

THE METROPOLITAN d'Étroit



A Valentine To Our City

176 Reasons We Love d'Etroit

In No Particular Order...

1. Eastern Market, detroit

Said it before and we'll say it again, Detroit's eastern market is the heart and soul of the city. Nothing like witnessing the sunrise over d'Etroit against the backdrop of farmers yelling out prices of tomatoes and corn.

2. Supino's Pizza, detroit

Located in the Eastern Market area, Supino's Pizza stands alone as the only place in town to score a quality "slice". Should be on the nation's radar. Guaranteed to make even your saddest day better.

3. Urban Grounds Coffee, detroit

While we're focusing on Eastern Market, why not remind you that the perfect cup of coffee can be found at the little red coffee cart known as Urban Grounds. A hot cup of fresh brew, with a little street music lingering in the air, is what city living is all about.

4. A Drink at the Bar in the Whitney, detroit

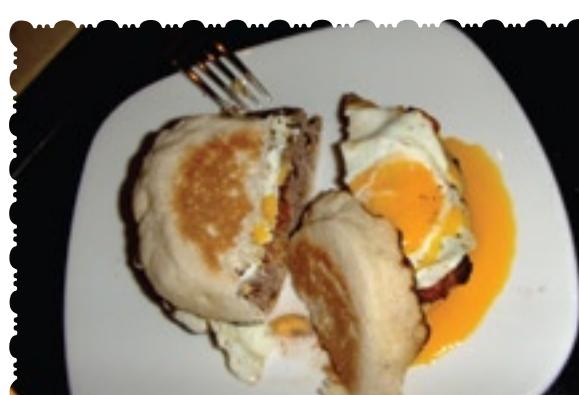
I've been around, kids, drank with the best of them, and few high end, oak room bars compare with what The Whitney has to offer. If you're lucky, arrive on a night when the piano man is tickling the ivories.

5. Happy Hour @ Roast, detroit

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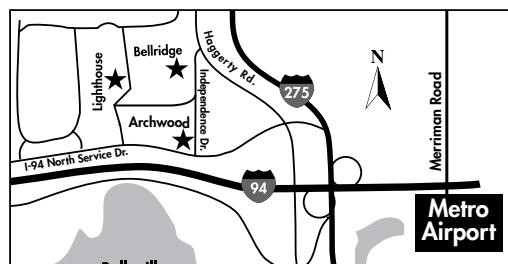
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FROM ZE EDITOR WIZ LOVE

d'Etroit is my mistress. She is my life. She is my blood. When I lust, I lust only for her. When I long to be loved, I long only for her to love me. If I were to live a thousand lives they would each be wiz my petit d'Etroit.

From ze moment we met I fell madly in love wiz her. We spent much time together. There were delightful afternoons flittered away in ze soft warmth of ze sun. There were delicious frolics during ze violet hour, and there were, of course, many dark romps by ze light of ze wolf moon.

d'Etroit was mine and I was surely made only to be hers.

But, d'Etroit is a mercurial sort. She is an unpredictable creature, capable of discovering ze hidden depths of ze soul, playing, toying unmercifully, forcing one to love her before seeking new chivalries.

Why do you torment me so? Can you not see it is I, and I alone, who love you? Come wiz me and I will take you round ze world. Come wiz me and I will make you forget your faux lovers. Embrace me, and tell me that from this moment on our love will suffer no other infringere.

At your feet I will worship, my petit d'Etroit, and the chains of my fidelity, intertwined wiz my honour, will offer my ravished heart some whisper of contentment.



Please, transport my sadness from having to share you wiz another.

But, who are these interlopers I hear speak of you in such a way? What do they savvy of your virtue? What hint do they possess of your possibility? Away! Away wiz them all, for you are my petit d'Etroit!

Alas! It is not you who have betrayed me but my rivals who have betrayed you. Jealousy speaks many languages and each *imposteur* wastes little time in foolish attempts to beg me away from your bosom.

Fear not, my petit d'Etroit, for I now know ze truth. It is only I whom you love, and it is only you who receives my essence. We were together in ze beginning, and we will surely die together in ze end.

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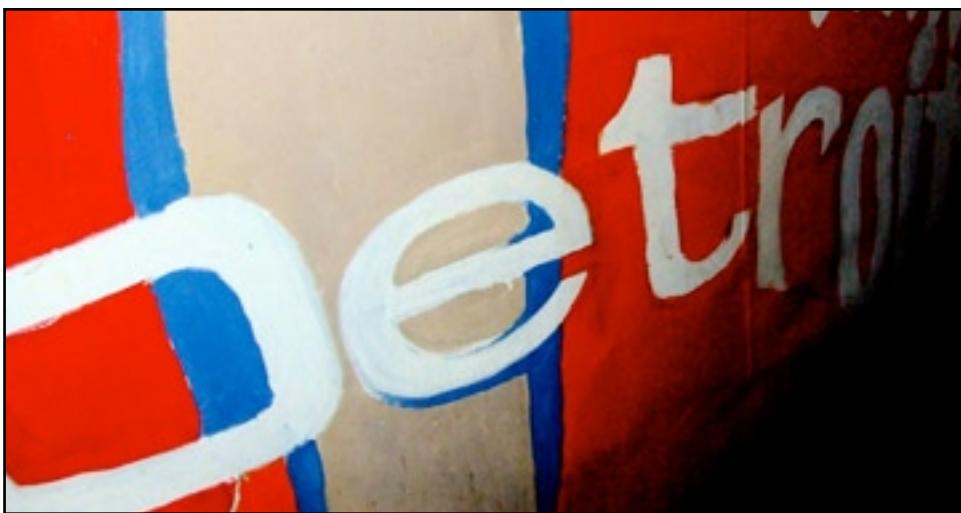
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Email to the Editor

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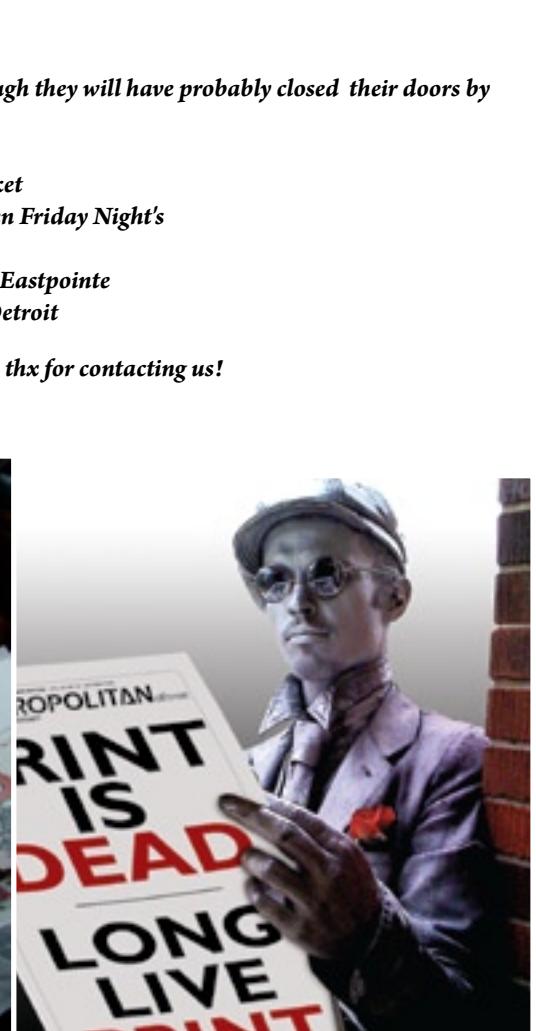
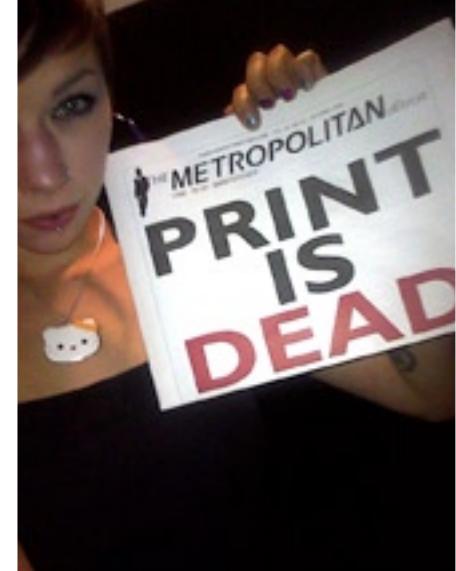
We have not met but I read your Letter from the Editor labeled "A TIME FOR REFLECTION" and was so moved by your article that I wanted to send you this email letting you know. I have two businesses in Detroit (one design related and one food related) and thought your reference to Kubrick's film was great. I have been a fan of his work since college along with watching blade runner too many times to admit! I really liked what you've written about simplicity and I feel 2011 is bringing in that desire for something more but still simple.

*Thanks and Happy New Year,
Kristyn Koth, Parallel Studio*

Propaganda Filled Smut

This is Dillon from the Auto Show! Just figured i would shoot you an e-mail and get in contact with you! After checking out your publication i think that there are a lot of places that you can go with it and definantly think that it is something that could take off if the right push is put behind it due to the growing number of young people actually looking to read genuine media sources as opposed to the political boring propaganda filled smut that can currently be found on news stands!

*Thanks,
Dillon Crotty
Northwood University
Entertainment and Sports*



The Cynic Next Door by Julianna Counts



From The Big Apple

Anthony, this is such a great feature on NYC! (New York Stories, Jan 2011) I loved reading it and looking at the pictures – and laughed at the "Happy New York" nod you got ... makes me sad I missed that storm (though I know it was a disaster for everyone traveling). It's funny when all you hear and read about are the horror stories – and yet if you were in the city during that time there was such beautiful things going on and fun in the snow... before it fell apart at least.

Many thanks for sharing; I will look forward to sending around to our entire Shack family. We appreciate you making us a part of your trip, and for sharing this now that it's live.

Have a wonderful New Year!

*All my best,
Theresa Mullen
PR & Marketing Manager,
Union Square Hospitality Group
New York, NY*

Can you recommend a soul food restaurant in Detroit? I read your newspaper, and loved it, so I thought you would know. I live in the suburbs.

*Thank you!
Cynthia Allan
PulteGroup*

1. Baker's Keyboard Lounge (though they will have probably closed their doors by the time of this printing) - Detroit
2. Irene's - 8 mile in Ferndale
3. Bert's Jazz Club - Eastern Market
4. Cafe d'Mongo's Speakeasy - open Friday Night's 6-2am only - Detroit
5. Gina's Breakfast & Soul Food - Eastpointe
6. Steve's Soul Food restaurant - Detroit

*Hope a few of these help, Cynthia - thx for contacting us!
The Metropolitan*

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176 Reasons We Love d'Etroit (cont. from front page)

Unlike some other publications, *The Metropolitan* does not make businesses pay for the right to be known as "Best Of". Here, we call it as we see it. Makes us feel good. And, it should make you feel good too. Know why? - Because, we care where we send you. Our reputation depends on it. And, while it's impossible to list everything we love about our city, we hope you'll consider some of the following points of interest - big or small.

oh, d'Etroit, how do we love thee?
Let us count the ways . . .



7. Slow's Bar BQ, detroit

Gorgeous copper and wood interior, Slow's is one of the best bars in the city to enjoy a fine Bourbon and a great escape for lunch. The patio in summer is sublime.

8. \$5 burger & fries @ the Emory, Tues Night, ferndale

Yes, you have read correctly - another great bar for people watching and drinks.

9. Detroit Red Wings

Detroiter's love their Wings. In fact, the Wings are the only hockey team we watch - with the exception of those "other" teams forced to share the ice with them during a game.



10. Nick's Gaslight, detroit

In truth, I don't go there enough but I have always thought Nick's to be the coolest tavern with the best location.

11. Mojo

The Electrifying Mojo was the shhh-ut your mouth in the 80's

12. Noir Leather, royal oak

Feeling naughty, are we? Browse the selection of this iconic fetish boutique - then give yourself a spanking just for doing so.



13. Franklin Cider Mill, franklin

Who doesn't enjoy an afternoon of hot cider and donuts at this area landmark? Believe it or not, people in most states don't even know what a cider mill is. Another reason to consider ourselves lucky.

14. The White Stripes

The single most important rock band of the last decade: Any of you "scenesters" who've got a problem with that are just jealous. Hey, Jack and Meg - thanks for tastefully kicking out the jams.

15. American Coney Island, detroit

"Two up with everything", I always say. A Detroit landmark, finally getting some much deserved national attention. Don't know how healthy it is but it sure tastes good!

16. Motor Lounge, hamtramck

Owned and operated by Dan Sordyl and Steven Sowers, Motor Lounge was the place to be in the 90's. Three great rooms of fun - including the Back Room, where champagne, martinis and X met gorgeous, interesting people - Motor boasted dj sets from spinners the world over. Cited in Details magazine as the best club in America, Motor finally came off its high, proving the adage all good things must end.



17. Spanish Coffee @ Tom's Oyster Bar, royal oak

Since January 17th, 1994, bartenders Frank and Jeff have been turning out the finest cocktails this side of the Atlantic. But, one stands alone as their signature drink - the Spanish Coffee. Romantic, seductive, delicious, I've known few women who could resist its charms, the perfect choice for last call.

18. The Dirty Show

Each year, Jerry Vile and his team of dirty curators come together to orchestrate the largest erotic art show in the world. While the show may not be for everyone, it certainly brings out the naughty in those who attend. Fine art, sculpture and live performance make up the majority of the exhibition, while the dom and sub audience fill out the rest.

19. La Gloria Bakery, mexicantown

We have yet to meet a pastry inside La Gloria that we haven't liked, but the churros and tres leches cake will keep you up at night mulling them over in your head. Muy Bien, amigos!



20. Wine @ Vino Volo while you await your flight, DTW

Let us begin by saying the following: This is not a paid advertisement. The truth of the matter is - waiting to board your plane is a much better experience with a glass of vino in hand inside DTW's Vino Volo.

21. The Detroit Lions' winning spirit

That's right, we don't care that we only won six games this season. The Lion's winning attitude is for real and *The Metropolitan* is on their side! No complaining, no excuses, no quitting, the 2010 Lion's were not business as usual, and we're ready to bet that they'll be even more impressive next season. Good job, gentlemen - you made Detroit proud!

22. Polonia, hamtramck

Long before the great Anthony Bourdain made his rustbelt trek to Hamtramck's Polonia restaurant, friends and family have joined me for some good old fashioned, down home Polish cooking. Polonia serves tasty dishes at a very reasonable price. Allow us to suggest the Polish combination plate. Na zdrowie!



23. Cliff Bell's, detroit

We could go on and on about this working speakeasy; good food, good music, good service, an ambiance unparallel - Cliff Bell's is a bona fide Detroit treasure. Apparently, Hollywood interlopers have been shooting Cliff's on location. That's cool - hope you're getting "the shot". Just remember to let the sophisticates' back in Tinsel Town know Detroit's the real deal -



24. Campus Martius Park, detroit

What a beautiful little park we have right in the center of downtown Detroit. Campus Martius offers a gorgeous fountain, bistro tables in the summer; ice-skating in winter - if the city would only allow cocktails to be served (the way it's done in other cities) then some little café just might make a go of it and all of our lives would be enriched. Oh, and tell the security to let lovers love - taking photos on the fountain ledge is hardly a crime!



25. On the deck @ Como's in the summertime, ferndale

Pizza and drinks on the deck of Como's in the summertime is as good as it gets. I get pepperoni, extra sauce, ask them to add oregano and cook it well, "voila!" - but, then I'm a pizza aristocrat. www.facebook.com/comosferndale

26. The Orbitsons

Headed by front man Vinnie Dombroski (Sponge, Crud), The Orbitsons are a band of electrified, honky-tonk, juke joint rockers that are absolutely not to be missed. With Sir Tim Duvalier on guitar; Bob Hecker on bass and Jimmy Paluzzi on drums The Orbitsons are the archetypal Detroit band - they work hard and play even harder. I have NEVER had anything but a great time seeing these guys. If you're lucky - real lucky - you'll catch them on a night when they play 'Suspicious Minds' - look out Elvis! www.theorbitsons.com



27. The Light Tunnel @ DTW

Connecting Concourse A with Concourse B/C, the Detroit Metropolitan Airport's Light Tunnel is one of the more fascinating architectural features in Michigan and, certainly, in any airport. Choreographed to ambient music, the tunnel serves not only as a surprising and entertaining way to get through the airport but acts as a noise buffer against jumbo jets rolling over head.

28. The Roma Café, detroit

Authentic, old school Italian cooking located in the Eastern Market area. In fact, The Roma is the oldest in the city, serving Detroit since 1890. Though, there are many fine items on the menu, my dad always liked the Strip Sirloin alla pizzaiola, with a side of angel hair pasta!



29. Metrotimes Blow Out

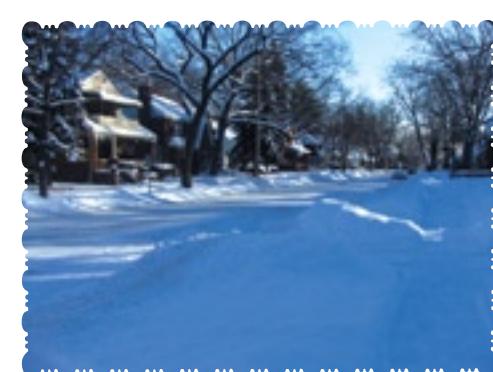
(not to be confused w/ The Metropolitan d'Etroit)

Running March 2-5, 2011, will prove once again to be the world's premiere indie rock event of the year! Too many bands to name, never to be missed, so get your ya-yas out!



30. Valentine Vodka

Made in Michigan - soon to be distilled in Ferndale - Valentine Vodka is the product of Rifino Valentine, who says he's out to beat Grey Goose. Lately, Valentine's been winning the medals that may help him do it. Why not give Rifino a hand by enjoying a bottle as responsibly and often as you can.



31. A walk in Ferndale during a snowstorm

Since I currently reside in Ferndale, a good walk in one of our famed snowstorms has become a bit of tradition for me. Friends and family give me a call as soon as the flakes begin to fall. Plenty of nice homes, lovingly lit for the holidays, and there is always a bar willing to take us in for a Hot Toddy or fine bourbon.

10 THINGS TO LOVE ABOUT DETROIT

By Tom Brank

THE RIVER. There is mystery, intrigue, and romance in rivers. It is an ever flowing, changing entity. A water road of adventure carrying history and ancient lore. It is how one came, canoeing its paths of discovery and how one left. What secrets are buried in the deep? It is the soul of the city.

FRENCH HERITAGE. Our rich French founding culture. Trading posts and fur trade, with its colorful voyagers, became the base for exploration and trade. Windmills were built on the river and long ribbon farms were plotted. Names of Lafayette, Beaubien, Montcalm, and St. Jean lasted.

CHIEF PONTIAC. This famed Ottawa was quite remarkable. A brave visionary who orchestrated a unified Indian uprising against Forts in Detroit, Fort Pitt and about six others in different cities, all on the same day.

THE MOTOR CITY. And the fact that it is Henry Ford, Dodge, Packard, General Motors each fighting for survival and dominance. Its factories made jobs for thousands and thousands in a tough, competitive place for those on the line or its engineers. It was and still is survival of the fittest.

J.L. HUDSON CO. Was considered, even by New Yorkers, perhaps the finest retail department store in the entire country. Several restaurants then topped off with the wonderful river view terrace restaurant high above. It was noted for its service and high quality.

A SPORTS TOWN. Detroit is, arguably, the best sports city in the land. A rich heritage of boxing and near legendary names of Detroit Lions, Tigers, Pistons, and Red Wings make the city's spirit rise, even at a time of great economic suffering.

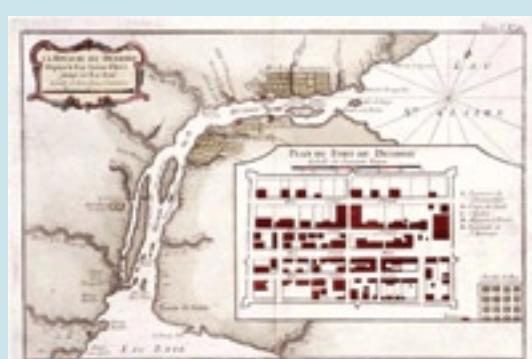
DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS. Culture captured and held captive in halls echoing its footsteps. Masterpieces set in its deep recesses, lit with a single quiet light illuminating a master's work, for each of us to find at every turn. A grand place.

GREENFIELD VILLAGE AND HENRY FORD MUSEUM. Can you imagine a collection of simple farm implements, firearms, airplanes, very large steam engine locomotives, and more than 100,000 other fascinating and rare things under one roof. Or in the village, the Cotswold cottage being taken apart in England, brick by

brick andreassembled here. I believe it takes years to appreciate and fully understand the genius of Henry Ford.

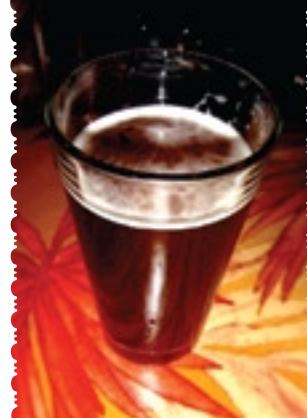
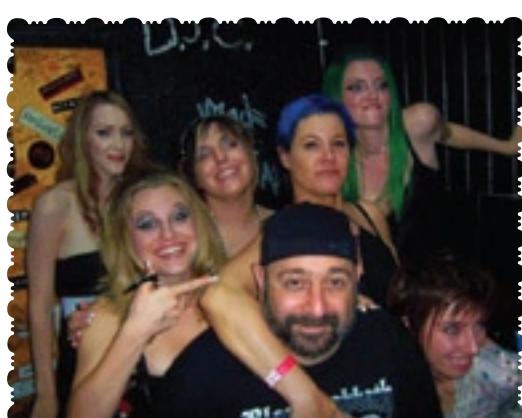
THE DETROIT YACHT CLUB. Is a place where history, tradition, sailing, powerboats, classic wooden boats, speed, water is loved and held in reverence. A place where romantic names of Gar Wood and Chris Craft are kept in treasured corners of a stately, classic building as reverant as its namesake. A place where mahogany still has meaning.

THE LONDON CHOP HOUSE. Having a good Cabernet at the fine bar and a great steak at this legendary place. And then to think of some others. Ponchartrain Wine Cellars, Little Harrys, Joe Muirs, Topinkas, Cliff Bells, Caucus Club, Roma, Lellis, The Whitney. Eat, drink, and be merry.



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39. A drink at the Westin airport hotel, DTW

Another fine place for a cocktail is the bar or restaurant located in the Atrium of the Westin Hotel (attached to DTW). With its vaulted ceiling, water fountain and bamboo forest, the Atrium makes for quite a setting, perfect for business or pleasure.



40. Red Coat Tavern, royal oak

For the best burger, fries or fish n chips in the city there is nothing like the Red Coat Tavern. Amazing tavern décor - low light, red tufted booths, dark wood - and a buzzing atmosphere; this place is always busy. I once had drinks (Maker's Mark - on the rocks) with film director, Paul McGuigan (Lucky Number Slevin), and he loved it - couldn't get over the strong pours and fair pricing. He also found my date sexier than Kate Moss ...

41. The Michigan State Fair - (Good work Granholm & Kwami)

The nation's oldest state fair and one of Michigan's most treasured traditions is now closed. Established in 1849, the Michigan State Fair was over 160 years old when an ill-considered decision was made to stop holding the annual state fair. The purported reason was that Michigan could not afford to cover any financial losses of the fair and that the State should focus on creating jobs and helping the economy. That reason does not seem to be rational considering that the annual cost of closing and maintaining an unused fairgrounds is much greater than the average accounting losses in recent years. In addition, discontinuing the Michigan State Fair and closing the fairgrounds only contributes to job loss and further erodes the economy of Southeast Michigan. Further, Michigan State law requires the state to conduct an annual fair in exchange for ownership of the land. Source: www.michiganstatefair.com

42. Behold! - the .35 cup of coffee at The Telway

That's right - with all the high-end, expensive, flavoured, cappuccino, latte, decaf, half-calf Triple grande soy, no foam, extra hot, extra whip, caramel mocha nonsense on the market today it's nice to know one can still find a simple cup of good, hot coffee at The Telway, open 24 hrs, Madison Heights.

DETROIT'S PERFECT 10

By Nette Kovacs

1. FABULOUS ARCHITECTURE.

The Fisher Building, Detroit Opera House and The Whitney are perfect examples of the city's treasure-trove of architectural feats.

2. DECADENCE. It's impossible to drive through Detroit and not see shells of buildings, that were once amazing, left to decay. Some are true diamonds in the rough, like the old Train Station in Cork Town.

3. BAKER'S KEYBOARD LOUNGE. America's oldest jazz club, great soul food and awesome live entertainment. All the jazz greats have played here.

4. PACKZI DAY. The little Polish town called Hamtramck celebrates Fat

Tuesday with the traditional Polish donut (pronounced Poonch-key). They are heavenly. New Palace bakery is my favorite.

5. BREAKFAST ANYTIME. Union Street Saloon has one of the best steak and eggs I've ever had.

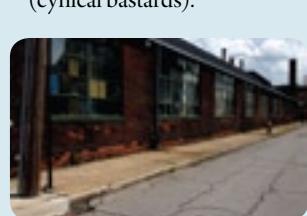
6. THE EASTERN MARKET. A culture all on its own. One can feel the rich history through the entire grounds, including the unique shops along the perimeter. It feels great supporting local farms and the produce tastes great too.

7. THE SCENIC DRIVE up Jefferson Ave. from Detroit into Grosse Pointe - beautiful!

8. GREAT BARS/HANGOUTS - like the Bronx Bar, The Jazz Cafe and Northern Lights Lounge.

9. EXCEPTIONAL MUSICIANS. we have the best rock, jazz, hip hop, rap, electronic, and indi music. Can't beat Detroit baby

10. URBAN SPIRIT - that which many Detroiters possess can't be bought, stolen, faked, or broken. Detroiters are tough, hard working individuals with some of the best sense of humor (cynical bastards).



43. Saint Andrews Hall/Shelter, detroit

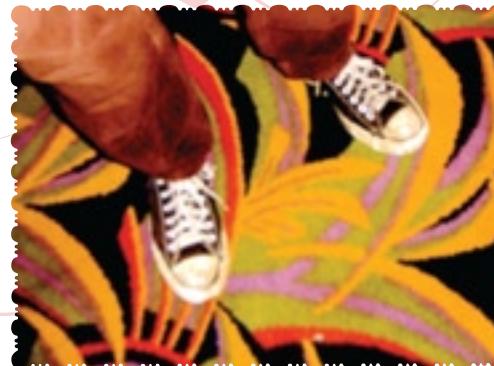
The whole city has been going to this iconic Detroit venue to catch the latest up and coming bands or to dance to the latest djs as long as I can remember. Having a tough time striking up a conversation with the person next to you? Ask them to tell you about their experiences inside the walls of this revered musical venue.

44. The Penobscot Building, detroit

Enjoy the AMC series, Mad Men? Fantasize about Don Draper selling you a line before taking you to bed? Or, maybe, you prefer the voluptuous redhead? Well, this is where they would be working if they were in Detroit. My dad used to work in this building. We'd ride the train downtown and eat in the cafeteria on the Congress level - where he'd remind me to call him "uncle" whenever a voluptuous redhead was nearby.

**45. Main Art Theatre, royal oak**

The best independent cinema can be found at Landmark's Main Art Theatre. Boasting a fine concession counter, complete with gourmet chocolates and coffee, a friendly, knowledgeable staff and a midnight movie program, the Main Art also screens local filmmakers on a regular basis.

**46. A drink in the courtyard of the Bosco, ferndale**

A hip, cozy feel with big city attitude - A bit more 'Chicago' than 'NY', if you're from out of town and wondering. The courtyard offers honey locust trees, a small waterfall and is heated throughout the winter months. Solid music and attractive people.

47. Detroit Opera House

One of the finest nights one can have in the city - an Opera at the Detroit Opera House. Music and theatre, elegant women in gowns, and a nervous electricity - inspired by the purpose of the velvet curtain - humming steadily through the air.

**48. Good Girls Go To Paris Crepes, detroit**

Right bank sweet crepes vs. Left Bank savory crepes - made fresh, by hand with produce from eastern market - Simply delicious, French comfort food in a café moderne setting. If owner, Torya Blanchard, who named each crepe after one of her friends ('good girls'), doesn't deserve your business no one does.

**49. Bronx Bar, detroit**

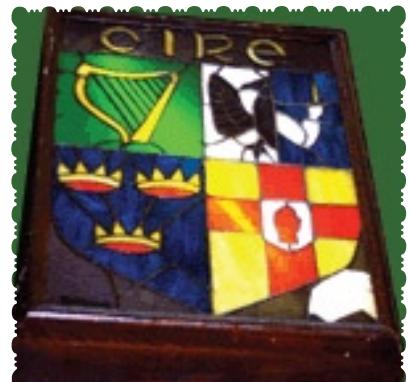
The quintessential Detroit corner bar; always had a great jukebox (or two), good, inexpensive food and drink and an interesting clientele. Ciao, New York, London, Tokyo, L.A., see how the locals live.

50. Cass Café, detroit

Whenever we travel to a city we hope to find a place like Cass Café.

51. DFT

The finest in classic, foreign and independent film screened within a 1,200-seat auditorium, designed by Paul Philippe Cret, circa 1927. Food, drink and cineastes mingle in the Crystal gallery, while the others don't seem to mind. Matinees make for romantic afternoons but evenings at the Detroit Film Theatre usually prove unexpected.

**52. Detroit Manufacturing**

Robert Stanzler designed street wear. This crew put the proper face on the real, the faux and the irony of the Motor City.

At finer boutiques, stands and festivals everywhere. An originator of New d'Etroit and he's got the tees to prove it.

53. le petit prince, birmingham

Listen when I tell you - there is nothing less than perfection in every little thing this French bakery does.

54. The Old Shillelagh, detroit

A great Irish pub: pints and whiskey, women and song, fish n chips and the same three damn fine musicians filling the house for the 15 years.

10 THINGS I LOVE ABOUT DETROIT

By Brett Callwood



10. THE WEATHER. Yeah, I know. You think I'm crazy. But I adore the fact that here in Michigan, we have real seasons. Face it, the snow makes us properly appreciate the summer.

9. THE ART. Just a quick look inside of MOCAD or the DIA is enough to prove how fortunate we are here. Niagara and comic artist Katie Cook are just two of the many reasons to be grateful.

8. THE BARS / VENUES. The list of great places to see music or watch a game is endless. The New Way in Ferndale, the Magic Stick, the Lager House, everywhere in Hamtramck ... I love them all.

7. THE SPORTS. ESPECIALLY, the Lions. It's easy to love the Wings, and we can usually expect the Pistons and the Tigers to give us a good game. Watching the Lions grow in stature this year has been especially satisfying.

6. THE FESTIVALS. We've got Arts, Beats & Eats, Dally In The Alley, Winter Blast, Movement, Downtown Hoedown, CityFest, and best of all, the Blowout. There are more, too. We're spoiled, I tell you.

5. THE WRITERS. From Elmore Leonard to Lester Bangs, and taking in amazing music writers like Brian Smith, Bill Holdship, Gary Graff, Rachel May and Susan Whitall, I'm proud to be a new addition to this proud tradition. Let's not forget Metropolitan d'Etroit's Anthony Brancaleno too.

4. THE MUSIC OF THE PAST. It's important not to forget our roots, especially here where those roots are so strong. It's practically impossible to forget the Motown roster, MCS, Stooges, Bob Seger, John Lee Hooker (I could go on forever) anyway.

3. THE MUSIC OF THE NOW. But let's not wallow in nostalgia for too long, because what's happening right now is so vibrant and exciting. The Wrong Numbers, Rogue Satellites, Lightning Love, Marco Polio & the New Vaccines ... just go to the Blowout in March and see for yourself.

2. THE PEOPLE. Metro Detroit's greatest asset is the people. You guys. The way you battle on when things get tough. The way you work hard and play harder. The way you welcomed this English bum into your amazing city.

1. MY WIFE. Well, it is Valentine's Day after all. As much as I loved this place before I met Toni, my Detroit girl, it means everything now.

Brett Callwood is a Brit transplant, writing articles for Detroit and other publications from his metropolitan home. Visit Wayne State University Press to find Callwood's latest book - MCS: Sonically Speaking.

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55. Hot chocolate at Gayle's Chocolate, royal oak

It's cold out and chances are it is going to be cold for quite some time. Hot chocolate at the counter of Gayle's makes it all ok. High cocoa chocolate and, if you're lucky, a good snow storm outside.



56. AJ Love Fest

Several years ago, a good friend of Detroit, "AJ", was murdered in his recording studio on 8 mile. A group of friends and family, comprised mostly of the music community, came together to celebrate his life. He was born on Valentine's Day and that, combined with his disposition, forced the ceremony held in his honour to be named the AJ Love Fest. We would like to introduce you to a friend of ours and wish him a Happy Birthday! www.ajlovefest.com

57. Country Boy, hazel park

Usually, I go in the morning for 2 poached eggs, well, cinnamon raisin toast, real butter, ham and a cup of coffee. But, there have been evenings after the bar when I have added potatoes with grilled onion. Ask for AI instead of ketchup and you are living the life of a wealthy man.



58. Detroit Fire House 1

Is that the coolest fire station in town? Thanks for the good work, gentlemen.

59. MC5

An American rock band formed in Lincoln Park.

60. Tiger Stadium - Comerica Park, detroit

Though Tiger Stadium is no longer standing the memories of this historic ballpark live on. Having played in Comerica Park - a beautiful field in its own right - for several years now, it is incumbent upon us to provide the new generation of fans the best possible memories of a day at the ball park. If you find yourself getting nostalgic, grab a beer and a dog - you'll get over it.



61. Goulash @ Ellie's Grill, berkley

This Hungarian stew has me fantasizing about its complexity and comfort right now. I simply do not know the words to convey how much I appreciate this dish. Anthony Bourdain has had to travel to places in East Asia to find soup that has done to him what this dish in Berkley does to me.



62. Shopping in Birmingham

Boutiques and salons, a beautiful town square, with the pleasant feel of a European village, Birmingham is one of the state's best places to spend the afternoon shopping.

63. Brunch at La Dolce Vita, detroit

Fine food, boisterous atmosphere, great jazz and those bottomless mimosas keep Detroiters coming back again and again.



64. Delta Skyclub, DTW

Sit back, relax, have a cocktail, watch some CNN, Fox News or MSNBC, pick up a magazine, read The Metropolitan or plug into the world wide web; you're in the hands of professionals dedicated to making your day a little better.

65. Greektown

Yes, I know, Greektown is not what it used to be. But, Manhattan's Little Italy ain't what it used to be either. We still have ouzo and lamb, flaming cheese and baklava and for one city block you can walk door-to-door experiencing several different restaurants, a casino, a fine bakery and one or two late night bars. Greektown is a fixture in town only made better when people visit it.



66. The Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, grosse pointe

Live music from national, international and local jazz musicians, a sophisticated menu and atmosphere, a fine happy hour, the perfect place to meet a date, close a deal or romance your significant other. Sounds dirty, doesn't it ...

67. DEMF

Is it the world's largest electronic music festival or just the best? Not really sure. Let's just say it has respect. Though, it's undergone several changes in management, the Detroit Electronic Music festival still inspires hundreds of thousands of kids to dance in the streets over memorial weekend; God Bless America.

LOVE DETROIT STYLE XIO By Jerry Peterson

TEN. CRAMPS AT BOOKIES CLUB 870 -

Best live performance I've ever seen - in what was the best place in Detroit's best place to hang out.

NINE. HEIDELBERG PROJECT -

Detroit's one of a kind art installation is as surreal as it gets, kind of like taking psychedelics without the fear of frying.

EIGHT. ORBIT MAGAZINE KARAOKE ROYAL KUBO

This is where the careers started; Bob Ritchie, Kracker, Meg White, Blanche, Horse, Static Revenger and way more. Made all the better with fungi.

SEVEN. THEATRE BIZARRE ON STATE FAIR

This enigmatic carnival lot was the most visually arresting party in Detroit history, hopefully this will return to its glory.

SIX. C POP GRAND REOPENING

When the lowbrow art world descended on Detroit and it seemed as if Detroit artists would explode.

FIVE. FUN MAGAZINE HALLOWEEN VANITY BALLROOM

Derrick May and Dianna spinning, Art Deco Temple with a spring-loaded dance-floor, and Gwar won the costume contest.

FOUR. INAUGURAL DIRTY SHOW

12 years ago over B & B Collision shop in Downtown Royal Oak Detroit - changed my life.

THREE. STROZZAPRETI NORCINA AT BACCO

A dish so good that if they shaved white truffles on it you might eat around them (of course, there are black truffles in it already).

TWO. THE GARFIELD

This late night hotspot didn't even need to advertise, they had everything any other club had and more (except cleaning supplies) - this also tops my hate list.

ONE. 10 RUNNERS UP

The Michigan Gallery, Boblo Boat & Island, Milky The Clown Iconic nightmare, The Ramrods (Best Band), Big Chief (Best record to come out of Detroit in the 80s & 90s), Edgewater Park - Scary greasers and even scarier rickety rides, Too Much Gin, Not Enough Tonic on the Rattlesnake Club Patio with Nightcaps at Andrews and Actually swimming at Belle Isle.

Jerry Peterson (aka jerry vile) is founder of Orbit Magazine, the Dirty Show, ghostwriter for several publications and a true Detroit original.

68. Detroit Women

Women from d'Etroit have a certain je ne sais quoi - they are feminine, bold, seductive, complex, naughty but nice; they appreciate the finer things but understand the work that goes into obtaining them; they are intelligent, creative and, more often than not, a lot of fun to be around. Sometimes, they need us as much as we need them and when they do it's good to remember that they struggle with life in this city too. Happy Valentine's, ladies, and thank you for all that you do...



69. Northern lights Lounge, detroit

Genuine people fill this modern retro lounge. Quality drinks and food, low light levels, half moon booths, cleverly designed restrooms, great music All the time and a personable and solid staff. It's amazing how effortless 'cool' can be with the right crew in charge.



70. Dream Cruise

Every August, a million car enthusiasts pull up to Woodward Avenue to witness the greatest automobile spectacle known to man. Classic Hemis', Big Blocks, total Detroit Muscle reminding the world whose Boss. Don't F with us - we'll shut you down -

71. Library Book Store, ferndale

Who says, "Print Is Dead"? Not at this delicious little bookstore. A wide assortment of slightly used treasures, personally curated by the owner herself, is found on shelf after shelf.



72. The Scarab Club, detroit

For over 100 years, the Scarab Club has brought art to the community. The current building has been in use since 1928 and houses some of the areas more interesting emerging artists. Stop in for their Thursday night cocktail sessions.



73. Bloody mary @ vivo's, eastern market

They say it's the best Bloody Mary in the world, and while The Metropolitan not able to confirm that statement we will say that it's worth your every effort to see for yourself.



74. Royal Oak Farmer's Market, royal oak

Fresh produce on Friday and Saturdays, a flea market on Sunday, a fabulous coffee stand, Barbara's Books, Mei Mei's handmade soap, people watching - in a revamped historic structure - all make for a satisfying weekend family afternoon.



75. Shangri La, w bloomfield & detroit

The late night dim sum is always fun and tasty.



76. Avalon Bakery, detroit

These folks have been feeding the city with wholesome, organic breads and bake goods for some time now. It's obvious the team love what they do and we love it too!

77. Detroit Zoo

A day at the zoo is time well spent and we have one of the worlds best. I love to first ride the train to rear of the zoo and wind my way forward. For a little while, I'm in a far away land.

78. Howe's Bayou, ferndale

Enjoy Cajun & Creole food in a fine neighborhood restaurant. Dark oak wood bar makes for the perfect spot to enjoy your favourite game and tell a few lies. Ask Johnny-the-bartender to whip you up a mint julep, and tell em'The Metropolitan sent you.

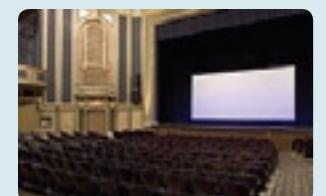
79. Pita Café, oak park

Flavourful and satisfying middle eastern fare. Love the whole lentil soup and the fattoush salad. May be off the 'hipster' radar but don't let that stop you - in fact, it should motivate you.

TEN HIGH IN DETROIT CITY

By Nick Brancaleone

1. Having spent countless days in the city, I like to think of myself as an ambassador of sorts. I LOVE showing a friend - or traveler I may have just met - all the **THINGS MY PARENTS TAUGHT ME ABOUT DETROIT**, where they worked, shopped, or canoed on Belle Isle; Or a spot my grand-father played in a big band, or where he poured drinks, or ...
2. An early morning drive down **WOODWARD AVENUE** watching the sunrise.
3. Memories of my father and brother, 2 eggs medium, well done rye and a side of home cooked ham, sipping black coffee, listening to the jawing of Detroiter at **HAM HEAVEN**.
4. **AMERICAN CONEY ISLAND**, 2 loose, with everything, heavy-heavy chili, and a large soda. Look around at the excitement on the faces of your fellow Coney lover...
5. **THE DETROIT GRAND PRIX FORMULA ONE** races in the mid to late 80's. Over 900 horsepower open-wheeled F1 race cars winding their engines out, pushing the tachometer as far as it can go, reverberating - loud. Finely tuned engines, surging adrenaline up your spine, leaving the pleasure of pain in your cheeks ...
6. **THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM**. I still believe I was thrust back in time, my father telling me to close my eyes as we walked downstairs. History not to be forgotten.
7. **A TIGERS GAME**, hard to say, the 1:00 or night game. In particular, opening day. Gathering your friends and family, meeting up at the "Spot", a bloody-mary, wooly gloves and long johns, huddled together shielding your body from the wind, walking to the stadium talkin' stats, the view as you look down on to the field, an Ole' timer yelling "Peanuts!, Get yer' peanuts heeer!"
8. **DUTCH GIRL DONUTS**. Get the wholes while they're hot. Sanka \$1.25.11
9. Getting dressed-up for a **NIGHT AT THE OPERA** or a show **THE FOX THEATRE**. A fresh shave, three button suit, leather shoes that go clippity-clap on the concrete, with a pre-show martini.
10. Take a date for a sundown cocktail high atop the **RENAISSANCE CENTER**. Face west; watch the healthy-orange glow turn into a cinnamon hue, kissing the city goodnight ...



detroit: 10 THINGS WORTH MY TIME

by Chevalier

10. **MICHIGAN HUMANE SOCIETY** - thank you for killing them softly...
9. **THE DETROIT LION'S**
8. **DETROIT MOUNTED POLICE** - love the horsing around...
7. **TED NUGENT'S "CAT SCRATCH FEVER"** - When I am feeling naughty and rambunctious...
6. **THE DETROIT ZOO** - 4 females to every male - as it should be!
5. **TUNA TARTARE AT THE RUGBY GRILLE**, Townsend Hotel
4. **ANIMAL COPS, DETROIT** - Keeping the streets safe for cats and dogs alike
3. **PAWS THE TIGER** - Though, I wonder about the integrity of it all.
2. **DANCING AT CLUB LUNA**, royal oak
1. **THE DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** - Sharing my private booth with the Siamese kittens



A Valentine To Our City

176 Reasons We Love d'Etroit (cont.)

80. Parties @ the Bankle Building

Camilo Pardo is behind some of the best parties in Detroit and they take place at the Bankle. From the auto show Design party, to fashion shows, to New year's Eve, Pardo has effectively combined form and function with Warhol-esque entertainment.



81. Kuhnhenn Brewing Co, warren

The crew at this microbrewery consistently wins medals for their innovative selection of handcrafted beer. But, that's all just esoteric prattle. Stuff tastes good and boasts a strong alcohol level - two pints in and you'll believe the barmaid fatales have returned to your stool because of your charm and good looks.



82. Kronk Gym, detroit

Emmanuel Steward's house of champions, Kronk Gym, is known everywhere. Manny has trained some of the world's best fighters in the world and is an inductee in the International Boxing Hall of Fame.



83. Leon & Lulu, clawson

Located in a restored roller skating hall, Leon & Lulu is one of the most enjoyable places to shop for furniture and unique gifts anywhere. Hot, fresh chocolate chip cookies and coffee are yours for the taking while you browse the wares.



84. Brownies Diner, wayne

This authentic old school diner serves up some of the best breakfast in the state. The Friday night chicken dinner or fish fry will keep you coming back for more.

85. Ambassador Bridge

New York's got the 'Brooklyn', San Fran's got the 'Golden Gate' and Lake Havasu's got the 'London' bridge. Here, in Detroit, we have 'The Ambassador'. A privately funded, family run operation, the Ambassador has served both Canada and the U.S. well. Too bad the Detroit City Government feels it can steal it away. (ambassadorbridge.com)

86. Graffiti

One of the only cities in America where it works - evokes imagery of New York in the 70's. Perhaps, the finest aspect of Detroit graffiti is that - for the most part - artists know the difference between using a burned out building as their canvas rather than a reclaimed functioning structure.

87. Atlas Global Bistro, detroit

A fine downtown restaurant with good food and drink, service and atmosphere, all with an authentic Detroit fingerprint. Sunday brunch is well worth mentioning.



88. A Train Runs Through It, royal oak

Are we the only ones who enjoy waiting for the train to pass through town?



89. Burton Theatre, detroit

Just a little underground cinema house doing its best to bring Detroiters avant-garde pictures from around the world - keep it up, boys, you're doing a fine job. And, I love shooting pool in the men's room.



90. Opportunity

This city has seen the bottom but it hasn't quit. We have been laughed at and ridiculed by pundits from coast to coast. That's alright; we'll get over it. We understand most of those comments come from a place of ignorance rather than a desire to see us fail. And, while we have struggled to resolve the issues incumbent upon ourselves to reinvent Detroit's identity, we have done so with our heads held high.

Detroit was once known as the Paris of the West - and it still holds dear many of those qualities. But, it is also the Wild West of America and for those who enjoy the challenge, the struggle, there is much opportunity in that.

Viva d'Etroit!

XO Anthony Brancalene

ALL MY LOVE DETROIT

by Little Miss Detroit, Amy Hubbarth

10. **DIVERSITY** - So many cultures, so many ethnicities, a true melting pot of the Midwest.
9. **NEIGHBORHOODS** - Each has its own distinct character and history, with gorgeous homes and close-knit neighbors. Now, urban farms and community projects abound!
8. **THE PEOPLE MOVER** - The best tour of downtown for 50 cents you can get. I'll never forget seeing the different Station Art for the first time as a kid.
7. **SPORTS** - We are the City of Champions for a reason. Detroit fans are the best in the nation, and the most dedicated... especially us Lions fans.
6. **BIKING** - Big wide streets to ride and lots of places to explore. Dequindre Cut and Riverfront what! Critical Mass and Tour d'Etroit holla!
5. **BELLE ISLE** - It is beautiful and calming. Relaxing and watching the freighters float down the river in summer is one of my favorite things to do.
4. **BLANK CANVAS** - Creative minds in Detroit can flow freely. There is room for everyone to act on their dreams and see them to fruition.
3. **ELECTRONIC MUSIC** - In eleven years I've grown so close to this wonderful community to call it family. The best dance music in the world comes from Detroit.
2. **FOOD** - With all the diversity comes a plethora of dining choices. It's way too easy to stuff face with fantastic cuisines from around the world.
1. **DETROITERS** - Everyone knows everyone, and the die-hards stay positive. We look out for each other, we work hard, and we don't take any bullsh*t.

LOVE ME 10 TIMES

by Julianna Counts

1. **QQ BAKERY** - Located in Madison Heights, QQ offers wonderful Asian pastries and treats and amazing savory fair, such as steamed BBQ pork buns! It's perfect if you want Dim Sum to go!
2. **GUSOLINE ALLEY** - A welcome option for drinks in Royal Oak. Great music on the juke box and a decent selection of local beers.
3. **NOBLE FISH** - Noble Fish is hands down the best sushi in Detroit. On top of that, the front of their store has a surprisingly large assortment of groceries, from Japanese snacks to some of those hard-to-find ingredients for authentic Japanese cooking.
4. **CONEY ISLANDS** - When the bars finish last call and you're absolutely famished, Detroit is filled with plenty of 24 hour Coney Islands to fill you up.
5. **MUSIC** - Lets face it, some of the best music in history came from Detroit. Need more proof? Will the MC5 do?
6. **THE RED WINGS** - I never was much of a sports fan but there is one team I'll root for till my dying day, and that's the Wings! Some of my best family memories came from watching the Wings skate to victory.
7. **HIDDEN TREASURES** - Metro-Detroit is sprawling with hidden treasures. Drive aimlessly and you're bound to find a delectable restaurant, interesting shop or maybe just some amazing people. The best adventures are right in your own neighborhood.
8. **CLASSIC ARCHITECTURE** - There was a time when people appreciated classic architecture, and Detroit was full of it. While it's lost most of its treasures there still remains the shadow of its hay-day, so a modern gal like me can pretend she lives in a simpler time.
9. **FOUR DISTINCT SEASONS** - I love the fact that I can see this awesome city in all its glory through all four seasons. Every 3 months, the city changes, and I love them all!
10. **THE THANKSGIVING PARADE** - I grew up watching the parade on tv while my mom started on Thanksgiving dinner. It's a timeless tradition and ours is the best. Sorry New York, your parade just doesn't hold a candle.



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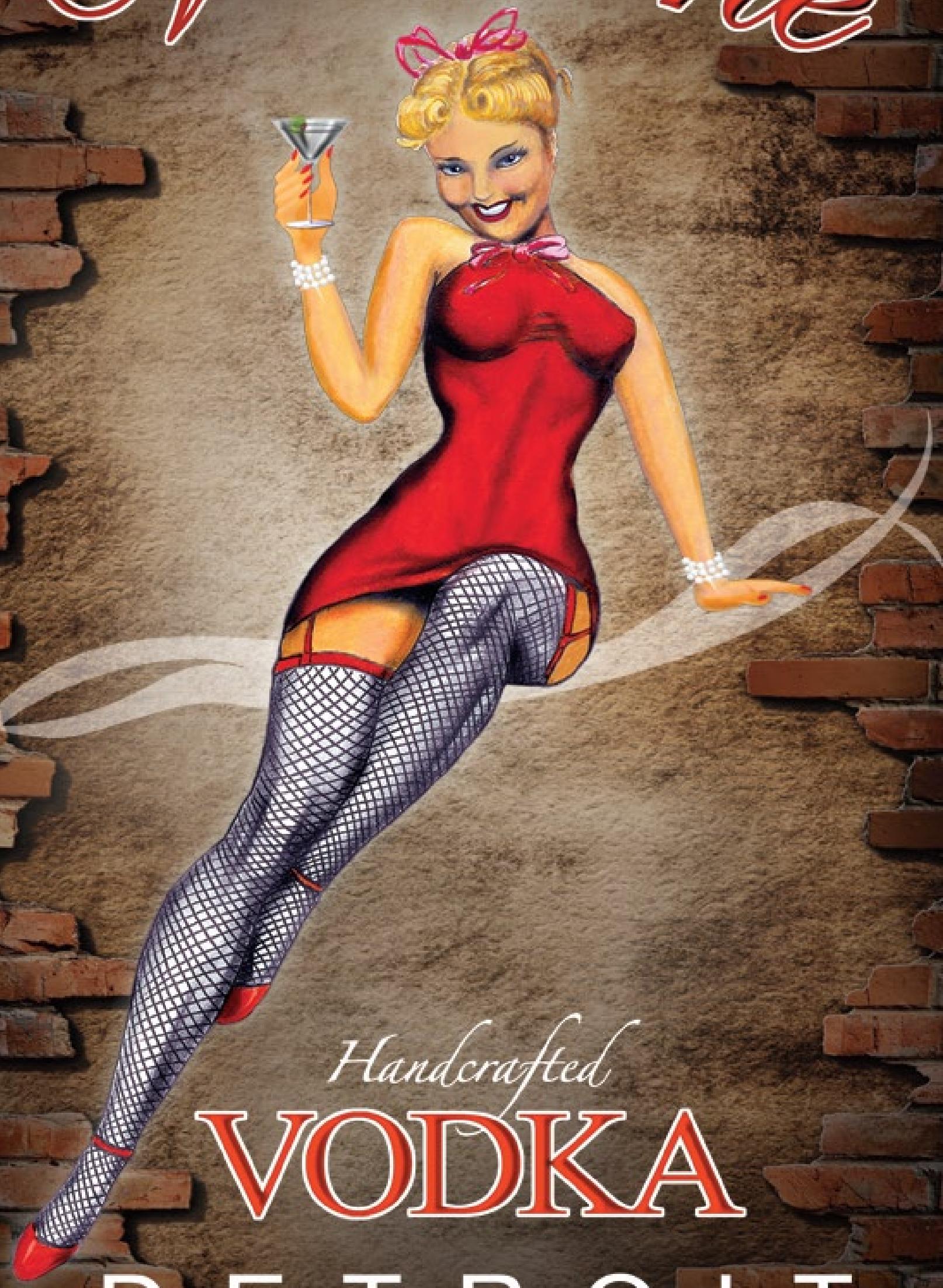
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