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## Let Detroit Go Bankrupt

By MITT ROMNEY

Boston

IF General Motors, Ford and Chrysler get the bailout that their chief executives asked for yesterday, you can kiss the American automotive industry goodbye. It won't go overnight, but its demise will be virtually guaranteed.

Without that bailout, Detroit will need to drastically restructure itself. With it, the automakers will stay the course — the suicidal course of declining market shares, insurmountable labor and retiree burdens, technology atrophy, product inferiority and never-ending job losses. Detroit needs a turnaround, not a check.

I love cars, American cars. I was born in Detroit, the son of an auto chief executive. In 1954, my dad, George Romney, was tapped to run American Motors when its president suddenly died. The company itself was on life support — banks were threatening to deal it a death blow. The stock collapsed. I watched Dad work to turn the company around — and years later at business school, they were still talking about it. From the lessons of that turnaround, and from my own experiences, I have several prescriptions for Detroit's automakers.

First, their huge disadvantage in costs relative to foreign brands must be eliminated. That means new labor agreements to align pay and benefits to match those of workers at competitors like BMW, Honda, Nissan and Toyota. Furthermore, retiree benefits must be reduced so that the total burden per auto for domestic makers is not higher than that of foreign producers.

That extra burden is estimated to be more than \$2,000 per car. Think what that means: Ford, for example, needs to cut \$2,000 worth of features and quality out of its Taurus to compete with Toyota's Avalon. Of course the Avalon feels like a better product — it has \$2,000 more put into it. Considering this disadvantage, Detroit has done a remarkable job of designing and engineering its cars. But if this cost penalty persists, any bailout will only delay the inevitable.

Second, management as is must go. New faces should be recruited from unrelated industries — from companies widely respected for excellence in marketing, innovation, creativity and labor relations.

The new management must work with labor leaders to see that the enmity between labor and management comes to an end. This division is a holdover from the early years of the last century, when unions brought workers job security and better wages and benefits. But as Walter Reuther, the former head of the United Automobile Workers, said to my father, "Getting more and more pay for less and less work is a dead-end street."

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You don't have to look far for industries with unions that went down that road. Companies in the 21st century cannot perpetuate the destructive labor relations of the 20th. This will mean a new direction for the U.A.W., profit sharing or stock grants to all employees and a change in Big Three management culture.

The need for collaboration will mean accepting sanity in salaries and perks. At American Motors, my dad cut his pay and that of his executive team, he bought stock in the company, and he went out to factories to talk to workers directly. Get rid of the planes, the executive dining rooms — all the symbols that breed resentment among the hundreds of thousands who will also be sacrificing to keep the companies afloat.

Investments must be made for the future. No more focus on quarterly earnings or the kind of short-term stock appreciation that means quick riches for executives with options. Manage with an eye on cash flow, balance sheets and long-term appreciation. Invest in truly competitive products and innovative technologies — especially fuel-saving designs — that may not arrive for years. Starving research and development is like eating the seed corn.

Just as important to the future of American carmakers is the sales force. When sales are down, you don't want to lose the only people who can get them to grow. So don't fire the best dealers, and don't crush them with new financial or performance demands they can't meet.

It is not wrong to ask for government help, but the automakers should come up with a win-win proposition. I believe the federal government should invest substantially more in basic research — on new energy sources, fuel-economy technology, materials science and the like — that will ultimately benefit the automotive industry, along with many others. I believe Washington should raise energy research spending to \$20 billion a year, from the \$4 billion that is spent today. The research could be done at universities, at research labs and even through public-private collaboration. The federal government should also rectify the imbedded tax penalties that favor foreign carmakers.

But don't ask Washington to give shareholders and bondholders a free pass — they bet on management and they lost.

The American auto industry is vital to our national interest as an employer and as a hub for manufacturing. A managed bankruptcy may be the only path to the fundamental restructuring the industry needs. It would permit the companies to shed excess labor, pension and real estate costs. The federal government should provide guarantees for post-bankruptcy financing and assure car buyers that their warranties are not at risk.

In a managed bankruptcy, the federal government would propel newly competitive and viable automakers, rather than seal their fate with a bailout check.

*Mitt Romney, the former governor of Massachusetts, was a candidate for this year's Republican presidential nomination.*

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Market Scan

### Talk Of Auto Bailout Jumpstarts Wall Street

Carl Gutierrez, 11.20.08, 01:25 PM EST

Market rallies despite pressures of a flagging economy.



U.S. stocks road the coattails of Detroit's apparently successful request for government aid at midday on Thursday, recovering from early losses on reports that Washington would be shipping cash to Motown.

- Ford Motor Co
- PetSmart, Inc.
- Barnes&Noble Inc
- SPDR Financial Sector ETF
- Citigroup, Inc.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 1.3%, or 101.07 points, to 8,098.35, the Nasdaq composite index gained 0.9%, or 12.40 points, to 1,398.82, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 0.4%, or 3.09 points, to 809.67.

The midday recovery, the second time stocks had been in positive territory, came after news of bipartisan support for Senate aid to the automobile industry. An news conference was planned for 2:30 in the afternoon in Washington.

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Automakers naturally benefited.

General Motors (nyse: GM - news - people ) stock rocketed 23.7%, or 66 cents, to \$3.45, on the news, while Ford Motor (nyse: F - news - people ) soared 35.7%, or 45 cents, to \$1.71.

Art Hogan, chief market analyst at Jefferies, noted the market was extremely volatile and that its direction "could change six more times before the end of the day."

Despite the boost in prices from the expected auto aid, the U.S. economy continues to lose jobs and companies are struggling. (See "Lines Grow At U.S. Unemployment Offices.")

As the outlook for growth paled, investors extended their bond-buying spree. The yield on the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury note fell to 3.22% from 3.39% Wednesday. It had ended the third quarter at 3.83%.

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The financial sector was wallowing in negative territory. The Financial Select Sector SPDR (nyse: XLF - news - people ) exchange traded fund fell 5.3%, or 56 cents, to \$9.96. The sector's woes were led by Citigroup (nyse: C - news - people ), whose stock lost 21.4%, or \$1.36, of its market value, to trade at \$5.04.

The sell-off came after Saudi Prince Alwaleed bin Talal, Citigroup's largest individual investor, announced his plans to increase his stake in the bank to 5.0%. (See "Saudi Prince to Raise Stake in Citigroup.") Some of the pressure on Citi came from concerns Alwaleed would get a better price than he would on the open market.

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**Europe's Uphill Battle**

European stocks closed lower Thursday, as another heavy round of layoffs were unveiled and Air France-KLM's quarterly profits were virtually wiped out. The Dow Jones Euro Stoxx 50 index slumped by 3.0%... [Read More](#)

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Meanwhile, Cleveland Rueckert of Birinyi Associates, said the renewed commitment of a large investor was not necessarily the sign of a low point in the stock. "Back in the 1990s, Prince Alwaleed bought his first stake in Citi and it dropped about 40% before bottoming," Rueckert said, "and the same example can be seen with Warren Buffett's purchase of Goldman Sachs." (See "Goldman Doubles Down After Buffett Play.")

Eisewhere, Barnes & Noble (nyse: BKS - news - people ) slid 6.3%, or 83 cents, to \$12.27, after it reported a third-quarter loss of \$18.4 million, or 34 cents per share, due to slow traffic and weak sales at older stores. On an operating basis, the bookseller's loss was 21 cents per share, while Wall Street had analysts expected a deficit of 16 cents, according to Thomson.

But they weren't all doags. Shares of PetSmart (nasdaq: PETM - news - people ) gained 18.8%, or \$2.51, to \$15.83. The rally comes after the company reported a 21.4% gain in earnings, beating out Wall Street's forecast, thanks to higher same-store-sales, and sales of pet services.

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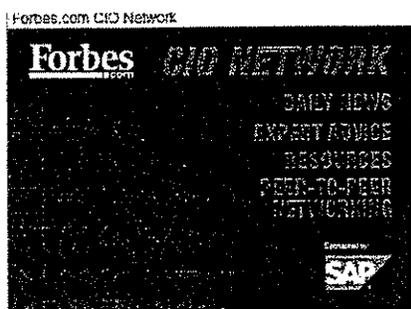
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# Motown comes begging - in three private jets

**Dana Milbank in Washington**

November 21, 2008

THERE are 24 daily non-stop flights from Detroit to the Washington area. Richard Wagoner, Alan Mulally and Robert Nardelli probably should have taken one of them.

Instead, the chief executives of the big three US car makers opted to fly their company jets for their hearings in Congress this week - an ill-timed display of corporate excess for a trio of executives begging for an additional \$US25 billion (\$38 billion) from the public trough this week.

"There's a delicious irony in seeing private luxury jets flying into Washington DC and people coming off of them with tin cups in their hands," the Democratic congressman Gary Ackerman, from New York, advised the pampered executives at a hearing on Wednesday.

"It's almost like seeing a guy show up at the soup kitchen in high-hat and tuxedo . . . I mean, couldn't you all have downgraded to first class or jet-pooled or something to get here?"

The big three said nothing, which prompted Brad Sherman, a Democrat from California: "I'm going to ask the three executives here to raise their hand if they flew here commercial." All still at the witness table. "Second," he continued, "I'm going ask you to raise your hand if you're planning to sell your jet . . . and fly back commercial." More stillness.

"Let the record show no hands went up," Mr Sherman grandstanded. By now, the men were probably wishing they had driven - and other members of the House Financial Services Committee had not finished riding the chief executives over their jets.

"You travelled in a private jet?" contributed Nydia Velazquez, a Democrat from New York.

Patrick McHenry, a Republican from North Carolina, felt the need to say: "I'm not an opponent of private flights, by any means, but the fact that you flew in on your own private jet at tens of thousands . . . just for you to make your way to Washington is a bit arrogant before you ask the taxpayers for money."

It was a display of stone-cold tone-deafness by the chiefs of the car makers. In their telling, they have no responsibility for the industry's current mess. Threatening the nation with economic Armageddon if they are not given government aid, they spent much of the session declaring what a fine job have been doing in Detroit.

"Chrysler really is the quintessential American car company!" Chrysler's Mr Nardelli boasted.

"We have products that are winning car and truck of the year regularly," General Motors' Mr Wagoner proclaimed.

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Bailouts

**Motown Rebound**

Brian Wingfield and Joann Muller, 12.04.08, 08:00 AM EST

The Big Three are back in the Beltway as momentum for a bailout is gaining.

When the chief executives of General Motors, Ford and Chrysler again plead for a bailout before the Senate Banking Committee Thursday, they'll face a whole new battery of questions.

Why is GM now seeking as much as \$18 billion from Uncle Sam, when last month CEO Rick Wagoner indicated that the company would need \$10 billion to \$12 billion to avoid bankruptcy? Why should taxpayer money be put on the line for Ford (nyse: F - news - people ), if the company thinks it can restructure without tapping into the money? Most important: How will government aid to these companies get customers back into showrooms to buy new cars?

And though the drubbing on Capitol Hill will be bad this week, it won't be nearly as rough as last month, when the leaders of the Big Three flew into town on corporate jets without their homework and got sent home like delinquent schoolboys. Now they've submitted plans to lawmakers on how they'll stay afloat. That'll help.

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"The proposals are a good step," says Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, who is strongly in favor of government aid to the auto industry in his state. "I think that's 60 or 70% of the way there." Brown says several factors that will come out in the hearings—how the Big Three present themselves, restrictions on executive compensation, explaining their cost savings—will be the other part of the 100% that they need to do."

The trick, of course, will be getting Republicans on board. For lawmakers in auto-heavy states and Democrats who want a bailout, there are some promising signs. First, the political will seems to be there. White House Press Secretary Dana Perino said Wednesday that the administration is "not ruling out anything" when it comes to giving Detroit's automakers more than the \$25 billion they initially asked for.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., has already said that bankruptcy for the Big Three is not an option. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., is prepared to piece together a bill to quickly vote on and send to the House of Representatives if the auto hearings before Senate and House committees go well.

Second, all sides appear willing to make concessions. GM proposes to slash its number of brands by half and cut its dealers by 27%. Ford will also cut its dealer base. Chrysler still appears open to a merger.

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Even the United Auto Workers union is taking additional steps. On Wednesday, UAW President Ronald Gettlefingler said union leaders agreed to suspend the controversial "jobs bank" program that lets autoworkers collect paychecks even when there are no vehicles to build. (See: "Idling.") He also says the UAW will let the carmakers defer billions of dollars in payments to a new health care trust fund for retirees and would begin negotiations to "modify" other terms of its labor contracts with GM, Ford and Chrysler.

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But Gettelfinger says no matter what concessions the union makes, the automakers still need a bridge loan from the government to survive. "Even if the UAW worked for nothing, it would not help the companies that much, our analysis shows," he says. "So this is a big problem."

Third, momentum seems to be building toward a bipartisan bill that would allow the automakers to tap already-approved government loans for automakers by clipping strings that require the money to be used for fuel efficiency investments. Under the plan, the Big Three could apply for the money through the Commerce Department, taking the decision out of the hands of lawmakers.

Sen. Brown, who is a co-sponsor of the bill, says he's "optimistic, but not certain" Congress will pass some form of aid to Detroit next week for the president to sign.

Moreover, there's uncertainty surrounding the remaining \$350 billion in the Troubled Asset Relief Program that the Treasury Department is using to bail out financial firms. Many Democrats would prefer to see that kitty tapped, but a government report this week criticizing the Treasury's management of it cast doubt that Congress will let the administration have the remaining funds.

All of which weighs in favor of the bill sponsored by Brown, Sen. Kit Bond, R-Mo., Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., and others.

"My bipartisan proposal is the only plan that has a chance to be signed into law by the end of this year," says Bond. "So if the Democratic leaders are serious about protecting millions of auto-dependent jobs before the end of the year, they will embrace this approach."

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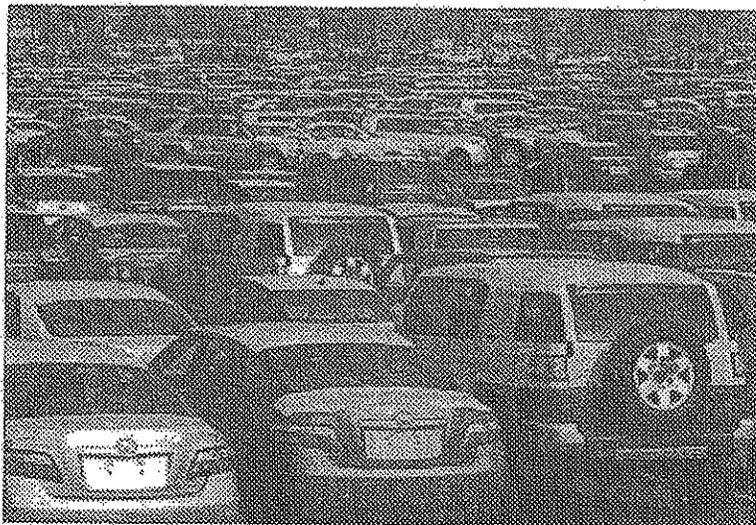
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## Import carmakers leasing acres of coast to store unwanted vehicles

by [Chris Shunk](#) on Dec 8th 2008 at 8:01AM



The hardship being endured by Detroit is making headlines across the country, but [November sales figures](#) showed that Motown manufacturers aren't the only ones struggling to move metal. Industry all-stars Toyota and Honda saw similarly steep sales declines, evidence of which is piling up on lots like the Port of Long Beach, where thousands of Toyotas and Mercedes are lined up with no place to go. The traditionally successful automakers are looking to lease out another 20+ acres each to make room for more vehicles coming to the port from overseas. Nissan is experiencing a similar scenario, but a deal to store vehicles at Long Beach fell through, causing Nissan to look elsewhere to store its unsold fleet. At the San Diego port, Honda, Mitsubishi, and VW models are piling up, too.

Just a couple years ago, a big deal was made out of the fact that thousands of Dodge Dakotas and Rams were piled up in parking lots across Michigan. Now it seems the only way an automaker isn't storing hoards of vehicles is if they've stopped making cars and trucks all together. Something tells us the deals for 2008 models are going to be even better than they are now. And we're not just talking Calibers and Rangers. *Thanks for the tip, Rene!*

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**Thinking About Autos**

by Fred Cederholm

I've been thinking about AUTOs. Actually I've been thinking about this week's coming bailout, escalations, economics, hypocrisy, and camels. After last week's grandstanding and haranguing, Congress will approve some form of interim bailout for the BIG 3 US automakers. Their hat-in-hand request for a quickie infusion of \$25 BILLION from two week's ago has blimped into the current request for \$34 BILLION this week. It looks like Congress is primed to fork over some \$15 BILLION in loans to keep the MOTOWN MOGULS cruising at least thru January. Consider this a first instalment.

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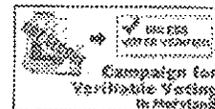


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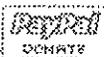
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assembles them... The problem is that BIG 3 US automakers are driving down a very rough patch of road where they are NOT selling the vehicles necessary to cover their current operating costs, much less underwrite the sunk costs of the health care and pension costs for their respective retirees! They are hemorrhaging money and are on a countdown to insolvency within weeks - under the best scenario maybe months. The auto sector has now eclipsed the financial services sector in capital evaporation. Thus... it is now their turn to seek a bailout from Uncle \$ugar.

Economics deals with the allocation of resources. Most economic models eventually get around to discussions of supply and demand. When supply and demand are in sync; pricing, goods' inventories, sales, and company's solvencies tend not to be problems. When supply and demand are out of sync, market forces (or government meddling) work to re-achieve some workable balance. A market force fix would leave the BIG 3 to their own devices - downsizings, bankruptcies, liquidations, and dissolutions. That does not appear to be an option... so once again Uncle \$ugar will stick his finger in the pie.

Thus far all of Uncle \$ugar's deep pocket options involve infusing more money to keep the BIG 3 producing vehicles. The problem now is NOT that the BIG 3 are not producing vehicles; the problem now is that the BIG 3 are not selling them. Once again Congress has it "bass end backwards." Remember that Capitol Hill, the US Treasury, and the FED are still trying to con the public that the solutions to the wider banking, financial, and economic messes of too much debt; are to cut interest rates, ease lending standards, and flood the drowning souls with more liquidity. When you are in a hole, keep on digging!

My US Congressman, Don Manzullo R-III 16th, again has been a beacon of light and common sense during the past week's hearings.

Manzullo: "Unless people are buying automobiles, it doesn't do any good to give

*just because you're throwing it out doesn't make it trash.*



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money to a company to go and pay its bills when they're going to be plugged up again in a couple of days." Week's ago Don twice voted against the unrestrained \$700 BILLION bailout slush fund. Now his Congressional cohorts refuse to tap that kitty for the current BIG 3 money request, but choose to raid another fund instead! Could it be that the \$700 BILLION is already gone and nobody's talking about that fact? Transparency and accountability have not exactly been hallmarks for bailout monies thus far. The public still does not know definitively who has gotten how much? - and when?

The current bailout infusion of the \$15 BILLION in loans will have a 5% APR coupon rate for the first five years and 9% APR after that. "Oversight" is the MEGA buzz word for this chapter in the unending potboiler saga of bailouts. Congress is concerned about the taxpayers' money and will oversee the BIG 3's budgets and spending to prevent misuse of funds and over-spending... (Re-read that last sentence again, once you have stopped laughing!) A watchdog commission of five cabinet secretaries plus the head of the EPA with a "car czar" appointed by the President will be established to ride as shotgun. These so-called checks and balances do not give me a whole lot of warm fuzzies about the deal under consideration for "saving" the BIG 3 US automakers. Ah politics...

It has been said that a "camel" is a horse designed by a committee. I can hardly wait to see what rolls off the assembly lines with Congress and their "car czar's" cadre of Presidential cabinet secretaries calling the shots!

I'm Fred Cederholm and I've been thinking. You should be thinking, too.

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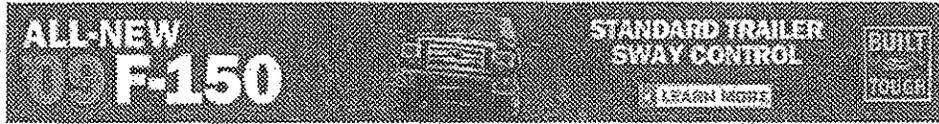
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# Another 'L' of a Monday in Motown

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Move over Tampa Bay. You've been replaced.

Time to start writing the obituary. Here lies the 2008 Detroit Lions: The Greatest Losers Ever.

How do you feel, Detroit, with the Lions three losses from 0-16? Do you want to see history made?

I don't. I imagine the way writers will use this Detroit Lions team for decades as an example of how things can always be worse. You could be suffering through the Detroit Lions season of 2008! At least we're not them!

Maybe no other NFL team will ever match the 0-16 mark. Maybe this Lions team would symbolize ultimate football failure forever.

We don't want that, right?

Writers across the country are already waxing poetic about the Lions and their humbles.

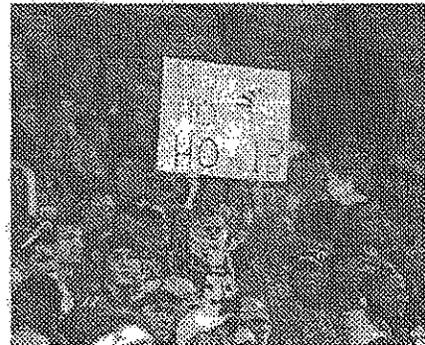
From today's Los Angeles Times: "From Detroit came only silent tipping down the stairs toward Tampa Bay '06, as the Lions got the ball with 22 seconds left and 73 yards to go and went sock, spike, suck and definitely, definitely sod sack."

The Canton Republic cracked, "The Detroit Lions are Vanderbilt without the diploma. All you get is the defeat."

Here in Detroit, Freep columnist Drew Sharp scolds the Lions for their affinity to produce garbage.

Sharp writes: "They're the worst NFL team ever because they're the most wasteful. They're throwing away special chances and special players."

ProFootball Weekly jumps into the fray with some unnamed sources who provide this intel tip: Matt Millen was pretty busy on draft day.



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Sign of the times at Ford Field on Sunday

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They quote: "(Lions WR) Calvin Johnson is soft. He's still learning how to play the game, but he is going to be a great one. ... When you look at the players (Matt) Millen has drafted, there's really two that stand out — Johnson and (LB) Ernie Sims. He's their best player on defense. When you have had as many high picks as they have, it's disheartening to look at their roster. (Millen) has left a big mess for someone to clean up."

With three games to go, it will likely get bigger. What's the Lions best chance now at avoiding 0-16?

Maybe a rare Midwestern earthquake will destroy Lambeau Field and the Lions will get their season finale against the Green Bay Packers on neutral turf.

Maybe before next Sunday, Indy's Peyton Manning will pull a Ricky Williams, quit the NFL and move to Thailand to live in a tent.

Maybe the New Orleans Saints will lose Thursday in Chicago, vanquishing their playoff hopes and decide to do the friendly thing against the Lions and forfeit the game, a handout from one weary American city to another.

### Sharing the winless-on-Sunday pain

Not to be outdone, the march to 0-16 on Sundays continues across town for the Detroit Pistons. Mighty generous of them to go through those kind of sympathy pains, don't you think?

After losing to the always dysfunctional New York Knicks on Sunday, coach Michael Curry wonders whether a starting line-up change — enter Rodney Stuckey? — will make a difference.

Stuckey told reporters he's game: "I'm ready for whatever," Stuckey said. "Whatever he throws at me, I'm going to be ready. I'm going to be starting one day in this league, so I might as well start early and learn and get ready to lead the team."

I assume this would mean a three-guard line-up with Tayshaun Prince and Rasheed Wallace both playing out of position at the four and five. This could probably work at times, but as your main line-up?

I'd expect Wallace would grow annoyed pretty quickly at being the only big body to absorb the poundings inside. I can see Hamilton frustrated having to check so many big, athletic threes.

But at this point, maybe it's worth a try. At least on Sundays, when the Pistons are 0-5.

### Re-evaluating where they stand

The Pistons unevenness with Allen Iverson has national writers re-evaluating all sorts of things — Joe Dumars' brilliancy, Flip Saunders' effectiveness, Chauncey Billups' star power.

From Newsday: "The Pistons are a maddening team and Michael Curry has to be quickly understanding that Flip Saunders actually did a much better job than people (see: Joe Dumars) gave him credit for doing. Rasheed Wallace and all of his pregame histrionics and then he gives you 3-for-11, 0-for-5 from downtown and a whole lotta mouth to the officials.

He can be entertaining in the process, however. He was taking up one issue with referee Ed Malloy and veteran Dick Bavetta stepped in and told Sheed to cool it. "I'm just talkin' to him," Wallace then said. "I can't talk to him? Basically, you're telling me to shut up, Dick."

At least there's one constant — for better or worse, Rasheed Wallace is always Rasheed Wallace.

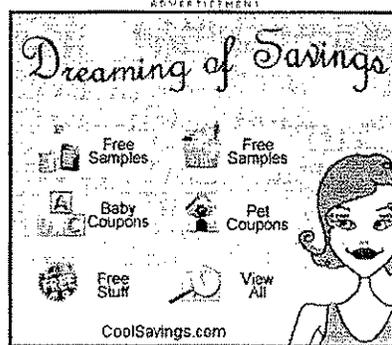
Elsewhere, another NBA writer wants his 2006 MVP vote back:

From the Star-Telegram: "It's taken two years and a trade, but I now realize how wrong I was. ... It's still early enough in the NBA season to not make final conclusions, but all indications are that the Nuggets came out way ahead when they traded Allen Iverson for Billups.

And who could have figured that. Iverson leads Billups in All-Star appearances, 9-3. Iverson is a former MVP, a scoring champion and also a franchise player who took the Philadelphia 76ers to

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*the championship round.*

*But Billups is a better team player, and you know what? That makes him a superstar."*

### **Early look at MSU vs. Georgia**

Here's a quick roundup of what the experts see for the Spartans against Georgia in the Capital One Bowl.

From the Atlanta Journal-Constitution: *"Javon Ringer is a phenomenal football player," (Georgia coach Mark Richt) said. "He's carried the ball more than anybody else in the United States of America [370 times]. He's a tremendous player."*

The Sporting News figures out what MSU needs to do to win: *Michigan State will win if ... Ringer and his offensive line can deliver one more time. Good things happen for the Spartans when Ringer totes the ball; when they go away from him, they get blown out.*

Georgia started the season No. 1 in the polls, hoping to play for a national title. Meanwhile, MSU is in its first New Year's Day bowl since 2000. So the Spartans should conceivably be in better spirits, a little more excited, for whatever that's worth.

I think it's worth something. Consider the way they see this match-up down in Georgia.

From the AJC: *Now, with Georgia having a 9-3 record and a New Year's Day spot in the highest-paying non-BCS bowl and the fans still complaining and disappointed, it might sound like the Bulldog Nation is spoiled and in need of a reality check.*

*But actually, it's anyone who's satisfied with that showing who's in need of the reality check. Just aiming for a 10-win season isn't enough any more for a program that aspires to the BCS elite, a point that hopefully is in the forefront of the minds of Mark Richt and his staff.*

A bigger factor? Which Doak Walker Finalist has a big day. *Michigan State's Javon Ringer and Georgia's Knowshon Moreno are two of the three finalists for the Doak Walker Award given to the nation's best running back each season.*

*Richt said he expected the matchup to be a hot topic of conversation leading up to the game.*

*"It's inevitable it's going to be one of the biggest story lines, that two of the finest running backs are going to be on the field at the same time," Richt said. "I don't think there's any question people will be talking about that matchup ... So I think it's going to be unavoidable for Knowshon as far as that matchup is concerned."*

By the way, thanks to the Big Ten-SEC storyline, Rivals.com ranks the Capital One as the seventh best bowl match-up for viewers.

### **Obama, meet RichRod**

And finally, one writer has an idea for where President-elect Barack Obama can get some advice -- Michigan's Rich Rodriguez.

He writes: *"The parallels between the situations facing Rodriguez and Obama are impressive. Like Rodriguez, Obama will come to his new leadership position amidst expectations that he will return the United States back into the world's premier super power."*

The article goes on to compare the 24/7 press cycle and a "flat world" as challenges both leaders face.

Here's hoping Obama doesn't wind up telling America's to stop focusing on the crumbling economy and to get a life watching college football.

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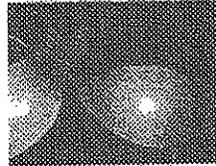
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GM's Bust Turns Detroit Into Urban Prairie of Vagrant-Lot Farms

Special Report

By Michael McKee and Alex Ortolini



Dec. 8 (Bloomberg) -- General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co., and Chrysler LLC are fighting for their lives. Large stretches of Detroit are already dead.

With enough abandoned lots to fill the city of San Francisco, Motown is 1.28 square miles divided between expanses of decay and emptiness and tracts of still-functioning communities and commercial areas. Close to

six barren acres of an estimated 17,000 have already been turned into 500 "mini-farms," demonstrating the lengths to which planners will go to make land productive.

The city, like the automakers, has to shrink to match what's left, said June Thomas, a professor of urban and regional planning at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

"The issue is how," she said. "There's no vision."

The 116th-largest U.S. city is running out of options and money as its three biggest corporate citizens seek a federal bailout and the economy contracts. While Detroit isn't even sure how short of revenue it is, the latest estimate from the mayor's office puts the deficit at \$200 million and climbing on an annual budget of \$3.1 billion.

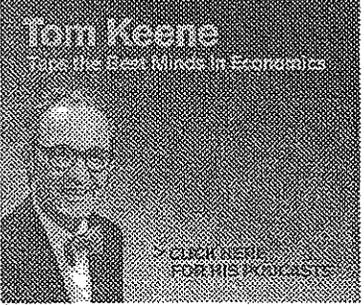
The population of the once vibrant manufacturing hub that grew up around the 20th century expansion of the auto business has contracted in less than 250,000 from a peak of 1.9 million in the 1950s. More fallout is expected as the area's biggest industry eliminates jobs.

"People are moving out of the city, trying to find work," said David Martin of Wayne State University's Urban Safety Program. Those who stay "can't afford to move out."

### Foreclosure Rate

That exodus has left Detroit with the highest poverty and foreclosure rates in the U.S. and, at 10.1 percent in October in the area including Livonia and Dearborn, one of the steepest measures of unemployment in the nation as well

"How do you downsize to the right level when there doesn't seem to be a bottom?" asked developer Fred Beal of J.C. Beal Construction Inc., which wants to do a \$50 million conversion of the vacant 34-story David Broderick



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Tower near the city center into offices, shops, restaurants and lofts.

Detroit has seen decades of fruitless renewal efforts as successive mayors built sports stadiums, welcomed casinos and renovated the riverfront. That endeavor included the Renaissance Center, a downtown office-and-hotel complex that began as a Ford project in the 1970s and switched to GM ownership two decades later after failing to spur long-term development.

#### Move Away From Cars

Now, business coalitions such as Detroit Renaissance are moving forward with plans to identify neighborhoods where resources should be concentrated and help the area diversify away from cars. The organizations want to use local research hospitals to attract health-care and biotech startups, according to Doug Rothwell, president of Detroit Renaissance, as well as foster a creative community around the city's legacy of advertising agencies.

"You have to build your economy with a larger number of smaller companies," he said. That means "growing by 20 jobs at a time, rather than replacing the thousands of jobs you're losing."

Current projects are concentrated downtown, along the Detroit River and in a four-mile corridor along Woodward Avenue to GM's former headquarters, now a state office building.

"You're not going to redevelop all 138 square miles at the same time," said Olga Stella, vice president for business development at the Detroit Economic Growth Corp., which coordinates the city's revival efforts. "Private-market forces have made decisions on where they want to develop."

#### Tough Choices

The city hasn't made similar choices yet. Detroit's Recreation Department is the only agency that acknowledged the need to shrink, Thomas said. Its 2006 master plan called for "fewer but better sites and facilities."

"It's a sign of what's to come for other departments," Thomas said.

Planning has been delayed by the resignation of former two-term Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick after pleading guilty to lying about an extramarital affair. The city will hold a special election in May, with 18 candidates already filing.

On Nov. 25, the City Council passed a Neighborhood Stabilization Plan that seeks \$47 million from the federal government to address the city's problem of vacant buildings and empty land. An estimated 55,000 lots are considered unproductive because they bring in no taxes and cost money to maintain.

The grant would pay for knocking down 2,350 of Detroit's tens of thousands of abandoned homes and clear the sites for development. If no buyers materialize, planners would consider adding the space to public parks or land reserved for recreation or environmental preservation.

#### Land Banks

A land bank the city created in July would coordinate the project if approved by Washington. These clearinghouses for vacant lots make it easier and cheaper for developers to invest in urban areas. Parcels in a similar program in Cleveland sold for as little as \$1 as long as buyers agreed to maintain the property and pay taxes.

"We're looking at pretty innovative ideas," said George Jackson, Detroit Economic Growth's chief executive.

One is urban farming. In many parts of Detroit, land that once held houses now grows cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers and collard greens.

The city has more than 500 gardens and "we plan to triple that every year," said Michael Travis, deputy director of Urban Farming, a Detroit-based nonprofit corporation that helps clear land and provides topsoil and fertilizer.

#### Corporate Sponsorships

Urban Farming was started by pop singer Taja Sevelle in 2005 and has attracted corporate sponsorships from Sevelle's label, Atlantic Records, and companies such as Whole Foods Market Inc. and Home Depot Inc. The group has "mini-farms" in seven other cities including New York, Los Angeles and Minneapolis.

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Harvests are sold in markets or donated to soup kitchens. This year's produce was picked "quickly because people need food so badly," said Sevelle.

The farms may also raise home values. In many neighborhoods, nearby gardens could add as much as \$5,000 to selling prices, said real estate broker [Russ Ravary](#), who works in the city and surrounding suburbs. The average price of a home dropped 55 percent to \$18,578 in the first nine months of the year, according to the Detroit Board of Realtors.

Even Ravary concedes that mini-farms are a stopgap measure at best.

"I hate to say it," he said, "but I wouldn't put my money in Detroit."

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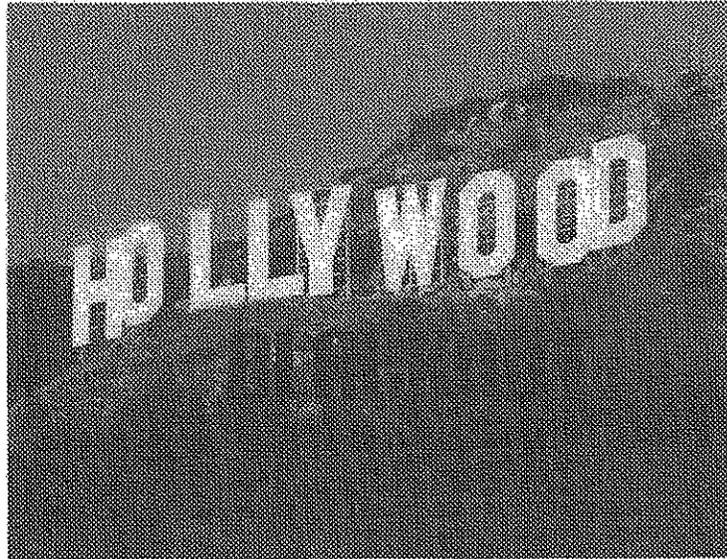
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### Motown Motion Picture Studios



Tonight Michigan's Governor will announce plans for a new movie studio in Pontiac, Michigan.

The \$54 million film studio project may bring roughly 5,000 new jobs to the state, spokeswoman Liz Boyd said. "This is the direct result of the aggressive film incentive that the governor called for in her State of the State in 2008," Boyd said late Monday.

Wow a Governor actually working on behalf of her state to bring

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in jobs and revenue. Crazy.

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The state is offering about \$15 million in film-related tax credits, plus as much as \$101 million in state tax credits over 10 years, if criteria are met, according to the Wall Street Journal. The state won't help fund construction costs. If approved, Motown Motion Picture LLC could be open for business in 2009, housed in an estimated 600,000-square-foot space at the former General Motors Centerpoint truck plant, according to Boyd. She said about 3,500 direct jobs and more than 1,500 indirect jobs could be created.



Gran Torino, Road to Perdition, and 6 Mile are just a few of the projects recently filmed in Michigan. The state has an upcoming 40 projects approved for production. Endeavor helped broker the Michigan deal and will assist the new studio with tax credits, debt and production financing. While the deal may help contribute to runaway production from Los Angeles it is designed to help squeeze runaway production to Canada and other foreign countries.



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## Selection Sunday: Breaking it down

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Posted by [Mark Schach](#)

Editor's note: This blog entry was done in real time as the bracket was announced.

### Looking at the South Region

- North Carolina is the No. 1 seed and plays No. 16 seed Norfolk on Thursday in Greensboro, N.C. The Tar Heels could potentially play No. 8 seed Butler, if the Bulldogs can get a 2nd No. 9 seed LSU in the first round.
- How tough of a ticket will it be in Greensboro? Impossible with Duke and North Carolina playing there.

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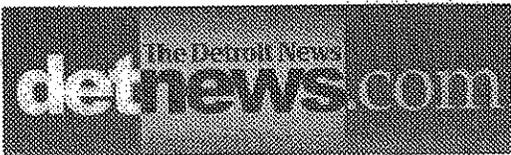
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Monday, March 16, 2009

Michigan State

## MSU's March to Motown begins

### Tournament supplies new focus for Spartans

Eric Lacy / The Detroit News

**EAST LANSING** -- Goran Sutton Sunday evening modeled a new, white T-shirt which states Michigan State's NCAA Tournament rallying cry.

The green words are simple and to the point: Humble and Hungry.

In their 12th straight NCAA Tournament, this time as a No. 2 seed, the Spartans are eager for redemption after Saturday's lackluster loss to Ohio State.

"We don't know most teams in the Tournament and they don't know us," Sutton said. "I think we can use that to our advantage."

When MSU tips off Friday against No. 15 seed Robert Morris at the Metrodome in Minneapolis, coach Tom Izzo thinks he will have a refocused team ready to build on the program's postseason success.

Practices and film sessions this week before the group departs Wednesday could put this team back in title contending shape, Izzo said.

"It's time to light the stove," Izzo said. "I know we have guys that are hungry and want to get a lot accomplished."

If MSU wins Friday, they will face either Boston College or Southern California Sunday in a second-round game.

In Robert Morris, Izzo and his players admitted they didn't know much about a team that finished 24-10, won the Northeast Conference championship and earned its first postseason appearance since 1992.

They all were expected to know more Sunday night in a film cram session.

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Izzo said he had film of the Colonials before the NCAA pairings were released and is ready to play someone other than a Big Ten opponent. An 18-game conference schedule has been a grind this season, Izzo said.

"We're going to go after it a little bit," said Izzo of this week's practices.

Michigan State's placement in the Midwest gives it an easier road to the Final Four in Detroit since the regional semifinal and finals are in Indianapolis.

To accomplish something special, Kalin Lucas believes the Spartans need a bit of an attitude adjustment to clear potential hurdles.

"You have to be confident," Lucas said. "I think that's something we've lacked at times."

Izzo beamed Sunday when asked about following such a path to the Motor City.

"That would be a storybook ending," Izzo said.

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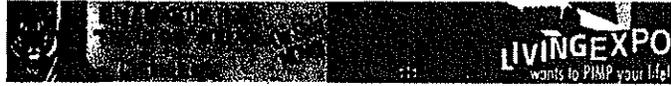
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## The 6th Man: UNC will cut down nets in Motown ... maybe

By Johananathan Brooks

Columnist

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Get your brackets ready because it's going to be a show.

The NCAA men's basketball tournament field is set, and it's time for office workers, college students and gamblers across the country to fill out their brackets.

It's time to throw the last three months of basketball out the window and rely on hunches, trends and probability to make the winning bracket.

Let's get to my picks — starting with the South bracket.

LSU plays the first game of the tournament against Butler. The Tigers will lose.

Now that that's out of the way, let's get to the important games.

No real upsets will happen in this bracket besides Butler downing the Tigers and Michigan toppling Clemson.

There's no bigger disappointment in athletics than Clemson. Everyone expects so much, and they do nothing worthwhile in any sport.

North Carolina, Gonzaga, Syracuse and Oklahoma are the Sweet 16 teams in this region on my bracket.

I have UNC and Syracuse playing in the Elite Eight with the Tar Heels advancing.

I had real fits choosing this bracket.

Oklahoma and Syracuse are both sexy teams, and the potential for a Blake Griffin vs. Tyler Hansbrough matchup was almost too good to pass up. But I stuck with the Orange. I hope they won't let me down.

The next bracket is the East region.

This is — without a doubt — the hardest bracket to pick.

About 10 teams in this region are good enough to be in the Sweet 16.

No. 1 seed Pittsburgh is one DeJaun Blair foul-out away from being upset by anyone in the region.

Because of this, I don't think Pittsburgh will make it to the Final Four.

I like Florida State, Texas and Duke to all get there before the Panthers.

Tennessee, as a No. 9 seed, is looking like the best bet to be a Cinderella and knock off Pittsburgh. But I have commitment issues, so I'll hold off on picking them.

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For now, I'll put the Panthers as an Elite Eight team losing to Villanova.

Moving on to the Midwest region — this one is pretty interesting as well.

Louisville is the team to beat. The Cardinals have cemented themselves as the best team in the nation heading into the tournament.

They'll pretty much skate into the Elite Eight to face defending national champion Kansas.

The Jayhawks can sing Rock Chalk all they want, but it won't be enough to keep the Cardinals out of Detroit.

An interesting team to look out for in this region is USC.

The Trojans haven't done much this season, as they're a middle of the road Pac-10 team. But Master P's son, Lil' Romeo, is on the team, and I can't in good faith have them lose in the first round.

He's a No Limit Soldier. I thought I told 'ya.

Sometimes you just have to pick teams that make no sense.

The West region is the one I've caught the most scrutiny for.

Call me crazy, but I'm putting Missouri in the Final Four.

They've had a pretty good season, and it's another one of those hunches.

They won the Big 12 for Pete's sake. They were better than Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, who everyone seems to be so high on.

The only team I can see knocking them off is Connecticut.

The Huskies aren't a No. 1 seed for nothing, but they're 4-3 since the season-ending injury to guard Jerome Dyson.

They could still win some games, but I don't think they can beat Mizzou.

As of right now, my Final Four will match Louisville against Missouri and Villanova against UNC with the Cardinals and Tar Heels advancing.

I have UNC winning its second national title in five seasons, but like everyone else's, my bracket will definitely change before the tournament starts.

It's changed three times since I started writing this.

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## Welcome to Motown, Jay!



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Here's this week's rough sketch for you to complete. This week, however, our winner will walk away with a fabulous prize! His or her own copy of "The Detroit Almanac"! (Insert wild applause here).

The 648-page almanac was edited by Peter Gavrilovich and Bill McGraw of the Free Press and is the definitive guide to all things Detroit. It would cost you \$24.95 if you bought it in a store, but you could win your very own copy if you're clever enough to submit the winning entry in this week's contest! (Insert wild applause here).

The guidelines are the same as always. You can submit as many times as you like from now until Thursday when I'll pick five finalists. Then check back here on Friday to see the winning entry/rough sketch combo, which will also appear in the print edition of the Free Press. Oh, and did I mention the

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winner gets a copy of "the Detroit Almanac"? (Insert wild applause here).

Good luck! And don't forget to check out my regular cartoons at [www.freep.com/mikethompson](http://www.freep.com/mikethompson)

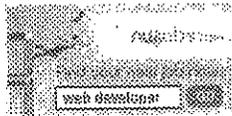
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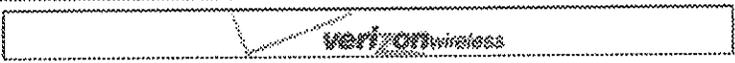
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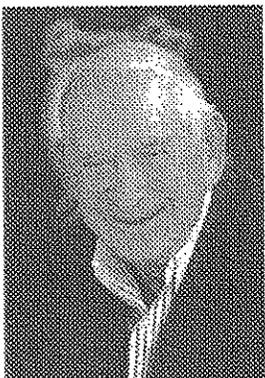
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Update on Detroit Shock ownership

Posted by Jaycie Evans

It's an odd year for Detroit. My family roots are there and while sports pages across America talk about the road to Motown, the city is hardly the once gleaming light that produced so much memorable music.

Aside from the useless Lions, I just read an article about James going for \$10,000, a member of my family seems to be laid-off early, and Bill Davidson, who has owned the Pistons since 1974, died this weekend. Not good times. But it was good to reflect on Davidson's life, and to know that his new wife plans to help keep the NBA and WNBA Shock in the north. (Davidson is pictured right in a 1999 file photo by the Associated Press)



I was in Detroit when the Seahawks went to the Super Bowl here and although I have never seen that many white people (Pittsburgh fans) downtown before, it was good for the city. Hopefully the First Four making its way there is the same.

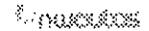
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Angelique S. Chengelis: Sizing up the NCAA Tournament field: Angelique's picks

## Expect a No. 1 and three No. 2 seeds to reach Motown

### MSU among four who should qualify for the Final Four



It's time to fill out your NCAA Tournament brackets, and no less an authority than myself will guide you through your selections.

What makes me so qualified? Well, finishing in the bottom quarter (last, actually, once) of The News' office pool the last decade or so says something about my ability (note: picking your alma mater to go to the Final Four is a red flag).

So get out your pens -- yes, pens -- because these are the words of wisdom.

#### Michigan State

Home cooking? Sure, why not. Wouldn't it be a bonus for southeast Michigan to not only host the Final Four but also have one of its own as a participant? The Spartans have more motivation than most to get to Detroit because of that built-in home-court advantage. They know how to turn it on during the postseason.

#### Oklahoma

With Blake Griffin, more than likely the national player of the year, the Sooners are ridiculously dangerous. Like the Spartans, the Sooners are a No. 2 seed (South), and after a late-season dip after Griffin suffered a concussion, they did drop four games. But with Griffin healthy, Oklahoma will advance.

#### Memphis

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The Tigers, oh-so-close to winning it all last season, have the nation's longest active winning streak at 25. Why is Memphis a lock? Because of its defense. The Tigers are No. 1 nationally in shooting defense (36.6 percent) and are among the top 10 in blocks (6.1 per game) and scoring margin (16.7). Watch out for freshman **Tyreke Evans** .

### **Pittsburgh**

The Panthers are tough, plain and simple. And with a 1-2 scoring punch from **DeJuan Blair** and **Sam Young** , this team will be tough to beat. Blair is a 6-foot-7 big man who plays huge and sometimes overshadows Young's enormous contributions. Together, they will take this team all the way.

### **Fraud alert**

Who was in the NCAA Tournament committee room Sunday? **Lute Olsen** ? Come on, Arizona, 19-13 Arizona that went 2-9 on the road? The same Arizona that lost five of its last six? The Wildcats should be in the NIT, not a No. 12 seed. They have allowed 44 percent field-goal shooting and 68-plus points per game.

### **Why not Connecticut?**

There's no questioning UConn's time spent at the No. 1 spot, but without guard **Jerome Dyson** , who was lost for the season in February because of a knee injury, the Huskies just aren't the same. They are good, mind you, but not Final Four good.

### **Feel-good story**

How can you not appreciate North Dakota State, which made the Tournament in its first season as a Division I team? It appeared the whole state turned out for the selection show Sunday night, and the fans looked duly delirious. There are a few reasons to like the Midwest's No. 14 seed. The Bison won 15 of their last 16, and is led by **Ben Woodside** (22.8 points, 6.3 assists). N.D. State will keep things competitive with Kansas, but it will be one-and-done.

### **Hard-luck team**

Marquette starts three seniors, and the Golden Eagles are known for their stifling defense, but they lack a major force heading into the Tournament -- guard **Dominic James** . James was lost for the season in February because of a broken foot. After his injury, the Golden Eagles lost five of six.

### **Sleeper**

It's hard to call Washington, the No. 4 seed in the West a sleeper, but we're still trying to find all the hype about the Pac-10's regular-season champions -- everyone's spending time explaining Arizona's appearance. But the Huskies are fun to watch. They averaged 79.2 points to lead the Pac-10, and guard **Isaiah Thomas** , the conference freshman of the year, is smart and skilled, averaging 15.4 points.

### **Teams to watch**

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- **Siena:** The No. 9 seed in the Midwest shouldn't be intimidated by being in the NCAA Tournament. After all, Siena defeated Vanderbilt in the first round last year. The Saints also are bolstered by the fact they have five starters back from that team.
- **Virginia Commonwealth:** The No. 11 seed in the East has its 2007 first-round upset of Duke highlighted on its Tournament resume. Senior guard **Eric Maynor** is back from that team. What VCU lacks in overall size, it makes up for with strong defense.
- **Butler:** The ninth seed in the South, the Bulldogs befuddle teams with their defense, which is ranked fifth nationally, holding opponents to 38 percent shooting. While they did stumble in their conference tournament, the Bulldogs ended 11-3.
- **Texas A&M:** The Aggies started Big 12 play poorly but picked up steam late, have a strong inside presence in 6-foot-10 junior center **Chinemelu Elonu**, who averages 10.1 points and 7.3 rebounds.

Ready to pounce

#### **Purdue**

The Boilermakers are the No. 5 seed in the West and are coming off a Big Ten tournament championship. They will be a factor because **Robbie Hummel**, the Big Ten's preseason player of the year, seems to have overcome the lower-back injury that gave him problems all season. Hummel is averaging 12.3 points and 6.6 rebounds. Purdue plays stingy man defense, and **Chris Kramer** is the main defensive force.

Players we really want to see

#### **Blake Griffin**

Oklahoma's 6-10 sophomore likely will be chosen the national player of the year. He has been a double-double machine this season, averaging 22.1 points and 14.2 rebounds.

#### **DeJuan Blair**

Pitt's 6-7 center is averaging 15.6 points and 12.4 rebounds and has made 59.6 percent of his shots.

#### **Tyreke Evans**

The Memphis freshman has helped make the Tigers one of the Tournament elite. He is averaging 16.9 points and 3.7 assists.

#### **Ben Woodside**

North Dakota State's 5-11 senior is the heart and soul of the Bison. He's averaging 22.8 points and 6.3 assists.

#### **Artsiom Parakhouski**

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Radford's 6-11 center is averaging 16.3 points and 11.2 rebounds. He has made 55.2 percent of his shots.

### Hasheem Thabeet

Connecticut's shot-blocker extraordinaire averages 4.5 blocks. He's a 7-3 junior.

### James Harden

The Arizona State sophomore, named Pac-10 player of the year, has averaged 20.8 points and has made 50.4 percent of his shots.

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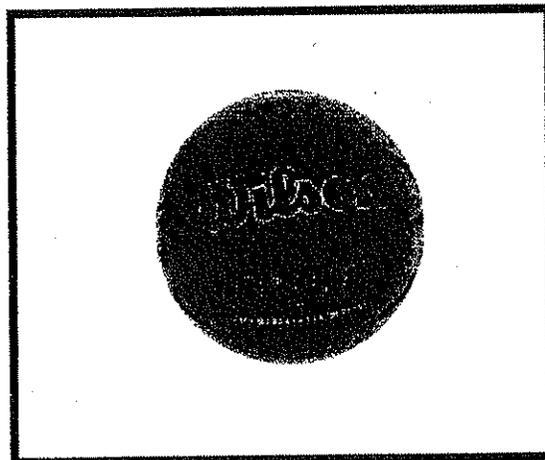
## Tips for filling out your NCAA tournament brackets

Region-by-region look at upsets, darkhorses, best bets for Detroit

By Rich Scarcella  
*Reading Eagle*

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- For what they're worth, here are tips for filling out your NCAA basketball pool sheets or a viewer's guide for the next three weeks, culminating with the Final Four April 4 and April 6 in Detroit:



### Midwest Regional

**Player to watch:** Kansas junior Sherron Collins uses exceptional quickness to run the show for the No. 3 Jayhawks. He's averaging 18.3 points and 5.0 assists.

**Darkhorse:** No. 6 West Virginia can rebound and guard and reached the Sweet 16 last year. The athletic Mountaineers also own wins over Pittsburgh and Villanova.

**Upset special:** No. 13 Cleveland State over No. 4 Wake Forest. The Vikings, who start three seniors, have beaten Syracuse and Butler on the road. The Demon Deacons have lost five of their last 12 games.

**Fun facts:** Central Catholic grad Alex Franklin averages 13.6 points and 7.3 rebounds for ninth-seeded Siena. . . . No. 14 North Dakota State is in the NCAA field in its first season at the Division I level. . . . Chief Kickingstallionsims, a 7-1 senior, starts at center for Alabama State, which faces Morehead State tonight in the play-in game.

**Riding to Motown:** No. 1 Louisville is the least-flawed team in the region. The Cardinals love to pressure the ball from baseline to baseline and have a go-to guy in Terrence Williams.

### West Regional

**Player to watch:** No. 2 Memphis has another freshman guard who could opt for the NBA. Tyreke Evans, a 6-6 Chester native who played at American Christian Academy in Aston, is the Tigers' top scorer.

**Darkhorse:** No. 6 Marquette might be missing injured point guard Dominic James (broken foot), but the Golden Eagles still have a team loaded with juniors and seniors.

**Upset special:** No. 10 Maryland over No. 7 California. The Terrapins played very well in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament, losing 67-61 to Duke in the semifinals. The Golden Bears finished 2-4 and have struggled away from home.

**Fun facts:** DeMarre Carroll of No. 3 Missouri transferred from Vanderbilt to play for his uncle, Tigers coach Mike Anderson. . . . Jordan Wilkes of No. 7 California is the son of former UCLA and

NBA star Jamaal Wilkes. . . . Ryan Wittman of No. 14 Cornell is the son of Minnesota Timberwolves coach Randy Wittman.

Riding to Motown: No. 2 Memphis has reached the national final and two regional finals in the last three seasons. The Tigers have enough defense and quickness to get to the Final Four again, especially with Connecticut missing the injured Jerome Dyson.

#### East Regional

Player to watch: DeJuan Blair of No. 1 Pittsburgh might be the best inside player in the region. Fearless and powerful, the 6-7 Blair averages 15.6 points and 12.4 rebounds.

Darkhorse: No. 3 Villanova has plenty of guards and scoring. The Wildcats cause matchup headaches for every team they face. Playing in Philadelphia the first two rounds can't hurt.

Upset special: No. 12 Wisconsin over No. 5 Florida State. Both play terrific defense, but the Badgers have toughness and NCAA experience. The Seminoles haven't been to the tournament in 11 years.

Fun facts: Gerald Henderson, son of the former Philadelphia 76er of the same name, leads No. 2 Duke in scoring. . . . Virginia Commonwealth point guard Eric Maynor is one of three players in the country to average 22 points and six assists this season. . . . D.J. Rivera, a transfer from Saint Joseph's and nephew of the late Hank Gathers, is averaging 20 points for No. 15 Binghamton, which is in the NCAA field for the first time.

Riding to Motown: No. 3 Villanova can play at any tempo and has outstanding guard play, led by Scottie Reynolds and Corey Fisher. The Wildcats also beat top-seeded Pitt 67-57 in January.

#### South Regional

Player to watch: Blake Griffin of No. 2 Oklahoma is the best player in the country, averaging 22 points and 14 rebounds. He could very well be the No. 1 pick in June's NBA draft.

Darkhorse: No. 3 Syracuse can beat any team in the field or lose to any team in the field. If the Orange plays like it did in the Big East tournament, it will be a tough out. That's a big if.

Upset special: No. 11 Temple over No. 6 Arizona State. It might be a parochial pick, but the Owls have won 10 of their last 12 games and have an outstanding coach in Fran Dunphy.

Fun facts: The availability of point guards Ty Lawson (bruised toe) of No. 1 North Carolina and Chester Frazier (broken hand) of No. 5 Illinois might determine the teams' fates. . . . No. 9 Butler has dropped three of its last seven games after a 22-2 start. . . . Artsiom Parankhouski, a 6-11 center for No. 16 Radford, is a native of Belarus and a transfer from College of Southern Idaho.

Riding to Motown: No. 1 North Carolina has the experience, depth, talent and coaching to reach the Final Four. Will Lawson be at full strength and will the Tar Heels play better perimeter defense?

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## **Will the Bulls Make the Playoffs?**

*This St. Patty's Day edition of WBMP will be looking at the Bulls performance of the past week --spoiler alert: not good. And what the Bulls need to do in the weeks left in the regular season to make the playoffs.*

**Last Week:**

The Bulls book ended two nice wins over Milwaukee and New Orleans by losing three straight to Miami, Orlando and Philadelphia, yet, there the Bulls are in a virtual tie with the Bucks for the final

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seed. The wins and losses all made sense as, you guessed it, the wins came at home and the losses were all on the road, where Chicago has been an awful 10-26 for the season.

### This Week:

The Bulls deathMarch [Pun-tacular, seriously-Ed.] continues as they face the Boston Celtics tonight, than @ Oklahoma City, LA Lakers at home, @ Washington and Detroit at the United Center. For Chicago to keep up with Milwaukee and Charlotte, both of whom have much easier schedules of the next two weeks; the Bulls have to win the oh-so-winnable games against Oklahoma City and Washington and pull out a win against BOS, LAL or MoTown, stay tuned!

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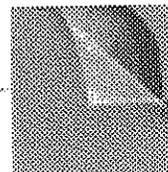
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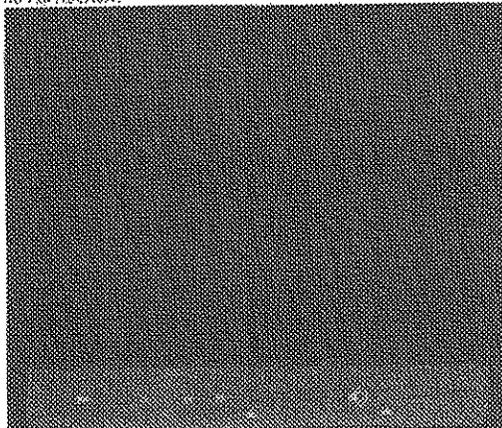
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Girls from Maple City Gymnastics Level 7 and 8 teams competed the weekend of March 7-8 at the Motown Madness meet hosted by Gymnastics Training Center at the Recreation and Athletics Center at Oakland University.

The Maple City Level 8 team competition finished with a score of 109.925.

Competing in the Level 8 meet in the 12-13 age division were McKenzie Foster of Manitou Beach, Nicole Fischhoff of Adrian and McKenna Schoenberger of Tecumseh.

Foster won the all-around title with her score of 36.775 as she won the vaulting with a 9.375 and floor exercise with a 9.35 while also placing third on both uneven bars (9.05) and balance beam (9.0). Fischhoff was second in floor (9.25) and bars (9.1), third in vaulting (9.25) and fourth on beam (8.9) for a third-place all-around score of 36.50.

Schoenberger was limited to just two events due to an injury, but she won both her events — the beam (9.35) and bars (9.225).

Elisa Fehberg of Blissfield competed in the 15-year-old age group and won the floor ex with her 8.75, placed second on both vault (8.65) and bars (8.3) and was fourth on beam (7.7) for a 33.40 all-around and a second-place finish.

Kortney Ouellette of Manitou Beach competed in the 14-year-old age group and was fifth on vault (9.2) and beam (8.75), scored an 8.875 in floor ex and an 8.775 on bars for a 35.60 all-around score.

Elizabeth Iliev of Palmyra was the lone Maple City gymnast in the Level 7 meet. Competing in the 10-and-under division, nine-year-old Iliev won the floor ex with her 9.35, placed third on beam with a 9.275, and sixth on both bars (9.15) and vault (9.075) for her third-place all-around score of 36.85.

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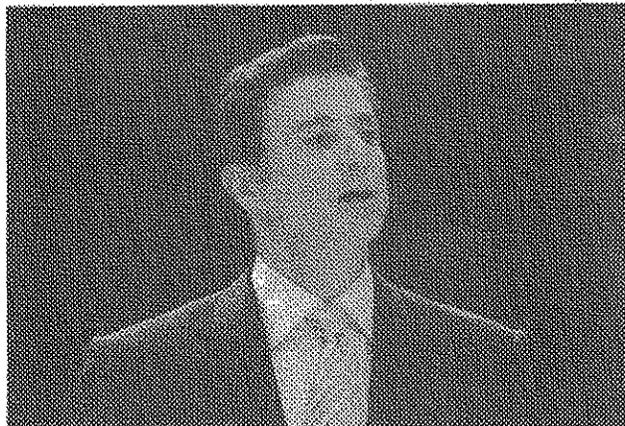
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## Pitino's Motown Monopoly



Congratulations Coach Pitino!

Your accomplishments this season have been impressive.

And the NCAA tournament selection committee has certainly taken notice: No. 1 Overall! You deserve it.

After all, winning the Big East regular season title is no small task. Don't worry we won't mention anything about how you only had to play Pittsburgh and UConn each once.

We'll keep that one a secret.

Hey! You can only play the hand you're dealt. Right? And you played it well.

Yeah - we'll forget about that little debacle in Syracuse too. It was colder than a witch's you-know-what that day. Sounds like a good excuse. We know the Carrier Dome has heat and all, but that winter weather had to affect your thoroughbreds somehow.

And the Big East Tournament? Dang! Great stuff! Years from now no one will remember that the Orange essentially played one more game than your Cards.

A win is a win. Right?

Your guys got it done in Da Garden. If you can make it there, you can make it any where! Right?

No need to look back now.

When one scans the rest of the regions, it is hard to ignore that the committee has set you up pretty well.

They might have even given you a free pass to play when you want. Something like a Go to Detroit! Go straight to Detroit. Don't bother passing Go. Don't bother with the \$200. Your reward awaits on the hardwood.

You might want to start the celebration now.

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'American Idol' Top 10 in Motown; Matt Giraud, Anoop Desai, Lil Rounds arrive to cheers  
By John Gonzalez | The Grand Rapids Press  
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American Idol contestants, from left, Scott McPherson, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Anoop Desai, of Copper Hill, N.C.; Allison Williams, of Los Angeles; Matt Giraud, of Los Angeles; Lil Rounds, of Conway, Ark.; and Michelle DeSena, of Kalamazoo, Mich., arrive at Hitsville USA's famed Studio B to film a segment in Detroit.

UPDATE: I just got off the phone with Fox 17's Michelle DeSena, who says that only eight of the "American Idol" Top 10 singers made it to Detroit for today's Motown excursion.

Megan Jay (who has dropped Corby, her ex-husband's last name) and Michael Sarow were too sick to travel.

She said the "Idol" hopefuls flew by plane to Michigan immediately after Wednesday night's results show when Alexis Speer was booted from the show, and the flyhome tour.

Michelle said you can expect nice interviews with Smokey Robinson and Kerry Sturtevant, as well as a message from Matt to his fans in Kalamazoo—and Michigan.

He said, "I miss you. I love you. I'm coming home, but not too soon," Michelle said. "I'm had the biggest smile on his face the whole time."

Check out Michelle's report at 10 p.m. tonight on WXYZ-TV (Fox 17).

"American Idol" meets Motown today, as the Top 10 finalists arrived this morning in Detroit to tape segments for next week's tribute to "50 Years of Motown" airing all 10 on Motown classics.

One report says that Kalamazoo's Matt Giraud, as well as Anoop Desai and Lil Rounds received cheers from onlookers as they arrived at Hitsville U.S.A. and the Motown Museum.

Fox 17's Michelle DeSena was able to get an interview with Matt.

A report by Adam Graham of the Detroit News said the Top 10 arrived about 10:15 a.m. in a caravan of four Ford Flex vehicles. "First out of the car was Adam Laubert, wearing an all black ensemble,



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oversized sunglasses and sporting an afro pom  
streak," wrote Graham, who once worked at The Grand Rapids Press as an  
intern.

Motown founder Berry Gordy was on hand to meet the contestants. He  
talked to reporters before the meeting and told the Detroit Free Press he  
wants to show more than singing advice.

"I'm not going to talk about  
singing. I'm going to talk about  
them as people," Gordy  
said. "Success is the easy part --  
it's about what kind of person  
you are, and integrity. Longevity  
is the name of the game."

Motown great Smokey Robinson  
and former "American Idol"  
winner Ruben Studdard will  
appear on Thursday night's  
results show. The Top 10  
perform at 8 p.m. Wednesday on  
Fox-TV (Tuesday's regular "Idol"  
timeslot has been reserved for a  
prime-time news conference  
with President Barack Obama).

We'll be back with another Live Blog next Wednesday and Thursday.  
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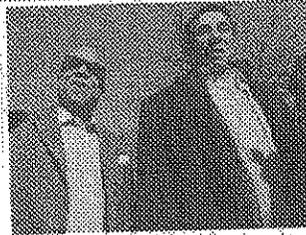
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Motown legends, founder Berry Gordy Jr., left, and singer Smokey Robinson arrive at the 2009 USA Thursday to present "American Idol" contestants.

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## **ED GRANEY: Some intriguing themes from Hitsville NCAA**

When order has been restored and all the nonmajor basketball programs are sent home from the NCAA Tournament -- or, in the case of this year's Cinderella-lacking bracket, all the below-average-to-awful Big Ten teams and Arizona -- the Final Four will be staged in Detroit.

Home to one of the more salacious mayoral scandals in history, more firearms in an 8-mile stretch than Yemen and a collection of automakers closer to bankruptcy than Binghamton is to winning the national championship.

And, of course, the simple but stimulating sounds of Motown.

The early-round story lines for this year's tournament might not be as exhilarating as when George Mason began its Final Four journey three years ago or when we learned last season that former NBA player Dell Curry has a son who can flat-out score, but there doesn't exist an NCAA field without some intrigue.

This is the 50th anniversary of Motown Records, which moved out of Detroit in 1972. But the label Berry Gordy Jr. founded always will be linked to the only U.S. city that looks south to Canada and one that might own the country's most recognized area code (313).

Here are five thoughts for the next few weeks as pretenders are dismissed and contenders eye being the last team shown in yet another "One Shining Moment" clip.

We'll let Motown help tell the story.

### **WHERE DID OUR LOVE GO?**

It's the question that nonmajor teams have asked since the selection committee ignored them Sunday, and I've got this burning, burning, yearning feeling inside that no No. 13 seed or lower will be around when Sweet 16 pairings are set.

I suppose the one with a chance is Mississippi State, which represents a major basketball conference (Southeastern) in name only.

It has been said that Bulldogs center Jarvis Varnado has the kind of low, bass tone voice that would make Barry White jealous. UNLV players couldn't even miss that Motown layup.

If a 13 or lower advances to the second week, make it Mississippi State in the West.

### **THE TEARS OF A CLOWN**

Mountain West Conference fans would be correct in cheering for Utah to advance, if only because I'm not sure anyone wants to risk Utes coach Jim Boylen ending his season.

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By the amount of weeping Boylen did after his team's conference tournament title win Saturday, I'm guessing a first-round defeat against Arizona to conclude Utah's run might cause paramedics to be called.

Do you really want to see Boylen being wheeled from the arena, stopping only to lift the oxygen mask from his mouth and whisper this tune to reporters:

*"Smiling in the crowd I try*

*"But in a lonely room I cry*

*"Because I know about our next level*

*"We're going to stink next year without Luke Nevill."*

### **WHAT'S GOIN' ON?**

If he was singing about the selection committee today, I'm guessing Marvin Gaye might tweak the lyrics to sound something like this:

*"Father, father, everybody wants to diss*

*"Oh, but who are they to judge us*

*"Simply because our bracketing was amiss."*

If the committee correctly judged teams and not conferences, Memphis (winner of 25 straight and the field's only team with fewer than four losses) would have been a No. 1 seed over a third Big East team in Connecticut (4-3 over its last seven).

But perhaps more absurd was placing a No. 3 seed in Villanova at home in Philadelphia the opening week. I guess that's what fourth place gets you in some leagues. In most others, it gets you the NIT.

The committee says it protects high seeds for only the first round, which makes no sense given where a team like Villanova would play its first two games.

One team not to feel sorry for: UCLA, a potential second-round opponent of Villanova. In the last three tournaments, the Bruins left the state of California just once over the first two weeks of tournament play, traveling a combined 1,158 one-way miles to reach destinations.

Its journey to Philadelphia this week will be 2,402 miles, the longest one-way trip for any tournament team.

### **NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK**

The Velvettes sang that finding a good man was like finding that needle. Finding anyone beyond the top two lines of the bracket capable of making the Final Four might also be as daunting. But we'll try.

Here is a No. 3 seed or lower from each region that we could see breathing come the last weekend:

West: No. 6 Marquette.

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East: No. 3 Villanova.

Midwest: No. 4 Wake Forest.

South: No. 4 Gonzaga.

### **YOU KEEP ME HANGING ON**

OK, so the Supremes weren't singing about basketball and they couldn't have imagined Ty Lawson not being 100 percent for this tournament.

But that doesn't mean I won't hang on to a feeling that began rising in October and hasn't lessened:

North Carolina wins it all.

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### American Idol finalists party in Motown -- Matt Giraud shows them around?



Adara Lambert, Anoop Desai, Scott MacIntyre, Allison Irsheta, Kris Allen, Matt Giraud and the other finalists were in Detroit today filming segments with legendary artist Berry Gordy Jr. -- Smokey Robinson!

Ken: How cool is that: getting to hang out with Smokey Robinson, who says there were Bob Dylan in beats of having written a bunch of classic songs that either he sang himself, or became famous with someone else singing them. Like "Tears of a Clown," "The Way You Do the Things You Do" and "My Girl."

Can't wait to hear Allison Irsheta this week, I think she's going to be really strong, along with La Keenan, Kris Allen, Anoop Desai - they've all got soul. I don't even if some of them might not last or get it.

Am even looking forward to what Scott MacIntyre and Scott Server sing - neither have done much for me so far, but I don't actively dislike them - and really, nobody was bad during country music week.

As for Denny Doherty... I keep waiting for him to really live up to his potential, maybe he'll be the winner if nothing else, he sure Adara Lambert will come up with something killer (and maybe even good, again!!)

I think Megan Conroy made her best wild-card. Her voice and personality could be really well-suited for Motown, and she's been getting better each week. Or she might try to be too quirky, and make a classic song something if it's not.

But the best performance of the week has gotta come from Matt Giraud, who's from Kalamazoo - the heartland too! - which is just a few hours drive on I-49 from Detroit. So he knows his music, he gets it. He needs to just not get some attention from more than just the judges; I think that's the week.

Who do you think will sing Motown songs the best? Anyone going to really struggle this week? Tell us in the comments, below.

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- 2) Click here for photos of the "American Idol" finalists performing each night.
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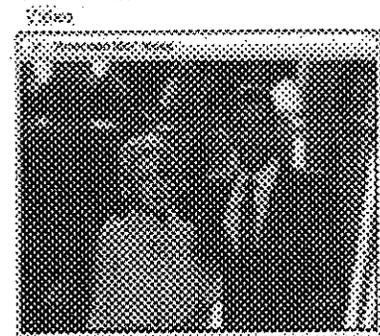
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## 'American Idol' stars light up Motown

Music legends train future showstoppers

*BY BRIAN MCCOLLUM  
FREE PRESS POP MUSIC WRITER*

It's not the first time somebody walked wide-eyed into the little house, hoping to walk out a big star.

And Thursday certainly wasn't the first time Berry Gordy Jr. sensed the rush of young vitality and ageless dreams, ready to be channeled into something that makes the world sing along.

The energy that used to pour out of Motown came pouring back in Thursday morning, as "American Idol" brought its cast, crew and heaps of buzz to the Motown Historical Museum. For Detroit, the real heroes showed up a half-hour later, when Gordy and best friend Smokey Robinson arrived at the house on West Grand Boulevard to coach the show's finalists through Motown classics.

The cast had flown in on a private jet overnight, shortly after Alexis Grace was eliminated from the top-rated Fox program. Two of the 10 finalists — Megan Joy Corkrey and Michael Sarver — stayed in Los Angeles with the flu.

### A peek into glam past

For those of us who weren't there during Motown's Detroit peak, when the label blossomed into one of the world's top music factories, Thursday offered a taste of what must have been. Amid the bustle on the Boulevard, the reality got driven home: So there really *was* a time when young stars walked these sidewalks, mingled on that porch, whispered inside jokes, nudged each other in response. It's the sort of sight Detroit used to take for granted.

Back then, they were names like Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye and David Ruffin. Thursday brought Lil Rounds, Anoop Desai and Kalamazoo's Matt Giraud, who would later remark that he has been missing Michigan.

A batch of fans, cordoned off several yards away by police, hollered names and waved. The autographs would come five hours later, when the group departed the museum after a Detroit soul-food lunch.

### Gordy shuns spotlight

Gordy and Robinson arrived shortly after the contestants, dapper and upbeat. Gordy seemed momentarily startled by the swarm of cameras that hemmed him in. This was never his thing. Gordy isn't just a record-biz mogul. He's a guy who became a record-biz mogul by recognizing that others were supposed to be stars, not him.

At 79, he likes to speak in platitudes. Gordy figures his real value comes with the broad strokes.

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"You can only be truly happy when you're proud of yourself," he said, contemplating the advice he'd give contestants.

"Success is the easy part," he said. The real work comes with "what kind of person you are and integrity. Longevity is the name of the game."

## True homecoming

Motown may have moved its headquarters to Los Angeles 37 years ago. But the Motown legacy is still giving to Detroit.

The "Idol" shoot is the latest highlight in Motown's ongoing 50th anniversary celebration, which kicked off in January. If there was any doubt that Motown retains a grip on the public's imagination, this anniversary year has squelched it.

For Gordy, Thursday was a true homecoming — his old house, with its bedroom upstairs and company offices below.

He and Robinson gave the "Idol" cast a tour before settling into Studio A, where contestants sang their Motown selections. Details were tight Thursday, but the footage is to air next week when the performers put their live renditions up for national voting.

Gordy went on to describe the contestants as "charming, beautiful people." He sees streaks of Motown's philosophy in the "Idol" star machine.

"Our theory was that competition breeds champions."

Onlooker Pedro Nelson, 24, was tickled to see the "Idol" contestants. But there was one hand he was truly determined to shake. And he got his chance when Gordy wound past.

"He's the real legend," said Nelson, a native Detroiter. "I just wanted to be able to say, 'Thank you for doing what you did.'"

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## Michigan's new go-to-guy?

What a feather in Michigan's cap to see freshman Congressman Gary Peters (D-Bloomfield) out front in the effort to recover millions of dollars in bonuses promised by AIG.

It's an even bigger coup for Peters, who has been in office only 10 weeks and authored the initial version of the bill that passed today with three cosponsors. The fact that the bill passed 328-93, in just four days is pretty heady, and rare, stuff for a freshman lawmaker, even one with Peters' portfolio of financial experience. He's former State Lottery Commissioner and was vice president of two investment firms..

Peters' key involvement just proves what they say about Motown: "We go to work." (Actually the slogan is usually said by Detroit Pistons fans, but it more than fits Peters' quick action on such a high-profile issue, right?)

The congressman said the idea to tax the AIG bonuses struck while waiting to catch a flight home to Detroit. "I couldn't accept the defense that the contracts AIG negotiated couldn't be changed or that there was nothing Congress could do," Peters said. "There was something we could do."

The Senate now decides whether Peters' bill makes into law or succumbs to modifications. Either way, Peters proves that a member of the Michigan delegation can still get big things done, leaving the obvious question: What else can Peters do to help ensure other parts of this financial mess get cleaned up for the nation as a whole?

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## Ruben Rosario: Singer takes anti-drug mission on 90-day tour

By Ruben Rosario

Updated: 03/21/2009 09:44:45 PM CDT

**Kelleigh Bannen video** This is a video from Kelleigh Bannen's experience with the "90 in 90" tour. She's singing "Angel From Montgomery" with Bo Elice

Kelleigh Bannen was raised in Nashville --- Music City, USA. This is a hallowed music mecca, where a newborn is more likely given a toy guitar than a pacifier. Dolly Parton is more likely than Disney tunes to play in the background or lull a young'un to sleep.

But this is America, land of diversity in all forms. Bannen, actually born in Motown, also grew up grooving to Aretha Franklin and crooning to Frank Sinatra and playing classical violin until the country-music and guitar-plucking virus infected her during her late teens and early college years.

That's all fine and good, but this young woman was also stung with the experience of trying to help a loved one battle a pronounced drug addiction like those that affect so many of our families, including mine.

In her case, the loved one was her younger brother, Grant, 24, a former patient at the renowned Minnesota-based Hazelden Foundation. The young man, struggling with what Bannen described as a bipolar disorder as well as insecurities he tried to cure with oxycodone and other substances, was found dead from a drug overdose Feb. 13, 2008.

Grant died the day Kelleigh turned 27.

Grant was more than a patient or a statistic. He was her blood, a funny, self-effacing brother with stunning good looks.

There's something admirably maternal and protective about an older sister, even after the death of her only sibling. Bannen is a fine example. This year, in memory of her brother, Bannen vowed to perform 90 music shows in 90 days to raise money for the Hazelden Foundation's Butler Center for Research. She has kept her word so far.

Her "90 gigs in 90 days" tour makes a stop here this Saturday at a church in Minneapolis that offers programs to recovering addicts.

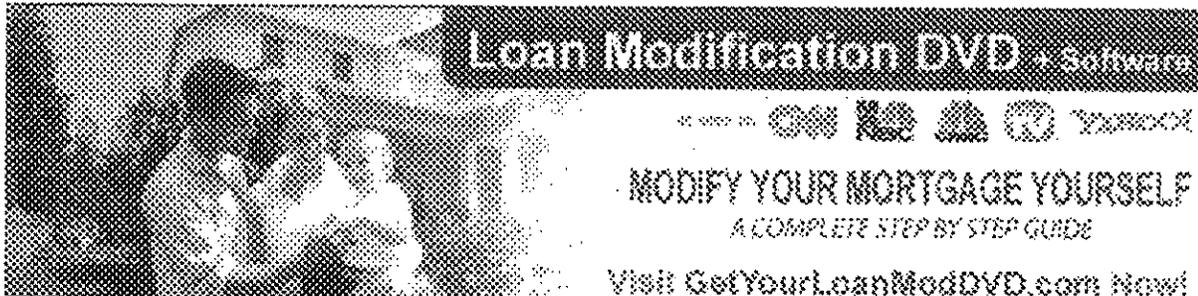
"Having a loved one fall under the grip of addiction is one of the most powerless, frightening feelings in the world," Bannen says. "This is something positive in the wake of tragedy, and I hope it makes a difference in people's lives."

Bannen is a bona fide American idol in my book. I heard a few of her tunes. She has a really good voice. She has a solid ear for melody. She has an insightful songwriter's lyrical soul. She professes not to abuse drugs in a business where abuse almost seems like a requisite. I would rather listen to her than most of the commercial junk on the audio or video airwaves right now, regardless of genre.

But it's her compassion and empathy for the millions out there grappling with addictions of all forms that are most impressive. She and her band are footing most of the hotel and travel expenses. Her concerts are free. All she's asking for are donations. You can come and listen and give or not give.

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The 90-day stint is symbolic as well as intentional, she explains.

"That's the usual standard" in recovery, she explained after wrapping up a performance in Austin, Texas, on Friday. Her nonprofit tour was heading to San Antonio and later St. Louis before setting the tour bus GPS to the Twin Cities.

"They are expected to attend 90 meetings in 90 days," she added. "I figured if they are required that then I can try to match that with what I do best."

The tour so far has taken her from venues around Nashville to Los Angeles' Skid Row, where she performed at a homeless shelter.

She also mixed in a five-day gig this month opening for previous "American Idol" finalist Bo Bice.

The L.A. stop last month was a multicultural eye opener for Bannen. Her audience of homeless women and children at Union Rescue Mission in the heart of L.A.'s Skid Row section was composed mostly of nonwhite folks, she said.

It was there she learned why music is truly a universal language, regardless of genre.

"It was a real wake-up call," Bannen said. "It was a warm, hot day right after lunch, and these lovely ladies had plenty of things to think or worry about. But they came, sat down and listened to us."

"That was really moving," Bannen added. "From a musician's point, the most kind thing any audience can do is to listen. And they did that."

"She sang beautifully and seemed to connect with everyone in a very special way as she gave tribute to her brother, sharing her testimony about his struggle with drug addiction," said Tracy Leggins

Brown, a chaplain at the mission.

"For a moment, I was hesitant about her performance because I had no clue what she would sing or how the guests would respond," Brown said. "My reservations quickly dissolved. She and the band gave a wonderful performance. I was glad to be among those in the guest dayroom that day."

Bannen is more than a little modern country. I'm more than a little salsa, Motown, classic rock and jazz.

Doesn't really matter. There are only two kinds of music ---- good and bad. Right now, Bannen is plucking the right notes with me and many others, both musically and socially. Her mission is solid gold.

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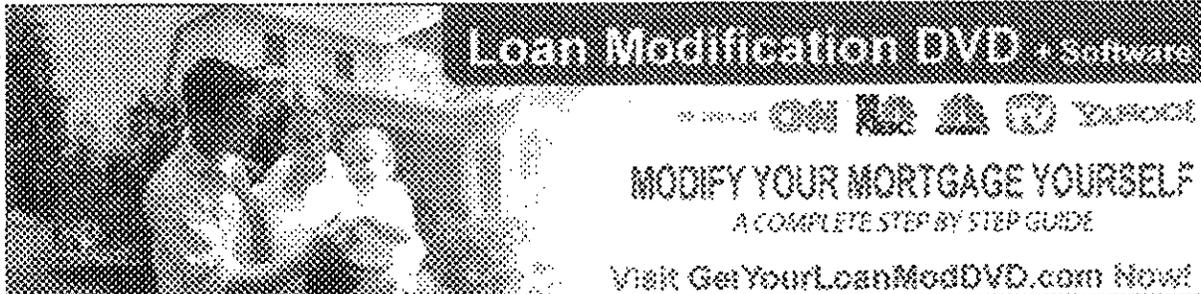
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Sunday, March 22, 2009

## Williams ready to drive the Cardinals

DAYTON, Ohio -- As Louisville huddled in the hallway outside its locker room before a second-round NCAA tournament game against Siena, Terrence Williams punctuated the moment by yelling, "Motown, baby!"

Later, Williams showed that if the Cardinals are going to motor on to Detroit for the Final Four, he's got to be their engine.

Siena had the tournament's overall top seed sweating in the second half. The Saints went on a 12-0 run that Rick Pitino couldn't stop despite calling three timeouts. Louisville found itself trailing 63-59 with a little more than seven minutes left, its season in the balance.

Williams finally put an end to the run, first with an offensive putback and then with a 3-pointer from the corner that lifted the Cardinals back ahead. He capped his team's bounce-back 9-0 spurt by speeding to the rim, up-faking and laying the ball in for a 68-63 lead. As Siena called timeout, Williams sprinted to half court and pounded his chest.

"He found that extra gear, and if he doesn't our season is going to be over and we're going to go home," Louisville guard Andre McGee said. "That's a gear I don't know how many clutch automobiles have. Few people have it. And luckily, he had it for us."

Williams continues to do a little bit of everything for the Cardinals. He finished with 24 points, 15 rebounds, four assists and two steals in 38 pressure-charged minutes. He blocked away a Saints lob attempt, came over to say hi to Verne Lundquist at one point and even grabbed a camera to take a picture of himself when he fell into the photographers' row. Before the post-game press conference began, he assembled the placards in front of him and teammate Earl Clark.

Still, Williams' most impressive stat might be his numbers from the 3-point line, where he drilled four of six. He came into his this season as just a 30 percent career shooter from beyond the arc and had suffered some wretched days with his jumper. Early on this year, though, Pitino worked with him to change the form on his shot, keeping Williams' elbow tucked in under the ball.

Williams, who's always had one of the quickest first steps around, agreed to the change after getting some advice from Darrell Griffith, the star of Louisville's 1980 NCAA championship team.

"He told me, 'A jump shot will set you free,'" Williams said.

This season, Williams is shooting a career-best 38.4 percent from the arc, inspiring confidence instead of shudders when he rises up from long range. Defenders can no longer just slack off him when he's 20 feet away from the goal.

"If someone had come to me when I'm 22 years old and told me I've got to change my shot at this stage of my career, I'm really not going to listen to that," McGee said. "But he trusted Coach, and it's been working for him this year. I'm proud of him for taking that risk."

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Louisville faced the very real risk of becoming the first No. 1 seed to lose, thanks to a fearless effort by the Saints.

Point guard Ronald Moore sliced through the full-court press and had 10 assists and only two turnovers. Siena had only five turnovers when it grabbed the 63-59 lead. The Cardinals were the ones fumbling it away, on their way to 17 miscues for the game.

"We thought we had 'em," Saints guard Kenny Hasbrouck said. "We were running them up and down. We kept up with them every time."

Pitino told his players in one of the three timeouts that their season was about to end if they didn't turn things around. The pressure caused four turnovers in the final seven minutes, and Louisville controlled just about every rebound.

That response told Pitino something he didn't know about his team.

"People asked me how good we were," he said. "And I never really could answer it honestly until we were down four, and we had to make big plays offensively and had to make big rebounds defensively. Not until that point did I ever believe that this team had it."

"They tried hard, and I always gave them the confidence that I believe in them, but I never felt it. At that point the No. 1-ranked team was ready to go down, calls weren't going, they think, in their favor. They had to really make big plays. And they did."

Now the Cardinals are moving on to another city that knows a little something about motors: Indianapolis, where 12th-seeded Arizona awaits in the Sweet 16. Two more wins will get them to Motown. Williams will have to be their driver.

"He's our leader, and he's a great player," Clark said. "You all saw it out there today with his shooting ability and rebounding. When we needed big shots, he delivered."

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Paging Dr. Phil

MARCH 22, 2009

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First Jay Leno agrees to do two free shows at The Palace of Auburn Hills, then Dr. Phil announces he'll be doing a pair of free shows in Detroit ...can Oprah and Jerry Springer be far behind?

My hope is that Judge Judy announces she'll be doing one of her shows from Motown. She'd have that prolonged grand jury investigation into corruption at City Hall wrapped up in a single episode. Perhaps the ABC hit daytime talk show "The View" could make a trip here as well. Whoppi Goldberg and Elisabeth Hasselbeck could give City Council a few pointers on conflict resolution.

Maury Povich, who makes a living by converting human tragedy into ratings would certainly find a lot of fodder around these parts. Jon Stewart of "The Daily Show" fame should plan a trip here to coincide with the next visit from the Obama Auto Industry Task Force. They know as much about autos as CNBC's Mad Money host Jim Cramer knows about the financial markets.

These shows would have no problem filling a studio audience around these parts. It's not like people would be too busy working to attend a taping.

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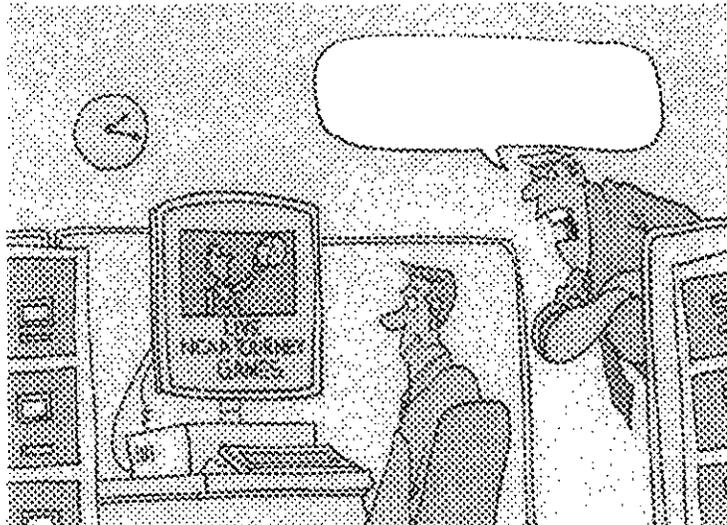
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March madness at work



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You gotta wonder how many people are risking their job by watching NCAA basketball tournament games over the [redacted] no company time. In this economy you have to be quite the basketball fan to take such a gamble.

Fit in the world inside in this very rough stretch and you could win a copy of "The Detroit Absence," the great guide to all things Detroit, published by the Detroit Free Press. As usual, FR take submissions until Thursday when I'll pick five finalists. Then on Friday, the winning rough sketch/cartoon contest will appear here and in the print edition of the Free Press.

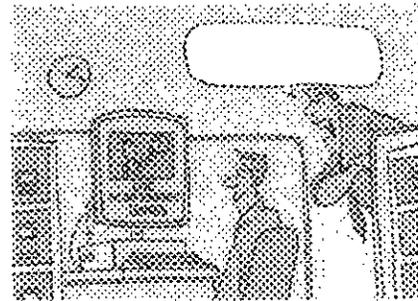
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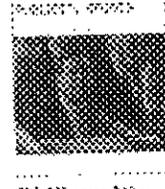




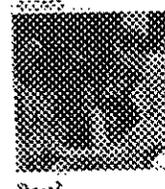
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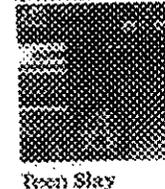
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### American Idol: Motown's Just a Fancy Name for Detroit

by Jeffrey Rosenberg on October 26 2009 1:07 PM



I think Motown is my least favorite of the *Idol* theme nights. The songs have all been sung too many times, they almost always sound dated, and it's racially embarrassing. Last night was no exception.

I say 'racially embarrassing' because the producers are so tone-deaf that they think we won't find it suspicious or

annoying that, because it's Motown week apparently, there's a special emphasis on bee-bopping close ups of the black people in the *Idol* band. Get it? Because they're Black People! And this week is about Black People Music! Bah.

Anyway.

#### The Good(job)

There were a few performances that hit the spot. Allison was, once again, good as hell. Simon seems desperate to get her booted, though, which he demonstrated with his thunder-stealing "let's draw a mustache on Paula" antics. He's trying to distract you so you don't vote for her! Vote for her! Kris Allen was gooey and good and flutey again on "How Sweet It Is" and we all (ALL OF US) continue to tumble into love with him. Matt Giraud did a serviceable but slightly discomforting "Let's Get It On," while Lil' Rounds

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was just aight on an overly hefty "Heatwave." Simon criticized her, but of course had to add a little coda that "just in case anyone forgets, you're one of our best singers." Sigh.

### The Bad

Roughneck Server is Dialldol's fate to go home tonight, and I'll have to agree with them. I can't tell if his lazy performances are arrogance, nerves, exhaustion, or some combination of the three, but they're dirge-like to watch. Same goes for poor Scott, who continues to flounder toward irrelevance with his bangy-bangy piano pastiches to suit-rock covers of once-great songs. Megan Joy flamed-out terrifically with her completely off-key, screechy "For Once In My Life," though, once again, her stunning good looks might protect her. Anoop is guilty of badness by boringness. He sounded fine... but he just makes no impact whatsoever. Gokey was herky-jerky and firesome again. The criticism that an *Idol* performance reads like karaoke is thrown around way too often, but it's just sooo applicable here. His could-be-drunk mug-dancin', his sloppy vocals, and his shit-eating "Nailed it!" expression at the end of each performance is just forcefully annoying and reeks of a 'raoke regular who thinks they own the place.



### How Do You Solve a Problem Like Adam Lambert?

OK, yes. He got rid of the ridiculous rocker grail clothes. He smoothed back his hair-hat into a sort of Elvis pompadour. He whisper-glistened through "Tracks of My Tears" pleasantly enough. But I did take a good look at his face, as instructed, and it was

spackled with fifteen pounds of pancake makeup and horrible Skipper-doll lip gloss. Yes, his singing was decent and not shrieky like it usually is, but... there's just something so terrifically off about him. It's like his skin doesn't fit. Can you imagine trying to endure a two hour Adam Lambert concert? I would have the awkward hebble-jeebies for days. Ten points to Hufflepufl for trying something new and more modest, but I'm gonna have to take those ten points right back for the wearing of a Skinsuit that's two sizes too big.

Goodbyes

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It's either Sarver, who could be rescued by the "awww gee, he's got babies" vote, or Scott, who could be rescued by the "well, he's, you know, blind and stuff" vote. If those two contingents are strong enough, look for the clucking Megan Joy to get beheaded and run around the stage.

### Questions

Paula. Three tons of jewelry *and* a tutu? Why?

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The men's basketball team celebrates with its trophy after winning the West regional final against Missouri, 82-75, Saturday to advance to the Final Four.

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## OFF TO MOTOWN

### Huskies defeat Missouri, 82-75, to advance to Final Four

**By: Kevin Duffy**

**Posted: 3/27/09**

When UConn walked off the court after Saturday's game against Missouri, the net on the Huskies' side hung tightly against the rim.

There was no ladder. There were no scissors in sight. It was a bad sign, a sign that despite everything the Huskies had put into their 30-4 campaign, they had come up just short of their goal of winning the West region and cutting down the nets.

But, as it turns out, that net clung to the rim as a matter of choice, not of force. After top-seeded UConn defeated third-seeded Missouri, 82-75, in the West Regional Final, the team made a collective decision to spare that net its life.

Apparently, there is another net out there - about 745 miles from Storrs, to be exact - that the Huskies have their eyes on.

"Hopefully we'll have the chance to cut it down somewhere else," Price said.

Despite scoring 18 points for UConn, Price was helped significantly by the play of freshman Kemba Walker, who seemed to be in heaven against Missouri's "40 minutes of hell" full-court pressure. He poured in a game-high 23 points on 7-for-9 shooting from the field and a 9-of-10 conversion rate from the free-throw line.

"He dominated the game," Price said. "They really couldn't press him; he was breaking the press, dribbling through two or three guys. He just played phenomenal today."

The Huskies jumped out to an early 13-2 lead, but were on their toes for much of the game, and even trailed - for the first time since falling behind 8-6 against Chattanooga in the first round - at the 13:36 mark, 50-49.

But, as Missouri coach Mike Anderson put it, "we just got stuck on 52."

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The Tigers fell behind again after grabbing that brief lead, but never were able to get over the hump against the Huskies, who capitalized whenever they needed down the stretch.

Kemba Walker banked in a one-handed circus shot with 2:11 remaining to put UConn up 70-65, and after Missouri's Justin Safford answered with a bucket of his own, Price cemented the win with a short turnaround jumper at the 1:36 mark. When Missouri started fouling to extend the game, UConn went a perfect 10-for-10 from the free-throw line.

Price was named the West Regional MVP, but UConn's National Player of the Year candidate, Hasheem Thabeet, was not much of a factor Saturday. The 7-foot-3 junior finished with five points and did not block a shot for the first time in 50 games. The last game in which Thabeet went without a block was an 84-83 victory over Cincinnati on Jan. 23, 2008.

"Today was not about individual performances," said Thabeet, who was limited to 26 minutes because of foul trouble. "You go back six or seven years ago, I never thought I'd be holding the Western Region championship trophy and going to the Final Four. We really worked for this one."

As for coach Jim Calhoun, the win moved him into his third career Final Four. The last two, in 1999 and 2004, ended with the Huskies cutting down the nets. Calhoun called the first one "emotional" and the second one "wonderful, because we had the best team in the country when Emeka [Okafor] was healthy." And the third one?

"We're going with a group that found a way," Calhoun said, "found a way to get to the Final Four, and that's a hard, hard thing to do."

Senior forward Jeff Adrien said the accomplishment was a "checkmark on our list," but not necessarily enough to make the Huskies happy.

"As Nelly said, 'what does it take to be No. 1,'" Adrien said. "'Two is not a winner and three nobody remembers.' There's still some work to be done."

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## After a stirring rally, Spartans one win from Final Four in Motown

BY DREW SHARP  
FREE PRESS COLUMNIST

INDIANAPOLIS – The home of Tom Izzo's greatest coaching achievement no longer exists.

All that's left is the rubble.

He didn't even know that the RCA Dome, where Michigan State won the 2000 national championship, was designated for demolition. Izzo's hotel room for the Big Ten tournament two weeks ago overlooked the site and he looked forward to showing his 8-year-old son, Steven, where he won it all.

The kid wasn't terribly impressed.

"He saw it," Izzo said, "and was more interested in if he could play in the dirt."

Rubble also was where the Spartans' dreams of coming home for the Final Four lay buried Friday night.

And what rose from that crumbling mess just might challenge that championship night for one of the more glorious moments in Michigan State basketball.

The Spartans refused to lose, even when their lack of offensive execution suggested otherwise. They clawed. They battled. And when they needed a big play late, they put the ball in Kalin Lucas' hands.

Michigan State's stunning 67-62 victory over Kansas returns the Spartans to the Elite Eight for the first time since 2005. They're one victory from the dance they have dreamed about and strived for since the first day of practice in October.

"Coach kept telling us to keep fighting and keep battling," said Lucas, who finished with 20 points, scoring the Spartans' final seven -- five on pressure-packed free throws. "This tells you about the heart of this team. It would've been easy to just say it wasn't going to happen. But we're not ready for this to end yet."

It certainly looked that way in the first half.

Izzo was justifiably irate at his team in the half, especially at Raymar Morgan.

It was an all-too familiar scene. Morgan turned passive. When the Spartans needed a veteran to step forward to calm some jitters, Morgan only added to the chaos.

Izzo reached the boiling point when Morgan, all of 6-feet-8, found himself at the top of the key against a much smaller defender. And rather than going strong to the basket, Morgan attempted a foolish pass and -- there you have it -- another Michigan State turnover and the Jayhawks suddenly led by

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13.

Izzo called a time-out and glared at Morgan as he returned to the bench.

He didn't play the remainder of the half. He sat through most of the second half, diagnosed with a poked eye. But Izzo curiously brought him back with less than 2 minutes remaining, and Morgan responded with a dunk off the baseline that knotted the score at 60.

It was all Lucas then.

Izzo wisely put the ball in his hands. This has been the guard component the Spartans have lacked since Mateen Cleaves ran the point during that 2000 national championship season.

"I've got a ways to go before I get to that level," Lucas said.

Still, considering how devastating Louisville looked in its annihilation of Arizona in the earlier game, getting to Ford Field remains an incredibly tall order for Michigan State.

But, at least, the Spartans remain in the discussion.

They're still breathing, something most would have thought impossible considering how unrecognizable they looked in the first half.

The pressure of being two victories from a Final Four less than 90 miles from home got to them. They had as many turnovers (10) as they did field goals made (10) in that half.

The Jayhawks were much looser. There was less pressure on them because there had been fewer expectations.

Kansas wasn't supposed to be here. The Jayhawks lost five starters from a national championship team. Even in college basketball's rapid personnel turnover world, Kansas could have been forgiven for a relatively "down" season.

But instead the Spartans created another memorable Indianapolis moment. They're 6-0 in NCAA tournament games here.

Bring on Louisville.

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March 29, 2009

## A fairy tale for Tom Izzo, Magic and all Spartans

BY DREW SHARP  
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INDIANAPOLIS — How refreshing to hear people actually excited about a trip to Detroit?

"We're going to the D!" shouted Travis Walton as he paraded around the court, with the very latest in twine necklace chic draped around his neck. "It's going to be a Dee-troit par-tay!"

Durrell Summers' cell phone had already blown up with messages from family and friends from his northwest Detroit neighborhood, all probably asking the same question: Can you hook us up with Final Four tickets?

Tom Izzo could barely contain his emotions. A Michigan Man in the truest sense of the term, he understood the depth of what might rank as his finest coaching achievement.

"I know this probably sounds corny," Izzo said, "but this is like a fairy tale story. I really hope that we've given people reason to feel happy about who we are and where we're from."

Michigan State gave the city of Detroit a timely, much appreciated gift Sunday. It has given a depressed city seven days to forget. Seven days where it doesn't have to apologize for feeling good about something relatively trivial. Seven days where front-page stories chronicling economic decline and uncertainty will be balanced with uplifting tales of a program whose toughness personifies its coach as well as its namesake.

There was nothing pretty about the Spartans' 64-52 Midwest Regional championship victory over Louisville. But isn't that how it should be when the reward is a visit to Detroit?

That isn't a knock. That's a compliment.

Some Louisville players already had discussed plans of a celebratory parade back home once they took care of the formality of flicking the underappreciated Big Ten champions off their shoulders as you would any other nuisance. But the Spartans once again lived up their program's creed, scrawled once again the locker room board before the game.

*"Players play. Tough players win."*

The Cardinals grew frustrated that an opponent actually dared defending them as though it were against sacred Big East policy. They quit in the second half. Detroit doesn't need any more quitters defiling its ranks. The city got the right team because it got the tougher team.

"Coach Izzo and I talked about getting to Ford Field and the Final Four when he recruited me," sophomore guard Kalin Lucas said. "This has been our dream. And, now, we've done it. You can't describe how it feels to have a chance to play for the national championship in your hometown."

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Perhaps the proudest Spartan of all was the one who stood the tallest.

"I'm so happy for Michigan State, but I'm really happy for the state of Michigan and the city of Detroit," said Magic Johnson, who watched the game with his father, Earvin Sr., from behind the MSU bench. "This is about representing where you're from. It doesn't matter if you wear blue or green or whatever. First and foremost, you're from the state of Michigan. And when you're tired of seeing your hometown or your state getting kicked, you can take pride in seeing someone from your state kicking back."

Johnson had come full circle. It was 30 years earlier in this city that Johnson exchanged celebratory hugs with teammates after the Spartans clinched a trip to the Final Four. It was his point guard progeny that got the hugs this time as he grabbed Lucas, virtually swallowing the 6-footer within his massive frame.

He offered advice to Lucas later in the locker room.

"You're the leader so now it's time lead," Magic said.

He told Lucas that he had got one day to celebrate and then it was back to business.

The dream was Detroit. The ultimate goal remains the national championship.

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## Cap movie tax breaks? Might as well kill 'em

*BY MITCH ALBOM  
FREE PRESS COLUMNIST*

If you can name one other Michigan business that grew from \$2 million to around \$125 million last year – in the worst economy since the Depression – I'll shut up.

If you can name one other Michigan business that, in its baby stages, elicited plans for \$140 million in new studio investments, I'll keep quiet.

If you can name one other Michigan business that created this much excitement and this many people scurrying to learn new skills, I'll stand down.

But if you can't, then maybe you should be the one to cool your jets.

I'm talking about Michigan's movie business.

And I'm talking to state Sen. Nancy Cassis.

Cassis was the only legislator in the Senate or the House to oppose last year's tax incentives that made Michigan the most attractive state to do movies, TV shows or digital gaming. Since then, she seems to be on a mission to prove she was right.

Cassis constantly criticizes the tax breaks, threatens to slash them, even complains on radio that we are Motown, not Tinseltown.

This is her right. And it might be harmless diatribe if not for the fact that Cassis chairs the Senate Finance Committee, which means she can push legislation on such issues with more force than most.

Last week, she introduced a bill that would cap the total movie credits at \$50 million a year.

She might as well kill it altogether.

## To get the jobs, we need the movies

Cassis, a Republican from Novi, not only wants the cap, she wants to slash the incentive from 40%-42% to 35%, and require a minimum 90% of all film crew personnel be from Michigan. She sweetens this by increasing the tax break for infrastructure from 25% to 30%.

Now, I have no personal problem with Cassis. But when it comes to the movie business, she does not know what she's talking about.

If she did, she would realize that a \$50-million cap effectively chases films away. No successful tax-incentive state has a cap like this, because no studio wants to be the last film in, then find out the money is gone. They can't plan that way. They just won't come.

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Besides, if we got three projects of, say, \$70-million budgets — major films, but hardly “Spider-Man” — that would use up all the credits for the year. This makes Cassis' infrastructure increase laughable. Why on Earth would someone want to build a studio when you can make only three films a year? That's like limiting flying to three airplanes, then inviting people to build a new airport.

And we can't demand 90% Michigan crews because right now, we don't have that many qualified film workers. We'd like to. We're training people as fast as possible. But the best way to train is to get on a film at a low level, and since we'll chase films out with this ridiculous demand, there goes your training opportunities.

## Casting a wary eye to Michigan

Now, I know Cassis' beef. She doesn't like our tax money subsidizing this business. Hey, we'd all prefer if we didn't have to lure it this way (although plenty of other states eagerly do so).

But look around. How many new industries are coming to Michigan on their own? How many of our existing industries are shrinking? How many of our young, creative minds leave the state, never to return?

The movie/TV business is growing. Remember that word? Growing? Young people flock to it. And the digital gaming business — which we've barely scratched — is twice the size of the movie business. This all means future jobs, homes, increases in everything from hotels to carpentry to music to transportation. We've already seen it working.

But we have to let it grow. We can't plant a flower then stomp on it. That is what Cassis is doing. Hollywood is a small town; only a few dozen people make most of the financial decisions. Trust me, they've all heard Cassis' threats. They get scared. They see Michigan as unstable. Can you blame them? We pass something last spring, and now we want to slash it?

Because of this, Cassis — and her cosponsors — already have done enormous damage, even if her bill fails, which it likely will as the governor has promised a veto.

So maybe, out of respect to creative workers, businesses, schools and the other 140-plus legislators who voted for these incentives, Cassis can back off for a bit and watch the great things that come.

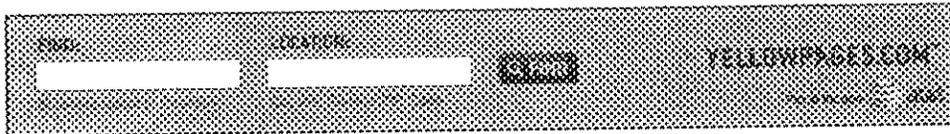
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Unless you've got another business that's done what this one has so far.

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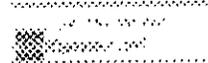
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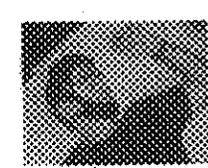
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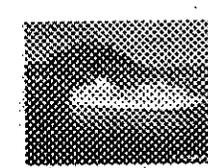
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North Carolina is speaking at the right time of the year, playing its best ball of the season and bulldozing through the NCAA tournament. Web most people saying they are the team to beat.

Two years ago the Tar Heels won their first three NCAA games by an average margin of 15 points and had a double-digit lead in the second half against Georgetown before a late-game collapse in a regional final.

Last season was even more impressive: a four-game walk without ever leaving the state, average margin of victory by 25 points. And then the 40-12 beat down by Kansas at the Final Four.

Now for a third straight season, UNC is wearing the role of favorite for a national championship. A 66-77 romp over Gonzaga late Friday night was the Tar Heels at their best -- a celebratory transition game wearing down an opponent and producing the appearance of being unbeatable.

"We said it all along, it will (Sweet 16) or so. If we all play at the top of our game, North Carolina wins the national championship," said Gonzaga coach Mark Few.

"I just feel like, when they're playing at their highest end, they're better than the rest of us. And they played that way (Friday). They are a great, great team."

"We played really, really well," said UNC coach Roy Williams, who will go after the program's record-setting 100th NCAA tournament win Friday against Oklahoma in a South Regional final tip-off at 8:05 p.m.

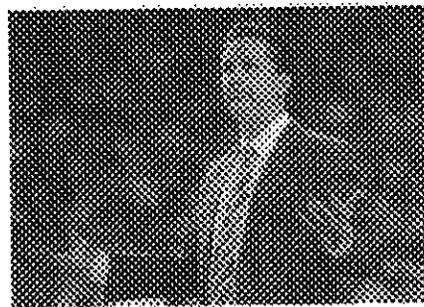
"It's a very calm, relaxed locker room. We'd like to stay here and play pretty well another day."

Forget about the down matchup between Sooner forward Blake Griffin, the likely National Player of the Year, and Tyler Hansbrough, who won the award last season.

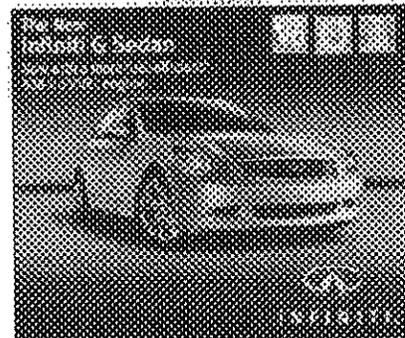
Unless there are some injuries, Hansbrough will likely be guarded by and will guard Griffin's brother Taylor, and UNC forwards Deon Thompson and Ed Davis will be the primary defenders of Blake.

#### Duke puzf-martem

What happens when your two best scorers shoot 8-for-45, your go-to guy is 1-of-14 and doesn't make a shot



Memphis coach John Krutwig is the first Division I coach in history to post four straight 30-win seasons. - Photo: The Associated Press



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goal in the first 34 minutes of the game, and your weaknesses as a perimeter-based team that loses athleticism at certain positions are exposed?"

You get spoiled out of the NCAA tournament -- Duke was dished 77-54 late Thursday night by a Villanova team that plays a similar game to the Blue Devils, only much better.

Czech Mike Mizdewski was taken to his postgame assessment early Friday morning in Boston.

"They played a lot of five against those," said Czech II, referring to swingmen Gerald Henderson (1-for-14), Jon Scheyer (3-of-18) and Kyle Singler (5-of-13). "We were like a three-headed monster on offense."

Asked if this has underscored the fact that his program suffers from not having a post presence, Czech II spaced another spot to his receding wish list.

"And a post guard," he said. "It's not like we haven't tried to find them."

The search continues. Whether or not Henderson passes on for NBA draft and comes back, Duke will have the same perimeter-based look as this year's team.

The recruits, featuring Mason Plumlee of Chris School -- who will join his brother Mike on the Duke roster -- can't include a post player with the kind of raw-stuff bulk the Blue Devils lack. That style worked for 30 wins and an ACC Tournament title, but it doesn't bode well for a deep NCAA journey run when you run against teams more athletic than your own.

### Memphis blues

The argument that Memphis has become a big-fish, small-pond basketball program has some merit. The combination of coach John Calipari's program in Conference USA is impressive and complete -- a four-year winning streak of 84 consecutive games.

But is beating up teams in a second-tier league adequate preparation when it's time to play the big boys?

This season the Tigers become the first program in the history of Division I basketball to win at least 30 games for four consecutive seasons. Memphis is 137-14 in that span, has averaged 54 wins a season, reached the Elite Eight twice and Final Four once, but won no national championships.

Until last season, the only other program to win 30 or more three straight times was Kentucky, which did it twice (1947-49, 1996-98). The Wildcats won four national championships in those six seasons.

Last season, UCLA joined Memphis and Kentucky in the three-peats 30-win club. And though the Bruins made the Final Four in each of those three seasons, they also walked away with gaudy records but no national titles. This season a fourth member joined the history. For the first time in its illustrious history, North Carolina has three consecutive 30-win seasons.

### Points in the spring

When the Oklahoma women play Pittsburg today in the NCAA tournament, center Courtney Paris needs just four rebounds to become the first NCAA player to score 2,000 points and grab 2,000 rebounds in her career.

But she won't be the first collegiate female to accomplish that feat. That honor belongs to Sheila Ford, who played at UNC Asheville from 1987-94, when the school was a member of the NAIA.

A member of the school's Hall of Fame who led the Bulldogs to the '84 national title, Ford finished with 2,449 points and 2,209 rebounds, with a record that still stands after 26 years and is unreachable by Paris. Ford remains the game's all-time leader in rebounds.

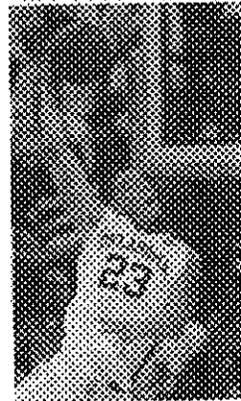
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### **March of the Spartans**

by Bob Young - Mar. 29, 2009 09:13 PM  
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We're starting to get the feeling that the men's basketball Final Four is actually turning into a coronation of the Michigan State Spartans.

Sure North Carolina is the likely favorite, but few expected Michigan State to roll the overall No. 1 seed, Louisville, to get to the Final Four, either.

And the Spartans are going to have a big home-court advantage.

Detroit's Ford Field will be configured to seat about 70,000 for the event, and you have to figure a whole lot of them will be Michigan State fans.

Plus, many fans of the teams that lose in the semifinals sell their championship-game tickets and bolt for the bars.

All of East Lansing, or possibly just Magic Johnson, will be there to scoop up those tickets if the Spartans can get past Connecticut in the semifinals.

But there's more.

It just happens that this will be the 30th anniversary of Magic's 1979 Michigan State national-championship team that defeated Indiana State and Larry Bird in the final.

Plans already were in place to honor that team during this Final Four.

Finally, the U.S. Basketball Writers Association will present their annual "Good Guy" award during the festivities.

This year's winner?

Michigan State's Tom Izzo - and, as you know, sometimes good guys win.

#### **Michigan State Spartans (30-6)**

**Road to Motown:** Beat Robert Morris 77-62, Southern California 74-69, Kansas 67-62, Louisville 64-52.

**Play "One Shining Moment" if:** It comes down to coaching. And Izzo arguably is the best coach in college hoops today.

**Mike DeCourcy of *The Sporting News*** recently pointed out that every player Izzo ever has signed at Michigan State who completed all four years of eligibility has appeared in a Final Four. The streak lives.

**Sing a different tune if:** Izzo can't coax another superb defensive effort out of a team that limited Louisville to 38 percent shooting.

**Key player:** Goran Suton. The Bosnian big man's 3-point shooting got the Spartans here.

**Key number:** 5 - Final Fours in 11 years for Izzo.

#### **Connecticut Huskies (31-4)**

**Road to Motown:** Beat Chattanooga 103-47, Texas A&M 92-66, Purdue 72-60, Missouri 82-75.

**Play "One Shining Moment" if:** The road to the NCAA championship goes through the Valley. Connecticut won national titles in 1999 and 2004 after winning regional finals here.

**Sing a different tune if:** Distractions from recruiting-violation allegations finally take a toll.

**Key player:** A.J. Price. Has 80 points in four tournament games.

**Key number:** \$1.6 million - The annual salary for coach Jim Calhoun. He earns it and is giving "not a dime back."

#### **Villanova Wildcats (30-7)**

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**Road to Motown:** Beat American 80-67, UCLA 89-69, Duke 77-54, Pitt 78-76.

**Play "One Shining Moment" if:** The 2008-09 Wildcats continue to channel Rollie Massimino's 1985 national championship Cinderellas.

**Sing a different tune if:** Carolina's Tyler Hansbrough blows them up like a super Nova.

**Key player:** Dante Cunningham. Is he the '09 version of Ed Pinckney? If so, pray the Suns don't draft him.

**Key number:** 2 - Teams from the nation's best conference, the Big East, still standing.

#### **North Carolina Tar Heels (32-4)**

**Road to Motown:** Beat Radford 101-58, Louisiana State 84-70, Gonzaga 98-77, Oklahoma 72-60. **Play "One Shining Moment" if:** Hansbrough is determined to make his decision to stay worth it.

**Sing a different tune if:** Roy Williams is set up for another tournament disappointment.

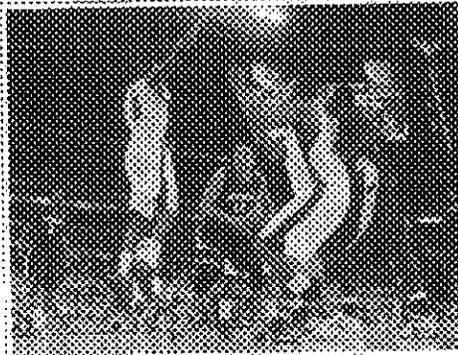
**Key player:** Ty Lawson. Yes, Hansbrough gets the headlines, but Lawson keeps everybody involved.

**Key number:** 6.6 - Lawson's average assists per game.



## Motown Madness!

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College hoops does it right

March Madness gives way to "Motown Madness"

College basketball's Big Dance moves into Detroit's Ford Field later this week.

The tournament began with 65 teams, 2 #1 seeds, a #2 seed and #3 seed will tip it off Saturday night.

Here's hoping the BCS is taking notice.

The NCAA basketball tournament is the finest national championship out there. Plenty of teams are involved and every region is represented. Combined, that makes the tournament steal the national spotlight for

nearly a month.

Can you imagine how a tournament for college football's Division I crown would dominate the sports world?

The NFL better hope it never happens

The big storyline surrounds Big Ten champ Michigan State. While the Big East and Memphis stole the headlines heading into the tournament, Michigan State was nearly forgotten as a #2 seed and Big Ten regular season champion. The Spartans will hit the Motor City clicking on all cylinders. How about the way MSU held Louisville to 52 points in the region final. Remember, Louisville was coming off a 103-54 whipping of Arizona in the Sweet Sixteen.

Already, tournament officials are predicting a record 72,000 for the Michigan State-UConn semifinal. North Carolina battles Villanova in the other semi.

The World Series, NBA Finals and Stanley Cup Finals all need matchups and individual stars to grab our attention

The NCAA Tournament and Super Bowl are the only championships that can stand on their own regardless of who is playing.

College football "could" do it up right. The key word is "could". Chances are it will be a while before it does.

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## Motown medicine: Final Four

By GREG COTE

From the Scintillating Sixty-Five to the Thrilling Thirty-Two to the Sweet 16, the men's NCAA Tournament chugs through its Elite Eight this weekend en route to the Final Four, then the Top Two and at last the Wonderful One.

Detroit will play host to the Final Four on April 4-6, and having so many thousands of college basketball fans in town is expected to be a huge boost to one of America's most economically depressed cities.

Particularly if every fan flies in on one-way tickets and they all buy new cars for the drive home.

I don't wanna say the Detroit auto industry is hurting, but, beginning this year, the NFL's annual Super Bowl MVP will receive a *photo* of a new Cadillac Escalade.

- So far, local TV ratings for March Madness have been somewhat disappointing, in that South Florida ranks dead last among 56 U.S. markets. On the local CBS affiliate, the only show with a lower rating than NCAA basketball is an infomercial in which a man speaking Arabic is selling used dental tools for home self-surgery.
- North Carolina is my pick to win it all, but so much depends on the injured toe of point guard Ty Lawson. What were the odds that a toe would determine the fortunes of a team nicknamed after a heel?
- Duke lost to a lower seed in a sixth consecutive NCAA Tournament. To Blue Devils fans, for the first time, Coach K is now Coach Not-OK.
- The NCAA is investigating possible recruiting violations by UConn's men's basketball program, according to Yahoo! Sports. The report is considered credible, despite emanating from a news agency that calls itself Yahoo! The report has since been verified by rival news agencies Woohoo! and Yippee!
- In the women's Sweet 16 this weekend, 15 teams are jockeying for the right to get clobbered mercilessly by unbeaten Connecticut in the final.
- Almost forgot, the NIT -- for teams that don't make the 65-team men's NCAA field -- is down to its semifinals Tuesday night. Celebrating fans of Baylor, San Diego State, Penn State or Notre Dame look forward to chanting, "We're No. 66!"
- An ESPN.com computer analysis puts the Heat's chances of winning the NBA championship at 0.4 percent. It would be a flat zero, but apparently there is an 0.4 percent likelihood the Cavaliers, Lakers, Celtics and Magic will fold in the next month.
- The Florida Derby, a major Kentucky Derby prep race, ran Saturday at Gulfstream. Nice crowd, but

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I forgot what an aging demographic the sport has now. I won big by betting the "over" on hearing aids and dentures.

- **Serena Williams** enters the Key Biscayne event ranked No. 1 in the world, and sister **Venus** is No. 6. What? You didn't know that WTA stood for Williams Tennis Association?
- In men's tennis, I don't wanna say **Roger Federer** is in career decline, but until he wins again, his surname is hereby pronounced FADeRer.
- The Dolphins traded center **Samson Satele** to Oakland, jeopardizing Miami's league lead in Samoans.
- NFL speculation is that former Dolphins sack man **Jason Taylor** might end up with the rival New England Patriots, in keeping with **Bill Belichick's** track record of wanting players versatile enough to rush the passer and dance the *samba*.
- **Tiger Woods** is in contention to win Sunday at Bay Hill. Or, did that go without saying?
- Coach to **Shaquille O'Neal**: "Shaq! Get in the game!" Shaq: "Hold on a second, coach. Let me finish sending this Tweet!"
- The Marlins open the new season in eight days, so you don't have much time left to come up with new excuses not to attend home games, even though you claim to be a real fan.
- Team USA disappointed in the World Baseball Classic, losing to Japan in the semifinals. In heaven, **Abner Doubleday** lost a bet and is now eating only sushi.
- UM baseball, up to No. 2 in the nation, concludes a big home series against Georgia Tech on Sunday at Mark Light Cannot Be Real Happy About Having His Name CoOpted By Steroid-Sullied Alex Rodriguez Park.
- Washington Capitals superstar **Alex Ovechkin** celebrated his 50th goal by placing his stick on the ice and pretending it was too hot to pick up. He since has been fined for excessive celebration by NFL commissioner **Roger Goodell**.
- Concession items at West Michigan Whitecaps minor-league baseball games include a four-pound, \$20 hamburger that is 4,800 calories. It goes good with a side of cardiologist.
- The International Olympic Committee has decided to end its torch relays over security concerns. The relay has encountered several incidents in recent years, including the theft of the torch by Miami Herald sports columnist **Greg Cote** and its subsequent sale on eBay for \$40.
- Open tryouts for Dolphin cheerleaders are scheduled for Saturday at the stadium. The audition is expected to attract hundreds of people. Mostly leering men with binoculars.
- The Marlins traded reliever **Eulogio De La Cruz** to San Diego. Thus writing the Eulogy on one man's Florida career.
- The U.S. soccer team played a World Cup qualifying match Saturday in El Salvador, where fans have been known to throw the severed heads of chickens at opposing players. I'm thinking only one

thing if somebody throws severed chicken heads at me: "Dinner!"

- In the category of, "Yeah, you feel sorry for the guy, but . . ." Extreme skier **Shane McConkey** was killed while jumping off a cliff with a parachute.
- The U.S. Pole Dance Championship was held in New York, with the winner qualifying for an international competition in Australia. Dream big, ladies. Reach for the stars.
- A friend of **O.J. Simpson's** has set up a website to solicit money for his appeal of a recent conviction. What's shocking about that is, who knew O.J. had any friends left? (Cannot confirm the same guy also plans to pass a collection plate for **Bernie Madoff**.)
- Scientists have discovered, 457 light-years away, a new planet described as "small and Earth-like." I hear the other planet is superior in one way, though. Over there, the teachers make \$6 million a year and the pro athletes makes \$60,000.
- Kentucky has banned steroid use by horses competing at state tracks. In an unrelated story, **Barry Bonds** has scrapped plans to become a horse.
- The Census Bureau estimates whites will be a minority in the U.S. by 2042. The government gradually has been preparing America for that with an ongoing national initiative called "professional sports."
- Parting thought: American **Evan Lysacek** won the men's title at this week's World Figure Skating Championships in Los Angeles, no doubt making him as proud as a grown man who figure skates can possibly be.

Catch Greg Cote's Random Evidence of a Cluttered Blog daily at MiamiHerald.com, and chat live online with Greg every Monday from 1-2 p.m.

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## Off to Europe...Motown blues...Disaster at sea

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Washington (AP) President Barack Obama starts his first presidential trip to Europe in a few hours. It will last eight days and include stops in five countries. Obama hopes to convince allies his young administration can improve the crippled global economy and America's image abroad.

DETROIT (AP) Lots of people on Detroit auto assembly lines are grumbling about President Barack Obama's tough love stance toward General Motors and Chrysler. Some of them say the auto industry is being treated more harshly than big banks that have gotten billions of dollars in government bailout money.

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GENEVA (AP) Tragedy off the coast of Libya. An international migration group says as many as three ships sank and at least 300 people may have drowned. It says they were probably migrants trying to cross from North Africa to Italy in search of a better life in Europe.

JERUSALEM (AP) Israel is getting a new prime minister.

Benjamin Netanyahu, who had the job in the late 1990s, will be sworn in again. During the campaign, he warned that concessions to the Palestinians only embolden Israel's enemies. But since the election, he's embraced the idea of peace talks.

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## Final Four is set for Motown

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The overall number one seed in the NCAA tourney was knocked out on Sunday as Michigan State took over in the second half to win over Louisville by 12 points in Indianapolis. Goran Suton had 19 points and 10 rebounds to lead Sparty to the win. The upset victory means that MSU will be playing in their fifth Final Four in the last 11 seasons. A | A | A

The Spartans will take on UConn in one semifinal game on Saturday.

In the other semifinal it will be Villanova and North Carolina. The Tarheels were the pre-season pick to win the title and looks to be a good bet to at least get a chance to fulfill the predictions. The Tarheels had no trouble in winning over Oklahoma on Sunday. Player of the Year candidate Blake Griffin did what he had to do; but the overall depth of Carolina was way too much as the Heels won by 12. □

It's expected that over 70,000 fans will be in the seats of Ford Field for all three games and with MSU being one of the teams, that prediction seems very safe.

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## Izzo, Spartans complete march to Motown

BY SETH GRUEN

Times Correspondent | Monday, March 30, 2009

INDIANAPOLIS | With Michigan State's 64-52 Midwest Regional championship win over Louisville on Sunday, Spartans coach Tom Izzo punched a ticket to his fifth Final Four in 11 seasons. Izzo has also taken every senior he has recruited to college basketball's most coveted weekend.

"One thing Coach does is stick to his promises," Spartan senior Travis Walton said. "He said 'You get me through Friday, I'll do my best to get you through Sunday.' He stuck to his promise, what he was going to give us."

Sunday's victory had special meaning for the Spartans as it gives them a chance to return to play in their home state, where Izzo also was born.

"It will be a proud moment," Izzo said of when his team will take the floor at Detroit's Ford Field on Saturday against Connecticut. "When I took this job and dreamed about where I could take the program, where we could take it, it's these kinds of things, these kinds of events.

"Detroit, here we come. I can't tell you how much I'm looking forward to that."

The Spartans made it 30 years after Magic Johnson led them to a national title over Larry Bird and Indiana State. Watching Johnson embrace his players gave Izzo even more of a foundation of the legacy he'd like to leave in East Lansing.

"Detroit needs something, Michigan needs something to feel good about," said Johnson, who was at the game. "And right now, the whole state is feeling good about this Michigan State team."

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## Spartytown!

### MSU bound for Motown's Final Four

Michael Rosenberg

Three weeks ago, I was not convinced Michigan State could win the national title. I am convinced now. But my prediction, at least for right now, is that the Spartans will beat Connecticut in the semifinals, then lose to North Carolina in the championship game.

**Ford Field prize provided spark for the Spartans. 16A.**

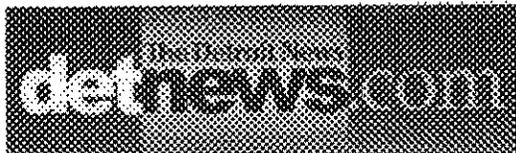
Drew Sharp

North Carolina will cut down the nets at Ford Field on April 6. It's clearly the best of the four remaining teams, especially with Ty Lawson close to 100%. You cannot discount Michigan State's chances against Connecticut in one of Saturday's national semifinals. Tom Izzo would love a second crack at the Tar Heels at Ford Field with a fully healthy team this time. But I don't think the Spartans get past the Huskies.

**Izzo, Magic and all of us can bask in MSU's trip to Motown. 16A.**

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Amber Arellano

## Will we lose the craft of automaking?



In my home economics class in eighth grade, my teacher urged my classmates and me to learn to sew. I refused.

My Grandmother Anita, a master of embroidery, crochet and hand-made clothes, had tried to train me, too, as her elders had throughout centuries in Mexico and the United States. Back then, I reasoned silently that if I knew how to sew, someday I would be stuck in the house, mending endless piles of laundry, when I could be exploring the world.

Ah, my careless adolescent mistake! If only I had understood that I was throwing away generations of knowledge and familial tradition.

Now I wistfully admire the pricey embroidered clothes, pillows and other pieces imported to upscale shops such as Anthropologie -- and like other customers, I must spend hundreds of dollars to buy them.

We Americans have lost so much of our knowledge of how to make things; we must buy what we have lost. The trend is evident in retail, as Generation Xers and Yers fuel the growth of clothing and lifestyle companies that speak to our yearning for a disappearing past.

Hip 20- and 30-something men are snapping up lines such as the Freemans Sporting Club, which markets itself as a collection "built around the vanishing trade of handmade clothing."

Its branding tells us something about who we are today. Its ads feature manly, bearded young men sporting plaid shirts at a camp site, men who know how to start a fire, pop a tent, fix a car.

"The clothing harkens back to the '30s, '40s and '50s," Freemans' founder Taavo Somer told the New York Times, "when men knew how to do things."

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Women with similar cravings may turn to "slow design" clothing lines such as Alabama Chanin, which sells beautiful pieces stitched by women in rural Alabama. "Slow design" is a new marketing term for the ancient arts of hand-sewing and embroidery.

Gen Xers and Yers -- seeking crafts deeply rooted in heritage and tradition -- also crave authenticity in an era of global homogenization and contrived, corporate products.

Says Nina Garduno, the founder of the clothing brand FREECITY, of her customers: "What they're really buying is authenticity."

Similar interests are motivating the hipsters who are revitalizing the old practice of farming here in Detroit and elsewhere. So popular is this local trend, Detroit now ranks third among U.S. cities for urban agriculture, say city officials. Civic leaders are aiming to turn Motown into "Growtown," or the most farmed big city in America.

Motown's urban farmers mirror others around the country: they're committed to local sustainability, self-sufficiency and the need to save money during this brutal recession.

The irony is, as this trend grows, Michigan's own authentic craft of building autos and the craft's associated intergenerational practices -- from tool and die to design -- is dying.

We risk losing an authentically American, local economy-boosting craft. But the Gen Xers and Yers who buy cars made everywhere else but the USA seem to be missing this sad truth.

A General Motors Malibu made in the Midwest is just as authentic as a \$200 skirt made in Alabama. We may look back some day and wish we had realized that a lot sooner.

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Michigan State is coming home to Motown

Surprising Spartans beat top-seeded Louisville, 64-52, to advance to their fifth Final Four in 11 years. And this one's in Detroit, where they'll have a home-court edge.  
By Shannon Ryan

March 30, 2009

Reporting from Indianapolis — On one half of the court, Michigan State's Travis Walton strayed from teammates' embraces to an isolated area. He crouched while clasping a Final Four cap and stared at the ceiling, saying a prayer while wearing a look of disbelief.

In another corner, Louisville's Terrence Williams appeared just as stunned, wandering along the baseline searching for answers and avoiding the postgame handshake line.

Neither player seemed to grasp what had happened after No. 2-seeded Michigan State shocked top-seeded Louisville, 64-52, Sunday in the Midwest Regional final. The Spartans earned a trip to the Final Four next weekend and a home-court edge at Ford Field in Detroit.

"I was thanking God," Walton said. "I woke up at 7 this morning and prayed and prayed and prayed. He delivered for us. Like I said, we believe in each other."

The Spartans are in the Final Four for the fifth time in 11 years and the first time since 2005. They will play Connecticut, another top-seeded Big East team, on Saturday.

Michigan State protected and prolonged Coach Tom Izzo's record of earning a Final Four appearance for one of his players who stayed four years.

"Pressure is what Michigan State is all about," said Walton, a senior who finished with eight points. "Coach can go on the road anywhere and recruit the No. 1 player in the nation and say: 'I know you watched the Final Four on TV. I know you dream about going there. If you come to Michigan State University, we're going to get you into a great academic arena, and we're going to get you to a Final Four.'"

Michigan State had heard all season that the Big Ten didn't compare to the Big East and had heard the previous 24 hours that the Spartans would be no match for Louisville's pressing defense.

But Izzo stayed up late Saturday to watch extra Louisville game film and tweaked his game plan to help the Spartans attack the middle.

"The way they extended [their zone], there were some openings in there," Izzo said. "We thought if we get the ball moving a little bit because it's hard to pass in against [their length and athleticism], we'd have some kick-outs that were a little better."

After a few instances of Izzo yelling at Goran Suton, the 6-foot-10 center eventually grasped his role. He scored 17 of his 19 points in the first half, often from feeds from point guard Kalin Lucas. Suton also finished with 10 rebounds, four assists and a block.

"Once he settled down, he wasn't good — he was awesome," Izzo said.

The defense-minded Spartans controlled the tempo and nearly cut in half Louisville's scoring from the regional semifinal, when the Cardinals overwhelmed Arizona, 103-64.

Earl Clark scored 19 points for Louisville, but go-to guy Williams shot only one for seven and scored five points, nearly eight below his average.

"They were quicker than us," Williams said. "Their defense was more physical, and we really couldn't turn them over like we wanted."

Louisville Coach Rick Pitino said the Cardinals had fallen out of practice playing against man-to-man defenses, having not faced one in their last seven games.

"That man-to-man gave us trouble because our inside attack wasn't there," Pitino said.

The loss broke a 13-game winning streak for the Cardinals, the top-seeded team in the tournament.

"No matter what happens," Pitino said, "only one team is going to be smiling at the end."

After playing in front of 36,084 fans -- Louisville red outnumbered Spartan green about 5 to 1 -- the Spartans are thrilled to be heading back to Michigan.

"It was as big a win as our school has had because we're going to Detroit," Izzo said. "That's been a dream and a goal since the day they announced where the Final Four was in 2009."

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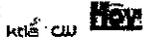
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## Motown Misery

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The United States auto industry has fallen down and it can't get up. Well, maybe that's not true for Ford, but General Motors and Chrysler are certainly on death's bed.

Today President Barack Obama announced he has rejected both GM's and Chrysler's reorganization plans. Together they were seeking an additional \$20 billion in taxpayer financing. Instead, GM CEO Rick Wagoner was shown the door by the White House. The fact that this caused shock in some circles is puzzling because Wagoner should have been fired long ago by his feckless board.

Wagoner has been at GM since 1977, and in charge of the company since 2000. He comes out of finance, not product design, sales or marketing. The first thing he did when taking over GM was to emphasize the light truck and SUV markets at the expense of innovations like hybrids. Under his tenure GM bled money and lost market share. Strike one. He flew to Washington on a corporate jet late last year to beg Congress for money, and was skewered by critics for his insensitivity. Strike two. Wagoner submitted a restructuring plan to Washington in which he requested an additional \$16.6 billion in government loans. GM has already received \$9.4 billion in loans from Washington. But the President's Task Force on the Auto Industry concluded that GM had not met its promises and its new plan would fail. Strike three.

The President represents the taxpayers who have stepped up to the plate on behalf of numerous failing companies. I applaud his firm action with GM. Now a stronger board must be put in place and further management changes are likely. GM will then sell or discontinue product lines like Saab, Saturn, Hummer and maybe Buick. The company will focus on Chevy, Cadillac and GMC. To remain viable under any scenario GM must get contract concessions from the UAW and address significant legacy costs.

The President's Task Force was harsher on Chrysler, concluding that that the nation's number three auto company could never be a viable company. It urged them to merge with a partner. Chrysler has announced there is a "framework" for a deal with the Italian auto maker Fiat, though details have to be worked out. Chrysler's biggest problem was market appeal, as every one of their brands rated in the bottom quarter of customer preference. If the Fiat deal actually goes through Chrysler CEO Robert Nardelli is likely to become a short termer. The alternative is Chrysler goes bankrupt and sells off assets.

How did the U.S. auto industry get so out of whack? Today few Detroit brands have strong market appeal. The industry is burdened by inefficient operations, costly production, onerous labor contracts, and enormous costs associated with employee health plans and other benefits. Detroit has gone from industry leader to global laggard in three decades.

Nothing will change unless the Detroit culture changes back to what it once was, entrepreneurial, creative, innovative, market savvy and cost effective. This calls for visionary and strong leadership, as well as a smart and experienced board.

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## **Last-second scramble to get to Motown**

**By Jerry Tarkanian · March 31, 2009 · 11:03 AM**

So here I said so much about not going to Detroit for the Final Four, and now I am looking into making last-second plans to find a flight and a hotel room.

I have an opportunity to make some money if I host a party on Saturday before the two national semifinal games, and I'm thinking I might go. I was going to room with Lefty Driesell, but now his son is going with him.

So I have to get a bunch of things together.

And I am excited about the games. Connecticut will have some problems with Michigan State in the Spartans' own backyard, and as much as I like Jay Wright and Villanova I think they'll have a difficult time with North Carolina.

But more on the games later.

I did that show at the Wynn on Sunday with Billy Packer, Bobby Knight and George Raveling, and Christian Laettner was there. God, he was super to me. We talked about how great our team was in 1990.

He told me what good guys we had. He gave me his card when I told him I have a radio show in Fresno, and he said he'd do it anytime. He had his wife with him and they live in Jacksonville. He goes up to Durham all the time.

He sure looked good. We had a very good time talking.

He talked to Packer on the air about that shot against Kentucky and that one he hit against UConn the year before, and he was so complimentary about our team and players.

He said that championship game, in which we beat them 103-73, wouldn't have been so bad but Bobby Hurley was scared to death. He said he had never seen Hurley so scared before a game. That affected his play.

Bobby Knight always is great. We've been friends for such a long time. He dislikes Lute Olson as much as I do, maybe more. Maybe I shouldn't say that. But he dislikes Arizona and was glad they got beat.

When we beat the Wildcats in the Preseason NIT in 1986, it was about 6 or 7 the next morning when I get a phone call in the hotel room. It was Bobby. "I'm sure glad you beat that son ..." he told me.

Bobby is having a good time in Vegas. He raved about that "Ice" show at the Riviera, and they also saw Bette Midler. He was bragging about those two shows.

It is always great to see George Raveling, who coached at Iowa, Washington State and USC. He's with Nike now but still lives in L.A. He drives up to the Portland area a lot.

He brought Washington State down in December 1973 and we beat them, 58-47. We only scored fewer points, 56, once that season, and that was in a loss at Santa Clara.

I took him out to dinner the night before that game, and George is such a good PR guy. As soon as I introduced them, he made friends and sent those people Washington State shirts. Packer is the best. He and Pete Newell tried so hard to get me into the Hall of Fame. They were pushing me all the way. He brought it up on the air, it was one of the first things he asked me.

He said there were three coaches I faced or beat who are all in the Hall; Knight, Dean Smith and Mike Krzyzewski. He wanted me to comment on that, but I let that go. I didn't bite. I let it go.

It doesn't do any good for me to talk about that.

I see where John Calipari is poised to take the Kentucky job, and I think he's a perfect fit for

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the Wildcats. John is a great recruiter and he loves the media. He will do a great job. He loves the PR aspect of the game and he's a great motivator. I can't believe the salary they're talking about, more than \$4 million a season? It's been 31 years since we played them back there on their Senior Night when nobody else would. Before that game I had dinner with Joe B. Hall, their coach who was having a fine season, but the heat was on him all year long. Win the national championship, or else. They were all over his case. He's the one who built Wildcat Lodge, which initially housed the basketball players and was so luxurious. It had big beds, the best food ... then the NCAA changed its rules so athletes couldn't get such better treatment than the average student. Joe raised all the money, but they weren't going to call it Joe B. Hall Wildcat Lodge. Joe was hurt. He felt like they were after him. He knew he had to win to keep his job. At dinner, I told him, Joe B., you know what I'd like to see you do? I'd love to see you take the Tennessee job – it was open at the time – and tell them to shove it up their (bleeps). He went on to win the national championship that season for Kentucky, so they treated him well. And the dorm is called Joe B. Hall Wildcat Lodge. Next time I'll address the games this weekend.

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I attended the autograph signing after the Fresno State game 2 seasons ago and had a chance to sit and listen to Coach tell stories for a while. Anyway I go to Idaho State University now, and had a chance to have dinner with Boyd Grant and got to listen to more basketball stories. Anyway the point of this post was because Coach Grant wanted me to say hi to Tark if I had a chance and I figured this was the best way to.

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jkw, yep, this a fine venue for hey to Tark... I'll run it by him and come up with some stuff on Boyd Grant for a future piece. thanks and thanks dequals ... Tark keeps asking me, how are the blogs doing? I keep telling him that his fans can't get enough of him, so thanks to everybody for their interest. He's really been enjoying all this and looks forward to doing many more. And keep the article ideas coming! Tark's a sponge ... :-)

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## Motown bound: Final Four preview

**Josh Weiss**

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After 61 grueling games, four teams remain.

From the Midwest, a phalynx of Spartans is armed and ready, awaiting the attack of a certain pack of Huskies, storming in from the West.

Wildcats out of the East bound toward the butting horns of Tarheels, hailing from the South.

All descend on Detroit's Ford Field, where 70,000 spectators lie eagerly awaiting their arrival.

Ford Field has seen such battles before, as it hosted the 2008 Midwest regional semifinal and final rounds, which produced the eventual national champion Kansas Jayhawks.

The Spartans of Michigan State University, now 9-0 all-time as a No. 2 seed, come in riding the wake of impressive wins over the aforementioned defending national champion Jayhawks and Rick Pitino's overall No. 1-seeded Louisville Cardinals.

They will be the first team to play in a Final Four hosted in their homestate since Duke did it in Charlotte in 1994.

Their opponent, the Connecticut Huskies, also come in hot after putting together back-to-back wins against Purdue and Missouri.

The Huskies will be making their third Final Four appearance and are looking to complete the trifecta, as they won it all in both of their previous appearances.

However, UCONN will not only be challenged on the court by the Spartans, but off the court as well, as they face allegations of NCAA recruiting rule violations.

In what is sure to be a game won on the boards, the matchup pits the Spartans' nation's best rebounding attack against the freakishly athletic Huskies and their 7-3, monster of a man Hasheem Thabeet.

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The MSU backcourt will have its hands full with the much quicker UCONN guards, namely senior A.J. Price.

Price, who averaged just over 14 points a game in the regular season, has torched recent opponents, putting up 20 points a game in the tournament.

Moving across the bracket, the improbable No. 3 Villanova Wildcats topped the favored Pittsuirgh Panthers thanks to a last-second layup by star guard Scottie Reynolds to advance to the Final Four, marking the school's fourth appearance all-time and first showing since 1985.

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## Motown suffers from Wall Street envy

Andrea Billups (Contact)

DETROIT

The Motor City, though still troubled by Wall Street envy, is embracing the Obama administration's "tough love."

Industry leaders voiced populist anger Monday over the tough treatment meted out by the White House to U.S. automakers - including the ouster of General Motor Corp.'s chief executive - when compared with the no-strings bailouts of the nation's financial institutions.

But for most, the emotion was tempered by a determination to make the best of a bad situation.

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"It's not a level playing field," said Mike Green, president of United Auto Workers Local 652. He was referring to Washington's response to the auto industry versus its handling of the financial industry. "You didn't see AIG have to crawl through you-know-what to get the money. They just had their hand out. Wall Street took care of their own."

Michigan Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm, a Democrat, spoke similarly in an appearance Monday on NBC's "Today" show and later at a town-hall meeting in suburban Detroit's Macomb County.

"Many of us feel there is a double standard," the governor said of the Obama administration's refusal of requests by GM and Chrysler LLC for a combined \$21.6 billion in loans because it judged that the automakers didn't have viable plans for business success.

She said a similar level of scrutiny should be applied to Wall Street companies that have absorbed hundreds of billions of dollars in federal money dozens of times what Chrysler and GM were refused.

But through the disappointment, there was still plenty of Midwestern resolve to make good on Washington's aid offer - which requires GM to restructure radically within the next 60 days and Chrysler to complete an alliance with Italy's Fiat SpA in the next 30 days - as the last chance to save the industry long synonymous with the city of Detroit.

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"The federal government recognizes the importance of the American automobile industry to our nation, to jobs, to our manufacturing sector and national security," Mrs. Granholm said on NBC. "This industry has to survive if this nation is going to manufacture things. It's the backbone of the manufacturing sector."

Local officials, U.S. lawmakers and union leaders also warned that the stunning events of the past 24 hours - Sunday's ouster of GM Chief Executive Officer Rick Wagoner and Monday's announcement that GM and Chrysler must do more restructuring - meant that Washington and the Obama administration were now officially on the hook for Michigan's economic fortunes.

"This is tough love for our favorite industry in Michigan, but it's also a real opportunity and I'm heartened," said Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero, whose area has been hit hard by auto factory closings and the recession. Mrs. Granholm also used the "tough love" metaphor at her town-hall meeting.

"Some here look at this as an ultimatum, but sometimes that is what I think leadership is about," said Mr. Bernero, who has lobbied Washington with a task force of mayors who have banded together to save the industry.

But, the mayor added, "I'm not going to stand by and let the federal government do it wrong."

Mr. Green said the president had reassured him with the federal government's vow to back GM and Chrysler's products and warranties and not give up on a historic industry. His members feel positive about the response, even as they know tough days are ahead, he said.

Mr. Obama "is pretty much where he was from the beginning - he's supporting working people and the middle class and trying to give people peace of mind that if they buy a vehicle, they should not worry about the service or the warranty because it's backed by the federal government," the union chapter chief said.

UAW Local 602 President Brian Fredline said having a clear federal mandate and deadline will make it easier to achieve the needed changes in the U.S. industry.

"Now there is an actual plan with an actual purpose and guidance for it so I'm feeling more confident that we will get it done in 60 [days] because we know what needs to be done now," he said.

Detroit Mayor Ken Cockrel Jr. also said his city would weather a painful reorganization. He said the president's commitment to automakers would

allow them to emerge stronger "with a minimum of jobs lost."

"The city of Detroit will work very hard to minimize the negative impact restructuring will have on Detroit and those working in the auto industry," he said, adding that the city will lobby Ed Montgomery, a former deputy labor secretary now acting as an administration liaison to auto-industry cities, to "seek additional resources that will help keep Detroit working."

Sen. Carl Levin, Michigan Democrat, issued a statement emphasizing "the president's statement that he is 'absolutely committed' to the United States leading the world in building the next generation of clean cars. Presidents rarely make absolute commitments. This is a very notable and very appropriate one."

Rep. Candice S. Miller, Michigan Republican, said Monday that the Obama administration had to follow through on its responsibility to ensure that the U.S. auto industry succeeds.

"The president and the Auto Task Force have now determined that they know better how to run these complex manufacturing organizations and are going to force changes," she said. "By implementing these changes they now become accountable for achieving success. Accountable for the jobs, accountable for the livelihoods of the families which are at stake and accountable for the survival of American manufacturing."

Mrs. Miller called on her constituents in southeastern Michigan to "focus our frustration with this process on demanding that accountability. We have little time to force positive change so it is time once again to roll up our sleeves, put our heads down and get to work."

However, the ouster of Mr. Wagoner showed that the Obama administration was calling the shots at GM. Several out-of-state Republicans said that justifies their long-standing opposition to bailing out Detroit.

"When did the president become an expert in strategic corporate management?" asked Rep. Tom Price of Georgia, chairman of the Republican Study Committee. "The federal government is famous for its mismanagement, yet this administration continues to demonstrate its certainty that Washington always knows best. The notion that the federal government is capable of dictating efficient business models for large global corporations is absurd."

Sen. Bob Corker, Tennessee Republican, decried the "sweeping new power" under which "the White House will be deciding which plants will survive and which won't," a power that he predicted would lead to GM management responding to political rather than economic cues.

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"It's been a long time since Washington has seen the kind of kowtowing that's about to occur among members of Congress trying to curry favor with the administration to keep plants in their states open, and it will be interesting to see if the administration makes these decisions based on a red state and blue state strategy or based on efficiency and capable, skilled workers at each plant. If they use the latter, our GM plant in Spring Hill, Tennessee, should do very well," he said.

Mrs. Granholm and Mr. Corker were united on the removal of Mr. Wagoner. The Democratic governor said Mr. Wagoner "clearly is a sacrificial lamb" and had "to take one for the team" so GM could get aid. The Republican senator called the firing "a sideshow to distract us from the fact that the administration has no progress to announce."

Rep. John D. Dingell lauded GM's progress, especially the company's ongoing contract talks with the UAW. He also urged patience from the Obama administration to let Chrysler finalize its Fiat partnership, without which it cannot get any more government loans and likely will head for bankruptcy.

"The path forward for Chrysler over the next 30 days and beyond is challenging to say the least," the veteran Michigan Democrat said. "I urge the Obama administration to carefully review progress made by Chrysler at the end of April and give the company more time to complete its restructuring if needed. The fate of this major corporation, and the tens of thousands of workers employed by Chrysler and its suppliers, are too important to live or die by an arbitrary deadline."

Mr. Fredline defended the union as being far ahead of the curve on concessions with GM than other stakeholders and said it is well-positioned as future deals are sought.

"We have been proactive on these concessions, so we are glad that the administration will force everybody's hand to catch up to the UAW because right now, we're the benchmark for saving this corporation," the UAW local chief said. "We are already a part of the solution and not a part of the problem."

But after all the Wall Street envy, the debate over free-market ideas, the blaming of Mr. Wagoner, and so on, has subsided, Detroit realized Monday that it now has no choice. This has to work.

Mr. Obama is "looking for everybody now to roll up their sleeves and for all of us to dig back into this," said Mr. Green of Local 652. "People say that we can't compete. That's bull. We are not behind in the game, and I would tell

people who are watching all this unfold: American ingenuity, never give up on it. We are worth saving."

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## Showdown for Motown

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LAST September, General Motors celebrated its centenary. The company that more than most seemed to symbolise the modern industrial age of America had become a dinosaur, producing lumbering gas-guzzlers in an era ruled by zippiest and leaner models. It was weighed down by a legacy of health-care and pension obligations and debt. When its chief, and that of even more troubled Chrysler, turned up in corporate jets to argue for a public bail-out from Washington, they became a laughing stock.

The two companies and their finance arms still got \$US24.8 billion (\$36 billion) to tide them over, but losses have only grown worse. Driving hybrid cars this time, their chiefs were back in Washington seeking a further \$US21 billion. The President, Barack Obama, has declared enough and made new assistance dependent on GM coming up with a workable restructuring plan within two months. He has given Chrysler a month to merge with the Italian company Fiat or be forced into bankruptcy.

Most symbolically, Mr Obama has forced the resignation of GM's chairman and chief executive, Rick Wagoner, who has spent his entire career with the company but in eight years as its chief executive has overseen losses of \$US68 billion and a share price declining by 95 per cent. GM can't help itself, Mr Obama has concluded. Time was when Washington called in GM and other Detroit executives to sort out the government's problems. When GM chief Charles Wilson was being made President Dwight Eisenhower's defence secretary, he told the Senate he couldn't imagine any conflict of loyalties "because for years I thought what was good for the country was good for General Motors and vice versa".

For decades, it seemed, US administrations followed the oft-misquoted version of this remark: "What's good for General Motors is good for the country." Now, what's good for America will be very painful for GM. Employees must take mass redundancies and cuts to entitlements, bondholders a conversion of their investment to equity at a small fraction of face value. But at the end GM, and Fiat-Chrysler, may emerge in shape to survive into the new century. Here in Australia, we wait to see what effect it has on the GM-Holden outpost, also restructuring but with Government help rather more kind to its executives.

Mr Obama has couched his drastic moves in terms suggesting the motor industry is still the centrepiece of US manufacturing. Cars are more than that: they are deeply embedded in America's idea of itself. Maybe a lot more than the motor industry will be transformed by the time the recession is over.

## Problems of a private airport

THE Macquarie model, the complex arrangements to finance and manage infrastructure assets that were devised by Macquarie Bank in its spectacular growth phase, is looking frayed in the global economic crisis. The public may even be quietly pleased about yesterday's news that bonuses at Macquarie this year will not be as large as in the past when the merchant bank earned its nickname "The Millionaires Factory", or care much about the takeover of one of its infrastructure portfolios by a Canadian pension fund. But the other effects of Macquarie's troubles should concern them.

A lawsuit being heard in the Victorian Supreme Court aims to wind up the company building a major Brisbane freeway - a \$4.9 billion project that Macquarie sponsored and underwrote. And in Sydney, the competition regulator has found passengers rate Sydney Airport, bought by a Macquarie affiliate in 2002 for \$5.6 billion, the worst of this country's five major airports. The latter finding is simply embarrassing. The airport's chief executive, Russell Balding, excused the result by saying the survey period

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coincided with major construction work. That won't wash: this is the third year in a row that Sydney Airport has come last. And the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission found airport charges, including car parking and landing fees, were the highest in the land. With millions being spent on attracting tourists, Australia cannot afford to have its main gateway providing a substandard service while charging premium fees.

Obviously not all the problems that passengers see at Sydney Airport are due to the way it was financed. Other private airports perform well. But, like physical structures, when financial and organisational structures fail they often do so in ways determined by the way they were built. Government-run organisations tend to become over-bureaucratised and unresponsive. Private organisations that must make a profit tend to cut back on necessary services, or over-charge. Sydney Airport's situation, a monopoly supplier that is also working to clear a vast debt, makes this kind of failure more likely. There is the additional problem of all privatised infrastructure, that the interests of investors and operators may not run parallel to the public interest. The airport's run-ins with the State Government on planning issues show how things can go wrong at this particular failure-point.

As a way to mobilise private resources for public assets, privatisation and public-private partnerships ought to work - as they have worked elsewhere. But there is no intrinsic superiority to them. The Canadian deal suggests infrastructure assets may be heading back into the ownership where they belong, institutions with a long-term investment outlook, such as a pension fund, rather than investment funds looking to maximise short-term profit.

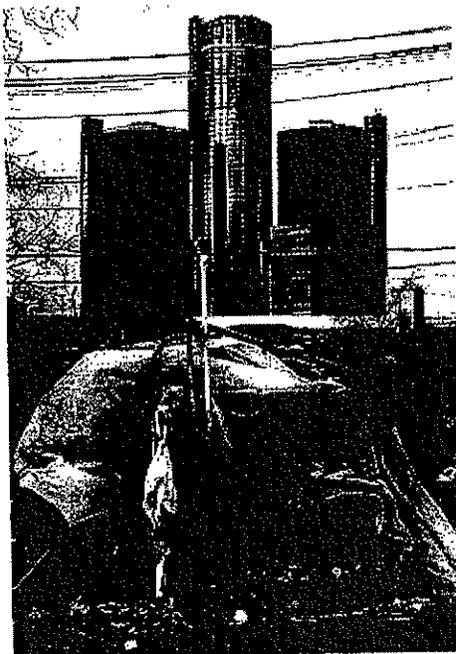
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## If only for a weekend, some positive momentum for Motown

April 1, 2009  
By Mike Freeman  
CBSSports.com National Columnist  
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In Detroit, the unemployment rate is a startling 22 percent, approximately three times the national average. What's happening there is nothing short of apocalyptic.

It's estimated there are 80,000 abandoned buildings in Detroit, which, coupled with the number of record foreclosures and the struggles of the auto industry, has created a pseudo ghost town. This is a major American city and large chunks of it are vacant. That's not an exaggeration or hyperbole.



**Detroit skyscrapers are still there -- surrounded by despair.** (Getty Images)

I'm hoping we're something to embrace, be involved with."

People in Detroit are comparing what's happening in their city to New Orleans, post-Katrina.

It would be silly to say that a basketball game will have any tangible effect on such grand misery. It won't. There will still be tens of thousands of unemployed people once the hotels empty and the fans leave Ford Field. The state of Michigan will still be patient zero in the most brutal economic downturn this country has experienced since the Depression.

It's gotten so bad there, you wonder: If it was logistically possible -- and it wasn't -- should the NCAA have considered moving the Final Four out of Detroit? Valuable resources and money will be used for security of the teams and Ford Field. Couldn't that money be better spent?

You wonder and then you read what Michigan State players and coaches said after they upset Louisville, and what people in Detroit are saying about the importance of the Spartans and what they mean to the state right now, and you slap yourself silly for asking the question.

"This is real big, not only for us but for the state," Spartans forward Marquise Gray said of Michigan State making the Final Four and playing in Detroit.

The family of Michigan State's Kalin Lucas lives about 10 minutes from Ford Field. Getting to the Final Four "means a lot for Detroit," he said.

"I'm just hoping we're a silver lining in what's been a little bit of a cloudy year for us," coach Tom Izzo said. "I'm hoping that we're the sunshine,

Saying Detroit has had a cloudy year is like saying Connecticut coaches like to make phone calls to recruits. It's the understatement of the century.

What the Spartan players are saying sounds corny, like a Hallmark card gone terribly wrong, especially since Michigan State's campus is a healthy 90 miles from Detroit, not exactly a short drive. But there's something genuine about the sentiments.

The city of Detroit and a significant portion of the state of Michigan view the Spartans as a pleasant distraction to what has become a wrecked city and worried state.

The irony is that under normal circumstances the Spartans would be a hard team to root for. Their style of basketball is impossible to watch. The word "ugly" comes to mind. The word "plodding" comes to mind. There might not be a starting NBA player on that entire roster. One of their players is so gigantic, his birth certificate says "Toyota Tacoma" -- but their big men move with the swiftness of a pogo stick. If Michigan State were to win the title, it would be the worst national champion we've seen in many years.

What a story, though. It's easily the best in the tournament because of what the Spartans represent. They are basically playing a home game in a city that is looking for any sort of temporary distraction from its serious ills. And the Spartans can make this work. Izzo is a good enough coach to channel the city's dreams into an upset of UConn on Saturday.

We've seen a city adopt a team before. The Spartans have a chance to accomplish what the New Orleans Saints did for that city after Katrina. If you were in New Orleans soon after the storm -- and I was -- the city embraced its NFL team in a way it rarely had before and the Saints players didn't shy away from their role as ambassadors amid such devastation.

Katrina was a natural disaster aided by incompetence and a lack of political will to upgrade an antiquated levy system. But it was a storm.

What's happening in Detroit is all man made. We created it. We can't blame the ugliness on a hurricane.

Forbes.com ranks Detroit and Flint, Mich., as two of America's most miserable cities. (Detroit has also been called the most violent city in America). When two cities in one state make such an infamous list, you know things are really bad. It's estimated the Final Four will bring about 100,000 people to Detroit over a four-day period, pulling in at least \$30 million for the economy.

In that city during the Final Four there will be a flush mix of depression and ecstasy. There will still be the boarded-up buildings and laid-off auto workers and an overall feeling of misery.

No, a basketball game won't change that at all.

Yet maybe, for a few hours, a brief period of time, the ugliness in Detroit won't be so, well, ugly.

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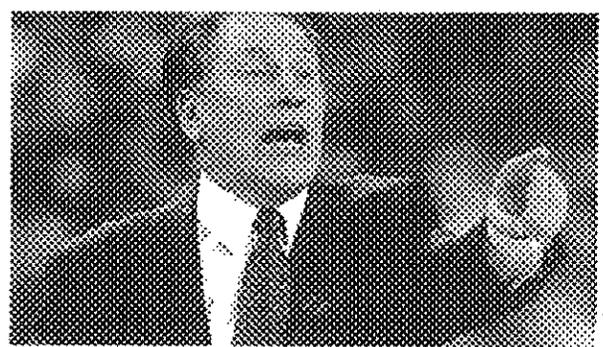
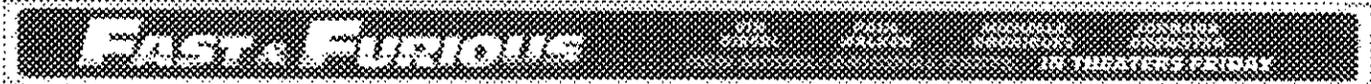
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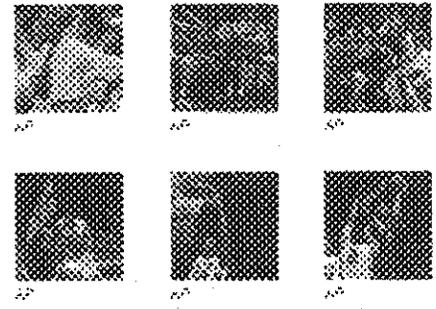
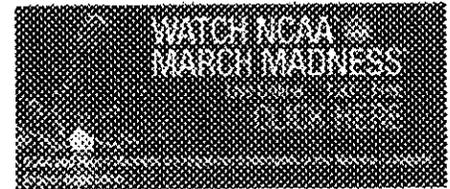


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## Final Four won't make or break Detroit

By KRISTA JAHNKE  
FREE PRESS SPORTS WRITER

What does the Final Four really mean for the city of Detroit? Is this a stage for the state of Michigan and this city to prove something to the rest of the nation?

With media descending on Motown from across the country, those questions are sure to be on the minds of many this weekend.

The Associated Press got right to it today in <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5g5IqJD233Sr8QIUhBmgI0ud1Po0QD97AAQDG0> target="top">an article that quickly rattles off the city's list of eyesores -- the auto industry troubles, crime, boarded-up storefronts -- basically, nothing we haven't heard before.

Then comes the heart of their story: "The question remains, however, whether cosmetic fixes and Spartan-fueled good cheer will be enough to cover up the Motor City's woes."

So is Detroit really trying to pull one over on the rest of the country, trying to tidy up and say, "Hey, what do you mean? Everything's fine here!"

Are we trying to deny that [http://www.philly.com/inquirer/business/20090402\\_Detroit\\_looks\\_for\\_Final\\_Four\\_boost.html](http://www.philly.com/inquirer/business/20090402_Detroit_looks_for_Final_Four_boost.html) target="top">we have problems?

I don't much see the point. Who are we trying to fool?

Sure, clean up downtown. <http://www.freep.com/article/20090402/FEATURES01/904020320/1025/FEATURES/Party+time++Detroit+gets+the+ball+rolling> target="top">Put your best foot forward. Plan <http://news.pnnews.com/DisplayReleaseContent.aspx?ACCT=104&STORY=/www/story/04-02-2009/0004999626&EDATE=> target="top">awesome events. <http://www.freep.com/article/20090401/NEWS05/904010362/Final+Four+bash+almost+here> target="top">Host cool parties. Bring in <http://www.freep.com/article/20090402/ENT04/904020321/1039/ENT04/Fergle++Staind+are+on+your+blg+dance+card> target="top">big stars. Figure out how to <http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/19058900/detail.html> target="top">keep things safe and how to <http://www.tv20detroit.com/news/42264062.html> target="top">keep big crowds moving.

That's all fine. That's what a host city does.

But let's stop pretending that so much rides on this single event or that we can -- or even *should* -- paint a pretty face on our problems and pretend they don't exist. What point will that serve? Wouldn't it be better for people to walk away realizing that our troubles are tangible and worth fighting to fix?

The problems we have here won't be solved overnight by hosting the Final Four. It's great that the event is here, and we should be proud.

But no matter how many people leave the city impressed, no matter how much fun they have while they are here, we shouldn't for a minute think that it has much at all to do with solving our problems or [http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/04/01/AR2009040104337.html?wprss=rss\\_business](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/04/01/AR2009040104337.html?wprss=rss_business) target="top">changing perceptions in any kind of lasting way.

In the AP article, Renee Monforton, communications director for the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau, says: "There is a perception that when the auto industry is hurting, Detroit is hurting. We need to show them Detroit is alive and well."

Look. Detroit *is* hurting, and the auto industry *is* in trouble. Can't we just admit that?

Because even if that's true, it doesn't mean the spirit of this city is dead. Even in tough times, it's the spirit of the place that keeps it "alive and well."

So let's stop oversimplifying things. Yes, Detroit has problems, maybe more now than most other American cities. But our spirit is certainly alive and well, and even if a shiny, perfectly run Final Four weekend won't magically erase what's wrong here, we can enjoy the party. We can soak up the festivities and enjoy the money pumped into our local economy.

And next week, when the city returns to normal, we can be proud for our moment in the spotlight and then get back to work on the very

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real problems we have.

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- What does it mean to be a Spartan?

From how MSU improves life globally, to the "wonderful people," to U-M stinking, to confidence to what Sparty thinks about it all, the <http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/article/20090401/INTERACTIVE0101/90401001&referrer=FRONTPAGECAROUSEL> target="top"> Lansing State Journal tries to answer that question.

- The Huskies and the Spartans are cut from the <http://www.courant.com/sports/college/husky/men/hc-ucmen0402.artapr02.0.3028706.story> target="top"> same versatile cloth.
- Forget putting Tom Izzo among the top 10 or top five current working college coaches. [http://statenews.com/index.php/article/2009/04/no\\_doubt\\_izzo\\_best\\_coach\\_of\\_past\\_decade](http://statenews.com/index.php/article/2009/04/no_doubt_izzo_best_coach_of_past_decade) target="top"> The State News says for the past decade he is No. 1.
- Goran Suton is [http://www.usatoday.com/sports/college/mensbasketball/2009-03-31-michigan-state-suton\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/sports/college/mensbasketball/2009-03-31-michigan-state-suton_N.htm) target="top"> "grateful" to have been on the receiving end of so much of Tom Izzo's screaming.
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- A guide to the <http://msn.foxsports.com/cbk/story/9401858/Coaches-follow-their-own-beat.-march-to-Detroit> target="top"> four coaches working the sidelines at Ford Field.
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- The Final Four is big money for marketing folks. And with the capacity at Ford Field, [http://www.usatoday.com/sports/college/2009-04-01-marketing-cover\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/sports/college/2009-04-01-marketing-cover_N.htm) target="top"> the gate should be up \$7 million this season.

## Lions

Oops. Apparently, Denver Broncos quarterback Jay Cutler *didn't* <http://msn.foxsports.com/nfl/story/9403016/Cutler-speaks-'I-didn't-want-to-get-traded> target="top"> want to be traded.

The <http://sports.espn.go.com/nfl/news/story?id=4034863> target="top"> Cutler saga has a soundtrack that goes something like this, "Waaaah, waaaaah, waaaaah." I'm a little sick of that tune already.

It's clear everyone in this mess is trying to spin the story their way. Cutler doesn't want to look like a diva who wouldn't call his bosses back and discuss things rationally. So he says the Broncos never contacted him.

The Broncos don't want it pinned on them if they chase Cutler out of town and he winds up becoming a bigger star somewhere else. So they say, [http://www.nypost.com/seven/04022009/sports/jets/broncos\\_couldnt\\_call\\_truce\\_with\\_cutler\\_162547.htm](http://www.nypost.com/seven/04022009/sports/jets/broncos_couldnt_call_truce_with_cutler_162547.htm) target="top"> "Hey, we tried, but he wouldn't call us back."

What's the truth? Only the two people on the opposite ends of those phone numbers know.

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But I'm [http://www.startribune.com/sports/vikings/42301327.html?elr=KArksLckD8EQDUoaEyqyP4O:DW3ckUjD3aPc:\\_Yyc:aUUsI](http://www.startribune.com/sports/vikings/42301327.html?elr=KArksLckD8EQDUoaEyqyP4O:DW3ckUjD3aPc:_Yyc:aUUsI) not the only one sick of the soap opera. ("When was the last time a whining Daddy's boy led his team to a Super Bowl victory?" asks the Minneapolis Star Tribune).

The Washington Redskins might be positioning themselves at the front of the pack, as they're <http://myespn.go.com/blogs/nfnation/0-7-24/Report-Redskins-in-hot-pursuit-of-Cutler.html> willing to part with quarterback Jason Campbell.

But the Bears [http://www.chicagotribune.com/sports/football/bears/chi-090401-haugh-cutler-new\\_0\\_1904272.column](http://www.chicagotribune.com/sports/football/bears/chi-090401-haugh-cutler-new_0_1904272.column) might be making a big push, too.

The Broncos are getting so much interest, they <http://www.suntimes.com/sports/football/bears/1507812.CST-SPT-mully02.article> can't keep up with the ringing phones.

- And, hey, remember USC quarterback Mark Sanchez? Once thought to be first overall pick material? [http://www.latimes.com/sports/college/usc/la-sp-usc-pro-day2-2009apr02\\_0\\_2961876.story](http://www.latimes.com/sports/college/usc/la-sp-usc-pro-day2-2009apr02_0_2961876.story) He had his pro day Wednesday.

## Pistons

This is just what the Pistons need: Allen Iverson says <http://sports.espn.go.com/nba/news/story?id=4035415> he would rather retire than play off the bench.

I don't get how a player can talk about doing what's best for the team, doing whatever it takes to win, and then say something so incredibly selfish.

Actually, I do get it. Iverson never really meant it when he talked his team-first talk. What he really meant was, "I will do whatever it takes to help the team win, as long as that includes me getting a high amount of minutes and touches."

Iverson said the challenge of coming off the bench is tough for him both "mentally and physically." And that makes you different from any other reserve in the league. ... Hmmmm, how exactly?

It's an acquired skill. A tough job. Apparently, it's too tough for Iverson.

Ken Berger from CBSSports.com <http://www.cbssports.com/nba/story/11579191> says Iverson's reaction is "sad and predictable."

- Is coach Michael Curry [http://www.mlive.com/pistons/index.ssf/2009/04/kwame\\_brown\\_may\\_keep\\_starting.html](http://www.mlive.com/pistons/index.ssf/2009/04/kwame_brown_may_keep_starting.html) going to keep Rasheed Wallace on the bench in favor of Kwame Brown?

I don't know about you, but with seven games left before the playoffs, I am opposed to any more lineup tinkering.

But the thing is, I can't figure out which is more of a "tinker" – starting Brown or not. Of course, Wallace has been the team's starting power forward for years. But Brown has started the last nine games.

## And everything else...

### Tigers

- For \$1 million, [http://www.nytimes.com/2009/04/05/sports/baseball/05everett.html?\\_r=1&ref=baseball](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/04/05/sports/baseball/05everett.html?_r=1&ref=baseball) the Tigers feel good about their value at shortstop and their chance to improve defensively. The New York Times writes that Adam Everett has no Gold Gloves but "a sterling reputation," and said in 2006, he made 43 more plays than the average shortstop.

### Red Wings

- Even the Wings are [http://blog.mlive.com/snapshots/2009/04/kris\\_draper\\_pulls\\_a\\_fast\\_one\\_f.html](http://blog.mlive.com/snapshots/2009/04/kris_draper_pulls_a_fast_one_f.html) getting in on the Jay Cutler gossip.

### Odds and ends...

- If you're coaching 6-year-olds, you might want to stick to encouraging them to have fun and give it their best and not to <http://www.patriotledger.com/sports/x575725578/-Green-Death-coach-resigns> send sarcastic e-mails to their parents about how their little girls are going to kick some booty.

- [http://www.theonion.com/content/news\\_briefs/lets\\_attempt\\_to\\_trade](http://www.theonion.com/content/news_briefs/lets_attempt_to_trade) Is this the most ingenious attempt to land Cutler yet?

- Probably <http://t-shirts.cafepress.com/item/msu-burnin-couches/372893395> not the message MSU officials want their fans

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to promote this weekend. But hey, I snickered.

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Windy over the Los Angeles Clippers.

--Drew Gooden, Nets, had 19 points and 11 assists as New Jersey snapped a five-game losing streak by beating Detroit 111-96.

--Dik Nwankwo, Mavericks, scored 36 points as Dallas edged Detroit 95-88.

--Shawn Marion, Raptors, had 17 points and 15 rebounds in Toronto's 88-85 victory in Orlando.

### Strong in Defeat

Kyle Miller scored a career-high 50 points for Sacramento, but the Kings lost 115-101 to a surging Golden State.

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State... Sacramento's Kyle Miller had his first career triple-double, finishing with 50 points, 15 assists and 10 rebounds in the Bucks' 104-99 loss to the Los Angeles Lakers... Jason Richardson had 11 points, with Andrew Johnson had 15 points and 10 rebounds in Washington's 112-107 loss to Detroit... Dwight Howard had 30 points and nine rebounds, his Orlando teammates scored 39-50-55 or more by Toronto... George Mikan had 29 points and 15 rebounds as Charlotte lost 111-108 to Boston in double overtime.

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### Allen Answers

Less than a minute after shooting an assist on an open 3-point attempt, Ray Allen was surprised to be named MVP again in the closing seconds of his second overtime against Charlotte. Allen nailed that attempt with 2:1 seconds left, giving the Celtics a 111-109 victory over Charlotte. Allen finished with 22 points, with Paul Pierce scored 22.

### The Clutch Over The Bench

Allen worked his way back into the game after missing a shot, and he would rather take time for a 15-minute rest than a timeout. After playing only 18 minutes Tuesday's, a loss to Cleveland, Watson was on the floor for 17 Wednesday in a 111-95 loss in New Jersey. "I'd rather take a break and use this again," Watson said. "I can't be effective playing this way. I'm not used to it. It's tough for me both mentally and physically. I'm not used to go out there, I should be able to get it done but I can't right now. It's my fault. I have to be able to overcome the adversity and do what I have to do. I just have to find a way to get it done. Not being 100 percent makes it harder and you can see that in the 100 percent."

### Hey, Hayward!

Washington's Brian Hayward played in his first game this season after surgery on his right wrist last October. The 7-foot center played 24 minutes and had two minutes, scoring five of his six points from the field in the Wizards' 112-107 loss to Memphis.

### Speaking

"It's really different from what we've seen in more. Our record is not good and we're not playing well. I want someone to be calling me. We just have to find a way to win and it's just not happening. We have to come out and win games." -- Detroit's Richard Hamilton after the Pistons' 111-96 loss in New Jersey, their eighth defeat in 14 games.

### Stat of the Night

Dwight Howard's 30 points in the closing minutes of the Orlando Magic's 112-107 loss to the Detroit Pistons set a new NBA record for the highest total in a divisional conference.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.



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## It's the greening of Motown

Final Four at Ford Field brings Spartan run close to home

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I don't even care that my bracket got blown to smithereens after Round 2 of the tourney. It literally looks like a 4-year-old got his mitts on a red Sharpie and went hog wild all over the thing. So what if Pitt, Memphis, Duke and Oklahoma all got bounced? No matter. I just found out that the girl who's going to win my Facebook pool filled her bracket out at 2 a.m. after closing the bar. What of it?

We're in the Final Four. I should probably say that again, and it wouldn't hurt for you to read it again for emphasis. We're. In. The. Final. Four.

We are 80 minutes away from cutting down the nets in the 'D ... from glory in our very own mitten ... from sweet redemption and triumph over all those who've doubted from Day One! Down with the patriarchal pundits and haggard haters! Spartans! What's your profession?! HOO HOO HOO!

I hate to disappoint all the loyal readers out there, but I was in fact one of those doubters.

I scampered into Jimmy's Pub on Sunday to grab some lunch (and maybe a Bloody Mary) before the State tipoff at 2:20 p.m. As I wolfed down pizza and struggled through professional bowling on ESPN, I couldn't help but think, "If I'm a betting woman, I'm taking Louisville and 10 today." Luckily, I'm not a betting woman ... at least not with real money.

For a squad plagued by turnovers all season, Louisville presented some serious problems on paper for the Spartans: swarming full-court defense, nasty two-man traps and a penchant for running-and-gunning after steals. But MSU came out looking poised, patient and ready to handle the pressure. Lucas Oil Stadium in Indy was packed to the brim with Cardinal faithful, but the Spartans slowly and methodically managed to negate their presence by stifling the game tempo.

## Heartbreak in Cali turns an eye to 2010

The MSU women's basketball loss last weekend nearly broke me. We were up by seven with less than a minute to play - I was sitting pretty. I hadn't caught a glimpse of Reggie Miller on the Iowa State bench, so I figured I was safe to grab a drink from the fridge and bask in the foul-laden final minute. Wrong. We all know how things turned out, and I'll opt not to rehash it. Flash to me coasting through the stages of grief and moving straight on to acceptance.

Lest we all forget, the only player we're losing from this year's stellar roster is senior sensation Mia Johnson. If you thought this team was hungry this year? Just wait until next winter when the ladies have a crack at it again, and genuine point guard. Watch out, Coach P., we're not nearly through with you yet.

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All in all, the guys executed a masterful game plan set out by Coach Tom Izzo. They did everything right. It also helped that Goran Suton played like a man possessed. That never hurts.

It certainly wouldn't hurt against UConn - a team with size, speed, experience and a man-monster by the name of Hasheem Thabeet. Dwarfing opponents' big men in nearly every contest, Thabeet has been hosting his own personal block party all season long, swatting shots and owning the paint. MSU will need to utilize some old-school trickery to get around UConn's behemoth in the middle. Anyone remember a certain Princeton team that nearly knocked off UCLA in 1996 with a barrage of backdoor blitz cuts and threes? I'd love to see State integrate some of that innovative thinking into an already solid offensive scheme.

Bottom line here is this: the Spartans are heading 78 miles southeast on Saturday to take on one or (hopefully!) two teams standing in the way of the ultimate goal: a national championship. So today, I'm ripping up my card-stock brackets, posting my pool losses to the bank account and spending the final weekend of college basketball the way it was intended: by losing my voice, inhibitions and, basketball-gods willing, all doubt in MSU basketball. It's trite and cliché and horribly unoriginal, but really, there's only one way to end this incredible run (and in effect, this series of columns): Go Green.

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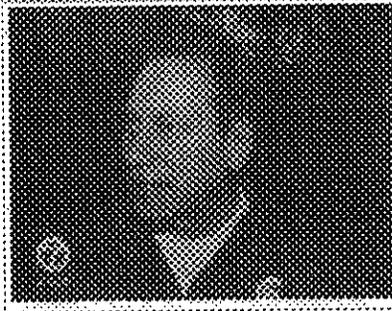
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### Spartans Arrive in Motown

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TROY, Mich. (WXYZ) - The Michigan State Spartans took the bus from East Lansing to metro Detroit Wednesday evening, arriving in Troy to find a Green & White reception committee at their hotel.

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A police escort led the team to dozens of fans with green and white balloons playing a tape of the Spartans band.

An estimated 400 people saw the team off around 6:30 p.m. at the Breslin Center in East Lansing. As the bus headed for Detroit, green and white-clad fans waved from along the route.

After dropping off their luggage, the Spartans headed out for a late dinner.

The Spartans will have the home-court advantage with their fans expected to show up in full force in Detroit. Coach Tom Izzo hopes that will throw off the Connecticut Huskies, their opponent in Saturday's contest.

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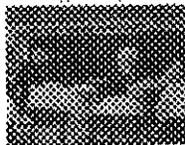
President Barack Obama has chosen Robert M. Groves to be the next census director, turning to a professor who supports the use of statistical sampling and has clashed with Republicans to lead the high-stakes head count.



#### **I-96 Back Open After Accident**

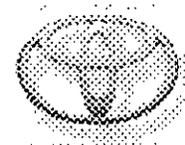
Eastbound I-96 is back open after being closed at Newburgh because of a serious accident.

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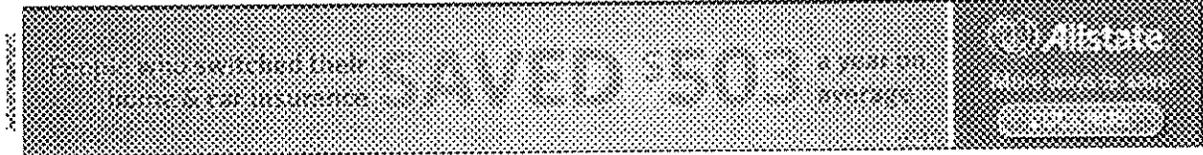
The results of the MEAP tests, released today by the Michigan Department of Education, show statewide math scores rose for the fourth straight year. **INSIDE:** Complete Details [Watch Video](#)



#### **Toyota Roots for GM, Hopes for Recovery**

Toyota officials reiterated Thursday that they wished the best for struggling General Motors, and expressed hopes the latest U.S. sales data show an approaching recovery in a key market battered by crushed consumer spending.

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# 10 great places to stay in bounds in Detroit

By Rebecca Heslin, USA TODAY

Headed to the Motor City for the Final Four? No matter what your favorite team in the NCAA's, Detroit has something to offer. VisitDetroit.com's Renee Monforton dishes on the city's must-visit spots.

GOOGLE MAP: Zoom in on these Detroit destinations  
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**Detroit Science Center**  
"After checking out a little ancient history, speed into the future to Star Trek. The Exhibition," Monforton says. "Visitors can walk around a replica of the original Enterprise's bridge and the transporter room." The science center also has tons of hands-on exhibits for kids, including the Rocket Laboratory and Lumenarium. 313-577-8400, [detroitsciencecenter.org](http://detroitsciencecenter.org)

**Detroit Institute of Arts**  
"At the recently renovated and expanded art institute, don't miss the must-see American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell exhibit that features every *Saturday Evening Post* cover and a large number of Rockwell's exquisitely detailed paintings," Monforton says. "Another popular work of art is the famous Detroit Industry fresco cycle by Diego Rivera, which depicts the importance of industry to the city while surrounding visitors with vibrant color and bold forms." 313-833-7900, [dia.org](http://dia.org)

**Motown Historical Museum**  
There will be dancing in the street at this popular museum celebrating all things Motown (motor + town). "You'll stand in the spot where Motown greats like The Temptations, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, Diana Ross and the Supremes, among others, stood and recorded their hits," Monforton says. And she means that literally. The museum is housed in what used to be Hiwale USA, the birthplace of Motown Records. For those doing the math, this year marks Motown's 50th anniversary. 313-875-2254, [motownmuseum.com](http://motownmuseum.com)

**The Henry Ford Museum**  
Take a short drive to Dearborn to see the bus made infamous by Rosa Parks, John F. Kennedy's presidential limousine, the Dymaxion House, Abraham Lincoln's chair and countless pieces of America's history. To focus more on the present and future, "watch as a Ford F-150 is built at the Ford Field Factory Tour and catch the newest DC Comics movie, *Watchmen*, on Michigan's largest IMAX screen," Monforton suggests. 800-835-5237, [www.hfmg.org](http://www.hfmg.org)

**MotorCity Casino**  
If you're of the odds against your sports team, check out one of the city's casinos. Greetown Casino, MGM Grand Detroit and MotorCity Casino. While each has a luxurious hotel and dining options, Monforton recommends MotorCity Casino's rooftop hot spot Indecence, an AAA Four Diamond Award-winning restaurant. Down in the casino, video slots abound and standard games including poker, blackjack and craps can be played at the tables. 888-556-2745, [motorcitycasino.com](http://motorcitycasino.com)

**Palace of Auburn Hills**  
Sports fans who are looking to make the most of their weekend in Detroit are in luck. "Two of Detroit's five professional sports teams also will be in action Final Four weekend," Monforton says. If you're looking to check out a game other than basketball, the Detroit Red Wings play the Minnesota Wild at Joe Louis Arena on Sunday. But if you're all about the hoops this weekend, get a taste of pro basketball as the Detroit Pistons take on the Charlotte Bobcats at the Palace of Auburn Hills. 248-377-0100, [palaceent.com](http://palaceent.com)

Detroit Riverfront

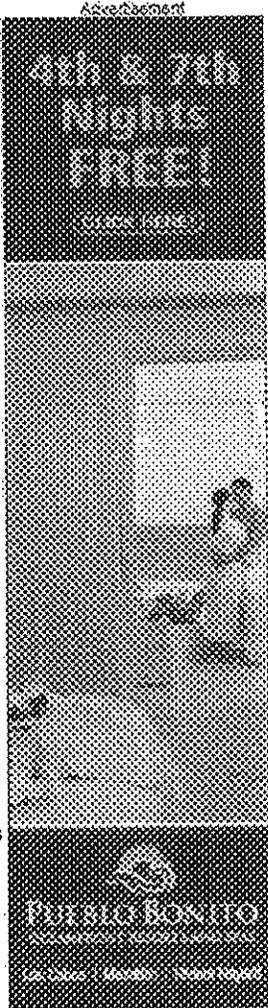


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Stop by the Detroit Riverfront for some serious off-court action. "The 2009 NCAA Men's Final Four weekend in Detroit wouldn't be complete without 'The Big Dance,'" Monforton says. "Three days of free musical concerts will take place, including performances by the Pussycat Dolls, Gavin DeGraw, Fergie, Staind, Gym Class Heroes, Jesse McCartney, N.E.R.D., Janelle Monáe, Keith Sweat and emcee Ryan Seacrest." Best part? The celeb-filled fest is free. The Cullen Family Carousel and the Wheelhouse Detroit bike rentals also will be open. 313-566-8200; [ncaamarchmadness2009.com/mens/big\\_dance.aspx](http://ncaamarchmadness2009.com/mens/big_dance.aspx).

#### **Official fan restaurants**

Don't have a ticket to the game but still want to have the ultimate Final Four experience? "Fans can check out the game at the official fan gathering restaurants, each of which will 'adopt' fans from each of the Final Four teams during the weekend," Monforton says. Connecticut fans will be holding court at Hockeytown Café (313-965-9500), Tar Heels will be at Detroit Beer Co. (313-962-1529), Michigan State will be cheering from Chef's Chili Bar (313-961-1700), and Villanova fans will meet at Bookies Tavern (313-962-0319).

#### **Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History**

There's no shortage of museums in Detroit. Start with this one, where the permanent exhibit *And Still We Rise: Our Journey* through African American History and Culture shines a light on the men and women of Detroit who made a difference in civil rights. Also, "see 126 stunning and exact replicas of Tutankhamun's sacred and personal possessions in the exhibit *Wonderful Things From the Pharaoh's Tomb*," Monforton says. The museum currently has an exhibit dedicated to Martin Luther King Jr., which intertwines works from every continent celebrating King's dream. 313-494-5800; [maah-detroit.org](http://maah-detroit.org).

#### **Hoops City at Cobo Center**

For a day filled with basketball, bands and Bow Wow, Hoops City at Cobo Center is where you need to be, Monforton says. There are "basketball competitions, clinics, performances, photo ops, prizes, autograph sessions." Head here tonight for a mega-pep rally featuring the mascots and cheerleaders from each school, and watch the schools' pep bands duel it out in *Battle of the Final Four Bands*. [ncaamarchmadness2009.com/mens/hoop\\_city.aspx](http://ncaamarchmadness2009.com/mens/hoop_city.aspx)

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April 3, 2009

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## Shaking Off the Motown Blues

By LYNN ZINSER

Today is a rare day. We can all be happy for Detroit.

No, the auto industry has not miraculously discovered the way to better cars or gas mileage or how to employ a lot of people again. And no, the looming start of baseball season is not helping because simply thinking about the Tigers spawns an instant migraine. But the Final Four is coming, headlined by the boy from Iron Mountain who wears love for his home state on both sleeves while coaching the heck out of Michigan State.

"I embody the state," says Tom Izzo, in Dan Wetzel's Yahoo column that tells you why you should feel good about all this. And Mike Freeman's column on CBSsports.com does a little cheering for downtrodden Detroit as well.

Actually, the one truly impressive real estate story in Detroit is its sports facilities, Ford Field and Tiger Stadium, clustered tidily in a downtown that desperately wishes it had a neighborhood to match. The Times will have a closer look at them later today.

For now, the city will celebrate its visitors and not just the ones that had the 90-minute bus ride from East Lansing. But Izzo, understandably, stands at the center of it all.

This is also a nice thing, because outside of the Final Four, college basketball has devolved into the silly season of coaching musical chairs. The latest scramble for a chair involves Arizona's chair and Southern Cal Coach Tim Floyd's backside. Memphis also has an empty chair and The Commercial Appeal's Geoff Calkins said he would like Tennessee's Bruce Pearl to jump in it, now that everyone realizes John Calipari is not walking back through that door at Memphis.

One Final Four coach's job is an open question that being the rather toasty chair occupied by Connecticut's Jim Calhoun. Ian O'Connor writes on Foxsports.com that Calhoun shouldn't vacate it after the season, because someone else would have to clean up his mess.

Of course, Calhoun might want to stick around exactly as long as Hasheem Thabeet does, for obvious reasons, although ESPN's Rick Reilly suspects that Thabeet might just be too nice for the N.B.A.

Thabeet does not have to get to the N.B.A. to be swallowed by the business side of his sport. All he has to do is open his eyes this weekend, and watch the N.C.A.A. try not to drown in its own marketing. As USA Today details, I.M.G. has moved into this scene in a big way. What's next? A.I.G.? A federal bailout of Calipari's contract?

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For a little less of the money-runs-the-world feeling, you could head over to the smaller-time women's tournament, where no one has yet sponsored Geno Auriemma's hair (as of Thursday), but has plenty of intriguing story lines, as told by SI.com's Tracy Schultz.

The Final Four might semi-officially ring in spring in the sports world, but baseball makes it completely official. Its opener will come on Sunday, and the trumpets have already started warming up. Of course, Sports Illustrated might want to get its trumpet looked at by a qualified repairman because it is apparently picking the Mets to win the World Series. Providing a bit more rational look at the issues confronting the sports, Tom Verducci gives his take on SI.com and, veering back into nuttiness, Joe Posnanski offers the possibility that the Nationals will make the World Series. Or not.

And this just in: Yankees Manager Joe Girardi will be under a lot of heat this season. We know this because Yahoo's Jeff Passan says so, as does the New York Daily News' Mark Feinsand, and because the sun keeps rising in the East.

A Yankees manager, at least in the post-Billy Martin era, has nothing on a coach of the New Jersey Devils when it comes to having a boss with an itchy ax finger. Thanks to General Manager Lou Lamoriello's rather colorful (as in, blood red colorful) history at this time of year, the Devils' current six-game losing streak has Coach Brent Sutter's fate in serious peril. Although the Bergen Record's Tom Gulitti says Sutter's situation is not like Robbie Ftorek's in 2000, when he was fired with eight games left in the regular season, or Claude Julien's in 2007, when he took the ax with three games left. Both of those teams, by the way, were heading to the playoffs.

For today's hockey hilarity, we bring you to a Boston Bruins game this week, after which a woman was doing the sports arena equivalent of heading upstream to spawn. Hilariously, someone captured it on a video.

The laughs do not stop here, although they might be mixed with tears or groans.

The latest As Jay Cutler Turns episode on the N.F.L. soap opera channel, he now says he never wanted to leave Denver. Commence eye-rolling.

Or cringe at the idea that some Oregon basketball players were detained by the police in Eugene, Ore., for shooting at ducks. Actual ducks.

At least that never happens in Detroit.

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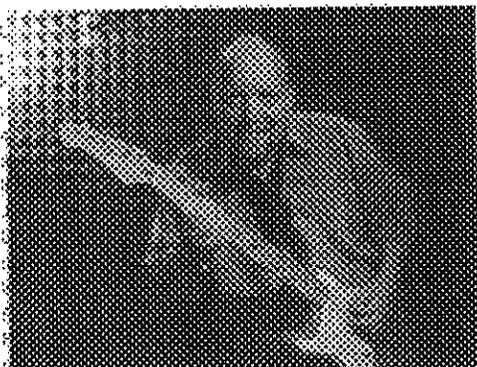
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# Hot Foot Picks from The DANCIN' ROSE | Weekend of 4-3-2009

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## Bird Cage

FRIDAY & SATURDAY: Big Daddy D and the Dynamites "The Band" - Blues/Funk/Swing. 8:30 p.m.

## Coyote Joe's

SATURDAY: The Cheektones. Excellent listening and dancing. 7:00 to 10:30 p.m.

## Matt's

FRIDAY & SATURDAY: Mac Daddy. Great rock and country - lead singer reminds me of Meatloaf! You won't hear Billy Joel played anywhere else on the Row! 9:00 p.m. to close.

## Jersey Lily

FRIDAY: Little Larry. Excellent R&B and Motown. 8:15 p.m.

SATURDAY: The Remedy. Rock & Bluesy Rock 8:15 p.m. to midnight.

## Lyzzard's

FRIDAY: Rhythm Dragons. Rockabilly - new to the row? 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY: Three Jacks. Classic medium rock. 9:00 p.m.

## Hooligans

FRIDAY & SATURDAY: The Scottoggers. Rock & Roll. Adrian Brothers to Led Zeppelin. 8:00 p.m.

## Raven Cafe

FRIDAY: Denise Allen Band. Sultry Blues. 8:00 p.m.

## Pinon Pines

SATURDAY: Chris Berry and the Retrofitters. Classic rock & blues. 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY: Five bands starting with Billy Korthouse. All Metal. 8:00 p.m. to close.

SUNDAY: Combo Deluxe. Always good, the unstoppable L.M.C. 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

## Spirit Room (Jerome)

SUNDAY: Rudy Boy Experiment. Originals, Led Zeppelin, bluesy. 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

## 10/12 Lounge (Clarkdale)

SUN- Chris Berry and the Retrofitters. Classic rock & blues—classic rock & Blues-5-8

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## Spartan men of motown

### MSU needs star guard to stay focused amid hometown hoopla

Joe Rexrode  
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EAST LANSING - Before the postseason began, Kalin Lucas said he "won't leave Michigan State until we win a national championship."

That championship is two victories away. That doesn't mean Lucas is close to leaving, or that he'll even have a viable NBA opportunity. But his family will talk over his options when the season ends.

"That's Kalin's dream, but it's something we don't talk about right now," said Kenneth Lucas, Kalin's father. "I know that when the time comes, at the end of the year, we'll sit down and see how things are. The (NBA) people will get in contact with coach (Tom) Izzo before they contact us. But right now it's not something that Kalin is thinking about."

He has enough to ponder. The Final Four. Playing at Detroit's Ford Field, close to where he grew up. Trying to beat Connecticut in Saturday's national semifinals, then perhaps North Carolina or Villanova in Monday's championship game.

The focus of the 6-foot sophomore will be tested fully as he makes his triumphant homecoming. Lucas, who grew up in Detroit and Sterling Heights and prepped at Orchard Lake St. Mary, will have dozens of family members at today's MSU open practice at noon at Ford Field.

"I think it's gonna hit me when I get there," Lucas said.

His phone has been buzzing with ticket-request calls and text messages, so much so that he turned it off for two days this week.

After a weekend in Indianapolis in which Lucas displayed extreme concentration and floor leadership - guiding MSU to wins over Kansas and Louisville with sure ballhandling, sharp passing and timely scoring - he's on to the biggest weekend of his career.

"Kalin doesn't understand and probably won't understand how big this is for years to come. I can't even walk down the hallway at my job, man," said Kenneth, a property manager for real estate firm CB Richard Ellis. "The truth is, I am worried, and I've talked about it with Kalin. He probably has kids he knew in elementary and middle school calling him."

MSU is staying in Troy, 23 miles from downtown Detroit, by design. Without totally cutting off the players from the excitement of the moment, the coaching staff is trying to treat this like a typical NCAA trip.

"You have to be mature enough to understand that if you do your job, there's plenty of time Monday night to get with all those people," Izzo said. "It's tough. Until you go through it, you really don't know. The distractions that seem minor can be major. It's who's focused the most. Every shirt we've made on this trip, there's always something with the word 'focus' with it."

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"I told (the players) that I hope they leave their cell phones at home. Well, that's unrealistic in this day and age. That would be like taking their heart away from them, so I can't do that.

"But I just tried to say it and tell them. I think it's harder for Durrell (Summers) and (Lucas) because they're right there and they know everybody."

Lucas is averaging 12.8 points and 5.5 assists a game in four NCAA games. He has grown by "leaps and bounds" as a vocal presence, Izzo said, and he has become more of a distributor in the postseason.

"One thing I did show was a lot of leadership," Lucas said, "just trying to get my teammates involved."

He showed his talent, too. In Friday's comeback from a 13-point deficit to beat Kansas, Lucas went up hard for a dunk late in the first half. He missed, but he was fouled and the aggression "was a statement," Izzo said.

Lucas hit the game-winning shot on Kansas star and NBA prospect Sherron Collins. He drove, faked, took a hit from Collins and nailed the shot, plus the foul.

Lucas had seven of his 18 points in the final 48 seconds. It was the kind of performance people notice.

"He's put himself on the radar with NBA people much more because of this run," said draft analyst Chris Monter, publisher of the Monter Draft News, who said it's "possible" that Lucas could be a draftable prospect this year.

Lucas is on the small side for the NBA, and he is not projected as a first-round pick by Monter or other analysts at this point. Runs like this can improve a player's stock significantly.

But Lucas can't worry about the NBA, his family, friends, tickets or cell phone now. UConn and basketball's biggest weekend are plenty for a 19-year-old.

"I just told him it's a once-in-a-lifetime deal, so just don't be too uptight about it," Kenneth Lucas said. "Have fun with it."

## Additional Facts

MSU's "D" team

Kalin Lucas

Year: Sophomore

Height/weight: 6-0, 180

Stats: 14.6 ppg, 4.6 apg

High school: Orchard Lake St. Mary's

Nickname: K or Too Easy

Best moment: Three-point play with 48 seconds left to beat Kansas in the Midwest Regional semifinals.

Quote: "What's unique about us in Detroit? We got swag (swagger)."

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Durrell Summers

Year: Sophomore

Height/weight: 6-4, 195

Stats: 8.4 ppg, 3.3 rpg

High school: Detroit Redford Covenant Christian

Nickname: Rell

Best moment: Seven straight points to break open MSU's win over Louisville in the Midwest Regional final.

Quote: "We're hoping to bring a little sunlight down there (to Detroit)."

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## Dick Jerardi: Arrival of Final Four has Motown's streets bustling



By Dick Jerardi  
Philadelphia Daily News

Daily News Sports Columnist

DETROIT - As I climbed into the media bus/limo outside the Marriott Renaissance yesterday, I was thinking this looked very promising. The limo had everything but televisions and clinking cocktail glasses. The ride to Ford Field, I was told, would be about 5 minutes. Michigan State was due on the floor in 30 minutes.

Not quite 45 minutes later, we arrived.

"This is worse than the Super Bowl," the limo driver said.

The streets were gridlocked, because so many people were trying to get to Ford Field to see the Spartans' open practice. By the way, is basketball ever supposed to be played in a field?

I did notice the Greektown

Casino Hotel just a few blocks from Ford. I had heard rumors that the Vinman, a.k.a. Vince

Curran, and Cornell coach Steve Donahue were holed up in the Greektown and were spotted in the casino somewhere near dawn yesterday. This could not be verified by press time.

### Inside Ford Field

I had been hearing about the setup for years. Not much was complimentary, which is no great surprise when you place a raised-floor basketball court in the middle of a football stadium.

The walk from the backstage area to the floor was not reminiscent of the walk from the Palestra press room to the greatest press seating in sports. This one, down elevators, through

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corridors, down ramps/tunnels and

finally to the floor went into minutes, not seconds.

Remember those student seats at \$7 each that you heard about? Well, the 1,680 seats (each school got 420) are at floor level - behind a bank of cameras, with all the rows at the same level and a great view of the giant video screen.

The students, however, will be able to say they were there. And CBS will love them.

Speaking of CBS, the network decided late Wednesday that it wanted its courtside broadcast position on a raised platform to get Jim Nantz and Clark Kellogg at the same level as the raised floor. Which left NCAA officials scrambling yesterday to reseat the 16 media members who were suddenly looking at the backs of Nantz and Kellogg.

### **The Spartan story**

Michigan State preceded Villanova on the court. As they got ready to leave, the Spartans paused to wave to the large crowd. They will get major vocal support tonight against Connecticut, but given how far the stands are from the court, you wonder what the players will be able to hear. Michigan State is more likely to need help on the scoreboard, anyway.

### **The committee**

Ran into Mike Slive, the Southeastern Conference commissioner and chairman of the Selection Committee. He told me that 72,400 tickets have been sold for tonight's doubleheader. Some of these people better bring binoculars.

Slive has been at his home in Birmingham, Ala., for exactly 36 hours in the last month. He was in Indianapolis for the selections before going to Dayton for the opening-round game. He watched the first- and second-round games from the control room at NCAA headquarters in Indianapolis.

Last week, Slive went from Phoenix to Memphis to Boston and, finally, to Indianapolis. He saw 2 nights of Sweet 16 games and two regional finals.

### **How is that possible?**

Talked to Louisville SID Kenny Klein about the Cardinals' loss to Michigan State last

Sunday. Few (certainly not me) saw that coming.

Klein told me Rick Pitino wouldn't be coming to Detroit. With the new Basketball Hall of Fame class set to be announced Monday (I was told by a highly placed source that Michael

Jordan is going to make it), I was wondering how Pitino wasn't even a finalist. Klein was wondering the same thing.

One coach has taken three schools to the Final Four. How can that coach not even be a finalist?

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## **Villanova on the floor**

The Wildcats players were actually introduced one by one as they came on the floor for their "practice."

I tried to concentrate on the doings above me. My mind, however, was drifting ahead to the game.

Called Villanova senior Bryan Besecker, a graduate of Pennsbury High, where he started for the basketball team. He was a practice player for 'Nova's team as a freshman. He is out here with the Villanova club basketball team.

"If there is some way we can contain Ty Lawson . . ." Bryan said about tonight's game.

Bryan, a very good student, is a finance and economics major searching for a job in a bleak market. Prospective employers get a bonus. He would be a very good pickup player at lunchtime.

After the Wildcats vacated the court, I wandered back to the Villanova locker room. The Rev. Rob Hagan, the team chaplain and an associate athletic director, was hanging out with the assistant coaches. He was dressed casually.

"I will have my uniform on tomorrow," Hagan promised.

Villanova coach Jay Wright was talking to a few reporters in the hallway. He doesn't know enough to "big-time" anyone, even in the ultimate big-time event. It is just not in his nature.

The 2005 loss to North Carolina in the Sweet 16 was brought up. Wright just watched some of that tape.

"There are none of the same players," he said. "But we got to look at the Carolina style vs. the Villanova style. It helped us in that way."

Wright was thinking about former assistant Brett Gunning, now in his first year with the Houston Rockets.

"I'm dying for him," Wright said. "He's been with me everywhere I've been."

Jay's wife, Patty, is down the hall. When she is asked whether she actually has seen her husband in the last week, she smiled and said: "I see him."

## **The way back**

I was told by *Daily News* alum Dana O'Neil that it is a 10-minute walk from Ford Field to the hotel. As I leave, however, the limo pulled up. I couldn't resist.

I got on the bus with several Big East officials, figuring they would have some juice. Thirty minutes later, after a tour of Dresden, aka Detroit, we found our way back to the hotel. Big

East commissioner Mike Traghese was not amused. I thanked the driver for showing us the sights and sounds of Detroit.

Motown was playing in the lobby. A weather forecast in the elevator suggested snow showers for Monday, the day of the championship game. Welcome to the Final Four. \*

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### Final Four hope to find their mojo in Motown

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Anybody 4-for-4 in those brackets?

The Final Four field saw no team lower than a No. 3 seed winning its way to Detroit. UConn faces Michigan State at 6:07 tonight followed by North Carolina against Villanova at 8:47 p.m.

Story lines abound to keep the suspense rolling. This is the last chance for UNC forward Tyler Hansbrough to punctuate one of college basketball's best statistical careers with his first championship.

UConn has continued to win despite a report of potential NCAA recruiting violations and an alarming hospital visit during the first round for Coach Jim Calhoun.

Michigan State enjoys its fifth Final Four in 11 seasons. Villanova wouldn't mind recapturing the magic from last week's last-second victory against Pittsburgh in the East Region final that sent the Wildcats to the Final Four for the first time since their 1985 title.

Here's a breakdown of each team.

*JEREMY FOWLER*

*OF THE SENTINEL STAFF*

#### **N. Carolina (32-4)**

•*How they got here:* Wins over Radford (101-58), LSU (84-70), Gonzaga (98-77) and Oklahoma (72-60) in the South Region.

•*Strength:* The country's most talented trio: Tyler Hansbrough, Ty Lawson and Wayne Ellington.

•*Weakness:* Complacency. The Tar Heels will disappear if Lawson is off.

•*Buzz:* There's no reason why UNC shouldn't fulfill its title expectations.

#### **Villanova (30-7)**



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•*How they got here:* Wins over American (80-67), UCLA (89-69), Duke (77-54) and Pitt (78-76) in the East Region.

•*Strength:* Aggressive guard play, dribble-drive penetration and 3-point shooting.

•*Weakness:* Lack of a true center could give UNC an advantage.

•*Buzz:* You can't write off 'Nova after it slashed through arguably the most difficult road.

## **Michigan St. (30-6)**

•*How they got here:* Wins over Robert Morris (77-62), USC (74-69), Kansas (67-62) and Louisville (64-52) in the Midwest Region.

•*Strength:* Superb rebounding and a containment defense that thwarts penetration.

•*Weakness:* No dominant low-post scorer to handle Thabeet.

•*Buzz:* If grind-it-out MSU can keep the game against UConn in the 60s, advantage, Spartans.

## **UConn (31-4)**

•*How they got here:* Wins over Tennessee-Chattanooga (103-47), Texas A&M (92-66), Purdue (72-60) and Missouri (82-75) in the West Region.

•*Strength:* Athletes, athletes and more athletes.

•*Weakness:* The Huskies are the worst 3-point-shooting team in the Final Four at 34.1 percent.

•*Buzz:* The more Hasheem Thabeet blocks, the more fast breaks for UConn — and trouble for MSU.

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## Gonzo: Hard miles to Motown



By John Gonzalez

Inquirer Columnist

DETROIT - When Mike Daly called around 11 a.m. yesterday, I asked where he was. It was probably a stupid question.

"We're in the middle of nowhere," he said.

Made sense. Daly and three other former Villanova basketball players - Chris Ford, Tom Ingelsby and Ed Hastings - were in the process of driving from Philly to Detroit to watch the Wildcats play in the Final Four. Apparently, it's not a scenic trip.

You have to go through Western Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan to get to Detroit. Which means once you leave Philly, you're pretty much driving through the middle of nowhere the entire time before arriving in the middle of nowhere. (Hello to all my friends in Pittsburgh and Toledo.)

I suppose driving to a city built around the auto industry is somewhat poetic. Poetic and - hold on while I consult my Thesaurus. Ah yes. Here's the word I was looking for: sick. Driving to Detroit is sick.

Why in the name of Lee Iacocca would anyone subject themselves to a nine-hour, 583-mile ride?

"Ford is superstitious," Daly said.

Last weekend, Daly and Ford drove to Boston to watch 'Nova play. Since the Wildcats won in grand fashion, they figured they should also drive to Detroit, lest they anger whatever strange gods monitor these things. For reasons surpassing understanding, Ingelsby and Hastings decided to sign up for the trip, too.

Personally, I think they should have flown and just worn the same shirts they had on at the

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Garden. That would have addressed the superstition problem, and it would have been a lot easier - especially on Ingelsby, who just had double hip-replacement surgery.

"I'm in the back seat," he said. "I'm a little stiff."

When I asked how the trip was going otherwise, he passed the phone back to Daly.

"Well, it's raining," Daly said. "But Ingelsby is great company. And Ford is superb behind the wheel."

And Hastings?

"Hastings is marginal," Daly said.

See, road trips require the participants to do a little planning. Forget about the directions, the most important part is making sure you're stocked up on snacks.

That was Hastings' job. He had cut up a bunch of strawberries and bananas and oranges and grapes to eat during the ride.

"I was trying to keep these guys healthy," Hastings said.

A few hours into the trip, they were all starving. Hastings told Ford to pull over so they could grab the food out of the trunk. And Ford would have - if only Hastings had remembered to bring the fruit along.

"Ed left it in the garage," Daly said. "It's not the first time he's failed us."

"He's brutal," Ingelsby added.

In the background, I could hear Hastings.

"Hey," he said, "he's not going to put all this in the paper, is he?"

That's basically how the conversation went. I felt kind of bad for Hastings. They still had about six hours to go, and he was taking a lot of heat from the others.

I wanted to talk to Ford about the comedy of errors that he had set in motion, but the signal kept cutting in and out. They were somewhere outside Altoona when I lost them. Right before the line went dead, I heard Daly cry out, "Can we get Hastings to pay for one of these tolls?"

I hope he didn't leave his wallet in the garage.

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Ran into CBS color analyst Clark Kellogg yesterday. We had an interesting conversation.

When he was done signing autographs for the fans, he paused long enough to talk about Villanova's chances.

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"They're playing really well right now, and they're so competitive," Kellogg said. "Pound for pound, I think they're the strongest team left in the tournament. They have that pit-bull mentality."

Anyone who watched the Wildcats bully UCLA and Duke would no doubt agree. When I asked Kellogg whether that meant the Tar Heels should prepare themselves for a physical evening, he nodded and gave me his expert basketball opinion. At least I think he was talking about basketball.

"Oh yeah," Kellogg said "they better strap it on hard and tight."

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Checked out the student sections at Ford Field. They're behind the baskets. The problem is that both areas are completely flat. Good luck to the kids who are watching the games from there. You could be **Hasheem Thabeet** and you still wouldn't be able to see over the crowd. . . . Current odds to win the tournament, according to BetUs.com: UNC 4/5, UConn 9/4, Michigan State 21/4 and Villanova 7/1. . . . Odds on the first coach to get ejected: **Jim Calhoun** 1/1, **Tom Izzo** 2/1, **Jay Wright** 5/2 and **Roy Williams** 4/1. . . . After UNC arrived in Detroit, **Ty Lawson** said he spent some time at the local casinos and won \$250. He's of legal age, but the NCAA isn't crazy about its players gambling. If you're wondering, **Scottie Reynolds** says that the Wildcats haven't frequented any of the Greektown casinos. "We haven't been gambling or anything," he said. "As far as Ty, we know when it comes time for him to step on the court, he's going to lead his team." **Bob Ford** was sitting behind me when Reynolds said that, and he took the liberty of putting it another way: "Ty Lawson - he'll hit the big shot and the soft 17." That's the line of the tournament right there.

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## Let spotlights, and tax incentives, work for Michigan

Mitch Albom is correct in his column last Sunday ("Cap movie credits? Might as well kill 'em"). He recognizes the benefits Michigan has enjoyed from the tax incentives for movies made here. He realizes the movie business is one of the few good things to happen in our state recently. There is excitement; people are learning new skills; the business realized a profit of more than \$120 million.

Clint Eastwood predicts Michigan will be the next Hollywood. His successful movie "Gran Torino" was filmed entirely in the metropolitan Detroit area. State Sen. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, and her cosponsors must realize their faulty thinking.

*Hannah Provence Donigan, Commerce*

## See bigger picture

I read, with alarm, Mitch Albom's March 29 column, learning that state Sen. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, was leading opposition to Michigan's growing film industry ("Cap movie tax breaks? Might as well kill 'em").

I moved to Michigan from Indiana 10 years ago, and, even then, as a young 20-something, I was one of few young people moving to, not from, the state. I am now in my 30s, responsible for marketing and planning for a local health system, and am a proud participant in Leadership Detroit 30.

I am shocked that Cassis would oppose measures that have brought promise, opportunity and potential to our region. I am thrilled at the money and the prestige the film industry is bringing to Michigan.

As Cassis said, we are Motown, not Tinseltown; but even Motown pulled up stakes more than 30 years ago and moved to Tinseltown to, yes, make movies. Imagine if we had the foresight back then to develop a properly functioning film industry. Motown might have stayed and prospered. And more companies would have come here. And we would have a diversified economy to offset our blind adherence to a manufacturing culture all these years.

We have a real shot with this, but we need strong leadership from people like Cassis to see a bigger picture.

**Roy Sexton**

*Saline*

## Star-struck giveaway

Last I looked, this was a working person's state, not the land of make believe. But while Albom's favorite party chose to raise taxes on businesses, driving them out of this state and trying to impose "use taxes" on the residents while subsidizing Hollywood millionaires, that was OK.

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Another opinion of Albom's I don't quite understand is the problem he has with requiring that 90% of the film crew is from Michigan. Are Michiganders incapable of holding a microphone or operating a camera? If I'm not mistaken, there have even been one or two successful actors that were from Michigan.

Albom should take his own advice and "shut up," "keep quiet," and "cool his jets."

**David Manoogian**

*Canton*

## Try more incentives

Michigan not only needs to continue tax incentives for the movie industry, we need to expand those incentives to other selected industries

State Sen. Cassis argues that we are Motown, not Tinsel Town, and tax incentives to the movie industry should be diminished. All of my children are professional musicians, and none of them can even consider a career in Michigan at this point.

Let's change that. Let's keep our young people in the state by offering tax incentives to multiple industries. Let's offer enticements to service industry franchises that can be managed by and employ our laid-off manufacturing workers. Let's fund and give incentives to high-tech industries such as advanced manufacturing design and development

Let's teach Michigan-based companies to stay ahead of the international competition through flexible structuring that promotes continuous innovation. Let's develop cross-cultural savvy so we can make and sell products worldwide and use the reasonable taxes from that income to fund our roads and schools.

Let's stop whining and do it now.

**David C. Strubler**

*Oakland*

## Too little sense

Mitch Albom hit the nail on the head again with his comment: "Is it just me, or is common sense becoming all too uncommon"? For some nonsensical reason, state Sen. Nancy Cassis has decided to discourage the burgeoning movie business in Michigan. Is it that Michigan has more new businesses than we can handle?

**Joseph A. Bieke**

*Troy*

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# The Eccentric Soul Revue: Chicago's mini-Motown

Local label reunites five veteran Chicago soul musicians for one-off show



By Jeremy Gantz April 4, 2009

During the heydays of Motown Records, Chicago hosted dozens of labels, like Dakar Records and Brunswick, that are rarely ever acknowledged today. That could change after tonight, when Park West's Eccentric Soul Revue presents a group of veteran soul musicians—some of whom haven't performed publicly since the '70s. Organized by local label Numero Group—which strives to unearth and re-release the "dustiest gems" from soul, disco, and other genres—the concert unites five vintage Chicago acts from the short-lived local Twilight roster, including Byl Johnson (the label's only bona fide star) backed by The Uptown Sound, a local quartet dedicated to keeping the Windy City soul sound (sans horn) alive. Before the big show, Decider caught up with Johnson, singer Ronald Domino, and Uptown guitarist Billy Bungeerth to talk about what's wrong with

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Chicago clubs today and why hip-hop is good for soul music.

**Decider: What should people unfamiliar with Chicago soul music expect from the show?**

**Syl Johnson:** Well, it's gonna take 'em to original, traditional Chicago music. Old school. Man, when you go across the world, you hear this music. You hear this groove. You hear the bassline. You hear the melody lines. Especially Motown and this kind of funky rhythm and blues. There's never been a company as imitated as Motown in the history of the world.

**D: So Chicago soul music was overshadowed by Motown back in the day?**

**SJ:** Yeah. Motown was a monster—Monstertown.

**D: What do you miss most about Chicago's nightlife during that era?**

**SJ:** Well, the black clubs have DJs now. They don't have bands. But I've made a lot of money from so-called "sampling." Like 99 percent more, in terms of platinum and money. I love hip-hop music, because the key is my music makes a lot of money. Call a spade a spade—[hip-hop artists] sell a lot of records. Tupac did me on two different records.

**Renaldo Domino:** Chicago nightlife doesn't really exist anymore. Back then, you had a show going on on every other corner. You made [a living] off shows.

**D: Why do so few clubs book live bands today?**

**SJ:** Greed. You made a big buck and it became fashionable for the record-spinning. People got fed up with bands a little bit I guess. There were so many. So they got the right music [on record]—Motown, James Brown—and they just get down. But bands were great—live entertainment was the thing.

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**D: Did you think you were about to make it big back then?**

**RD:** It was hard. You know why? Because my peers were Aretha Franklin, James Brown, Sam & Dave, Jackson 5, Stevie Wonder. These were the people I was competing against. So I look at today's artists, and they nowhere near measure up to the people back then. Because everybody back then are legends now. And then it was a lot harder, business-wise, because in '69, '68 there was a lot of racial stuff going on in the music business. You can get your props today better than you could back then. You weren't given your publishing rights and royalties and all that stuff. That's why you got guys like Jay-Z and P. Diddy because barriers were broke down to give them their right money.

**D: Billy, how have you prepared for this show? Did you know these songs at all?**

**Billy Bungeroth:** I'm a record collector, so I knew all these artists. They don't know it, but having all of them in my house right now is amazing to me. Chicago soul was as exciting as Motown and Memphis. There's no documentary on it, but we had Sam Cooke, we had the Staple Singers, we had Curtis Mayfield, we had the Impressions. We had so much stuff. And these guys played with them, were part of it, were influenced by them. And just like the old Delta bluesmen who are gone now, this is our last link to that. It would be beautiful for people to come out and really experience this thing that happened.

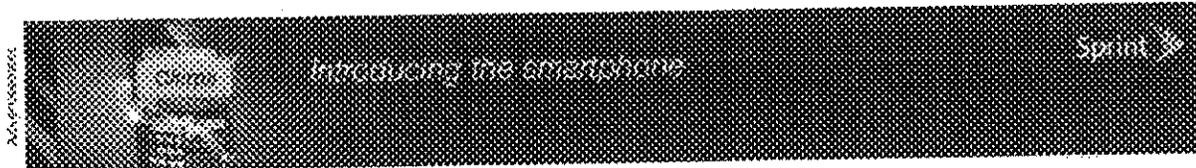
**D: How close do you think you'll get to the real thing?**

**BB:** Well, we're interested in recreating our idea of it. The best thing that could happen, I think, is that we recreate our romanticized ideal of that time. And let people live in that. I have no idea what the real thing is.

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# Insider: Pistons face the music in Motown without Iverson

By Jon Saraceno, USA TODAY

The troubled chemistry experiment between Allen Iverson and the Pistons appeared to bubble over for the last time Friday when the team said he won't play for the remainder of the season. That likely ended his one-season stint in Detroit.

Joe Dumars, president of basketball operations, said in a statement that Iverson "was still feeling some discomfort" in his back and, after meeting with the former league MVP and team's medical staff, they decided his season was over. Iverson was unavailable for comment.

### POWER RANKINGS. Cavs, Lakers #1-2

The Pistons probably will release Iverson to clear more than \$20 million in salary-cap space. Two potential scenarios would be for Iverson to sign with a weaker team where he could continue to be a big scorer and a big ticket-seller, or go to a mid-level contender whose team he might be able to elevate.

Iverson, 33, missed 16 games with the injury, but last week complained about coming off the bench.

### Key games this week

**-Utah Jazz at Dallas Mavericks (Wednesday):** The loser loses ground in order to avoid being the No. 8 seed and facing the unenviable task of playing the Los Angeles Lakers in the first round of the playoffs. The Jazz (48-39) hold a slight lead over the Mavericks (48-34) for the seventh spot.

**-Denver Nuggets at Lakers (Thursday):** The red-hot Nuggets (51-25) are trying to stave off the sliding San Antonio Spurs (49-27) for the second seed in the West. Meanwhile, the Lakers (51-18) trail the Cleveland Cavaliers entering Sunday by one game in the loss column for the NBA's best record. The Lakers have owned the Nuggets the last two seasons, winning nine of 10.

**-Boston Celtics at Cavaliers (Sunday):** In what might be a preview of the Eastern Conference Finals, these two powerhouses collide in Cleveland, where the Cavaliers have won 37 of 38 games this season.

### Steele playoff-bound:

The Philadelphia 76ers clinched a playoff berth Saturday and will try to improve their seeding in their remaining seven games.

The 76ers defeated the Detroit Pistons 95-90 at home as Andre Iguodala scored a season-high 31 points and Andre Miller added a triple-double with 21 points, 12 assists and 10 rebounds.

The postseason berth culminated a reversal in fortunes for a team that was five games below .500 in early December when it promoted Tony DiLeo to replace coach Maurice Cheeks.

Entering Sunday's game against New Jersey, the 76ers (40-35) are seeded fifth, tied with the Miami Heat. Philadelphia has critical road games this week against Charlotte (Tuesday) and Chicago (Thursday).

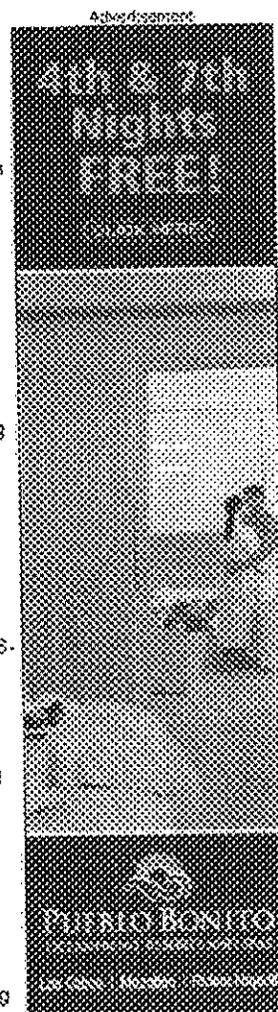


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**Bynum inching closer:**

Lakers center Andrew Bynum, who has missed 30 games with an injured knee, scrimmaged with the team in a full-contact practice Saturday. Coach Phil Jackson said Bynum was day to day. Bynum tore the medial collateral ligament in his right knee Jan. 31.

**Jordan a shoo-in:**

Former Chicago Bulls great Michael Jordan is considered a slam-dunk to highlight the 2009 class of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame to be announced today in Detroit. Others who received strong consideration are John Stockton, David Robinson and Jerry Sloan.

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# NEW YORK POST

## MOTOWN ROCKS WITH OLD-SCHOOL FEEL

By MIKE VACCARO

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What will  
the future  
bring to  
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DETROIT — Right away, you could tell something was different, because even 20 minutes before the evening's first jump ball there was . . . well, noise. Lots of it. And buzz; loads of it. And excitement, enough to rattle the roof. You could hear it, but more than that you could feel it. You could, in fact, almost taste it.

### NCAA BRACKET

See, this is what college basketball is supposed to be about, what it *is* about across 90 percent of the season. If you want cool and bloodless, you can find that any night you want in the NBA, where the talent is the story, where the games themselves rarely inspire much in the way of passion or revelry.

Most of the time, you can walk into a Final Four game in the middle you wouldn't be able to distinguish it from a Sam's Club: lots of people, a hive-like buzz, but nothing to inspire goose pimples. They play the games in antiseptic domes now, the real fans need telescopes to follow the action, and the noise dies somewhere between the mezzanine and the loge.

This was all about goose pimples. This was about Michigan State, located an hour and a half from Ford Field, and this was about maybe half of the 72,456 people inside the building, the half wearing green, who either live in the state of Michigan or love it, who know how badly the whole state is hurting, especially this city.

The half that turned the Final Four into a combination Bob Seger, Kid Rock and Eminem concert last night, all while watching their Spartans flatten the Huskies, 82-73, advancing to within 40 minutes of the program's third national championship in 30 years, where they'll face North Carolina, which cruised past Villanova in the nightcap, 83-69.

"It's hard to explain the emotion of the day," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "I told the guys, I've experienced other Final Fours. But I never had the experience of 70,000-some people, with most of them pulling for us."

This was about people who aren't even necessarily Michigan State alums, or Spartans fans, jamming a huge cavern with sound, and with emotion, trying to wish and to will the locals past the big, bad Huskies, trying to buy one more night of home-field-advantage basketball, hoping for (and getting) a rematch with big, bad Carolina, hoping for something to smile about in a time filled with such relentless despair.

"Detroit has been struggling," Michigan State's Kalin Lucas had said the other day. "A lot of people been getting laid off and stuff like that. So us playing here in the Final Four, us being a Michigan team playing, it can bring a smile to everybody that lives in the City of Detroit."

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And, really, the way Ford Field sounded yesterday, from opening tap to final buzzer, it was enough to bring a smile to everyone who cares about the sport of college basketball, too.

No one is suggesting that anyone turn the Final Four into anyone's home-court advantage on a regular basis, but the Spartans-Huskies game did hearken to a simpler time, when they actually played the sport's most important games in *basketball arenas*.

But they haven't done that since Kentucky outlasted Syracuse at the Meadowlands back in 1996, and only a massive downsizing of a very popular sport will ever take these games out of domes ever again. So, mostly, we are stuck with basketball games that have all the antiseptic charm of an operating room during elective surgery.

And then there was this one: a beauty right from the start, Michigan State bursting to a quick 10-2 lead, Ford Field sounding a little like you assume the Breslin Center back in East Lansing probably sounds when Michigan or Indiana is in the house, actually giving the roof a good rattle and the aisles a marvelous hum.

And as it all began to sink in, it became something else: When Durrell Summers slam-dunked over UConn's Stanley Robinson late in the game, you could feel the court itself begin to shimmy.

The NCAA was nice enough to decorate Ford Field with banners showing how far each school had traveled to get here (Connecticut: 746 miles! North Carolina: 701! Villanova: 572!), and so any time you wanted you could look up at the green-and-white sign that said, "Michigan State: 92 miles."

Or you could simply close your eyes and listen. And you would surely know.

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