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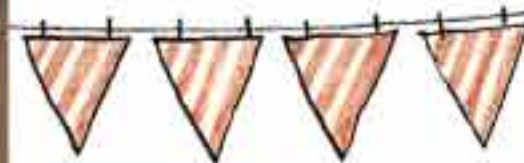


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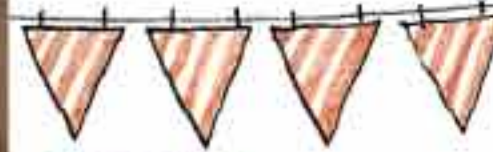


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- PLACE TO SEE AN ART FILM // **CITY DETROIT FILM THEATRE (CFT)**, at the DIA, Detroit; dia.org.
- SUBURB: MAIN ART, Royal Oak; landmarktheatres.com.
- PLACE TO HEAR BANDS // **MAGIC BAG**, Ferndale; themagicbag.com.
- OUTDOOR FESTIVAL // **ARTS, BEATS & EATS**, Royal Oak; artsbeats.com.
- CASINO // **MGM GRAND DETROIT**; mgmgranddetroit.com.

- MUSEUM // **DIA**, Midtown Detroit; dia.org.
- INDOOR TENNIS COURT // **FRANKLIN ATHLETIC CLUB**, Southfield; franklinclub.com.
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- MICH. VACATION SPOT // **TRAVERSO CITY**.
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 - PARIS**, Royal Oak; 248-542-9594.
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 - CASUAL MALE XL**, Lathrup Village; casualmale.com.

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- PLACE TO LEARN TO DANCE // **DANCE CITY**, Birmingham; dancecitybirmingham.com.
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- BAR FOR BUSINESS DEALS (TIE) // **THE CAPITAL GILLE**, Somerset Collection North, Troy; thecapitalgille.com.
- **ROSBY**, Detroit; rostdetroit.com.
- **THE SMOG HORSE**, Corktown Detroit; sugarhousedetroit.com.
- MALE GAY BAR // **FRONT!**, Royal Oak; prntorestaurant.com.

SIDESHOW

They may not have garnered the most votes, but these comments added spice to the online balloting

BEST CASINO

- "Caesars Windsor, because it's non-smoking. Sorry, Detroit."

ANNUAL SPORTING EVENT

- "Michigan State versus Michigan in anything."

SIGN OF A DETROIT COMEBACK

- "A crowded riverfront in the summer on a weekday."
- "All the people eating out, in some of the finest restaurants."
- "Argonaut Building, turned A. Alfred Taubman Center."
- "Buffalo Wild Wings opening downtown."
- "Dedicated bike lanes."
- "I'm moving there."
- "Increase in attendance and membership at the DIA."
- "Incredible commercials from Chrysler — put us back on the map."
- "The M&D on Building of the 95-percent

occupancy of Midtown rental units"

- "Mindfield buying the G.A.R. [Grand Army of the Republic] Building."
- "My son lives in Detroit!"
- "No Kwame."
- "People playing ball on Anderson Field (formerly Tiger Stadium)."
- "The light is back on at the Penobscot Building."
- "The need for live/work space downtown."
- "The new ATM at the Lafayette's Covey Island."

BEST FIX FOR WAYNE COUNTY

- "Hahahahahahahahahahaha."
- "Appoint Dan Gilbert to the commission."
- "Better collaboration with the city."
- "Bring salaries and attitudes down to earth."
- "Clean house and start over."
- "Fire 'em all."
- "Let Canada annex it."
- "Mudh psyer."
- "No mo' Ficano."

"Put Nym Worthy in as county executive"

- "Very restrictive expense accounts for local officials."

BEST FIX FOR THE PISTONS

- "Button up the owner's [Gores'] shirt."
- "Let the fans get to really know the players (like the Red Wings)."
- "Patience and couple of good draft picks."

DETROIT CUCHÉ TO BAN

- "All Detroiters are fat and murderers."
- "Any phrase containing the word blight."
- "Artists moving here to feed off the blight."
- "Calling Detroit the 'D'."
- "Detroit is a blank state."
- "European documentaries about urban farming in Detroit."
- "Hating on the suburbs."
- "People taking photos of abandoned buildings."
- "Photos of burned-out buildings."
- "Racism."

"That making cars is the only thing we do"

- "The city-versus-suburbs debate."
- "The idea that Detroit is a fated city."
- "That we're the most violent place in the world."
- "Where the weak are killed and eaten."

BEST CHOICE FOR LOCAL POLITICAL DINNER COMPANION

- "Any of the crazies on city council. So many questions..."
- "Charles Pugh. I'd like to know what he's smoking."
- "None. They'd make youpsy."

LOCAL LOUDMOUTH

- "Bob Basha's lawyer [David Grem]."
- "Charlie LeDuff (in a good way)."
- "Kipatrick — any of them — mom, dad, Kwame."

PLACE TO LEARN TO DANCE

- "Any good Polish/Italian wedding."

