholic, and my kids celebrate everything. On Thanksgiving morning, my 8 year old son popped his head out of his room and shouted, "do we get presents today?" - like the groundhog who sees its shadow. When he realized there were no gifts to unwrap he said, "no thanks, not interested", and went back into his room to wait for Hanukkah and Christmas.

Here's what I do know about Hannukah - It's the festival of lights. You already knew that because it's the first line in Adam Sandler's Hannukah song, the one Hanukkah song played on the radio. Thanks Adam. We celebrate Hanukkah for 8 days and nights, lighting a menorah called a Hanukiah each night. I'm not 100% on why we light the menorah for 8 nights, something about a miracle that a day's worth of oil lasted 8 days in the Holy Temple of Jerusalem about 2300 years ago. If you need more information please visit www.lmgty.com.

In my family we only light, on average, 4 nights because half the nights, we forget. It's like those 10 days of antibiotics you give your child but then miss a few times. Come on, we've all forgotten a few. In the words of Rick Perry, "Oops". My son put a tooth under his pillow once and I forgot to exchange it for some money. In the morning I had to explain that overpopulation caused the tooth fairy to be tardy.



Hanukkah is a Hebrew word translated into English so no one spells it the same way. Here's what I've heard, if it has eight letters, you're fine. Hannukah, Chanukah, Hanukkah, Hanookka. Just count the letters. My spell checker seems to like Hanukkah.

We have many food traditions during Hanukkah. My favorite is the Latke, pronounced just like Latke from Taxi, "tank you veddy much." Latkes are potato pancakes fried in oil and typically topped with applesauce or sour cream. Once again, we are celebrating the oil. Sorry to break tradition but this girl does not fry anything in oil. I bake my latkes in the oven on a cookie sheet - it's much healthier. I'm looking for my own miracle when I attend my weekly weigh-in meetings, if you get my "point". I have provided the recipe below.

Being raised by a gambling father, the game of Dreidel for me has always been my favorite Hanukkah tradition. A dreidel is a four-sided top you spin and it has a Hebrew letter on each side. My father taught me how to play Dreidel when I was seven. He said, "Marci, some children play Dreidel, some children have Santa, some Daddy's have savings accounts, and some Daddy's have bookies. Now roll those dice, I mean spin that dreidel!" If you would like the rules of Dreidel, you can go to www.lmgty.com.

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Henry Ford created the assembly line, giving many work. You came from all over, alone, with families, and you built the automobile. You made roads, built factories, manufactured with great skilled hands, and you played music to see you through.

World War II came and you were called upon to build even more. You worked in your plants night and day. The late shift was endless, lonely. Though, you were fatigued and often hungry you seldom complained, while you helped keep a country's freedom. Steadily, you grew successful. With hard work you defined excellence in a middleclass. America shared the bounty and the world was watching you.

Since then, you've been rich and poor, looked on and looked over, torn up and torn down, split and torn apart, dug up and run over, polluted and corrupted, remembered and long forgotten - abandoned . . .


Companies have closed, jobs are few, times are lean, and you watched in frustration - with, perhaps, a little anger - while your great history was buried. Yet, you are still here. You want to work. You are born of spirit and struggle handed down from Grandmothers and Grandfathers.

Remember, it is you who invent, you who create and build. You have soul and heart, dignity, and you believe in a place called home. Christmas is near and, though there is no pill to fix what ails you, be steadfast, you will learn to fix it yourselves - from your own battered frame, just as you did in the beginning.

You will turn over the good earth, with strong hands, and you will grow a new garden of cheer - one flower at a time - placing each of them under the tree .

And, you will continue to make music because, still, the angels sing -

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Warning: This paper has not been proof read, and probably never will. Please, see 'Letter From The Editor', November 2010, online for more information.



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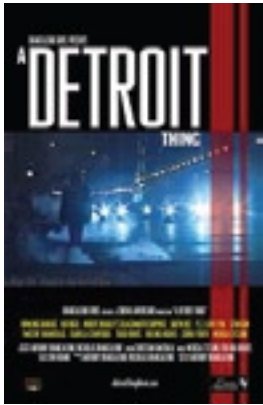
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A Detroit Thing

This email is not only way overdue, but also something that has caused many sleepless hours. I have read every paper since the inception. I have watched it grow, becoming more polished and truly "Metropolitan" with each passing month.

Your never ending sense of humor and sharp intelligence has kept me laughing and giving serious thought to most of the articles and, oh those letters from the editor. You are, if I may say so, one of a kind.



Now after the rave I need to say something that has been eating away at me since January of this year. I am referring to the Super Bowl advertising for Chrysler. I was so stunned that I called my friend Tom into the room and said, "there was just an ad for Chrysler that looks like the work of Tony and Nick Brancaloneone for their documentary!"

So, of course, said ad was played again and again and the media loved the "innovation and hard hitting ad" Yikes! How many people have actually seen your documentary and left using some of those same words?

I can hardly watch those ads, as I get so riled. My neighbor, who is a summer resident up north, said to me that he was at the Monday Night Football game a couple weeks ago (Bears vs Lions) and a lot of the local celebrities were there and that ad was played. He also was stunned, as he turned to his friend and asked, "Doesn't that look like the documentary we saw at the DIA a couple years ago?" "Affirmative" came the reply.

So, I say to all who read the Metropolitan d'Étroit: start asking when and where you can see this knockout documentary called "A Detroit Thing".

Keep up the great work,

Diane Clark, Empire, MI

Editor's response: Thank you for the very kind words. It always feels good to know that our film about these Detroit musicians, working and playing in the city we love, has not been forgotten. But, like the artists featured in A Detroit Thing' - who we feel 'could've and should've' - we filmmakers seem destined to suffer the same fate.

They say imitation is the highest form of flattery and the producers of the Chrysler commercial continue to flatter us again and again...

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Grafik Magazine On The Metropolitan

NEWS! A recent stopover in Detroit airport yielded up this appropriately spiky gem of a graphic from the free monthly newspaper 'The Metropolitan Detroit'. With excellent 'read me or choose to remain an idiot' cover design the paper gave us this hard-ass beauty on the back cover (see image).

As the 'Keep Calm' series has reached over saturation point now, it was refreshing to see an interpretation that really made sense in it's message AND location.



Content was hugely informative for non-mainstream locals and visitors alike. A bit of a giggle too. Headline features ranged from editor Anthony Brancaloneone's rant on the word 'unsustainable', to Grant Wickersham kinda meeting Jack White, to the Detroit/Brooklyn connections of McClure's Pickles. Smaller features saw news info with titles such as 'Art, Beer, Enrichment' and 'New Carousel at the Detroit Zoo'. Excellent stuff. Check it out.

Richard Bucht

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The Worst Sounds of the Season

As far as we’re concerned, one can never get enough Christmas. But after listening to 100.3 on our radio dial - since Halloween - there are times we feel like driving through a Christmas Tree lot, taking out Snowmen and Santa’s all along the way. “It’s Christmas Time On Woodward Avenue” by Karen Newman comes to mind, along with *Feliz Navidad* and that horrible song about that poor child who needs Christmas Shoes for his mama. But, hey, who are we to decide?

We asked our friends on FaceBook how they felt and this is some of what we found . . .

- 10. Anything by Alvin and the Chipmunks
- 09. The Happiest Christmas by Nat King Cole
- 08. ‘Feliz Navidad’
- 07. ‘A Wonderful Christmas Time’ by Paul McCartney
- 06. ‘Merry Christmas Baby’ by the Beach Boys
- 05. ‘Do They Know it’s Christmas?’ by Band Aid
- 04. ‘Lady In Red’
- 03. ‘Last Christmas’ by Wham
- 02. ‘Christmas Shoes’
- 01. Anything From New Kids On The Block

Grant Wickersham, Troy MI - I know it’s Nat King Cole but those female backup parts make me want to burn all the Christmas Trees in America and most of Canada.

Nick Brancalone, Oak Park MI - Let us not forget anything by Celine Deon.

Jack Doline, Birmingham MI - They’re all mostly good. Nothing bad to report. I especially like Glen Miller.

Juliana Counts, Royal Oak MI - Really, I have a list a mile long, but if I had to choose one, it’s definitely the Christmas Shoes song. I can deal with just about everything else but that.

Robert delValle, Royal Oak MI - *Do You Hear What I Hear?* Shocking as that seems. And, What’s wrong with Alvin and the Chipmunks?

Jason Charboneau, Detroit - New Kids have a Christmas song? Never heard it but I am sure it sucks. I am tired of Frosty and Rudolf. Not the movies, just the songs.

Helen Heroine, Ferndale MI - All of them; with the exception of Charlie Brown stuff.



Things To Do In Detroit When It Snows

Go To The Zoo

Orphaned Grizzly Cubs Rescued In Alaska

Three orphaned grizzly bear cubs rescued by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) now call the Detroit Zoo home. The 10-month-old brothers were orphaned in October after their mother was shot and killed by a poacher.



"It's tragic that the cubs' mother was killed. We will take good care of them," said Ron Kagan, Detroit Zoological Society Executive Director.

The poacher who shot the mother grizzly has been arrested and will be prosecuted. After the mother was killed, her cubs were spotted several times in residential areas near Anchorage looking for food. The ADFG contacted the Detroit Zoo seeking sanctuary for the trio as they felt the cubs would not survive the harsh Alaska winter on their own.

The grizzly bear is listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, and only about 1,000 remain in the continental U.S. Grizzlies still roam the wilds of Canada and Alaska.

At the DIA

Rembrandt And The Face Of Jesus

Through February 12, 2012

Special Exhibition Galleries: South Biblical themes were a central preoccupation for Rembrandt throughout his life. But the boldest of these depictions came in mid-career, when he introduced a radical shift in the artistic treatment of Jesus. Traditional images of Jesus were based on ancient Greek sculpture and Renaissance imagery, conventions that had been in place for more than a millennium.



Rembrandt's early depictions followed these customs, showing Jesus in heroic action scenes or as the embodiment of profound suffering. By the late 1640s, however, Rembrandt achieved a greater spiritual resonance in his work, evidenced by a series of portraits that portrays Jesus as vulnerable and humble, an object of meditation not because of his suffering but through his presence as an affirmation of goodness and a source of deep spiritual inspiration.

DIA Box Office, www.dia.org, or by calling 1.866.DIA.TIXS (866.342.8497).

Detroit Revealed Photographs, 2000-2010

Through April 8, 2012

With work from her series *Reinvention: Rouge Photographs*, Michelle Andonian continues a nearly century-old tradition of photographing Ford's River Rouge complex as a metaphor for Detroit as the Motor City. Andonian continued the tradition of documenting activity at the Rouge, receiving permission from Ford to photograph the transition from the assembly of the Mustang to that of the F-150 truck. In keeping with the documentary nature of her work, she photographed the end of this chapter of automotive history in black and white. When it came time to photograph the new line, she switched to large-scale color images as a means of representing the forward-looking, state-of-the-art facility.



Music Calendar

Brunch with Bach

Brunch with Bach is the place to hear outstanding chamber music and enjoy a delicious brunch in the elegance of the Detroit Institute of Art's historic Kresge Court. A longtime favorite with audiences, Brunch with Bach features the finest international talents performing both classic and contemporary works for chamber ensemble.

Kyoko Kashiwagi, Vana Staples and Angelina Pashmakova

DIA - December 18 - Violinist Kyoko Kashiwagi, flutist Vana Staples, and pianist Angelina Pashmakova perform J.S. Bach's Musical Offering, a collection of canons and fugues based on a theme given to him by Frederick II of Prussia and the Johannes Brahms Violin Sonata no. 3 in d minor.

Kenny Olson's Cartel

Magic Bag, Ferndale - December 29 - Former Kid Rock gunslinger, Kenny Olsen, brings the fuel injected *Cartel* to the Magic Bag, located in Ferndale MI, for a CD Release Party at 8:30pm, and after party at Valentine Distillery.

Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band

Rock legend Bob Seger brings a little Detroit cheer across America this Holiday season - **Sat 12/17 American Airlines Center, Dallas Tx, Wed 12/21 Oracle Arena, Oakland CA, Wed 12/28 Staples Center, Los Angeles Ca, Fri 12/30 Mandalay Bay Resort, Las Vegas NV**

The Hounds Below

Mittenfest, Ypsilanti - December 31 - Fresh off a mini December east coast tour that included Brooklyn, Manhattan, Asbury Park and Philly, The Hounds Below come home to play Mittenfest on New Year's Eve.

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Spanish Coffee

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Cookies are still made using fresh ingredients and the historic recipe that has been a popular favorite for many years. Found at Meijer.

Bavarian Inn Rootbeer

Take a daytrip to **Frankenmuth, Michigan**. Just 90 minutes north on I-75, Frankenmuth celebrates the holidays year round, with **Bronner's Christmas Wonderland** offering everything fit for a tree, while **Zender's** restaurant and the **Bavarian Inn** serve diners delicious chicken dinners, complete with German beer, big warm pretzels, and Bavarian Inn's own famous **Root Beer!**



TAKE GOOD CARE OF THE GOODFELLOWS

A Story Of Christmas Remembered By Jean McNeill De Hayes

It must have been 1931 or 32, because it was during the depression. I was only five or six, and we lived in an upper flat on the Westside of Detroit. You came up a flight of stairs and along a hallway to a door leading into the flat. 4838 Vernor - or was it 3848, I can't remember. It was between Morrell and Ferdinand. My family went to the Holy Redeemer church, and I attended McKinstry grade school on Lansing.

One day, my mother heard someone coming up the stairs, and he was yelling, "Merry Christmas! This is Santa Claus! No child without a Christmas gift!" He had three boxes, and in them were a doll, a truck and a pair of boots, with a jack knife. After he handed them to my mother, he went back down the stairs and out the door.

A short while later, he came back and gave my mother another box. "I forgot to give you a doll," he said, and then he turned and headed down the stairs. My mother told me later that she held the box and thought, "Now, I have two dolls for my daughter." We were very poor, although at the time I didn't know it.

The next day, it began to bother her. "I will never forgive myself," mother said, in her thick Scottish Brogue accent. "I wonder what wee little girl will be without a doll this Christmas?"

"No mother," I said. "Whosever name is on Santa's list will get a gift."

"I should have ran after him," she said. "I could have ran after him, and I didn't."

"I wonder what wee little girl will be without a doll this Christmas?"

We used to get a free bottle of milk in the morning, and two graham crackers. But, we had to have a ticket, and I don't know how we got on the list - maybe, it was the school? One girl said, "You get milk because you're poor. Only the poor people get that."

My mother said, "That's not true. You're getting that because you're a good girl."

And, then someone said that I had welfare shoes on. You had to get a ticket downtown, all the shoes were the same, Oxfords, with that tongue on them, a flap on top, and I said, "Mine are not welfare shoes," even though I didn't know what welfare was. So, my mother cut the flap and put different laces on them. "There," she said. "Now, they don't look like everybody else's."

Mother thought about that doll several times during the year. Every Christmas, it was like a knife to her heart. "I wonder what wee little girl..." she would say, with her head down and her hands clasped.

She always gave to Goodfellows after that, and she never walked past the big, red kettle (Salvation Army) without putting something in it. She must have been around 35 when that happened. She died at 87.

On her deathbed, she still thought of that doll and begged my husband Ken and I to "always take good care of The Goodfellows." I like to think that when my mom, Sarah McNeill died there was a wee little girl with a doll in her arms to greet her.



Detroit Goodfellows

The Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit is a 95-year-old charity founded in 1914 by James J. Brady. The organization includes 300 members whose sole mission is to ensure that there is "No Kiddie without a Christmas." Each holiday season the Detroit Goodfellows distribute holiday gift boxes to children ages four through 13 living in Detroit, Highland Park, River Rouge and Hamtramck. Each child receives warm clothing, toys, books, games and candy. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the Detroit Goodfellows, please send a check payable to the Detroit Goodfellows to P.O. Box 44444, Detroit, MI 48244-0444. You may also make an online gift using your VISA or MASTERCARD by going to www.detroitgoodfellows.org/donate

Quirk Factor

The Magical Christmas Tape of the 1980's

By Juliana Counts

When I was little, very few things got me excited for Christmas as much as our VHS tape of holiday specials that my father had recorded off the TV. There were the usual Rankin-Bass features, such as "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer", and the classic "A Charlie Brown Christmas". At 6 hours long, this tape was a treasure-trove of Yuletide memories. Along with the usual holiday fair, there were some definitive 1980's episodes that have been ingrained in my life. The tape also included "A Garfield Christmas Special", "Alf's Special Christmas", "Will Vinton's Claymation Christmas Celebration", and my favorite "A Muppet Family Christmas".

Every year, we'd pop the tape in the VCR and enjoy the memorable stories, as well as the cheesy holiday commercials that my father hadn't managed to edit out. So a few years ago, I got the tape out in mid-November and popped it in our (still functioning) VCR, thinking I should probably back the tape up on DVD. Suddenly, a sickening snap! The film itself had torn, and wrapped itself all through-out the ancient video technology! The holiday memories? - Gone! I was devastated. But this was the age of the internet! Surely, I could replace some of these memories.

And, I did indeed replace most of them. It turns out that most of these specials have been released on DVD. What's more, most come with other holiday specials as well. Between eBay, Amazon, and Barnes and Noble, I now have them digitally backed. The one that I cannot seem to find? "A Muppet Family Christmas".



It seems the DVD release was a limited run and you're lucky if you can find it for less than \$75. But despite those issues, if you're lucky, you may be able to find it on Youtube in its unedited original format. For once, there's something good to watch on the internet! As for myself, I'm going to pop in my "Will Vinton's Claymation Christmas Celebration" DVD, and enjoy listening to the California Raisins singing Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.



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Amidst the October skies and November rains of the season, the wind blew in two travelers destined to leave an impression on Detroit. The 2Square, with roots in Knoxville, Tennessee, is now on a three year tour that has taken them all over the US and Europe. Their most recent travels include Portugal, Czech Republic,

Austria and more with a 2Square warehouse in London. Their first mural in our City, is written all over the Imagination Station in Corktown next to Roosevelt Park. Their messages read, "If we fight together, our city will rise", "unity", and "evolution is key". These statements truly reflect a city in renewal, with the philosophy of an artist and it's journey. Within days after completion, the 2 were already starting on the RecycleHere Center in New Center, located on Holden just south of Grand Boulevard. Murals and installations have greeted the green-minded Detroiters, with tributes to some of Detroit's most iconic people like Madonna, Kid Rock and Bozo the Clown. After planting some seeds in the D, the 2 plans to travel to Miami, for the annual International Art Show, Art Basel. Having been noted to say that Detroit would definitely be a place they will always return to, we won't see them again until the renewal time of Spring.

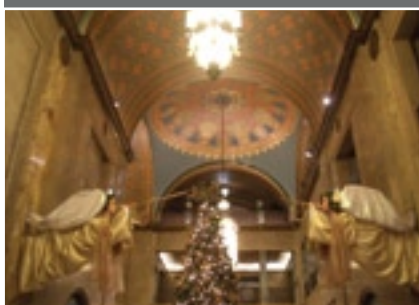
www.follow2square.com

what :: REIGNITE RETAIL

DATE :: December 2nd & 3rd 2011

LOCATION :: Fisher Building 3011 Grand Boulevard. Detroit

TIME :: 11a-5p



Reigniting Retail is about showing the appetite of Detroit's consumers for more shopping options and making a statement about the quality of goods dreamed up, created and sold right here. Mixed in with the excitement, will be the beauty of one of Detroit's grandest landmarks: The Fisher Building's iconic art deco lobby

is the backdrop to this unique and community driven event. The shopping over the two days, features dozens of local retailers and designers, all in an effort to support the local creatives and the businesses that support them. Products are available, ranging from Clothing to Accessories, and much more. The Fisher Building and New Center One will be packed with customers, entertainment and lots of local media that are excited about positive news in the D. This is a great opportunity to get exposure for local brands and their products before and during the holiday shopping season.

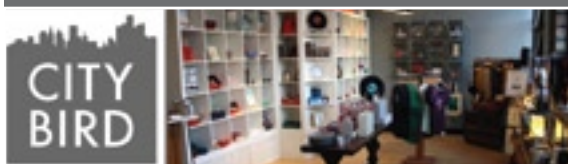
Contact Judy- smith@farbman.comprize.

wear :: CITY BIRD

TYPE :: Retail Boutique

LOCATION :: 460 W. Canfield Detroit, 48201

HOURS :: Tuesday-Saturday 11-7



The brother-sister duo, Andy and Emily Linn, are behind one of the hippest, most shopper savvy stores seen

in the Cass Corridor area. Detroiters have adored the variety found inside City Bird, which carries everything from housewares, like candleholders and art, to paper goods, clothing and accessories, all made by the hands of many talented individuals. Known as a store, studio and gallery combo, this space displays and retails work by over 75 artists and designers from around Detroit and other Rustbelt cities. If there is one place to purchase some of the most unique and thoughtful items, this is it. Together this sibling duo has made its mark as Detroit's most beloved stockist, and they plan to grow more in the years to come. Within the last month, City Bird announced its expansion to occupy the space which has been recently known as, Bureau of Urban Living, and has plans to open Nest, a home goods creation dedicate to vision, idea, and foundation behind City Bird and BOUL, and the community it calls home.

<http://www.ilovecitybird.com/>

www.fotoulalambrosdesign.com

BEAUTY • MARK

By Jeanette Frost

All that glimmers and shimmers is what's hot for the holidays.

These products are sure to help with Puttin' on the Glitz.



// O.P.I. Nail Polish

My favorite nail polish brand O.P.I. has teamed up with Sephora to create four glamorous shades for the holidays. Just like the lights on the Christmas Tree or the New Year's Ball your nails will make people stop and stare in amazement. Why is O.P.I. my favorite brand? With polish names like these, what's not to love? Only Gold for Me, Be-Claus I Said So, Are You Glistenin'?, Sparktacular. \$28 www.sephora.com



// Purely Pro Cosmetics

Make your eyes truly sparkle with this glitter eyeliner set by Purely Pro Cosmetics. The set comes with three liquid eyeliners in silver, gold and black. Purely Pro Cosmetics is a Michigan based company with high quality beauty products. \$24 www.purelyprocosmetics.com



// Shimmer Party Brick by Bobbi Brown

Bobbi Brown has created a marvelous limited addition Shimmer Party Brick for the holiday season. Brighten your face with the luster of silver and gold. This Shimmer Party Brick really sets the tone for holiday partying with its sassy details; got to love the martini glass and shaker imprint on the makeup. What a cute gift this would make for the party girls in your life. \$40 www.bobbibrowncosmetics.com (Find locally at Somerset Collection - Troy, MI)



// Double Wear Stay-in-Place Shadow Crème by Esté Lauder

Double Wear Stay-in-Place Shadow Crème by Esté Lauder comes in many beautiful shades. To have a subtle golden twinkle to your eye, choose Golden Sands (for pale-beige Caucasian skin) or Antique Gold (for tan-African and dark skin). To have the eyes of a snow goddess, choose Ivory Lace. \$17.50 www.estelauder.com (Find locally at Somerset Collection - Troy, MI)



// Lip Gloss by TODD Beauty

Lip Gloss by TODD Beauty comes in many beautiful shades such as these four listed as Todd's personal favorite: Feisty, Scrumptious, Tender, Polite. Feisty and Scrumptious gives you that holiday luster, while Tender and Polite are classic beauties. Found in downtown Birmingham, Todd's Room is another fabulous Michigan based company. \$15 www.toddsroombirmingham.com 239 Pierce St. Birmingham, MI (248)594-0003

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GENTLEMEN'S ¼

ESSENTIAL WINTER HABERDASHES

Grant Wickersham

Despite the strangely and unexpectedly warm fall season, the inexorably advancing wall of snow and ice is creeping our way. A fool will let it catch him by surprise, but a gentleman will be prepared...

SHOES //

Ah, the crunch of snow beneath one's feet - a sound of satisfaction to some, a dreadful noise to those without proper accoutrements. You may have a separate snow boot to change into, but why not pair down? I say "One Shoe to Rule Them All," the wingtip leather boot, which shines in any given situation. Need to trudge through the snow? No problem, the leather is waterproof, the lug sole will keep one from an embarrassing 4.2 rated landing on the pavement, and the coverage ending just above the ankle will help keep snow out of one's shoe (important, if you hate soggy socks as much as I do). Surprise dinner plans tonight? I myself own the Florsheim "Gaffney," and it's the best purchase I've ever made (\$130).



COAT //

Don't get a peacoat, as everybody already has one, and they're not nearly as practical (sorry, dominant peacoat population). Instead, opt for a cotton or wool long coat. The difference is that the long coat isn't double breasted, instead fastening straight down the middle, and that it's, well, longer. But do make sure it's car-length, meaning that it ends above your knees. This keeps you covered without being obtrusive. A decent one will last forever, and indeed my long coat from The Gap (\$150) has lasted me five years with only the seasonal dry clean.

JACKET //

Blazer, sport coat, suit jacket - the technicalities can be argued. Allow me to steer you in the direction of a thick cotton herringbone jacket: the alternating v-shaped black and white tweed pattern, a cold-weather staple. I was lucky enough to snag a modern Express jacket of the same type for \$12, at Regeneration in Pleasant Ridge MI, and the new ones look much more sharp and modern against your grandfather's herringbone. Throw on a crisp white shirt, a v-neck sweater, top with long coat, and don your shoes. A gentleman is always prepared.

Holiday Shopping

Buy Local & Handmade

When holiday shopping this year why not support Michigan artists and artisans by buying handmade and local? Here is a great way to spend a day doing just that in the Metropolitan area -

By Janna Bisset

Berkley

The Yellow Door Art Market. Local artists rent space here and it's run like a retail store. There are lots of interesting gifts such as notebooks made from vintage album covers, hand sewn baby gifts, original art prints and photography, and one of a kind jewelry. **3141 West Twelve Mile, Berkley. Mon-Sat 10-6, Thurs 10-8, Sun 12-5.**

Walk down half a block to **City Style** where you can pick up some Made In Detroit apparel or some Detroit themed jewelry. **3017 West Twelve Mile Rd, Berkley. Mon-Fri 10-7, Sat 10-6**

Royal Oak

Hop in the car and travel 2.5 miles to **Gallery U**, located on the same block as the Royal Oak Music Theater: Check out the art while you are there and shop in the gallery shop in the rear where you can find affordable gifts made by clients of Universal Institute Rehab who have suffered closed head injuries and use the gallery as art therapy and a way to enter back into the work force. **310 West 4th Street, Royal Oak MI.**

Right next door you will find **Saffron**, where the overall feel of the store is fun, whimsical, and a little bit bohemian. Here you will find beautiful clothing, hip and trendy jewelry, and locally made candles. **308 West Fourth St, Royal Oak. Mon 12-7, Tu-Wed 12-8, Thur-Fri 12-9, Sat 11-7, Sun 12-5.**

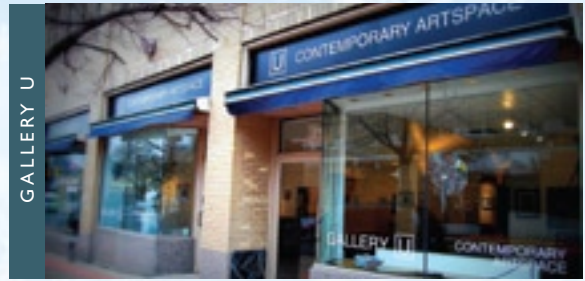
Walk down 4th street, turn left on Main street and head into **Shapes**. The owner is a local fashion designer and you can purchase her designs as well as unique and trendy clothing and jewelry. Tip: Ask to see the 'bridal room'. It's a cute little treat and you don't have to be a bride to enjoy it. **319 South Main Street, Royal Oak. Tue, Wed, Sat 11am - 6pm, Thur-Fri 11am - 9pm, Sun-Mon closed.**

Walk or drive to **323 East**, a tiny but hip gallery space. You can't miss the neon green exterior covered in graffiti art. Call before you go because they do occasionally close the gallery to get ready for the next show but hopefully you will catch one of their carefully curated exhibitions. Don't miss the room all the way in the back-it's full of ready to hang art, handmade silk screened ties, and handmade jewelry and accessories from local artists. **323 East 4th, Royal Oak MI Mon - Sat 12- 7.**

Ferndale

Head down 9 Mile to **Naka** - a sweet spot of handmade goodness. Pick up some Detroit themed items, home décor, locally made jewelry, and more. This is a great place to find something for the guy on your list too. **171 West 9 Mile Road, Ferndale. Mon-Fri 11-7, Sat 11-6, Sun 12-5.**

After all that shopping you deserve some pampering! Stop by **Rouge** on Woodward where you can get a mani/pedi or a makeup lesson. This is a great place to pick up some locally made, all organic makeup and lotions for the gal on your list. Be sure to check out the fantastic jewelry by designer Jennifer Vermeersch. **23341 Woodward Ave, Ferndale. Wed-Fri 11-6, Sat 10-5.**



FOOD

BREAKFAST SPECIAL

The Original Pancake House

Bay Harbor - Birmingham - Grosse Pointe Woods - Southfield

Anthony Brancalone

Locals have been going to the Original Pancake House for decades. One look at the line, which extends from the building every weekend, should be enough to indicate what warm goodness awaits inside, but I'm going to tell you myself, anyway.

To begin with, arrive early, or dress warm and bring a sunny attitude - lest you want to ruin it for the rest of us. Once seated, order a nice cup of hot coffee and let the aroma of Pancakes, Waffles and Crepes blanket your table while you exchange conversation. In warmer climes, I am partial to the *Fresh Strawberry Crepes* (3 delicate crepes, dusted with powdered sugar), while in the colder months I am more inclined to try either the *Apple Pancake* (a single large pancake smothered with sautéed apples and cinnamon) or the signature Dutch Baby - an air

filled delight baked to perfection and served with lemon, whipped butter and powdered sugar.

After years of assuming The Original Pancake House was native to Michigan, I made a discovery while in California. Friends spoke of an "Authentic Californian" pancake house in Redondo Beach. While it looked different than home, and had a varied menu, I quickly realized Michigan was not alone. The following year, I found myself at an Original House in Birmingham, AL where I ordered a Georgia Peach Pancake, and decided I needed to do more research on this original and unsuspecting chain.

Founded in Portland, Oregon in 1953 by Les Highet and Erma Hueneker, the Original Pancake House now stretches all across this great nation, but has managed to do so without feeling commercial. Independently



owned and operated, The original Pancake House uses 93 score butter; pure 36% whipping cream, fresh grade AA eggs, hard wheat unbleached flour; and all batters and sauces fresh in each restaurants kitchen. One flaw in the mix, however, is that the Pancake House, surprisingly, does not offer 100% Pure Maple Syrup - and, that is always a 'No-No'.

Find an Original Pancake House near you, visit originalpancakehouse.com and be sure to enlighten yourself by reading the answers to such philosophical questions as "What are pancakes?" and "When should pancakes be eaten?" in the "What Are Pancakes" section of the site.

originalpancakehouse.com

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"A stroke of genius" - L. Brooks Patterson
Oakland County Executive

A SILENT PRISTINE SNOWFALL

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female stockbroker hired in Detroit, came by with Ron and Tommy D and said, “You up for dinner at the Ponchatrain?” We always felt good there. The roasted pork chops, special potatoes, greens, house wine - Lonz Sauterne - might be the right perk?

We discussed the incentive plan given us six months before. I was far short. I mentioned I was barely making train fare. Now, it is easy to sit in a circle with others and share the pain, as some artists are want to do, but not this group. Pat flatly suggested I start hopping freight trains to work. Humor was always the right tool. Then, in a pragmatic moment, Tommy D said something more than memorable. He said, “Brank, you may be trying to hit a home run. Try hitting a single first.”

I’d taken the late and lonely train home in the darkness and thought of Tommy’s statement. “Was that me? Was I trying to hit a “Big Ticket”, so I would come home the hero?”

I knew I didn’t want a lean or bare Christmas. No one does. Then, I thought of a comment Sam Monahan had made at breakfast. “Christmas is coming. It’s coming regardless of how well, or not well, anyone is doing. As for me, I simply love it all and I am grateful.”

A few days later, I made a personal call to a prospective client with a very small idea. I hit a single. Then, surprisingly, I hit a double the very next afternoon. Did not hit a home run, but the little things added up. Later that week, I left at 5pm, went down past the Caucus Club, filled with people and merriment, stood on Congress with evening snow falling all around, then crossed and entered The London Chop House.



The number one booth was on my left, but I went to the long, dark, rich bar, ordered a Benedictine, sipped it and pictured Chop House Ribs, with their infamous Poncho Sauce, a Filet, a... I could afford dinner now, and then some. It felt good to reward my efforts.

Those small gains meant I was able to provide for my family through Christmas. Further, I had met the Firm’s goal, earning a trip to Jamaica for my wife and I, which was part of the company’s incentive plan, but had earlier seemed near impossible to achieve.

It was a very small and insignificant victory, all those years ago, downtown in the 60’s, but it taught me about small steps.

This city, and its nameless people, who has birthed entrepreneurs, innovation and invention, and has the names of Packard, Studebaker and hundreds of companies and shops that have either died or gone away.

It is one step at a time to move again, all of it building quiet strength and resolve for each who is in it. What is significant in these trying times is having the vision to be thankful and grateful for just “being.”

What is significant is a silent, pristine snowfall, with a bright winter moon, hot chocolate, and the smell of real evergreen in your home, as you enjoy time with your family over Christmas - the most meaningful reward for all your efforts.

HAVE A NO GOOD ROTTEN CHRISTMAS



The Bottom 10 Worst Christmas Songs Ever According To Matt Counts

It’s the time of year for snow, the time of year for family, the time of year for eggnog, mistletoe, gift giving and caroling. I love Christmas. Be ye Christian, or not, it is a wonderful holiday, with tons of celebration to be had. And, despite my love of music, caroling, and merrymaking, sometimes, people go too far. When they do you end up with the musical and lyrical massacre that is this countdown list. Sit back, pour a double brandy in that Nog, because you’re going to need it - if you listen to any of these songs sure to make for a no good rotten Christmas -

10 Karen Newman – Christmas Eve on Woodward Ave

This may be the best of the worst, but the road she’s describing in flat, tepid tones, is not the Woodward I have grown to love. And, the cliché children’s choir doesn’t help either. This is also my Dad’s least favorite Christmas song. And, since Christmas is a family holiday, I had to add it - Merry Christmas, Dad!

9 Spike Jones – All I Want For Christmas Is My 2 Front Teeth

This song hurts to listen to, literally. The forced whistling throughout hits such frequency as to annoy stray dogs. For those of you who think it cute, think 1800 British street urchins singing. Not a pretty image. Staring through your frosted window, snow gently falling, they whistling at fever pitch, causing the capillaries in your nose to burst.



8 Gayla Peavy – All I want for Christmas is a Hippo

As a child, this was my favorite Christmas song. Oh, the loathing my parents must have for it after hearing it on repeat over and over and over Christmas day. I, with a heavy heart, must now place it in the bottom 10.

7 Ray Allen & Lou Monte – Dominick the Christmas Donkey

Truth be told, I had never heard this song during the 25 days of Christmas. It wasn’t till I began asking people what the worst song was that I even knew it existed. Second only to the Hippo song, Donkey incorporates the cheesiness of Hippo, mixed with the annoying sound effects not unlike the front teeth song - A true holiday fingernails-on-chalk-board ditty that should not be listened to.

6 Mariah Carey – All I Want For Christmas Is You

I have never enjoyed Mariah Carey’s music. I especially do not like it when she does Christmas songs. I also have to point out that the worst songs are all about what people want for

Christmas. Maybe being selfish at the giving time of year spawns some negative response from me, and others, who share similar sensibilities. All I really know is; its not a good song and its by a no good spoiled “artist”.

5 Cyndi Lauper – Christmas Conga

This space was originally for *Feliz Navidad*. During my search, however, I stumbled upon this monstrosity. It is the worst of polka and house music, fused with a Christmas background. Cyndi, girls may “just want to have fun”, but in a world where this song is allowed to exist, they won’t.

4 Band Aid – Do They Know It’s Christmas

Damn Bono, Damn Boy George, and Damn everyone else who made this song (except Freddy Mercury, God rest you, Merry Gentleman). I’m happy you point out that even though my car’s transmission is dead, I’m eating ramen noodles for the 11th day in a row, and my rent is due in a week, I’m a bad person for not donating all my millions to charity. Oh ya, that’s because I don’t have it. There won’t be snow in Africa? Are you kidding me? They are south of the equator kiddo. Glad you want to help, but you aren’t going to trick me when you don’t even know geography...

3 Ying Yang Twins – Deck da Club

I guess it was popular for late 90’s and early 00’s rap groups to put out Christmas albums. Who knew? ALL were awful, but this song sticks out from the surprisingly large selection. I feel it was the youtube comment - from user “svanari” - declaring *Deck da Club* “most horrible Christmas song ever” that really sold me. And yes, I do feel this song was worse than *All I want for Christmas is to get Crunk*. Don’t forget to “*Deck The Halls With Piles Of Money*” and “*Burn Those Christmas Trees*” - Whatever that means...

2 Thomas Howard – Silent Hill/Tell me you Love me for Christmas

This song, you will not hear on the radio. It’s that bad. The music is tacky, and the singer a holiday cheese ball, but what I still don’t understand is how he can leave out so many words. It’s like listening to someone read every other word of a poorly subtitled movie.

1 New Song – Christmas Shoes

If I die and go to hell, I will be forced to listen to this song on repeat for all eternity. I cannot believe this song can even exist. Hearing it makes my back hurt, and I get a strong desire to punch walls like an angry 14 year old. The epic level of sap in this song hits like an ice ball to the face. It’s the entire channel of lifetime compressed into 4 minutes and 48 seconds of nauseating torture. And, once again, the child choir ending doesn’t help soften the blow.

And the lyrics! If there have been worse lyrics ever written, please show them to me. Specifically this line: “I know that God had sent that little boy to remind me what Christmas is all about.” That’s right, son. God gave that poor boy’s mom cancer, and is having his family go through such sadness, stress, and heartache, because God wants YOU to know what Christmas is all about. It’s all about YOU ... A\$#H*LE!

I Know A Little And A Latke About Hannukah

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Hannukah is not one of the holiest holidays for the Jewish people, but being so close to Christmas, Jews living in Christian societies have adapted the gift giving of Christmas and incorporated it into Hanukkah. I think that’s great, especially for the economy. If we didn’t give gifts on Hanukkah, I wouldn’t have a good reason to go shopping on Black Friday, the greatest day of the year, a true American holiday, a day prices are so low, my family can have an Xbox360, provided I remember the pepper spray. As far as I’m concerned, it’s all about family, traditions, and living The American Dream. No matter what you celebrate this Season, let’s have a Healthy and Happy New Year!

Healthier Hanukkah Potato Latke Recipe

2 lbs potatoes (shredded or grated)

or frozen hash browns

1 onion (shredded or grated)

2 eggs

salt, pepper

1/4 cup matzo meal or 1/4 cup flour

1/4 teaspoon baking powder

nonstick cooking spray

Directions: Preheat oven to 425°F. Drain excess liquid from potatoes. Mix all ingredients in a large bowl. Spray two baking sheets.

Add latke mixture by 1/4 cup; flatten.

Bake 15 minutes; turn latkes; and bake 10 minutes longer. Serve with applesauce and/or sour cream.



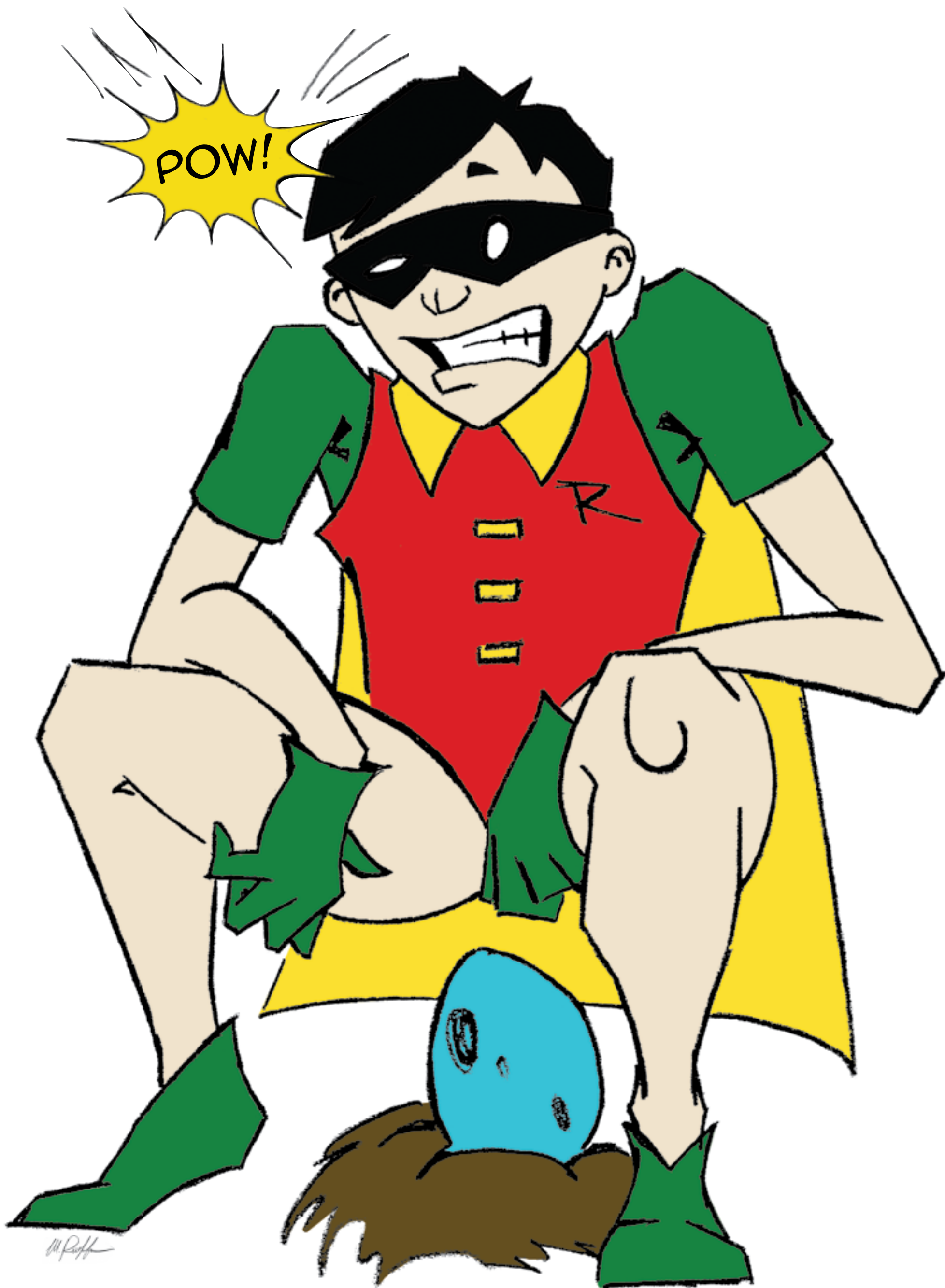
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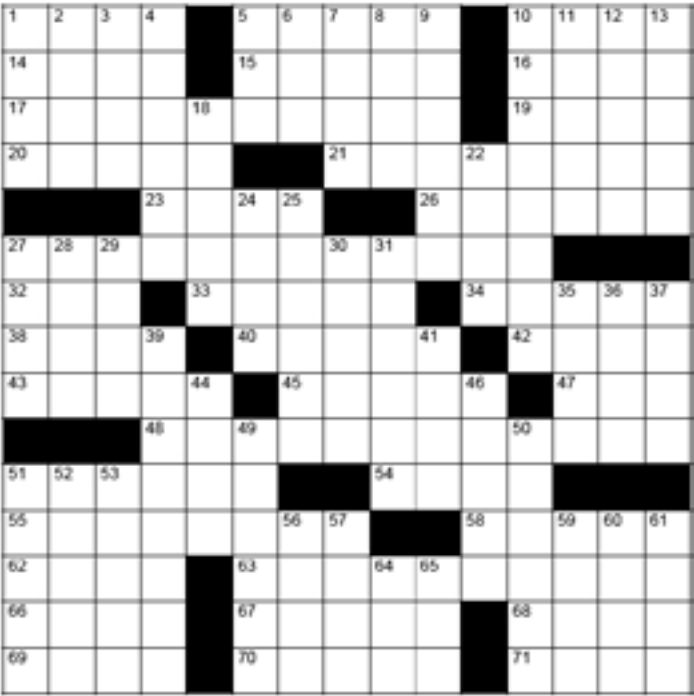
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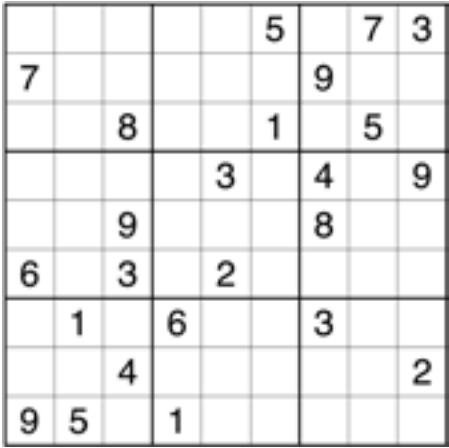
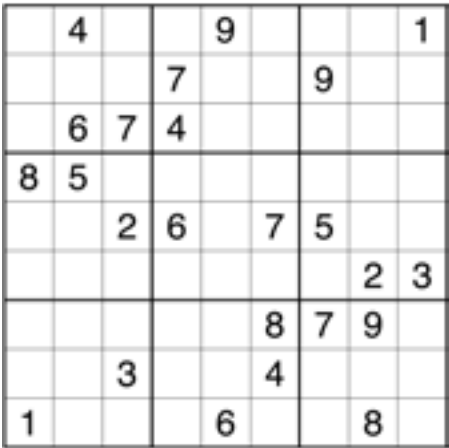
CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
1. World Series mos.
5. State-of-the-art RCA products
10. Busy airports
14. Keep ____ (persevere)
15. Like gold
16. Cookie with creme inside
17. First Amendment guarantee
19. Opposite of unter, in German
20. Dred Scott, e.g.
21. What Tonto called the Lone Ranger
23. Colorful perennial
26. First of two baseball games
27. Some ugly ducklings, so to speak
32. Essen expletive
33. Burn just a bit
34. Film director Peter
38. Do one of the three R's
40. Major blood carrier
42. Rikki-tikki-____ (Kipling mongoose)
43. Flowery "ta-ta"
45. Model/volleyballer Gabrielle
47. Trench coat color
48. Sidestroke technique
51. Julius or Sid
54. Gambling city
55. Wrapper, of sorts
58. Icicle supports
62. Ripener
63. Beginners' skiing area
66. It's \$24 on Marvin Gardens
67. Do-____ (all-out)
68. Stout drinks
69. Computer keys: Abbr.
70. Mouse catchers
71. Holy women: Abbr.



- DOWN**
1. Gawky types
2. Lower-left PC key
3. '____ Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree'
4. Musical Wonder
5. See by chance, with "upon"
6. Up for payment
7. Long, tough trip
8. Failing
9. Nimrod
10. Cared for a home while the owner was away
11. Not rural
12. Deep-sea explorer William
13. More in need of liniment
18. Most Yugoslavs
22. Grand Ole ____
24. Russian gold medalist ____ Kulik
25. They're needed for organ transplants
27. Byron work
28. Made a hole-in-one
29. Asian cuisine choice
30. Shrek's ilk
31. '79 disaster flick
35. Mr. Hulot's creator
36. Relief effort fliers: Abbr.
37. Where dirty dishes pile up
39. Pudding and pie
41. Fair-sized field
44. The Golden Bears, for short
46. Serfs
49. Isaac Asimov book made into a 2004 Will Smith film
50. Teddy bearlike marsupials
51. Kind of rubber
52. Sweetheart
53. News basis
56. Sound of a cat or engine
57. Poet Millay
59. Battery unit
60. Type of foil
61. Congress mtg.
64. Blight
65. "____, ma'am"

SUDOKU



Sudoku Instructions

Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 thru 9. If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork.

ANSWERS



DTW



Holiday travel is upon us, and we all know it can get expensive and stressful in a hurry - so let The Metropolitan suggest the following travel gift ideas from the high flying folks at Flight 001, all for Under \$25

MINIMERGENCY KIT BLUE

The Good Luck Minimergency Kit for her. Blue colored pouch with evil eye zipper pull is filled with 16 must-haves. Includes hairspray, clear nail polish, nail polish remover, emery board, lip balm, earring backs, clear elastics, sewing kit, double-sided tape, stain remover, deodorant towelette, pain reliever, tampon, breath freshener, dental floss and adhesive bandages. Measurement: 3.5in X 2in X 2in



\$ 15.00

MOCIUM + BAGGU TOTE YELLOW

Reusable shopping tote bag by Baggu, featuring block print designed by Mocium. Extra bag holds the contents of 2-3 plastic grocery bags and fold flat into pouch. Machine Washable. Holds up to 25 pounds. Made from 100% ripstop nylon. Measurement: 15in X 25in X 6in



\$ 12.00

MOBILE FOODIE THAI

The Mobile Foodie Thai Essentials Kit is a travel sized set of 9 organic herbs and spices for Thai cuisine. Includes Thai chili powder, toasted sesame seeds, green cardamom pods, dried lemongrass, black peppercorns, dried galangal root, curry leaf, black mustard seed and basil Stacked containers are BPA-free and fully recyclable, and tubes are made of post-consumer recycled paperboard. Comes in Indian and Mexican too! Measurement: 6in X 1.5in



\$ 20.00

USB CHARGER ORANGE



Universal USB Charger lets you charge multiple devices using one USB plug. Features 10 plugs that fit most mobile devices including the Apple iPod/iPhone, Sony Ericsson K750, Samsung i900, Samsung D800, LGKG90, Motorola V8, Motorola V3, PSP, Nokia 8250, and the Nokia N90.

\$ 20.00

UNIVERSAL ADAPTER GREEN

Universal Travel Adapter is compact and portable, eliminating bulky plug adapter kits. Pop put plug adapters for Europe, UK and North America that twists into Australia, New Zealand and China. Compatible in over 150 countries. Adapter does not convert voltage! Measurement: 2.375in X 2in x 1.75in



\$ 25.00

SLIM SONIC TOOTHBRUSH

Slim Sonic Toothbrush is a lightweight, compact travel toothbrush that vibrates at 22,000 brush strokes per minute and features a replaceable brush head. AAA battery and extra brush head included. Measurement: .75in X 6.5in X .75in



\$ 16.00

PAIN KILLERSTIN BOX

Pocket size tin box features vintage Chinese advertising art. Construction is an exact replica of a 1920's cigarette case. Perfect size for holding pills, safety pins or anything little that needs storing. Includes "if found" card. Measurement: 4.25in X .5in X 3in



\$ 8.00

MANI-PEDIMERGENCY KIT

Has everything you need for touching up your fingers and toes while traveling. Mini size kit includes 3 travel size nail polish bottles that you can fill with your favorite colors or top coats, an emery board and 6 nail polish remover pads. Packaged in a transparent vinyl snap pouch. Measurement: 3in X 2.5in X 1.5in

\$ 10.00

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NORTHERN LIGHTS LOUNGE
DETROIT

It is quite possible that if the Rat Pack were alive today they would be swinging at Northern Lights Lounge. Half moon booths, dim lounge lighting, fine music ranging from Frank and the boys, to Do Wop, to 70's Soul to contemporary Detroit Jazz and indie-rock, the guys and dolls at Northern Lights actually enjoy serving their guests a good time. Managed by long time Detroiter, Kegger, the Lounge is open for lunch and dinner throughout the business week. Two blocks south of The Fischer Building, businesspersons mingle with the art crowd in order to taste Metropolitan Detroit's most surprisingly delicious fish-n-chips (\$10). Co-partner, William, holds down the kitchen with aplomb, serving great burgers, steaks and other lounge fare. The bar is staffed by hip, courteous barkeeps, who pour nicely priced cocktails (\$5 calls) with confidence and a smile, and the bathrooms continue to impress, with peepholes, built-in drink holders, a powder room for the ladies, and ice cubes in the men's receptacles. Available for private parties & events.

660 West Baltimore Street Detroit MI 48202
(313) 873.1739



RONIN
ROYAL OAK

This intimate, swank candlelit Asian restaurant, located in downtown Royal Oak, took a huge chance on a difficult corner, transforming the space into a posh locale for lovers of sushi, sashimi and saki. Dark and mysterious, with sophisticated mien, Ronin offers yellowtail, salmon row, tuna tartar and an abundance of rolls to singles, couples and business personal alike. Kitchen menu includes #1 Ahi Tuna Sliders, Diver Scallop with black rice risotto and playful sides. A perfect place for lunch or dinner, Ronin flows effortlessly between the crowd of 'Foodies' and cocktailers seeking happy hour nourishment from their favourite adult beverage. Martinis, Sakitinis, and flamboyant cocktails are served to properly attired patrons in the cozy main floor dining area or bar, while insiders steal away for a second floor rendezvous hiding behind the velvet rope. Should be busy New Year's Eve - make your reservations now!

326 West Fourth Street royal Oak MI
(248) 546.0888



Mario's
DETROIT

Since 1948, Mario's has provided traditional Italian fare in an elegant atmosphere, remaining one of the last true supper clubs in the area. Unpretentious and old school, in a birth of the cool, just like in the movies, kind of way, Mario's isn't so much 'retro' as it is 'real'. Tableside cooking, good service and an extensive wine list are what Mario's is known for. Try the Steak Diane, flamed in cognac, simmered in brown sauce w/ Dijon or Tournedos Royal, medallions of beef tenderloin, sautéed w/ capers, anchovy and sherry, then flamed in cognac. Close to the theatre district, Mario's is a great place to dine before or after a show. Ballroom dancing on weekends, valet parking and shuttles offered to select locations. Entrees from \$18-\$30.

4222 Second Avenue, Detroit Mi.
(313) 832.1616



DEMA BAR
Westin Hotel (DTW)

Nothing quite like the feeling of enjoying a cocktail, closing a deal or spotting an alluring beauty across the way in a hotel bar. Even better when said bar is attached to an airport. Oh, the possibilities! DEMA Bar, located in the fabulous lobby of the Westin Hotel - DTW - is appropriate for all three. A sleek, contemporary setting, DEMA speaks to the world traveler in all of us. The bar is finely lit, boasts a bamboo forest and the sounds of the water fountain dancing in the background create a calm, rejuvenating, even sensual ambiance. Cocktails and dining in this airport are actually surprisingly good. Now, if those flight attendants in the Korean Airlines ads would just enter the lobby we would all be better off. Here here! The DEMA Bar is open between 11am and 1am Monday through Saturday and opens at noon on Sundays - just in time for Bloody Marys! Meet you in the hotel bar.

Westin hotel lobby, DTW. Romulus
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HAPPY NEW YEAR d'ETROIT

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

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In October, we traveled with Boat Magazine from London, England to Detroit, Michigan to help make a magazine about the Motor City itself. Boat Magazine is a UK quarterly magazine brought to you by husband and wife creative team Davey and Erin Spens. The concept behind the magazine is that they pick up their studio in London and relocate it to another city in the world and make a magazine about that city, with the help of writers and photographers (like us) from the city its self and from the UK.

Now, we didn't know a whole lot about Detroit or what to expect before we left London, most of our knowledge came via news reports and documentaries featuring ruins, falling down buildings, Motown and the car industry.

Stepping off the plane into DTW Airport, we realized all our pre-conceived ideas about the city were probably going to be incorrect; we were pleasantly surprised by the amazing airport, with it's futuristic train buzzing overhead around the terminal, it felt like we had somehow stepped a little into the future.

We jumped into a cab and headed off to the house Davey and Erin had rented for everyone and zoomed down the freeway towards our home and studio for the duration of our stay in the leafy suburb of Ferndale.

One of the stories we were working on for the magazine was a story on the food and drink scene in Detroit. Our plan was to travel around finding interesting people, doing interesting things with food and drink, and photograph them. There was, however, a small flaw in our plan; we didn't know anything or anyone involved in food in Detroit.

Luckily, on our first day we had visited AJ's Music Café, home of the longest assembly line concert in the world, and picked up a copy of the local newspaper. In it we found a little piece about a vodka distillery in Ferndale. We were so surprised that there was not just Vodka made in America but one from Detroit, so we decided we had to go there.

If hadn't been for our visit to the amazing Valentine Vodka this article wouldn't exist. When we went to photograph Rifino Valentine and the distillery we were also lucky enough to meet Nick the cocktail chef at the Valentines. We spent a brilliant few hours chatting about music, booze and Detroit with Nick who suggested numerous places and people for us to meet for our story, including this paper's Editor Tony.

We visited a meadery, a beer brewery, a food van, a biergarten, ate amazing pizza at Eastern Market and, amongst other things, met a lot of interesting people.

One of our fondest memories of Detroit, however, was the time we spent with the Metropolitan's editor, Anthony and his fiancée Jeanette, who entertained us at their house with cocktails and apple crisp, and took us out and showed us the amazing night life and bars around Detroit, which included a great evening at Baker's Keyboard Lounge that involved being served Tequila instead of Tanqueri Gin!

What sticks in our minds most about Detroit, however, is that the city is a place of doers. What we mean by that is that all the people we met work incredibly hard striving to do what they want to do, not only for themselves but also to make the city a better place.

The People are Detroit, so thank you to everyone who showed us their amazing city.



Jazz & Cocktails



The Metropolitan makes good horse sense.



Another round @ the Biergarten



Apple Crisp. Yum



From London with Love



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