

TODAY'S BUZZ

Weather: 7-day forecast

6 a.m.	Noon	6 p.m.	Midnight	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.
33	42	44	38	54/40	57/43	59/46	68/47	59/40	59/36
Some sun; windy, cooler	Some sun; windy, cooler	Cloudy with a shower	Partly cloudy	Milder with a shower	Showers possible	Showers possible	Rain possible	Rain and drizzle; cooler	Windy and cooler
RealFeel: 18	33	33	31	50/33	53/32	55/39	65/36	51/29	52/21

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Roadwork

A brief update on major road projects around Metro Detroit. Go to detnews.com/commuting to see the full list.

I-275: In Romulus, expect a single lane closure SB over Van Born Road until early May, while crews install a new steel beam in the structure.

I-75: Expect a single lane closure NB at Brush, in Detroit, until 6 p.m. Thursday.

Queen for a day — or two

Purtan sidekick Alan Muskovitz works out the next stage of his entertaining career

Alan Muskovitz was on his way to Florida, taking a week off from his year off, when he had a sudden, piercing thought.

He's been trying not to overdo the cogitation, but he found himself wondering nonetheless: If he were still on the radio with Dick Purtan, what would he be doing about the royal wedding?

It's been 53 weeks since Purtan signed off at WOMC-FM (104.3), leaving Muskovitz to fend for himself and actually get some sleep for a change. Known as Big Al Muskavito during his 14 full-time years on a truly iconic show, Muskovitz wrote scripts, acted them out and did upwards of 60 different voices. For a stage performance that happened to fall on Purtan's birthday, he also dressed like Marilyn Monroe and sang a breathy "Happy Birthday."



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Few people can (or would) claim that skill set, and it's one that Muskovitz is only now figuring out how to apply to life off the air. That takes us back to the original question about the royal wedding, and the answer was obvious: Dress like Queen Elizabeth II and dance around his living room.

Over-the-top and big-in-the-bottom, Muskovitz's queen is cavorting through videos on YouTube and stands widely available for radio shows, television programs, conventions, bridal shops or bar mitzvahs. After a year of recharging, he and Her Highness are telling the world two things.

First, "I'm out there, I'm creative, and I want to work again doing creative things." Second, he's very difficult to embarrass.

Funny since fourth grade

Muskovitz, 56, was the kid in fourth grade who not only knew all the routines on Bill Cosby's latest album, he could deliver them in Cosby's voice.

He went on to become the funniest real estate advertising specialist in Oakland County, and that's what he might still be if he and his wife hadn't sold their condo to WJBK-TV (Channel 2) newscaster Sherry Margolis and her husband, writer Jeff Zaslow.

The four became fast friends, and having laughed most of the way up north one day, Margolis told Muskovitz, "You should be on Dick Purtan's show."

It was 1992, and that was like telling a guy spinning stories at a party he should be sitting next to Johnny Carson. Yeah, right,



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Alan Muskovitz's latest impression is Queen Elizabeth II. He's available for parties.

Muskovitz said, but Margolis reached out, Purtan's producer agreed to listen to an audition tape, and then the phone rang: Can you do Bill Clinton?

No problem. He started with Purtan as an occasional voice, then came aboard permanently when the show moved to WOMC.

Once, he did his Regis Philbin for Philbin, who talked about it the next day on his show. Another time, he talked his way through the Townsend Hotel switchboard as Sen. Edward Kennedy to reach John F. Kennedy Jr., then did it again as Jimmy Carter.

Landscape changes

Then radio changed and the fun leached out of it and Purtan retired, because you can't do comedy when management is pestering you to play 14 songs an hour.

Writing late and performing early, Muskovitz had been existing on maybe 4½ hours of sleep a night. Zaslow advised him to sit back for a while, figure out his niche and shoot at a wider target.

"I think he'd be a great monologue writer for one of the late-night TV shows, and he could also do entertaining bits here and there on air," Zaslow said. "I could also picture him in prison, entertaining the guards for extra rations."

Muskovitz is open to most anything. He played the leader of a polka band on an episode of "Detroit 1-8-7," and he's done some voice-overs, but competition is so high and technology is so easy that impressionists are competing against people half a continent away who'll work for \$25.

The Queen Elizabeth videos went to Jay Leno, who said no, and "The View," which said nothing, and Ellen Degeneres, whose people asked, "Can you dance?" So he kicked up his sensible shoes and taped another routine — and they said, "Sorry. Don't need you."

It's a long race, though, and he's just out of the starting blocks, and he's an optimist. By Friday morning, the dancing video had 38 views online. "I'm only 999,962 hits away," he said, "from going viral."

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TUESDAY TV PICK



MEKEISHA MADDEN TOBY

Joe Zee's name is not as recognizable as that of, say Tim Gunn's, but he's working on it. As a celebrity stylist and the creative director at Elle magazine, Zee is highly respected in the fashion industry. This is one reason he's headlining the new Sundance Channel reality show "All on the Line." Each week, Zee helps struggling designers save their fashion lines from ruin. These are designers who used to have red-hot careers but have lost their way with time. "All on the Line" airs at 10 tonight.

TV guide: See what's on television tonight. 4C

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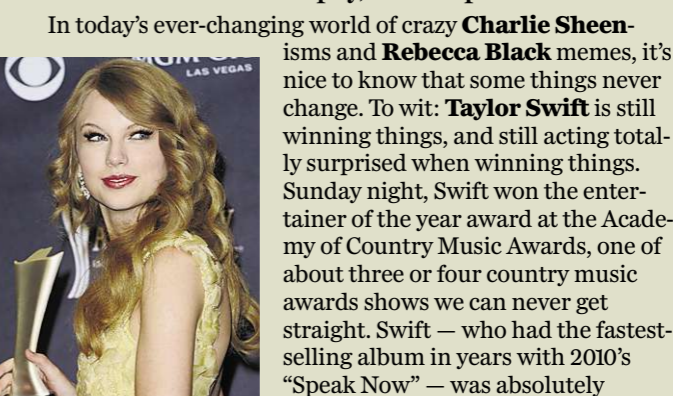
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Swift collects another trophy, acts surprised



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Honor for Taylor Swift.

In today's ever-changing world of crazy Charlie Sheens and Rebecca Black memes, it's nice to know that some things never change. To wit: Taylor Swift is still winning things, and still acting totally surprised when winning things.

Sunday night, Swift won the entertainer of the year award at the Academy of Country Music Awards, one of about three or four country music awards shows we can never get straight. Swift — who had the fastest-selling album in years with 2010's "Speak Now" — was absolutely shocked (shocked!) when she won, striking her familiar OMG pose with her mouth agape and the award in her hand. (It's a Swift classic.) "This is the first time that I've ever won this and I'm just losing my mind," Swift said, fighting back tears. Can someone please pull Swift aside and let her know how popular she is?

Beyoncé to return this summer

Are you ready for the return of Beyoncé? Jay-Z's better half is set to release a new album in June, the Daily Telegraph reports. The set will be her first since 2008's "I Am ... Sasha Fierce," which not only brought us "Single Ladies" but also its video, which both a) inspired Justin Timberlake to play dress-up in a one-piece bodysuit on "SNL" and b) was the centerpiece of the controversy between Kanye West and Taylor Swift. In what seismic ways will Beyoncé shift pop culture this time around? Stick around to find out!

Today's birthdays

"Diamond" Dallas Page, 55
 Christopher "Kid" Reid, 47
 Pharrell Williams, 38

Ke\$ha heading to DTE

Ke\$ha is bringing her sleaze back to Metro Detroit. The "TiK ToK" singer will visit DTE Energy Music Theatre during the next leg of her "Get Sleazy" tour, her record label announced early Monday. She's due at the Clarkston amphitheater Aug. 26; ticket information is TBA.



Ke\$ha

Also ...

The on-sale date for Britney Spears' July 28 date at the Palace of Auburn Hills has been pushed back, Palace officials announced Monday. A new date has not been announced. Tickets were originally due to go on sale Saturday. No reason was given for the switcheroo, but it may have something to do with the ongoing search for a new opening act.

Mary J. Blige will release "My Life II: The Journey Continues" on Sept. 20, her record label announced Monday. Producers on the set include Danja, Kanye West, Stargate, Swizz Beatz and the Underdogs. The video for the album's first single, "Someone to Love Me (Naked)," is set to premiere tonight on BET following "The Game."

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Lottery

MICHIGAN

Mon., April 4

Evening: 109, 4932

Midday: 871, 7818

Fantasy 5: 4, 8, 15, 16, 29

Monday jackpot: \$100K

Keno: 1, 4, 13, 16, 27, 31, 32, 33, 34, 38, 44, 46, 49, 50, 52, 55, 56, 60, 65, 72, 77, 80

Sun., April 3

Evening: 196, 8480

Midday: 111, 2563

Fantasy 5: 3, 15, 26, 30, 38

Sunday jackpot: \$342K

Sat., April 2

Classic Lotto: 9, 28, 29, 34, 36, 47

Wednesday jackpot: \$1.1M

Powerball: 6, 22, 34, 43, 45; 23

Wednesday jackpot: \$218M

Fri., April 1

Mega Millions: 13, 14, 35, 36, 53; 19

Tuesday jackpot: \$30M

OHIO

Mon., April 4

Evening: 926, 5379

Midday: 920, 6537

Lotto: 1, 3, 5, 10, 33, 49

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