# THE METROPOLITAN détroit



By Mike Davis

Do auto shows like Detroit's massive North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) last month sell cars?

That's the Sixty-four Dollar Question this month, as it has confronted Detroit's automakers and dealers for years. To begin with, let me refer the reader to a succinct history of the Detroit show: http://www.motorcities. org/Story+of+the+Week.html

I was going to write such a history for *The Metropolitan* but decided, upon reading Motor Cities' version on January 16, that there was no point in, uh, re-inventing the wheel. Motor Cities, in case you don't know, is the publicand-private funded coordinating group for all things automotive historical located loosely along Woodward/Saginaw (Michigan Highway #1) and other traditional roadway corridors like the old Chicago Road (US-12). Motor Cities was established by Act of Congress as a sort of linear, industrial National Park. The Federal funding resulting is Michigan's own miniscule share of Congressional pork largess.

Now let's get back to the dilemma about big car shows, especially Detroit's, into which millions of promotional dollars are poured, and from which automakers and their dealers hope to generate incremental showroom traffic and retail sales.

One of the problems is the definition of what any given auto show allows to be exhibited, and it is a major issue. Must the Show Car Queens be only production models that prospects can actually go to a local dealership and buy right now? Or are futuristic models, even pull-ahead glimpses of models to be introduced later in the year, allowed?

For years, the Detroit Automobile Dealer Association held that their show could only display cars and trucks for sale now. This is very sound, fundamental marketing: you don't promote (and create desire for) something you don't have available for sale.

But the manufacturers maintained, especially in competition with other big car shows around the world—like Geneva and Tokyo—that if Detroit wanted to be International, it had to allow Show Cars not for sale, or at least not now. For one thing, it excited people about the future of what is really a future-dependent industry. And those people are not only the would-be buyers, but everyone involved in putting a show together: the tradesmen who erect and maintain the sets, the designers who whip up inspirational

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# THE DETROIT CHAUVINIST | YEAR OF THE DRAGON

# Be Bold, Not Humble

Anthony Brancaleone

According to the Tong Sing (Chinese Almanac), 2012 is the year to be bold, and not humble. It is The Year of the Dragon, and in China the Dragon is a symbol of power. Considered a Divine beast, the Dragon is said to be a deliverer of good fortune, and for those entrepreneurs and small business owners, The Year of the Dragon is expected to be promising.

Occupying the 5th position in the Chinese Zodiac, the Dragon is the mightiest of the signs. Dragons prefer to live by their own rules, are unafraid of challenges, and willing to take risks. Those born in a Dragon year are thought to be special, powerful, and wise.

The Tong Sing teaches that The Art Of Living is to be healthy as one can, for as long as one can, and as contentedly as one can. And, to aid in us doing so, China's ancient Men of Letters left us with their philosophy. May you use it wisely, as you prepare to make your way through The Year of the Dragon.

"The way to do is to be."

"The skillful artist will not alter his measures for the sake of a stupid workman."

"Know your enemies; know yourself; in a hundred battles, a hundred victories."

-Sun Tzu

"The gold in one's heart is far more precious than the gold in one's purse."

Confucius

"Do not be afraid of paper tigers." Chinese proverb

"Our main purpose in life should not be to hanker after a Heaven in the sky, which probably does not exist, but create a Heaven on earth for each other by effecting complete harmony between the yin and yang forces within us and around us."

"Men and women are meant to love and complement one another."

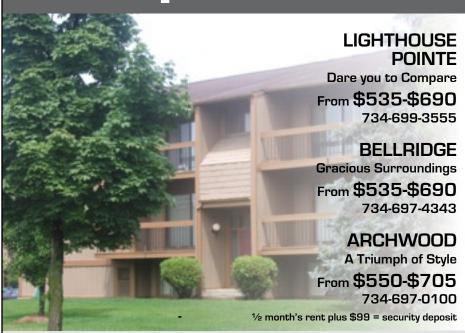
"A man may have a long and healthy life if he regularly takes wholesome food and proper exercise, and effect an emission twice monthly or twenty-four times annually."

Precious remedies Sun Simiao

"The supreme Art of War is to subdue the enemy without fighting."

-SunTzu

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# From Ze Editor Wiz bove

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.

Marquis de troit



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



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# Communiqué

### Discovered paper at DTW

I just wanted to drop you a note and let you know how much I enjoyed reading your December issue. I discovered your paper during the holidays at Metro airport while enroute to the West Coast. I particular enjoyed your article "A Pristine Snowfall" (Dec 2011). I am a Native Michigander and recently moved back to metro Detroit after a 4 year stay in NYC. I appreciate Michigan even more now and I can't tell you enough how much your paper made me proud to be back here again.

I wanted to find out what day of the month your new issue can be downloaded on your site? I can't wait to read it. Keep up the good work and I will spread the word about your publication.

Matt from Wolverine Lake, MI

### I was in a coffee shop

I was wondering how The Metropolitan paper is distributed. I was in a coffee shop in downtown Birmingham (Zuma) and read your most recent paper (Jan 2011). I really enjoyed the articles and was wondering where/if I could pick up monthly copies. I live in Birmingham and go to Wayne State for places of reference.

Thanks!

Brendan

# Editor's response:

The Metropolitan is distributed by a small, crack unit of hungry paper boys, dedicated to the pursuit of sophisticated journalism.

1. Zuma 2. Barber pole 3. Brooklyn Pizza 4. Dick O Dows 5. Common Wealth 6. various business buildings

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1. Cass Cafe 2. Good Girls Paris Crepes 3. Atlas Bistro

Thank you for your email. I hope this helps you in finding The Metropolitan each month. Suggestions on Wayne State area stockists would be appreciated.

anthony brancaleone

# **DEAR ETTA JAMES**

i often wonder, did your breathe always smell of sweet bourbon, your veins bulge with opium dreams and talent.

sometimes i grow sad, fall lonely for your spirit, unkind at times.

your noir tone, large breasts, beautiful voice bellowing, rumblin', shakin' and touching everyone for miles around.

if my time of birth were meant for you, we would have wandered drunkenly and wildly, breaking hearts.

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R.I.P. Etta James

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# On Detroit

We asked our friends on FaceBook two questions this month. The first was, "What is your favorite thing about Detroit?" The following is some of what they had to say -

Jason Charboneau, Detroit - The suburbs. Just kidding. The Lion's; even when they went 0-16.

Jack Doline, Birmingham - I'd have to go with the people. There are so many types. All these great people! This is a great town. I also happen to like Cliff Bell's. So many stories to tell with that place. I'll have to finally pay that place a visit. Electronic music is still a good thing. Or, so I am led to believe. Hart Plaza is another great one -Rock on, Detroit!

Colleen Badgero, Ferndale - It's broken down majesticness, its incredible architecture (even in various states of decay), and its deep-seated history and culture that so many other cities are lacking.

Michael Fishman, Birmingham - Techno

Julian Boyance, Detroit - Electronic music, and Hart Plaza, because it brings people together.

David Ohliger, Brooklyn NY - Cliff Bell's

# On Timeline

And, what of FaceBook's new Timeline? We were curious to see if our friends preferred it to the original format -

Amanda Paige, Berkley - Timeline is much better! You can stalk people much more easily - and, isn't that the point of fb?

Ray Urena, Southfield - I don't know. I mean why do your pictures have to be chronological? I miss the original way.

Jennifer B. White, Los Angeles CA - ERG! I am not going into the Timeline willingly!

Camille Gervasi - I am going willingly either!

Whitney Mitchell Krusniac, Grand Rapids MI - Timeline is superior to the original version.

# **SOCIETY**

# **Experience Art**

Only at the DIA through February 12, Rembrandt and the Face of Jesus brings together for the first time many of Rembrandt's finest works that portray Jesus and events described in the Bible. Don't miss your final opportunity to experience the intimate paintings, prints and drawings by the Dutch Master and his students that reveal how Rembrandt broke from traditional 17th-century images to show a



more human and compassionate face of Jesus. (313). 833. 4005 or dia.org

high jinks which are "par for the course" on the Farmington Players stage. The show runs February 17 through March 3 at the Barn Theatre in Farmington Hills. Tickets are available at both www. farmingtonplayers.org and the box office at 248-553-2955.

Liz-a-Palooza! // In commemoration of what would have been Elizabeth Taylor's 80th birthday on February 27, The Ringwald Theatre is



set to celebrate her life and one of her best-known roles in February! You've never seen Elizabeth Taylor celebrated until you see how The Ringwald celebrates her! Performances will begin Friday, February 17th and play through Monday, March 12th, 2011. (248). 545. 5545 or www.TheRingwald.com

This And That

employee of the year.



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Гhu Feb 2	Red Wings	Canucks	10:00 PM
Sat Feb 4	Red Wings	Oilers	10:00 PM
Mon Feb 6	Red Wings	Coyotes	8:00 PM
Wed Feb 8	Oilers	Red Wings	7:30 PM
Fri Feb 10	Ducks	Red Wings	7:30 PM
Sun Feb 12	Flyers	Red Wings	7:30 PM
Гие Feb 14	Stars	Red Wings	7:30 PM
Fri Feb 17	Predators	Red Wings	7:30 PM
Sun Feb 19	Sharks	Red Wings	12:30 PM
Гue Feb 21	Red Wings	Blackhawks	8:00 PM
Гhu Feb 23	Canucks	Red Wings	7:30 PM
Sat Feb 25	Avalanche	Red Wings	7:00 PM
Гue Feb 28	Red Wings	Blue Jackets	7:00 PM

# The Dirty Show

The International Erotic Exhibition comes home to Detroit Feb 10-18. Tickets



are on sale now by phone (800). 838. 3006, or at Noir Leather, Royal Oak MI or at River's Edge Gallery, downtown Wyandotte. For more information go to dirtydetroit.com

# Read A Book

Henry Valentine Miller's, Tropic published. Sexually explicit, Miller Widely regarded as a masterpiece, Tropic Of Cancer still provokes.



of Cancer (1934) was banned in the United Stated when it was first wrote of life in Paris, France and of "the end point of the wrong path."

"Here in my opinion is the only imaginative prose-writer (Miller) of the slightest value who has

appeared among the English-speaking races for some years past. Even if that is objected to as an overstatement, it will probably be admitted that Miller is a writer out of the ordinary, worth more than a single glance; and after all, he is a completely negative, unconstructive, amoral writer, a mere Jonah, a passive acceptor of evil, a sort of Whitman among the corpse" - George Orwell

# **Center for Chinese Studies**

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Feb 18 - Martian Syndrome - A film by Xue Jianqiang. A young man from Mars arrives in Beijing and learns to be a "bei piao," a young immigrant who travels to Beijing seeking opportunities. But, he has a terrible experience, and becomes deeply confused as if sinking into quick sand. "New director Xue Jiangiang's bravura night poem Martian Syndrome (Huoxing yao zonghezheng)



is as hallucinatory in its image aesthetic as it is infuriating in its documentary ethics" (film critic Shelly Kraicer/dGenerate Films). Auditorium A, Angell Hall 7pm

Feb 21 - Mapping the Dreamscape of Early Medieval China - Robert Campany, Professor of Asian Studies and Religious Studies, Vanderbilt University. This talk is based upon a paper which is a preliminary attempt to map the variety of notions in early medieval China concerning such questions as these: In what does the activity of dreaming consist? Are dreams meaningful, and if so, how and why do they mean what they mean? How can they be interpreted? Are there different classes of dreamers who dream different sorts of dreams? There were no univocal answers to these questions. Rather, ideas about dreaming and reams formed a repertoire selectively used by various actors for various ends. Room 1636 School of Social Work Building 12pm

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# **Live Music**

Feb 04 - Kingshead & Audfeed, Northern Lights Lounge, Detroit (313). 873. 1739

**Feb 17** - Flogging Molly, The Fillmore, Detroit (866) 459. 2035 boxofficecenter.com

Feb 20 - Van Halen, Palace of Auburn Hills (800). 949. 1866 or concertticketcenter.com

Feb 24 - Janes Addiction, The Fillmore, Detroit (866) 459. 2035 boxofficecenter.com

# The Theatre

Same Time Next Year // Two people in love for 25 years and each happily married—to someone else. Two Muses, a new non-profit professional theatre in West Bloomfield, is celebrating



romance in February with its second show, Same Time Next Year by Bernard Slade. The play runs February 3rd-19th with special Wednesday matinees. Reduced price previews are on February 1st and 2nd. For more information, see www.twomusestheatre.org or call 248.850-9919.

Whose Wives Are They Anyway? // Two buddies take a golf trip without their wives, but the new boss shows up and ruins their fun. "Whose Wives Are They Anyway?," is a play loaded with comic



Artists at the Glass Academy started off the new year with a calendar full of events and you won't want to miss the next one; 'Mardi Gras Winter Warm-up!

"This show was definitely developed by our customers' requests," comments founding owner Michelle Plucinsky. "Not only did our customers want some new glass products, but they enjoy the educational part of our business so much they are demanding more shows that feature unique techniques and styles of glass. For example, during this event, we are going to highlight all sorts of functional



drinking vessels from shot glasses, rocks glasses, to hurricane style goblets. We'll explain the differences in making the glasses, color patterns in the glass, and how we put the designs in the glass."

The show runs February 23rd, from 5-9pm at the Glass Academy in Dearborn. Visit www.GlassAcademy.com or call the studio at

# ALL THE WAY DOWN TO CHINATOWN

# We Can Do Better

Grant Wickersham

"There's a Chinatown in Detroit?" was the typical reply from my fellow metropolitans. I didn't know it myself until I noticed the marker at Cass and Peterboro that reads "Welcome Chinatown" and "Antiques" in bold English. Just as soon as you've read the signage as you pass, you've left Detroit's Chinatown - or what's left of it.

According to detroitchinatown.org, a man named Ah-Chee arrived in Detroit in 1872. A year later, he was followed by a "friend and brother" named Lu-How, and then both men opened up a laundry on Gratiot. By V-Day, 1945 there were over 3,000 Chinese residents in the area, around Michigan Ave. and Third. Within a decade, however, the building of the John C. Lodge Freeway had displaced the population.

Promises were made but not kept for the displaced Chinese community as they struggled to find a home, eventually settling at Cass and Peterboro around 1963. By the next year, too few Chinese lived in Detroit to warrant an organized celebration of the Chinese New Year.



On June 19, 1982, Vincent Chin, a young Chinese American living in the area, was beaten with a baseball bat by two men connected with the Detroit auto industry, Ronald Ebens and Michael Nitz, who blamed the prosperity of the Asian automakers for the layoffs in the American plants. Chin died four days later, fueling the fight for civil rights for Asian Americans.

A documentary on the subject entitled, *Vincent Who?*, by filmmakers Renee Tajima-Pena and Christine Choy, was nominated for an Academy Award in 1989, while the criminal and civil case against Ebens and Nitz continued into the late 90s.

By 2000, Chinatown's final landmark, Chung's restaurant closed its doors after forty years of service, leaving nothing but the shell of the famous Chin Tiki Lounge to stand long enough to be featured in Eminem's, 8 Mile. The Chin Tiki has since been torn down.

The Chinatown Revitalization Workgroup began to repair the remaining Chinatown buildings in the summer of 2003. A mural was also painted depicting the forced removal of the Chinese community for the building of the John C. Lodge freeway. It can be viewed from Peterboro on the north wall of the On Leong Association building (425 Peterboro).

With the success of Midtown's Shangri-La restaurant, however, located at 4710 Cass Ave, Detroiters may be in the beginnings of finally seeing a New Chinatown.



# QUIRK FACTOR:

# Intro To Chinese Astrology

By LiLi Dreadz

As many folks sit down at various Chinese restaurants, they may glance down at their paper placemats, often adorned with animals, birth-years, and brief descriptions of various personality types. That's pretty much the only exposure most of us have to Chinese astrology, but let



me tell you, it is more complex than that. The Eastern take on horoscopes has roots that stretch back as far as the Warring States period (475-221 B.C.E.). Legends told of a great feast (or race, depending on which variation you hear) held by the Jade Emporer (or, according to more variations, The Buddha). The order in which they entered the dining hall, or racetrack, determined their order in the zodiac.

The Chinese Zodiac follows the lunar calender, rather than the solar calender of its Western counterpart. Many believe that it is a 12 year cycles, but in actuality, the cycle lasts 60 years. Not only does each year correspond with the animals from the legend, but there is a 5 year sub-cycle of the 5 elements (Wood, Air, Water, Fire, Metal). Think that's all there is to reading your horoscope? Wrong again! Each person has not 1, but 3 levels to their horoscope. The "outer animal" is determined by the year you were born (for those born in January or February, check your birth year. As it is based off the lunar calender, you may be represented by the previous year's animal). Then there's the "inner animal", which is determined by the month you were born, and finally, your "secret animal", which stems from the hour in which you were born. After crunching some numbers, that brings us to 8,640 different personality combinations! Who knew this could be so complex?

You probably know that 2012 is Year of the Dragon, but what should one expect from that? The element this year is water, which heightens the sense of calmness, visionary intelligence, and balance. Children born this year are said to be sensitive, diplomatic, and wise. They'll also be more socially and environmentally aware. Dragon years are often noted for financial profit, and bring good luck in marriage. All in all, 2012 looks to be a great year, at least according to the Water Dragon.

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# THE DETROIT CHAUVINIST

Show Cars, the automaker promotion departments, and of course the media who flock from all over to report on the NAIAS. It also allows auto company executives to easily monitor their competition.

Yes, it is claimed also that showing off future models allows automakers to test the waters of public demand. But honestly, despite all my years "covering" this industry and visiting shows, I have yet to figure out *exactly* how they can collect meaningful, reliable data from hordes of auto show visitors (including many kids years away from their first driver licenses). Does Oohing and Aahing today over a future model translate into a sale six months or six years from now? Or is it likely that the sale will occur when the car prospect has the money and the need? Consumer-desire research firms no doubt will post results and privately sell analyses, but will anyone ever know how valid they are?

Well, pardon my skepticism amidst a glorious 2012 Detroit/North American International Auto Show--skepticism is an occupational hazard. Heck, the NAIAS gave our favorite Detroit a big injection of enthusiasm and hope, and that alone provides immeasurable value.

Oh yeah, also pardon me for not tipping my hat in this column to trucks and SUVs as well as cars. Referring to them all just as cars makes the writing (and reading) less complicated than being so *uber* specific.

Michael W. R. (Mike) Davis is a Royal Oak, Michigan, author, journalist and historian. He was staff reporter for the *Miami Daily News* and *Business Week* magazine before spending 25 years with Ford Motor Company Public Relations Staff.

# ni hao new year!

Matt Counts

Beginning January 23 through February 6th, the Chinese will be ringing in the New Year. It is a celebration that follows the lunar calender, and is traditionally celebrated for 15 days, which involve food, family, and fireworks. The New year is not only is a giant celebration in China, but also in all of Southeast Asia.

This year is the Year of the Dragon, which is big news, being that the dragon is the only mythical creature involved in the 12 year cycle. The dragon brings wealth and calmness, and is said to be a good sign for weddings and newly weds.

Traditionally, one is supposed to clean one's home before the new year, to sweep away any bad luck, or karma from the last year, and to allow room for all new good luck to come. The eve of the New Year is followed by a huge feast, not unlike Thanksgiving or Christmas. Fish, rice cake, and dumplings are crucial food items during this celebration. It is also the time to use up those fireworks you saved all year. Unless, you see them in downtown Beijing.

On the second day of the New Year, one should visit the inlaws. On this day, and throughout the new year celebration, it is customary to give gifts of money in red envelopes for good luck, and good wealth in the coming year. Just make sure it is an even number, as odd numbers are usually associated with funerals. The second day of the New Year is also the day when every dog turns a year older. Interestingly, the third day is a day to stay inside without talking to anyone. Unless, you are having your fortune told. Day four is when you go back to work. And, on the seventh day, everybody grows a year older, which I believe is exactly how the Borg do it. For Buddhist monks, enjoy another 8 days of celebrating by abstaining from meat and enjoying deep meditation. And, on the 13th day, it is recommended that everyone partake in a vegetarian diet, so as to combat all the food and drink enjoyed the previous 12 days.

Every family has a different celebration, of course. That does not change the fact that it is a time for eating good food, seeing good people, and afterwords, counting all that money you made. And, being the Year of the Dragon, it should be a very profitable, and lucky year indeed.



YEAR OF THE DRAGON





# 6

# who what

Fotoula Lambro

WNO :: AMY GUTZ
BUSINESS :: All Things Fashion
TYPE :: Retail Wholesale, Lifestyle



The infamous, Amy Gutz- aka Blon D Troit, has been in and out of the city for over the last 15 years. From her travels to the islands of Hawaii, artistic living in San Francisco and LA, to the stakes she claimed as head of Max Azria retail operations in Minneapolis, Gutz has landed back in Detroit with a few different titles. Her experiences include, a study tour at the Fashion Institute of Technology in NYC, recruitment by Ralph Lauren upon graduation from Western Michigan University, to her involvement and launch of 22 flagship stores for Max Azria are on her resume. From day to night, Amy moves through life full of energy, outlook and style.

Known for her icy blond locks, to her choice of hairstyle, that roars with edge. Her life motto is expressed via Twitter and reads, "Gather the Good, rally the Right ones- and lead Lavishly". Ms. Gutz is helping lead two creative Brands from Detroit into a bright future, and moves forward with vision, drive, and ultimately, high fashion forward thinking.

www.workroomdetroit.com

What :: GIRLS GONE VINYL – Official Project Event
DATE :: Friday February 3, 2012

TIME .. 9n-12a

LOCATION :: The Grasshopper Underground 22757 Woodward Avenue Ferndale, MI 48220



Tagged, "Girls Gone Vinyl, the untold story about female DJs", was a collaboration created in 2011, between two femmes on the scene in Detroit. Their mission is to present "a film about the true story of female DJs from around the world in a male dominated industry". Dj Jenny LaFemme, a world wide traveling artist, who works by day as main chick in charge at Parliament Studio in Troy, and the creator of Auxetic, Maggie Derthick, who five years ago created the original Detroit dance party, "SunDay Beats". A known Sunday Funday of sorts. Sunday Beats has music from Djs all over the world, and is seen on the grass and turf of Old Miami and TvBar, both in Detroit proper. Girls Gone Vinyl has hosted many female DJs and is just getting their turntables going, for more projects ahead. To see more footage, or to donate to this projects, more information is found on their website, along with photos of the female DJs in the biz. www. girlsgonevinyl.com

# Wear :: SHOWTIME CLOTHING

TYPE :: Retail Boutique

LOCATION :: 5708 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202

HOURS :: Mon thru Sat 12-8 Sun Close



Known as the Rock and Roll "go-to" place in Detroit that lies directly between New Center and Midtown, this place carries and shows off the best in style found in Detroit. It lays smack dab on the corner of Woodward Avenue, just south of I-94. Its size is legendary and it's customer is Detroit's rock, punk, and hip hop artists who have been seen to make a stop or

two. This edgy, performance inspired shop that carries everything from accessories for men and women, T's to Victorian Style Corsetry and Dresses. Showtime knows the need of performers having the very most unique and quality goods to make a mark on stage. Anyone in the music or art biz that is coming into town, and wants to hit up the best boutique, they are told to hit SHOWTIME.

www.showtimedetroit.com

fo2la.com

# BEAUTY • MARK



Jeanette Frost

Red is the color of love and passion. Red is also the classic color for lipstick, always sexy, yet timeless. Many women feel that red lipstick does not look good on them. Ladies, there is a red for every woman - you just need to take a little time to find the right one for you. Begin your search with Chanel, Yves Saint Laurent, Givenchy, Dior, L'Oreal.



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Rouge Dior by Dior in Blazing Red \$30 www.dior.com

Of course, there is always the innovative approach to red lips. A lip liner and lipstick in 1 Nars Velvet Matte Lip Pencil in Dragon Girl is great for the girl on the go. \$24 www.sephora.com

To find that perfect red, it is imperative to actually try on the lipsticks before purchasing. (Not on your hand, you must put it on your lips. Depending on your natural lip pigments, a lip color might look perfect on your hand, but change completely once applied on the lips). Venture into a Sephora or Ulta, where they encourage women to try on their products. Most cosmetic counters in department stores will also assist you in trying on makeup.

My biggest issue, when purchasing red lipstick, is always choosing between bright red, orange-red, pink-red, or deep red. Cinema Secrets resolved my problem with their 5-in-1 Ultimate Lip Palette, in Can Buy Me Love. For only \$18 you get 5 fabulous shades of red creamy lipstick. I usually mix a couple shades to obtain the perfect red I'm craving that day. www.cinemasecrets.com



Another common issue with red lips is choosing the right lip pencil. Borderline Anti-feathering Lip Pencil by Too Faced is the answer, no matter what lip color you choose. Borderline is a colorless, waterproof lip liner that traps and holds all lip products within the lips boundaries (Talk about a \$ saver!). \$18.50 www.toofaced.com

Want to turn any lipstick into a kiss proof, smudge proof, long lasting color? Sealed With A Kiss Roll-On Lipstick Fixative really works! \$5.49 www.sallybeauty.com

Amp up your new scarlet pout by adding dimension with just a dab of clear lip gloss (in the center of the lower lip). I prefer Clear Gloss by Mac, because it can also be used on our cheeks, eyelids or anywhere we desire shine on our bodies. \$19 www.maccosmetics.com

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# GENTLEMEN'S 1/4

# HENRY THE HATTER - DOWNTOWN DETROIT

Anthony Brancaleone



Born in 1914, a native of Detroit, my grandfather Tom came of age in the 1930's. He ran the bar at the old Book Cadillac, sat in and blew horn for most of the Big Bands that came to town, and led his own on Catalina Island,

CA during 'the season'. His father was known, in the vernacular, as a 'Mustache Pete', having developed a particular way of doing business in the old country. And, while my grandfather chose to make music, rather than continue in the family business, he was certainly influenced by the style of dress that went along with that particular line of work - namely, the Hat.

Grandpa was the kind of man to top his double breast with a Borsalino. He knew how to mix a drink, knew how to play trumpet, and knew how to handle himself. He wasn't a big man, wearing a 40 Reg, but he was tough. He had character:

The first time I remember seeing something that resembled the family of my youth was in the film, The Godfather. It was a window into

what my grandfather, along with his brother Joe, and their father's lives had been.

A bit later, Old Style turned Old School, a Mustache Pete became an OG, and Kangol replaced Borsalino. Through it all, Henry The Hatter has made sure that Detroit's more distinguished gentlemen were topped with the finest hats available.

Established in 1893, by Detroit native Henry Komrofsky, this hat shop has supplied the likes of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, when he purchased a hat for is inauguration in the 50s, to comedian Steve Harvey, to Kid Rock. And, with the popularity of the TV show Madmen, along with the likes of Johnny Depp and Jack White, who both adorn their crowns with unique hats, it seems the fashion is going to be around awhile.

But, don't buy a hat because it's on sale at the Superstore. That's kids stuff. Select a hat from Henry The Hatter, because they're named, "Hat Retailer of the Year" ('77, '00) by the Traveling Hat Salesman Association of America, because the Historical Society of Michigan has recognized them as a Centennial business, and because you care about quality, service, and Detroit tradition.

# HOW TO SIZE A HAT

Use a fabric tape measure around the widest part of your head where the hat would sit. If you are between two sizes, order the larger size and ask for sizing strips.



# Et Petit Prince

Thre upon a fime
in a neighborhood called Birmingham, there was a

lovely patisserie, named Le Petit Prince. The creators took every care in making the patisserie their home away from home, as they were from a far off land, hidden in the countryside of a place called France.

It is said, that passers by are lured inside Le Petit Prince, not only by the sweet and savory aromas wafting from the shop, but also from the charm and friendly warmth of its keepers. Fortunately, for you, dear reader, this magical little patisserie still exists, offering the most authentic French pastries, breads and confections in metropolitan d'Etroit.

Family owned and operated since 1979, Le Petit Prince was created by the parents of current owners Marcel and Yvette Didierjean (Husband and wife). Marcel and Yvette took over the business in 1982.

A family affair, Yvette and Marcel's three sons also work for the business: Cyrille, who's photography adorns the walls of the patisserie, with images of his family's village in the south of France, is usually found behind the counter along side his mother. Adrien works for the patisserie, and displays his colorful artwork on the shop walls as well. And, Gregory comes in to assist the family during holidays and special events.

Everything at this patisserie is brimming with Didierjean family tradition and sensibility. From bright, colored table linens, imported from Nice, France and displayed for purchase, to photos of the Didierjean's hometown, to the beautifully displayed works of confectionary art. Many of the handcrafted pastries even have an individual story based on Yvette's memories of her native Saint-Raphael. Marcel comes up with most of the recipes and Yvette assists in choosing their names as well as baking them.



*Pointu*, an oval shaped pastry covered in ground hazelnuts, filled with fresh strawberries, almond paste & Grand Marnier, reminded Yvette of the little fishing boats that lined the marina and beaches. She remembers her family purchasing fish right out of the pointu for dinner.

Yvette named a dome shaped pastry, filled with fresh raspberries, almond paste and Grand Marnier, *Mistral* after a particular wind, which only blows in France. The Mistral can be a strong and gusty wind, lasting anywhere from a day to upwards of a week. Locals of the Provence

region love the Mistral because it literally blows away all of the clouds and dust, making way for the famous, gorgeous and sunny weather in Provence.

"Only a Provençal (person of Provence) would understand the beauty of the Mistral," says Yvette. "Visitors and tourists only see the dark clouds and strong wind. We Provençal see what is to come."

Having never been to Provence, I was able to imagine what it might feel like when I sampled a pastry Yvette named for the region. The *Provencal* is a round, bread-like pastry, filled with dried fruits, including Michigan cherries and orange peel, and topped with crunchy sugar crystals. I delighted in the fact this was a combination of flavors I was unaccustomed to, and it did, indeed, taste of faraway lands.

Reluctantly, I returned home, as the imagery of Provence melted away with the last taste from my tongue. But, then I tried an Almond Paste Croissant, which may be the finest pastry I have ever had. Perfect in its sublime simplicity. The flaky, slightly crunchy, buttery croissant, with almond paste filling, was unlike typical

marzipan, which for me tastes almost of cherry. The almond paste at Le Petit Prince tastes of pure ground almond, and is the most popular pastry at the patisserie.

Le Petit Prince is also known for wonderful and fresh baguette, ficelle, brioche, and other rustic breads. Come to Le Petit Prince during most holidays and you will experience the little shop turned gallery of chocolate, with hand crafted, molded chocolates fashioned beautifully for the holidays.

Chocolates at Le Petit Prince are painstakingly painted - by hand - and are almost too gorgeous to eat. In February, they have a delightful selection of heart shaped chocolates for Valentine's Day. And, beginning in March, the chocolate amazement continues with elaborate Easter designs.

If you enjoy bringing a delicious conversation piece to a dinner party, or prefer a scrumptious, handmade alternative for the little ones, or if you

simply want to spend an afternoon enjoying the authentic flavors of France, then Le Petit Prince happily awaits.

Le Petit Prince 124 W. 14 Mile Rd. Birmingham, MI (248) 644-7114



# FOR ALL THE TEA IN d'ETROIT

The health benefits of tea are many, and the experience of enjoying a fine cup makes for the perfect way to spend an afternoon. Here are two of the Metropolitan area's finest selections.



"Drinking a daily cup of tea will surely starve the apothecary."

- Chinese Proverb

Looking to toast the Year of the Dragon but

don't know how or where? Goldfish Tea in

Downtown Royal Oak is the place. Owners

Janice & Jim Girling sought to bring their

newfound love and passion for tea back to their

hometown after temporarily living in China.

All the teas are imported directly from their

personal contacts in Beijing, as are the retail

items, furniture, and art. From the decor and

the tea sets on the retail wall, to the many teas,

and the unique way they are served, Chinese

tea culture influences everything. Tea novices as

well as experts can find what they're looking

for at Goldfish Tea, whether it be basic tea

accessories, packaged loose leaf tea, full tea sets,

or travel mugs - a brilliant way to drink loose

leaf tea on the go. If it all sounds intimidating,

the knowledgeable staff is there to help. So go

in, grab a pot of Buddah's Eyebrow green tea

or a round of Matcha shots, and have a toast.

# **GREAT LAKES TEA & SPICE**

Nestled in an atrium that reflects nature itself, the Great Lakes Tea & Spice Kiosk at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital is the perfect spot to enjoy the natural, healthful beverage of tea. Offering freshly brewed, full leaf teas, specialty tea drinks, and tea infused treats, GLTS features provides an unrivaled tea drinking experience, focusing on the total wellness of each individual.

Serving exceptional quality tea from Blacks to Oolongs, Greens to Whites, and Herbals, there is a tea for every palette. Each month, GLTS hosts afternoon tea luncheons, of varying themes, combining savory and sweet dishes, with a perfectly brewed teas. Luncheons featured for winter/early spring are: Valentine's Tea, Traditional English Tea, St. Patrick's Day Tea and April in Paris French Tea (for more info on dates, times and luncheon pricing gltskiosk.com).

GLTS Kiosk has a wide variety of fine Chinese teas including Lapsang Souchong, PuErh Wang, Yunnan Black Needle, Freshwater Pearls (Jasmine), and Honey Sweet Oolong. Honoring the Year OfThe Dragon, GLTS Kiosk is proud to offer Dragon's Heart Flowering Tea: hand-sewn silver needle white tea leaves, yellow marigolds and a crimson globe amaranth flower. As the tea bundle steeps it unveils a gorgeous and flavorful work of art in your glass. - Nette Kovacs

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Matt Counts

Ever find yourself in desperate need of a delicious dessert? Perhaps, some bubble tea to wash it all down? Featuring an extensive selection of both sweet and savory pastries, as well as an equally large selection of assorted smoothies, iced teas, and all the tapioca bubbles you can fit through a straw, QQ is the place for you.

Try the coconut cream bun, with a cup of iced oolong tea. Or, a passion fruit smoothie on an unusually warm winter's day. QQ also boasts a large selection of surprisingly delicate cakes, so unbelievably light and moist, and completely covered in exotic flavors such as fresh mango, that I sometimes wonder if I am really eating these pastries at all.

QQ's savory selections include the bbq pork bun, ham and scallion roll, beef pastries and a wealth of other goodies that work well for a distinctively different kind of lunch, or simply as a unique way



to treat yourself throughout the Year of the Dragon.

It should be

noted, QQ serves a mostly Asian clientele, which is always a good sign when seeking an authentic Asian food experience. Set in the same strip mall as Pho Hang's Vietmanese Noodles means that adventurous customers have the rare opportunity to enjoy two fine cultural offerings. Try Pho Hang for dinner, and take home a selection of desserts from QQ.

I say 'take home', because the only downside to QQ is that the bakery provides a single table. Obviously, that's by design, but sometimes I just feel like sitting down within QQ and tasting one .90 bun after another.

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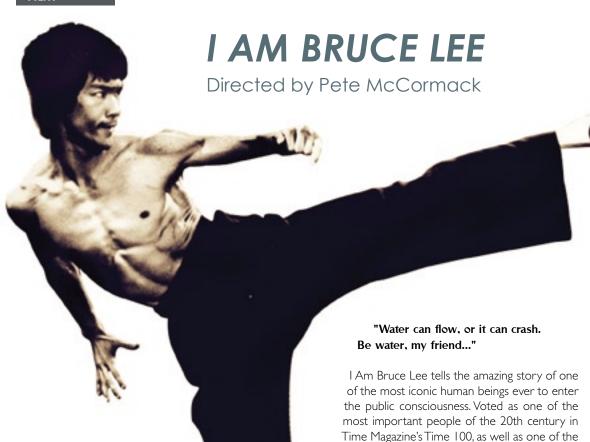


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Bruce Lee's often revolutionary and sometimes controversial thinking on a multitude of planes has become a source of inspiration and debate for a generation of philosophers, actors, filmmakers and athletes. The film is a compelling and visually stunning uncovering of Bruce's life, his enormous impact, and his ever-expanding legacy in the world of martial arts, entertainment, and beyond - despite his tragic and sudden death at the age of 32.

### "All kinds of knowledge, eventually mean self knowledge."

Although Bruce Lee starred in only four and a half quintessential films during his short life, he was the singular force that introduced martial arts

films to the United States and ultimately to the world. His martial arts technique on film is unparalleled and inimitable. His seminal film Enter the Dragon, which was released three weeks after his untimely death, not only became one of the most successful films of all time, it also launched the global martial arts film genre which thrives to this day.

Bruce Lee's impact on the world of martial arts may be even greater. In the face of thousands of years of tradition, Bruce came to realize that being tied to one classical form of martial arts is debilitating, and can create what he called "a mechanical man." Exploring the martial arts from both East and West, Bruce created his own ever expanding "style", JKD, the essence of which is to make a martial artist as efficient as possible in combat, allowing the individual artist to "honestly express yourself."

# "Always be yourself, express yourself, have faith in yourself, do not go out and look for a successful personality and duplicate it."

Bruce Lee's contributions went far beyond martial arts on the silver screen. He read and wrote extensively about physical combat, the psychology of fighting, the philosophical roots of martial arts, and about motivation, self-actualization and liberation of the individual.

When Bruce Lee died on July 20, 1973, the world mourned the passing of a true renaissance man - a shining star and evolved human being. Bruce Lee's spirit remains an inspiration to untold numbers of people around the world, and I Am Bruce Lee tells his story in a way never seen before.

Screens in MI February 9th @ 8pm at the following locations: Rave Ann Arbor 20, Emagine Canton, Emagine Royal Oak, AMC Star Grand Rapids, Celebration Cinema Rivertown, Rave Cityplace 14, Celebration Cinema Lansing

www.iambruceleemovie.com

# MUSIC

# STEVE AOKI

# Sat 2/25 Fillmore, Detroit Sun 2/26 Orbit Room, Grand Rapids

STEVE AOKI broke bands such as Bloc Party, The Bloody Beetroots, Klaxons and The Gossip through deftly marketing single and full-length releases on his Dim Mak label. Those releases often dovetailed into performances at Aoki's weekly Dim Mak nights (still going strong every Tuesday night in the heart of Hollywood).

As a label owner and curator of talent, those club nights have hosted the debut U.S. performances of hundreds of acts over the last decade from Lady Gaga to Ed Banger Records & Justice, Ke\$ha, and Skrillex. Aoki has become a force of nature, helping to turn underground house, electro and harder-edged EDM into the phenomena it is today: regularly pulling in 150,000+ fans at events such as Las Vegas' Electric Daisy Carnival.

AOKI dropped his first proper full-length release, WONDERLAND in January, and launches his biggest tour ever: DEADMEAT, in support of that release. AOKI partners with dubstep artist Datsik, and promises new live visual productions and a badass supporting lineup from the likes of Alvin Risk, Mustard Pimp, Autoerotique, Dimitri and Terravita.

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# RE:GENERATION Music Project 170 theatres, one-night, Thursday, February 16

Anthony Brancaleone

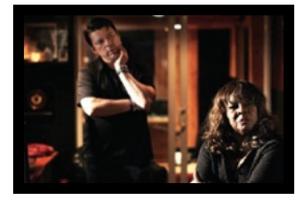
Greatest Pop Culture Icons by People Magazine,

Bruce Lee continues to be honoured and

remembered for his enduring legacy.

Directed by award-winning documentary filmmaker, Amir Bar-Lev (*The Tillman Story, My Kid Could Paint That*), **RE:GENERATION** follows five DJs/producers as they re-imagine music, collaborating with influential artists from rock, R&B, classical, country and jazz genres including: NAS, Crystal Method, Mos Def, Martha Reeves, LeAnn Rimes, Zigaboo Modeliste, The Funk Brothers, Trobone Shorty, Members of The Dap Kings and more.

Crystal Method's, Ken Jordan, spoke about shooting in Motown, collaborating with Martha Reeves, and watching another wrecking ball have its way with Detroit.



# Q: How did Crystal Method come by this project?

Jordan: People talk a lot, and usually projects never come to be. But, we had a serious director, and the artists were serious, so things got more serious as time went on. The director picked R & B for us, and at first we were like "uh oh", because we're not too into today's R & B, but then we discovered that we were going to be working with Martha Reeves, so then we were pretty excited.

# Q:We're you asked to record the record in Detroit?

**Jordan:** We produced the song in Hollywood, but then we did two days of filming and recording in Detroit, and Martha was there, and the Funk Brothers. She took us to where she played her first gig, then the Heidelberg art project, and then to the Ford Auditorium, which was really a beautiful auditorium, but the day we arrived they had a wrecking ball out and they were tearing it down.

# Q:You're kidding me?

**Jordan:** No, they were really tearing it down - that day.

# $\ensuremath{\mathbf{Q}}\xspace{-1mu}.\ensuremath{\mathbf{Tell}}$ me about working with $\ensuremath{\mathbf{Ms}}\xspace{-1mu}.\ensuremath{\mathbf{Reeves}}$

**Jordan:** Martha knew what she wanted to do, how she wanted to sing, laid back in the verses and then strong in the choruses, and it was good to see that she maintained her integrity as an artist. Everything went well with the record, but we did have to re-record the back up vocals once we made it back to Hollywood. We just needed a bit more time.

# Q: Is it true that the other half of Crystal Method has family ties to Detroit?

Jordan: Yes. Scott (Kirkland) has family from Detroit. He's half Greek and his family is from Greektown, I think.

# Q:You're working with a fine director; what was he after in this movie?

**Jordan:** Directors like conflict, tense moments, and I guess that makes for a better film. But, there were times when we felt rushed in Detroit. We would have liked to have seen more of the city, would've liked to haven fallen deeper into it. We've played Detroit many times, downtown, and in Pontiac, I think, so we had a pretty good feel. It all worked out well, but I would have liked a little more time in the city. We'll see what he was after at the premiere (laughs).

RE:GENERATION screens the EMAGINE theatres: Detroit, Canton, Novi, Royal Oak



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# CROSSWORD

### **ACROSS**

- 1. Crack from cold weather
- 5. Pending
- 10. "No ifs, \_\_\_ or buts"
- 14. Pearl Harbor's locale
- 15. Pre-pupal bug
- Pair picker
- 17. "Dee-licious!"
- 19. Home of Jezebel
- 20. One-celler
- 21. Samuel and Amos
- 23. Letters on a boom box
- 26. Kobe companion27. Introduction in an
- NBC sitcom
- 32. Letters for debtors33. Make void, as a marriage
- 34. Labor org. since 1900
- 38. Little branch
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- 42. Actor Connery
- 43. Cornerstone leg.
- 45. Bagnold & Blyton47. Giants defensive
- end Umenyiora 48. Not going anywhere
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- 54. Open court hearing, in law
- 55. Dinar spender
- 58. Leader of the pack
- 62. Angle between stem and branch
- 63. Took evasive maneuvere, submarine-style
- 66. Mille Bornes green light card
- 67. Eroded lime- stone terrain
- 68. Naldi of silents
- 69. Makes mad
- 70. Recreation orgs.
- 71. Steal

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### DOWN

- 1. Result of a serious head injury
- Soccer standout Mia
- 3. Alas!
- 4. Warthog in "The
- Lion King"
  5. German cathedral city
- 6. Complain, complain
- 7. Too much: Fr.
  8. Actor/composer Novello
- 9. Europe's largest lake
- 10. Formicaries11. "Drake" poet
- 12. Sith lord's title
- 13. "\_\_ Rainbow": Rolling Stones
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      - go up 41. Restive
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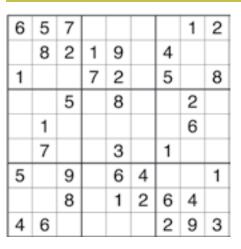
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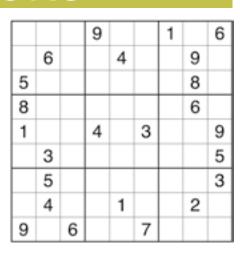
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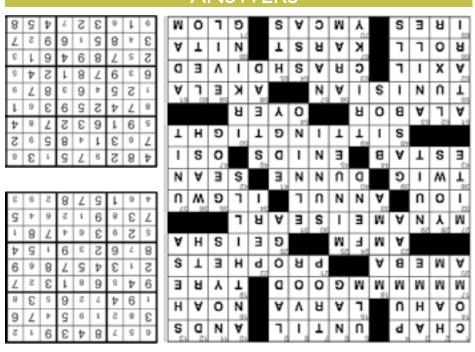




### Sudoku Instructions

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**

# **Detroit Airlines Get Cash Back**

\$13.9 Million Can't Be Applied To 2012 Budget



Airlines serving Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) will receive a significant refund from the airport due, in part, to larger than anticipated cost savings and a considerable increase in non-airline revenue in Fiscal Year 2011.

Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) was able to slice the cost of operating and maintaining Detroit Metropolitan Airport by nearly \$1.3 million compared to what had been budgeted. It also managed to generate \$8.9 million more in non-airline revenue than had been budgeted. Those results contribute to a \$13.9 million refund to DTW's air carriers.

"One of the most important things we can do for our customers is to control costs to the airlines and to generate non-airline revenue," said Interim CEO Tom Naughton. "This makes Detroit

more attractive to airlines when they make corporate decisions on whether to maintain or add air service in our market. More airlines and more competition on routes provide more choices for our customers and keep air fares reasonable."

On the cost side, WCAA spent less than budgeted on line items such as insurance, utilities, materials & supplies, security and janitorial; while generating more revenue than anticipated on car rentals, parking, retail, food & beverage and ground transportation such as taxis and limos.

Final audited total expenses for FY 2011 were \$277,430,000 including debt service on bonds used to fund airport projects.

"Airport management operates Detroit Metropolitan Airport like a for-profit business," said Naughton. "However, unlike a private business, we cannot apply any net income from one fiscal year to cover an anticipated shortfall the next year. Management is required, by agreement, to refund any net income to the airlines."

As a "residual" airport, WCAA is obligated to reduce airline fees by applying revenue earned from non-airline sources to the cost of operating the airport. In exchange, the air carriers agree to cover the difference between what the airport earns in non-airline revenue and what it costs to operate and maintain the facility.

"Our Airport Authority staff did a great job in 2011 reducing costs and generating new revenue at Detroit Metropolitan Airport," said Naughton. "However, we have a daunting challenge in FY 2012 to further cut costs while maintaining our status as one of North America's favorite airports."



# **JETTSETTER BON VOYAGE GIFT SET**

Bon Voyage by Jetsetter, the leading members-only travel site that helps travelers discover and book the world's best vacations at Jetsetter-exclusive prices. This luxe travel gift includes Bon Voyage, an evocative picture book with moments drawn from 24 of the best journeys planned over the past year by Jetsetter travel experts, paired with a personal consultation with one of letsetter's Personal Travel Planners, a team of the world's leading travel writers. The book is designed in partnership with Partners & Spade and written by Jetsetter editor Nikki Ridgway. Words and images transport the reader to a motorcycle trek through Iceland, a family escape to Hawaii, and a trip around the world in 70 days. It provides a point of departure for travelers considering their next journey. The Personal Travel Planning part of this gift provides travelers a I-on-I consultation with one of the 200+ experienced travel writers who serve as letsetter's correspondents. Travelers are paired with a correspondent who fits their interests and personality. The Expert constructs an itinerary for one trip based on the client's





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# SHANGRI-LA DETROIT - WEST BLOOMFIELD

What a gem, Shangra-La. With a pleasing ambiance, comprised of furniture and art from China, an interesting clientele, and a bar full of TsingTao, and other adult beverages, it's no wonder customers love both the West Bloomfield and Detroit locations. Shangri-La features dishes that range from the traditional; Chinese-American, almond boneless chicken; to the ever impressive braised duck, with Chinese mushrooms; to Beef Short Ribs, with spicy salt, to all the standard accoutrement one expects; egg rolls, won ton soup, and fried rice. More impressive, however, is Shangri-La's Dim Sum. Served a la carte, Dim Sum is comprised of a variety of stuffed and filled buns, wuntuns, steamed dumplings, prawn crackers, spring rolls and surprising desserts. Delicious! When handed a check list to mark your order, make sure that mark is on the lotus bun, or allow for the surprise of placing shrimp balls in your mouth. Midtown open until 10pm on weekends. Uptown open until 2am all week.

Uptown - 248.626.8585 6407 Orchard Lake Rd West Bloomfield, MI

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# MON JIN LAU

Nu Asian cuisine, Sushi, sake and cocktails in a sophisticated atmosphere, Mon Jin Lau continues to be one of the metropolitan areas hottest spots for an evening out. The Chin family has owned Mon Jin Lau - House of Ten Thousand Jewels - since 1969 and has done a remarkable job of changing tastefully with the times. Shanghai Wednesdays find sexy young professionals cocktailing and dining alongside Geisha, lush palms and Chinese lanterns. Ladies with 8 or more in their party receive a complimentary bottle of Belvedere vodka. Finding a table in the bar for late night sushi and martinis is always a good time; plenty of sights and sounds to enjoy but also a perfect romantic spot for getting to know one another. Great for a business lunches, professional dinners, Mon Jin Lau's menu offers flavourful Asian food and will surprise with their Asian Filet and steaks. Serving 11am -11pm Mon-Thurs and until midnight Fri-Sun.

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# 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 (734) 229.6782

- Chinese proverb



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