

## FOCUS ON WINE



RAY &amp; ELEANOR HEALD

## Web sites offer wine tutorial

**Y**ou're interested in wine if you're reading this column. Perhaps you also want to learn more about wine, food, growing regions, grape varieties, production methods, visiting wineries, or purchasing wines.

One of the greatest resources for satisfying your wine interests is the Internet. Wineries, magazines, importers, auction houses and wine shops have Web sites that answer questions, sell wines, and help you make a virtual visit to the vineyards.

Allied Domecq Wines USA has launched 10 newly-designed winery Web sites that are interesting and educational. The new Web sites make it easy for you to navigate wine notes, visitor information, and food and wine pairings.

Included are recipe suggestions, if you have a wine in mind, or recommended wine matches for a recipe you've selected.

Each winery Web site has an education section and a Virtual Glass of Wine e-card that you can send to friends and family. If you are looking to purchase wine, there is a convenient "retailer locator" system to find the nearest store where the wine is available. If that doesn't work just click on "contact us" to e-mail a question directly to the winery.

### Wineries

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Do you know what "malolactic fermentation" is and how it affects the taste of wine? Do you know the benefit of having "botrytis cinerea" in a vineyard? Do you own a wine dictionary? One of the great features of these sites is the glossary of wine terms. You can learn about hundreds of wine terms from [A]cetaldehyde to [Z]infandel without having to purchase an expensive encyclopedia.

Another feature is that once you have entered one winery site, the others can be easily accessed by convenient links. Each site contains colorful photography that gives you a sense of what the win-

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### WINE PICKS

In addition to price, another factor in choosing a Chardonnay that you'll like is knowing your palate preference: Big fruit statement with backed off oak or noticeable oak presence from aroma through the finish.

Among the following Chardonnays, we've noted the oakier versions.

**Excellent:** 2000 Kunde, Sonoma Valley \$16.

**Very good:** 2000 Jekel \$11; 2000 Beringer Founder's Estate \$12 (oaky); 2000 Fetzer Barrel Select \$13; 1998 King Estate Reserve, Oregon \$20; and 1999 Cinnabar Santa Cruz Mountains \$25 (oaky).

**Best buys at \$10 or less:** 2000 Bodega Norton (Argentina) \$8; and 1998 King Estate, Oregon \$10.

# Asparagus

## Spearing a spring treat

Spring is a time of change: Change in attitudes, change in wardrobe and most certainly a change in appetite. When spring flowers start peeking through the warmed earth there is a vegetable that follows suit – asparagus.

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KELLI LEWTON

The appearance of asparagus in local markets represents the beginning of the fresh vegetable season. Asparagus is most closely related to the Lily of the Valley. Historians note that Egyptians snacked on tiny wild asparagus shoots even before the second pyramid was built in Giza. A plant resembling asparagus is depicted on murals dating all the way back to the Memphis dynasties of the third millennium B.C. It was the Romans, with their robust love of food, who domesticated this cousin of the lily. As the asparagus plant continued to thrive in the Mediterranean and North Africa, the Greeks began to regard it as a medicinal plant rather than a food crop. Their word "aspharagos" means, "as long as one's throat," a label conferred on the plant because anxious diners often gorged themselves on this delicacy, sliding whole spears down their throats in one greedy gulp.

### Michigan's crop

There are more than 120 known species of asparagus grown around the world. Michigan is the third largest grower of asparagus in the U.S., producing up to 25 million

### Cooking tips

■ Asparagus should be cooked simply to retain its nutritional value.

■ Blanch in hot poaching water 3-5 minutes.

■ Steam upright 8-10 minutes.

■ Brush with a little olive oil and grill 5-8 minutes.

joke that they go in for lunch and come back out to find the asparagus has grown an inch or more! Once it is cut asparagus requires immediate chilling. Only 15 percent of the Michigan crop is sold fresh. The remaining 85 percent is sold to processors. Thirty-five percent will be frozen as cut tips and spears, and 65 percent will be canned.

pounds annually. My local produce connection, Glenn Prentice of G. W. produce, told me that "asparagus grows amazingly fast." During the growing season, farmers often have to cut over their fields twice a day. They will



**Spring dishes:** Chef Kelli Lewton stands in the kitchen of Aunt Olive's Good Food 2 Go in Birmingham with an array of asparagus dishes including Asparagus Bruschetta, Balsamic Asparagus, Poached Asparagus, and Asparagus Phyllo Straws.

### Nutritionally speaking

Asparagus is one of the most nutritionally well-balanced vegetables in existence. One serving of 5 ounces, (approximately five spears) has only 20 calories, 0 fat or cholesterol, 5 milligrams of sodium, 400 milligrams of potassium, 3 grams of fiber, 60 percent of the USRDA of folacin. Asparagus is a fabulous source of thiamin and vitamin B6. With those numbers, asparagus can certainly be touted as "good for you skinny food!"

U.S. chefs have been having a love affair with asparagus for as long as I've been cooking. It's an exceptional food that works well with many dishes and flavors including steaks, salmon, lamb, and stir-fry. Oven-roasted, off the grill, poached, served hot or cold, asparagus just always works.

Asian chefs savor asparagus roots and make candy out of them to flavor

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### Simply irresistible

#### ASPARAGUS BRUSCHETTA

- 1 pound asparagus – stems trimmed and blanched a la dente
- 4 Roma tomatoes – diced medium
- 1 yellow tomato – diced medium
- 1 cup fresh baby spinach – cut in thin strips
- 3 tablespoons fresh basil – cut in thin strips
- 1 tablespoon white balsamic vinegar
- 3 tablespoons fresh chopped garlic
- 1/4 cup virgin olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste

Prepare vegetables, herbs and spinach and toss with white balsamic vinegar. Heat olive oil in pan, add garlic and sweat 45 seconds to 1 minute. Toss with other ingredients. Serve with crackers or toasted baguette slices. Makes 1 quart.

(Recipes compliments of Kelly Lewton)

(More asparagus recipes can be found on page B2)

## Chef Kathleen shares tips for 'Cooking Thin' eating well

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Kathleen Daelemans began her food career in the doughnut business as a teenager – not a good place to watch your weight. Over time she gained 80 pounds and wore a size 22.

That was more than 20 years ago. Now she's a size 8, and a chef at Cafe Kula in The Grand Wailea, a five-star resort in Maui. She also has a home in West Bloomfield.

Daelemans is the author of *Cooking Thin with Chef Kathleen* (Houghton Mifflin, April 2002, \$27) and has a show with the same name that airs 10:30 a.m. Saturday on the Food Network channel. Her recipes have also been published in *Bon Appetit*, *Wine Spectator*, *Gourmet*, *Food & Wine* and *Eating Well*. She's hosting a book

signing 2 p.m. Saturday, May 4 at Border's in Farmington Hills, 30995 Orchard Lake Road.

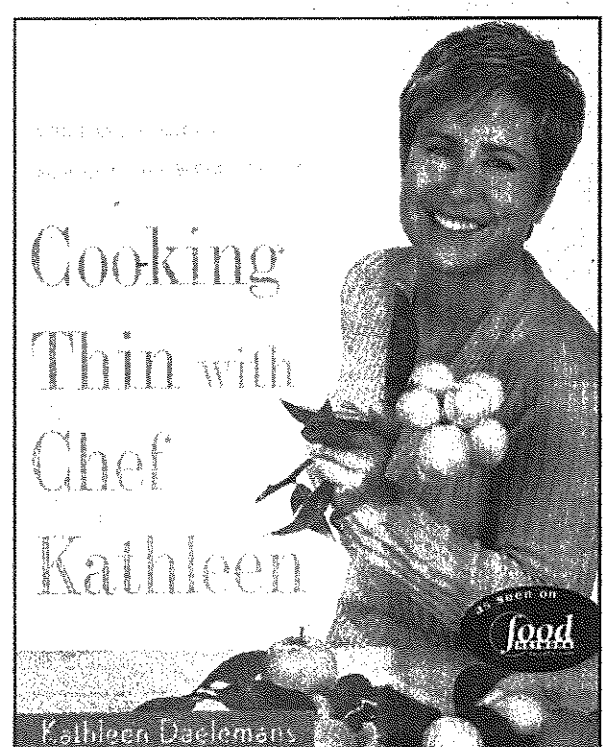
Neither the book nor the show is about dieting, she says, instead both focus on how to maintain a healthy lifestyle. When Daelemans began her career in Hawaii she was surprised to learn the restaurant accompanied a spa in the resort. Being a size 22, she had to slim down fast. She promised herself that if she could keep the weight off, she'd help others do the same.

### Passionate about food

"I'm a woman who battles with my weight and I happen to be a chef who is passionate about food and healthy eating," Daelemans said.

Her recipes are aimed at busy soccer moms

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**Healthy & fun:** "Cooking Thin with Kathleen" focuses on developing and maintaining a healthy lifestyle, not on dieting.



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and bachelor workaholics who have only 20-30 minutes to cook each night. For fun she includes a "guy-o-meter" that gives recipes a male perspective; meaning she asks men whether or not they like the food.

"I'm not about fat-free and sugar-free, I'm not about food substitutes. I'm about the food you love to eat and how to clean it up. Barbecue ribs - you can have them and chocolate cake too."

"As far as I'm concerned diet is a four-letter word. This is about being healthier, eating right and having fun," she said.

Daelemans tells readers to purchase locally grown, organic and seasonal foods because they're fresher. Her cookbook also offers cooking shortcuts, and warm and fuzzy anecdotes such as:

"I'm sure you can hear my

mother in your kitchen repeating that old saying, 'It should take at least as long to eat it as it does to cook it.' Thanks mom. Can you imagine if we lived by that? We'd all be skinny sticks late for work."

Surprisingly, Daelemans said she thinks most people don't know how to eat right.

"I think most people think things are all or nothing," she said. "Many people don't realize how much difference making a few adjustments and trimming back here and there can make. That said, we're an instant gratification society and often have unrealistic goals when it comes to health, particularly weight loss."

There are no photos in the book, but the graphics, glossary, list of must-have kitchen staples, fun tales and tips will satisfy your appetite.

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main dishes. European, and many American, chefs hunt for hard-to-find white asparagus. White asparagus is grown from the same seed as jade colored asparagus, but the growing techniques are different. Mounding soil over a row of plants produces white asparagus. They stay white as they see no sun. When the tip peaks through the earth, harvesters use a long sharp knife to cut down beneath the soil into the stem of the spear. Most white asparagus is grown in Germany. Having traveled and eaten meals all over Germany, I can tell you those chefs are not giving up their precious white asparagus for export. When some does make it out of Europe expect to pay \$10-\$15 a pound for

these albino beauties!

Snow White, or green home-grown asparagus will soon be making an appearance at a store near you. Grilled, poached, baked, wrapped in phyllo or stir-fried, don't miss the call of spring asparagus.

### Choosing and handling asparagus

■ It should always be solid green with consistent shading.

■ Look for the bud to be tight and closed, with a darker color stalk, but no strong odor.

■ The bottom of the stalk should be clean cut in appearance with no browning or signs of shrinkage. Hints of purple/pink hues at base of stem are fine but avoid stems with

too much white. White asparagus should be solid white and may have some purple colored hues at bottom of stalks.

■ Treat asparagus as you would fresh flowers. Cut away an inch or so from the bottom and store in a vessel that allows the spears to stand upright in the refrigerator in about an inch-and-a-half to 2-inches of water. If your refrigerator does not permit that kind of upright storage, wrap the asparagus with a wet paper towel and cover loosely with plastic or in a plastic bag.

*Chef Kelli L. Lewton is owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills and Aunt Olive's Good Food 2 Go in*

## Try asparagus in soup, as cracker topping

### ASPARAGUS VICHYSOISE

- 2 medium leeks, cleaned and diced fine
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 large potato, peeled and diced
- 12 asparagus spears
- 3 cups chicken or veggie stock
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 8 ounces heavy cream
- 1 tablespoon chopped mint

Cook leeks and butter in a medium-sized pot over medium-low heat until onion is soft but not brown. Add potatoes and continue cooking until they are soft, but not brown (you can add a few tablespoons of stock to prevent sticking if need be.)

Meanwhile, snap off tough ends of asparagus and add spears to pot along with the broth. Bring broth and vegetables to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer for 10 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Add the heavy cream and gently simmer an additional 15 minutes - do not boil. Remove pot from heat, and let cool slightly. In small batches, puree soup in a blender or food processor. Serve cold or hot. Garnish with chopped mint. Yield: 6-8 servings

*Recipe compliments of Kelli Lew-*



**Accent on asparagus:** Welcome spring with fresh asparagus. It's nutritional and simple to prepare.

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### ASPARAGUS, PEAR AND WALNUT SALAD

- 15-ounce can pear halves, drained and diced
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1 pound asparagus, blanched and cut into 1/2-inch pieces (2 cups)
- 1/4 cup sliced scallions (1/4-inch slices)
- 1/2 cup walnut pieces, toasted
- 2 tablespoons honey-Dijon or other Dijon-style dressing
- 8 romaine lettuce leaves

In a large bowl, toss pears in lemon juice. Add asparagus, scallions and toasted walnuts. Toss dressing with pear mixture until all is thoroughly coated. Place two lettuce leaves on each of four plates and spoon asparagus-pear mixture on top. Serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 124 cal., 6 g fat, 0 mg chol., 200 mg sodium, 17 g carbs., 3 g dietary fiber, 2 g pro.

*Recipe from Pacific Northwest Canned Pears*

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# Lamb can work in a low-fat diet

Lamb is a certain sign of spring. Meat sellers say people buy fewer roasts and more cuts of lamb as the weather gets warmer. A simply roasted leg of lamb is the quintessential spring dinner. But a stew flavored with aromatic herbs is also appealing this time of year.

Most cuts of lamb are lower in fat than other red meat. And lamb fat is mostly located on the outside of the cut, or between the muscles, where it is relatively easy to trim, especially from larger pieces. With proper trimming, cooking and portion size (4 ounces of uncooked meat per serving), lamb can be a delicious part of a healthful, low-fat diet. Lamb also is a good source of zinc, iron and protein.

Usually, the darker the color of the meat, the older the lamb is. Good lamb has a pinkish red color and finely-grained texture. Its flavor is often delicate, even sweet. It may be the most natural commercially-raised meat, since lambs feed on their mother's milk and on grass. (Some American lamb is also fed grain.)

Lamb dishes of all kinds are prepared in Mediterranean countries. The following recipe recalls Mediterranean lamb prepara-

tions using the strongly-flavored seasonings that go so well with lamb. And a stew is a good way to make a little lamb go a long way.

This recipe calls for lamb shoulder, which is ideal for stews. If you can't find cubed lamb shoulder at the market, ask the butcher to cube shoulder chops for you. The bones make it a little harder to eat, but they will add flavor and body to the dish.

## GREEK LAMB WITH ORZO

- 1 pound boneless lamb shoulder, cut in 2-inch cubes
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 5 carrots, cut in 1-inch pieces
- 1/4 cup non-fat, reduced-sodium chicken broth
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1 cup orzo pasta
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1 1/2 teaspoon dried sage
- 1 teaspoon dried mint
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh

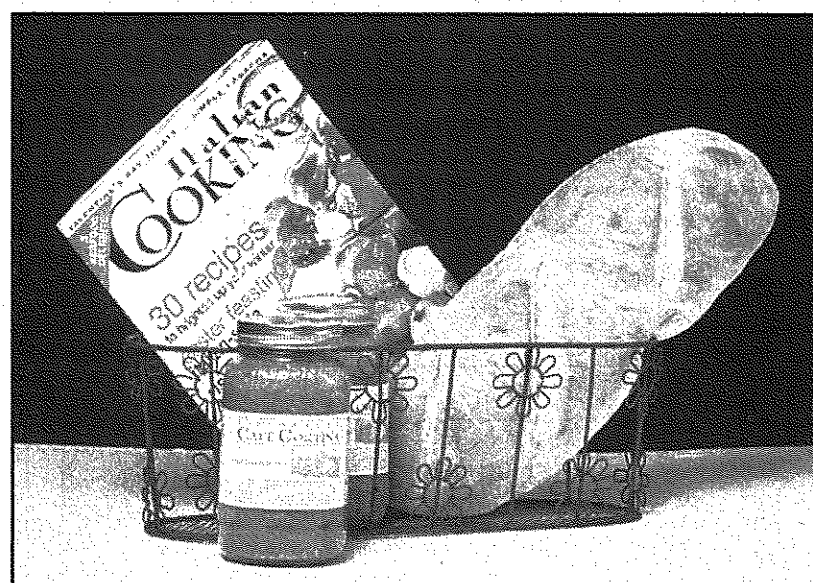
mint, for garnish (optional)

Heat a large, non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Add lamb and brown, stirring frequently. If necessary to avoid crowding, do in 2 batches. Set meat aside. Add oil to pan and heat until hot. Sauté onion and carrots until onion softens, 4 to 5 minutes, stirring frequently to avoid burning. Return meat to pan. Add broth, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Cover, reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes. Add 3 cups water. Simmer 30 minutes or until lamb is almost tender. Add orzo, raisins, sage and mint. Simmer until lamb is tender and pasta is cooked, about 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Adjust seasonings to taste, garnish with mint and serve. Makes 6 servings.

**Tip:** You can use the mint from a tea bag if it is an herbal tea and not a blend of mint and regular tea leaves or other ingredients.

**Nutrition information:** Per serving: 285 calories, 8 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 34 g. carbohydrate, 20 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 495 mg. sodium.

**Recipes and information from The American Institute for Cancer Research.**



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

**New product:** Once again Café Cortina has bottled up some Italian sunshine with the introduction of the restaurant's newest sauce, "Sugo Con Pesto." Pine nuts and basil added to a rich base of plum tomatoes, cream, and Parmesan cheese make a "delizioso" sauce for any kind of pasta. Sugo Con Pesto joins Café Cortina's five other sauces distributed nationally by European Imports and locally by Carmella Foods. The sauces are available at local specialty markets and throughout the U.S. It retails for \$7.99-\$8.49. Ristorante Café Cortina, located in Farmington Hills, has become a destination dining spot. Chef-owner Rina Tonon was featured in March 31 issue of Italian Cooking & Living. For more information (248) 474-3033.

# Healds

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ery looks like, introduces you to the winemaker or allows a virtual walk through the vineyards.

## Mind-boggling

In a recent issue of the Wine Exchange Stock Report, the writer explains why lovers of Australian shiraz will not be able to purchase the highly sought after 1998 E&E Black Pepper Shiraz. One thousand cases of this wine, destined for the U.S., will never arrive because the shipment couldn't obtain label approval from the U.S. government. It seems that an over zealous government agent of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms decided that the name "Black Pepper" was misleading since the wine contained no actual pepper, even though there were no objections in four previous vintages. It boggles the mind!

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# Pan-roasted pork loin super simple

(AP) — Highly rated by the editorial team of *Cooking Light* magazine, Giuliano Hazan's recipe for pan-roasted pork gets top marks for simply stellar qualities — apart from having only 10.7 grams of fat per serving.

"How can a dish with only four simple ingredients (not counting water, salt and pepper) be so outstanding," senior food editor Jill Melton pondered, in the March issue of the magazine that reprinted the recipe. She made the acclaimed dish for herself and confirmed it was truly outstanding.

## PAN-ROASTED PORK LOIN WITH LEEKS

4 large leeks (about 21/4 pounds)

- 1/2 cup water
- 1 tablespoon butter, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- One 2-pound boneless pork loin, trimmed
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- Chopped fresh parsley, optional

Remove roots and tough upper leaves from leeks. Cut each leek in half lengthwise. Cut each half crosswise into 1/2-inch-thick slices (you should have about 6 cups). Soak in cold water to loosen dirt; rinse and drain.

Heat the sliced leek, 1/2 cup water, 1 teaspoon butter, 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper in a large Dutch oven or deep saute pan over medium-high heat. Cook for 10 minutes or until the

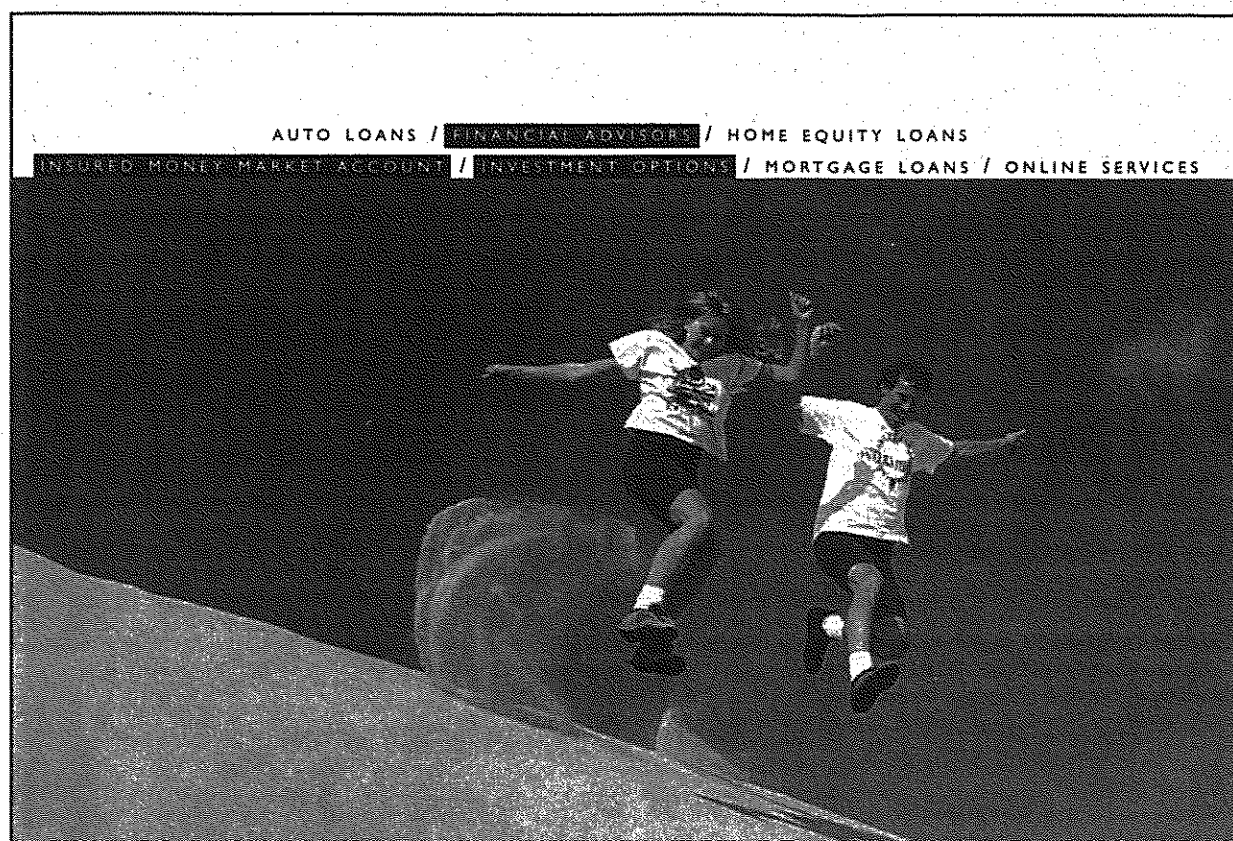
leek has wilted. Pour into a bowl.

Heat 2 teaspoons butter in pan over medium-high heat. Add pork; cook 5 minutes, browning on all sides. Add 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon pepper and wine; cook 15 seconds, scraping pan to loosen browned bits. Return leek mixture to pan. Cover, reduce heat and simmer 2 hours or until pork is tender. Remove pork from pan; increase heat to reduce leek sauce if it's too watery. Cut pork into 1/4-inch-thick slices. Serve with leek mixture; garnish with parsley, if desired.

Makes 6 servings (serving size about 3 ounces pork and about 21/2 tablespoons leek mixture).

**Nutrition information per serving:** 246 cal., 10.7 g fat (4.2 g saturated fat), 24.8 g pro., 12.1 g carbo., 1 g fiber, 73 mg chol., 306 mg sodium.

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## Using foreground makes photographs more effective

In many pictures, the subject itself is the nearest object to the camera. The image exists only on two planes ... the subject and the background.

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The results are often just ordinary shots.

Yet to make your photos more effective, use of the foreground can be a big benefit. In addition to helping create an impression of depth and distance, a

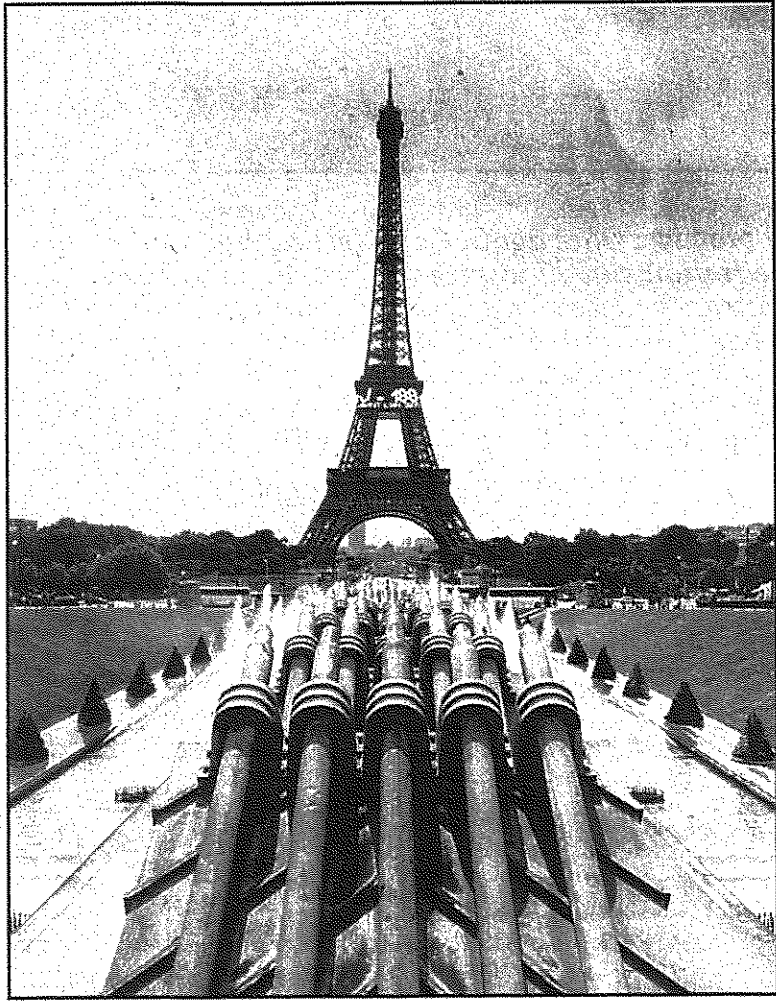
strong foreground can make an important contribution to the composition and overall impact of a photograph.

In some cases, the foreground can be used to lead the eye toward the center of interest such as the fence toward the barn or a river toward a distant mountain. Imagine the furrows created by a freshly plowed field and how by careful composition, you can have them lead to that lone tree in the middle of the field.

### Composition aid

Another way in which the foreground can be used to aid the composition is to use it as a "frame" around the subject. For example, tree branches framing the steeple of a church will dramatically add to the overall impact of the shot. Shooting a charming outdoor scene through a decorative window frame will add a special touch not otherwise obtainable.

When using the foreground in your photography, you must pay particular attention to the depth-of-field. Because you'll



Interesting view: How's this for using the foreground? Mickey Nagler used the "cannons" as a wonderfully effective foreground in this impact-filled view of the Eiffel Tower.

want the foreground as well as your subject sharp and in focus, you'll need to use a small lens aperture. Learn how to read your camera's depth-of-field scale, or, if you're using an automatic camera, learn how to program the camera to attain the necessary small aperture.

Compose carefully and use the foreground to complement

the subject, not dominate it.

Use of the foreground will add strength to your shots and will produce pictures of which you'll be proud.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.

## 'Blues Lessons' sad, joyful

*Blues Lessons*, by Robert Hellenga (Scribner, \$25).

BY VICTORIA DIAZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

### BOOK REVIEW



VICTORIA DIAZ

This engaging novel tells the story of Martin Dijksterhuis, who grows up on a prosperous apple farm in Michigan. There, through migrant farm workers, he is introduced to country blues — a music in which "the notes of joy and sadness can sound the same."

Nearby on the same farm lives Corinna, with whom Martin eventually falls in love. A beautiful African-American, she is the high-spirited daughter of the orchard foreman.

When she finds that she is expecting Martin's child, his parents pay her and her family to "disappear," so that their son cannot marry her. If he marries her and takes on the responsibility of the child he has fathered, they believe he will forfeit a chance to better himself outside the confines of the provincial farm community. The fact that this is their dream for him and not Martin's dream for himself turns out to be a major theme in *Blues Lessons*.

Set in the years 1954-1974, the novel takes readers in several different directions. These pages provide commentary on every-

thing from race relations to Vietnam to the writings of Ayn Rand to extra-marital affairs to apple growing to bowling to mortuary science to economics to guitar picking to the finer points of country blues and its aging, legendary musicians — and then some.

### Weak spots

In fact, should we quibble about weak spots in *Blues Lessons*, we might observe that Hellenga has perhaps tried to include too much in just one story. Often and at some length, for instance, he has his lead characters (both Americans in this all-American story) show off their knowledge of French. As we read, and when this tale is ended, we're not sure why he does this, not sure how it moves things forward or what purpose it has really served. Consequently, it tends to feel superfluous — like yet another item tossed into an already highly flavored literary stew. (One wonders if Hellenga is a writer with an astonishing variety of personal interests, who just couldn't resist sharing most of them in this, his third novel.)

Other times, Hellenga maybe gives the reader too much credit, lavishly lading on the lingo of a musician, for instance. This can be utterly cryptic, of course, for those of us who are non-musicians, and could hardly tell a tonic chord from a pentatonic scale or a flattened seventh, should they dance through the front door wearing brightly colored name tags.

Ultimately, though, these matters are superseded by the successes of this novel.

Here, Hellenga takes us convincingly through a tumultuous time many readers will remember, while spriting us away to the apple orchards of lower Michigan, the juke joints of Chicago, the sidewalks of New York, a city-wide spelling bee in Madison, Wisconsin, even a railway post office between the Windy City and Detroit.

He does this mostly by giving us characters who captivate (although they sometimes remain a bit elusive). And it's worth mentioning that much of their credibility and vibrancy lies within their dialogue — the musicality of their conversations. (If Hellenga has never penned a play or authored a script, he should most definitely give it a shot.) In a novel that goes on for 330 pages, hardly a single note of dialogue (and this is a fairly talky story) rings untrue or tinny or falls flat.

Like country blues, *Blues Lessons* tells a tale of sadness and joy, haplessness and happiness, woven together with heart-rending notes of nostalgia. At its center is Michigan, perhaps a surprising spot for a story about country blues. But Hellenga's backdrop works beautifully, and should provide special appeal for all area readers.

Victoria Diaz is a Livonia resident and writes about books, travel, movies and theater for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

## Musicale honors scholarship winners

The Birmingham Musicale will feature the winners of their various scholarships in concert 1 p.m. Thursday, April 11 at the Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates. Members and the public are invited to attend.

After the program, the audience will have the opportunity to meet and congratulate the young

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## Art at the galleries

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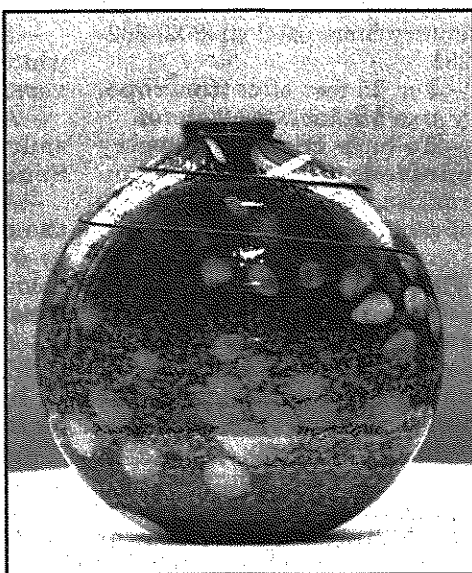
**Art Leaders Gallery:** Glass by more than 30 regional and international artists continues to April 30. 33030 Northwestern Highway, West Bloomfield. (248) 539-0262

**Au Courant Studio/Gallery:** *International Color Exposed*, a collection of photographs by David Burzynski continues to April 20.

**Art Corridor Galleries:** Together with the Farmington Area Arts Commission presents a collection of Scholastic Competition art entries by students from Farmington, North Farmington and Harrison high schools, continues to April 25, at Farmington City Hall and Farmington Hills City Hall. (248) 473-1856

**Art du Renard Studio Galerie:**

**Glass exhibit:** Artist Vic Leo displays glass through Tuesday, April 30 at Atrium Center Gallery, 109 North Center, Northville. For more information, call (248) 380-0470. Leo is exhibiting blown glass from his *Atlantis, Cave and Nimbus Vessels* series. Pictured is a *Nimbus* work which speaks to the reaches of cosmic space.



Portraiture by James Fox, down the stairs at 415 Walnut St., Rochester. (810) 914-0926

**Cass Cafe:** *Psychology and Image*, an exhibition by College for Creative Studies graduating seniors Taurus Burns, Darcel Deneau, Matt Lewis and Anthony Orlando, through April 30. 4620 Cass, Detroit. (313) 831-1400.

**Detroit Artists Market:** Members only show featuring more than 90 local artists continues to April 5. 4710 Woodward at Forest. (313) 832-8540

**Fisher Building Lobby:** Paintings by Niagara, the Notorius True Crime Narrative, continues to April 30. Use Second Avenue entrance, 3011 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit. (313) 873-7873

**Great Frame Up Gallery:** The

Eclectic Collective featuring Detroit area artists through Saturday, April 20. 215 Peabody, Birmingham. (248) 540-2555

**Hill Gallery:** *Image and Mystery*, works by 24 contemporary artists continues through Sunday, April 7. Hours are noon-6 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday, at the gallery, 407 West Brown, Birmingham. (248) 540-9288

**Robert Kidd Gallery:** Paintings and drawings by Joseph Piccillo continues to April 20. Birmingham.

**Arnold Klein Gallery:** Megan Parry exhibits oil paint on canvas or fabric, through April 27. 32782 Woodward, Royal Oak. (248) 647-7709

**Lemberg Gallery:** Wendy MacGaw, sculpture, and Howard Ben Tre, works on papers, continues to April 20, gallery talk 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 10. 23241 Woodward, Ferndale. (247) 591-6623

**Livonia Arts Commission:** Presents the work of Livonia Public Schools students through April 29, in the Fine Arts Gallery and exhibition cases at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. The Palette Guild exhibits through April 29, at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive east of Farmington Road. (734) 466-2490

**Meadow Brook Art Gallery:** Artisan Painters: American Folk Portraits and Landscapes of the 18th and 19th Century, continues to Wednesday, April 10, Oakland

University, Rochester, noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 1-5:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. (248) 370-3005

**Museum Of New Art: KaBOOM!** group show continues to Sunday, April 28. \$2 admission. 1249 Washington Blvd., Book Building, Suite 200, Detroit. (313) 961-2845

**Native West: The Nature of Glass** featuring Michael Storey and Sara Creekmore continues to April 30. 863 West Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. (734) 455-8838

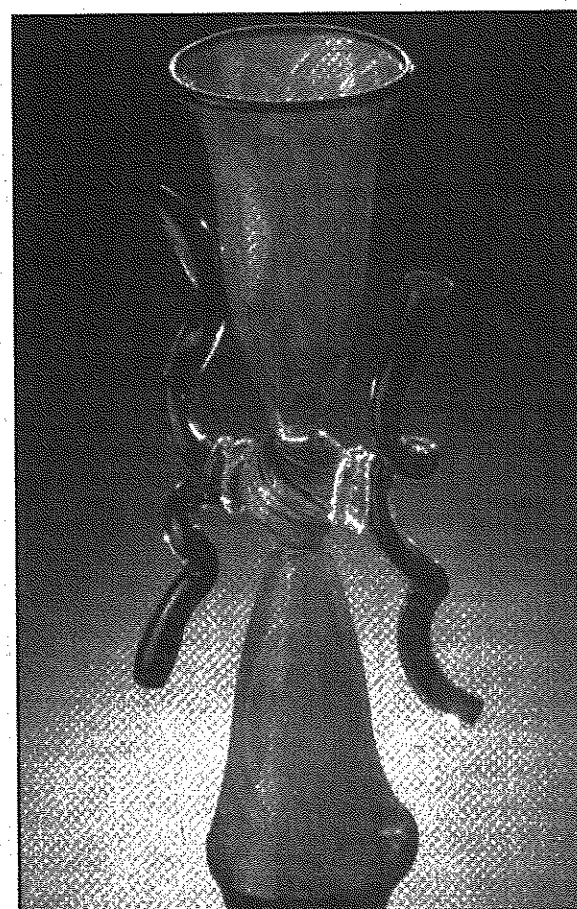
**Paint Creek Center for the Arts:** *Art, Function and Design*, furniture and functional art by Michigan artists in the Main Gallery, *Between Stones* featuring works by Linda Ferguson in the First Floor Gallery, continues to Saturday, April 6, at the arts center, 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 651-4110

**Park West Gallery:** Dali exhibit continues to May 1. 29469 Northwestern, Southfield. (248) 354-2343

**Pewabic Pottery:** National Juried Exhibition *The Vase* showcases more than 50 vases by 46 artists, continues to Saturday, April 13. 10125 East Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0954

**Revolution Gallery:** Recent sculpture and works on paper by Heather McGill continues to April 20. 23257 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 541-3444

**Sisson Gallery:** Undergraduate art students show their work April 8-24. In the MacKenzie Fine Arts



**Different paths:** Artist Stan Megdall exhibits vessels, wall and table vases with flowers, perfume bottles, and a floor lamp as part of a group show through April 25 at the Janice Charach Epstein Gallery in the Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Call (248) 432-5448.

Center at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. (313) 845-6485

**Swords Into Plowshares Peace Center and Gallery:** *War and Peace* exhibit by G. Jesse Gledhill continues to Saturday, April 13. 33 East Adams, Detroit. (313) 963-7575

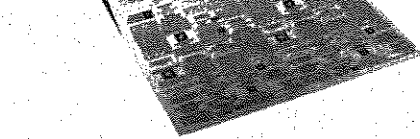
**Sybaris Gallery:** Nick Cave exhibits *Objects of Desire/Party Favors* created from fabricated and found objects, through Saturday, April

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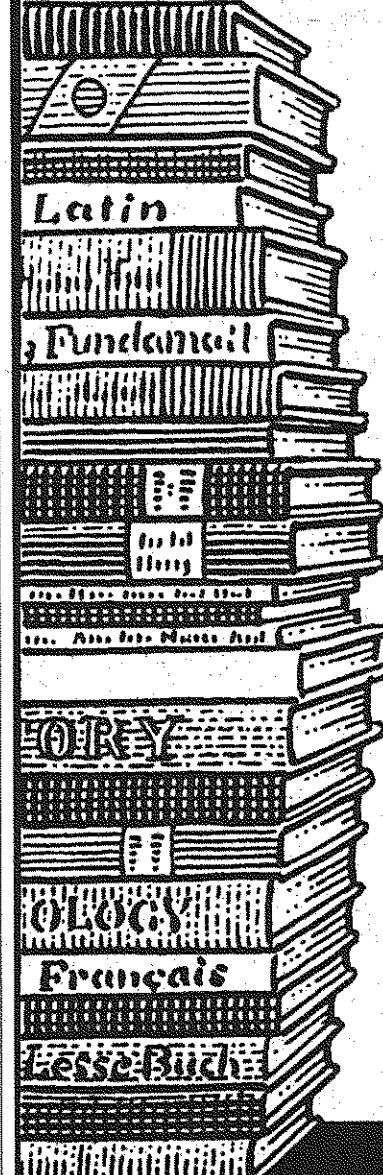
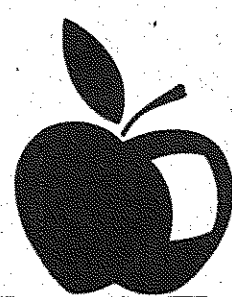
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## DIVERSIONS

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## VISITING AUTHORS

**Dr. Laura Schlessinger:** Will discuss and sign copies of *Ten Stupid Things Couples Do*, a book for contemporary couples whether married, living together or dating 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 10 at Borders, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills.

**Nan Willard Cappel:** A resident of Farmington Hills, Cappel will read from and sign copies of her first novel, *Cheating Lessons*, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 11 at Borders, Orchard Lake Road at 14 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, and 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 14 at BookBeat, 26010 Greenfield Road, Oak Park. *Cheating Lessons* is a novel for teens about a high school quiz bowl team from Michigan whose ambitious captain discovers someone has cheated

them into a statewide televised championship match.

**Candy Stevens:** Local author – *Eight O'Clock Blues* – based on a true story about a young woman, Sophia, who challenges her supervisors, and brings to light the mental and emotional cruelty imposed on automotive employees during the late 70s. Book signings 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 16 at A Woman's Prerogative bookstore, 175 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale, and 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 20 at Barnes and Noble, 2800 South Rochester Road.

**Anna M. Curren:** Will be visiting the Barnes & Noble Bookstore at 6800 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18 to promote her novel *Love*, above the reach of time: Two Stories of The Ladies of Llangollen. After reading from her novel, she'll be available to answer questions and sign books. Based on a true story, the book is a love story about two Anglo-Irish noblewomen that takes place in the 1700s.

## LIBRARIES

**Canton Public Library:** Lunch and

book discussion noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 11 features staff librarian Lisa Davis-Craig who will share her knowledge of authors and trends in romance publishing. Bring and sandwich and find out what's new. Friends of the Canton Public Library will preview their bag full of book sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, April 26. Memberships will be available at the door. The sale – a bag full of books for \$5 – opens to the public 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 27 and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 28. The library is at 1200 S. Canton Center Road. Call (734) 397-0999.

**West Bloomfield Township Public Library:** Start National Library Week on a high note with the Stefan Kukurugya Jazz Trio, 5 p.m. Sunday, April 14. Energetic, educational show includes traditional and contemporary jazz, 4600 Walnut Lake Road. The Friends of the Library host monthly book reviews. The public is welcome and there is no cost.

**Ann Arbor District Library:** Bats@Your Library, the opening program for National Library Week,

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 13 at the Loving Branch Library, 3042 Creek Dr., Ann Arbor, will feature live bats in a program conducted by the Organization for Bat Conservation. A giant fruit bat will also make a special guest appearance. For more information, call (734) 994-2353. Local comedian O.J. Anderson will present Comedy@Your Library, 2-3 p.m. Sunday, April 14 at the Ann Arbor District Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor. Call (734) 327-4560 for details.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Far Field Retreat for Writers:** Features four days of poetry, fiction, and non-fiction workshops, readings by Oakland University faculty and students, panel discussions on publishing and creative writing programs, craft lectures, social and recreational activities, Thursday-Sunday, May 16-19 on Oakland University's Rochester Hills campus. Visit the Web site [www2.oakland.edu/english/farfield](http://www2.oakland.edu/english/farfield) or contact conference director Mary Ann Samyn at [farfield@oakland.edu](mailto:farfield@oakland.edu) for information.

## BOOKSTORE HAPPENINGS

**Barnes & Noble** – 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield – Poetry Night, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 12; Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Club discusses Terry Garry's, *Illusion*, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18; Mystery Book Club meets 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, (248) 626-6804. **Borders Beverly Hills** – 31150 Southfield Road, Mother-Daughter Book Group (grades 4-6) meets 7 p.m. Monday, April 15; French Conversation Group 7 p.m. Thursday, April 18; 1 p.m. Saturday, April 20, Poetry Storytime featuring Shel Silverstein, (248) 644-1515. **Borders Farmington Hills** – 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Crafters Corner, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 17; Be A Tree Earth Day Storytime 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 24; local jazz musician Christa Grix performs 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 26, (248) 737-0110.

## LOCAL AUTHORS

**Nancy Groves:** Talks about *Faith & Illness: Reflections on God's Sustaining Love*, Patient Press, 2002, \$9.95, a book that will help

you live with the challenges of a chronic illness or the uncertainty facing a serious illness. Thoughtful, well-written, a comforting bedside companion for those in need. Available from Amazon.com, or [www.patientpress.com](http://www.patientpress.com)

**Robert William McCutcheon Sr.:** Don't let the title, *The Frozen Dead Lady – Michigan Memories*, scare you. Robert William McCutcheon's book is a delightful, autobiography that will warm your heart. The former Birmingham resident shares his adventures growing up with his parents, grandparents, older sister Kay (Dit) and brother Ted in Birmingham and Bellaire, Mich., from the early 1920s through the 1950s. Each chapter is a short story, a family snapshot of a simpler more innocent time. The book is \$16.95 and available via Amazon.com and Borders.com, and at Borders in Ann Arbor and Novi Town Center.

## ‘Big Trouble’ is too hit-and-miss in its humor

By DAVID GERMAIN  
AP MOVIE WRITER

Through no fault of the filmmakers, *Big Trouble* is a comedy trapped in time, harking back to the good old days when audiences might chuckle at the image of two very dumb men easily smuggling a gun, two hostages and a nuclear bomb past airport security.

Director Barry Sonnenfeld (*Get Shorty*, *Men in Black* and its upcoming sequel) finished *Big Trouble* well before the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, and the ensemble film featuring Tim Allen was scheduled for release Sept. 21.

It was one of a handful of films that studios yanked off their lineups because of terrorism and security themes. Another of those movies, *Collateral Damage*, already has come and gone without much fallout over its terrorist violence (and without much box office, either).

Though it's a slapstick farce based on humor columnist Dave Barry's novel, Sonnenfeld's flick

may have bigger trouble with post-Sept. 11 crowds than something bloody and explosive such as *Collateral Damage*.

*Big Trouble* hurls gags at a frantic pace, and enough stick to make moments of this ultralightweight movie fleeting fun. But it's too slight, too hit-and-miss in its humor and too busy striving to be madcap to gel into a cohesive movie.

But then our two lunkheads, with no planning and barely one full brain between them, bribe a ticket agent for four plane tickets all under the name "John Smith" and without photo IDs. They effortlessly slip gun, captives and nuclear device through a security checkpoint. Another bribe, and they're allowed to carry the oversized suitcase containing the bomb into the airplane cabin.

Like Barry, Allen's character, Eliot Arnold, is a Miami Herald columnist. Unlike Barry, he loses his job over an outburst with an editor and now runs a seedy advertising agency. Along

with its Sept. 11 baggage, *Big Trouble* is dragged down by repetitiveness. Sonnenfeld and screenwriters Robert Ramsey

and Matthew Stone apparently figure some jokes will improve with age on the third or fourth go-round. They don't.

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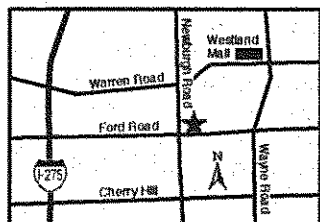
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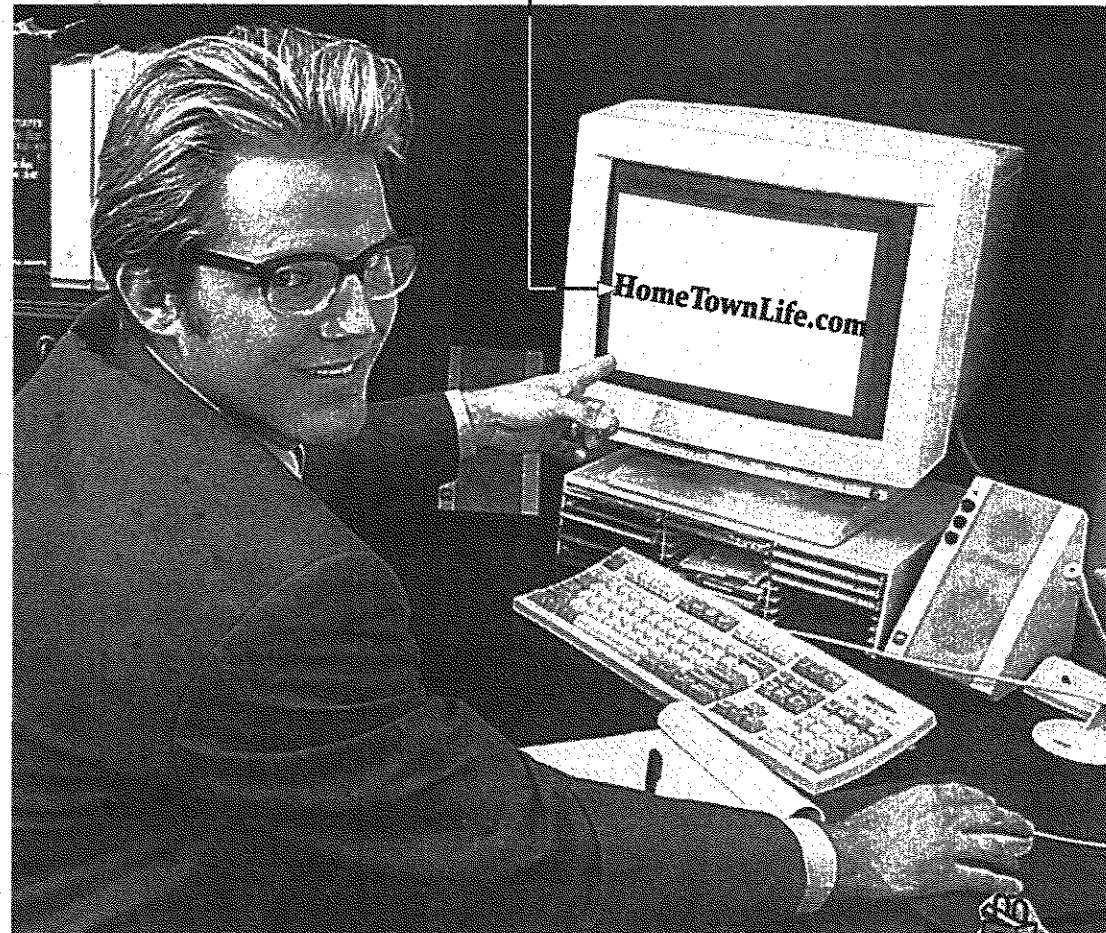
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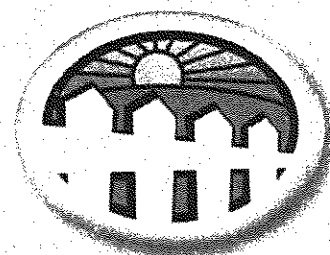
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## Spend springtime 'On top of Old Smoky'

BY DOUG JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

The sun dapples water rushing over ancient rocks, and white flowering dogwood blooms under the green canopy of the forest.

It's spring along the Roaring Fork Motor Nature Trail in the Great Smoky Mountains. You can stop many places along the trail and see the scenery from your car - the "motor" trail was designed to do just that.

April is a great time to take the day-long drive to the Smoky Mountains, America's most-visited national park - more than 10 million visitors a year make the journey.

The park is popular because of its wild countryside and because it is within a day's drive of about two-thirds of the U. S. population.

Most travelers from Michigan would go down I-75 to Knoxville, over I-40 and down Tennessee 441 into Pigeon Forge.

Pigeon Forge has boomed since the advent of Dollywood; country singer Dolly Parton usually opens the spring and summer season with a dinnertime parade down the main parkway in Pigeon Forge.

Many tourists are forsaking the crowded town of Gatlinburg and staying in one of Pigeon Forge's 8,000 motel rooms.

Along Little River Road and out to the dramatic Sinks you can fish or picnic, hike, or watch for kayakers.

Beyond lies Cades Cove, a huge valley surrounded by the mountains; the one-way loop takes you past an old church and pioneer farms and grazing herds of deer. On the way there you might be lucky enough to see one of the park's 600 black bears.

Traversing the park by car doesn't take long; the drive from Gatlinburg to Cherokee takes about an hour or so, longer if you make the side-trip over to Clingman's Dome to see the highest point in the park. There, too, you will see extensive insect damage to the trees.

Much of the park is wilderness and hiking trails. Earthwalk Press's topo map is one of the best for getting around, and has great detail on park animals and blooming times for flowers.

## Fun things to do

One worthwhile fun thing to do in the evening is to take in the dinner and show at the Dixie Stampede in Pigeon Forge. You are served a basic meal by a highly efficient staff, and at the same time treated to a horse show, complete with trick riding and buckboard races. If you enjoy sophistication this might not be for you; but if you enjoy all-American entertainment with a country flavor and a friendly

North and South "competition" thrown in, then give it a try.

Other attractions near the southern edge of the park include the town of Cherokee, and their casino, the start of the Blue Ridge Parkway, and the Great Smoky Mountains Railroad in Dillsboro. The railroad in its 14th year, offers a variety of day and dinner excursions. It has been used in contemporary movies including *The Fugitive*.

The National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA), a park advocacy organization, last week

named Great Smoky Mountains National Park to its annual list of America's Ten Most Endangered National Parks for the fourth consecutive year.

## Environmental threats

"Air pollution continues to be the biggest threat that the park and its visitors face, but a series of development issues along with inadequate funding are also putting park resources at risk," said Greg Kidd, NPCA's Southeast associate director.

Coal-fired power plants are the largest source of emissions affecting the park. Ten years ago, the Department of Interior asked both Tennessee and North Carolina to examine new sources of air pollution since the park was greatly threatened by haze, smog, and acid deposits, according to a recent NPCA press release.

The park is nearly 70 years old, a legacy of both local citizens working to raise money, and John D. Rockefeller, who gave \$5 million to the cause.

It might be a good idea to visit the park sooner rather than later, before it is damaged too badly to be worth the trip.

## If you go

The conservation group's Web site is very helpful: [npca.org](http://npca.org).

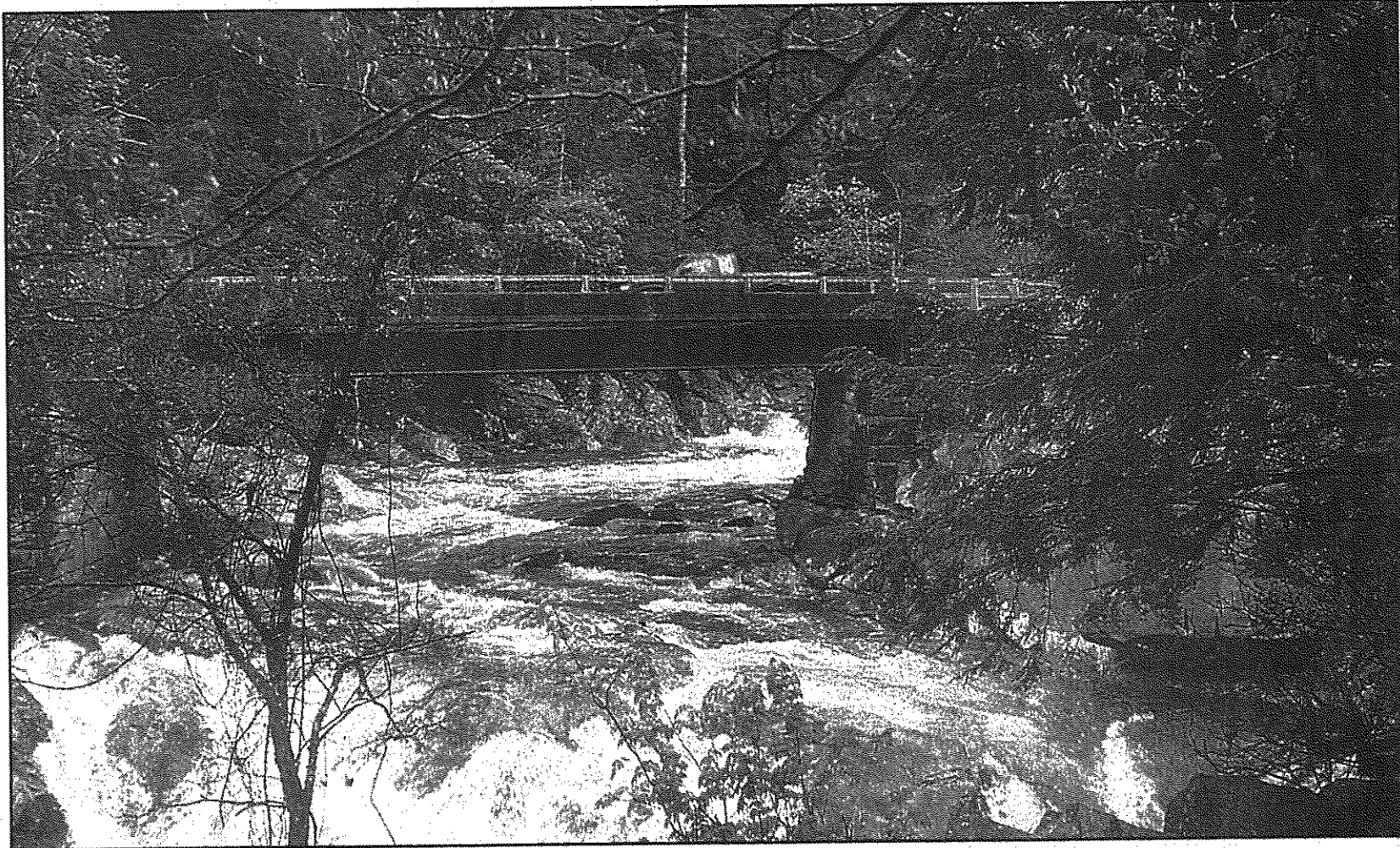
Other Web sites include:

■ [rodsguide.com](http://rodsguide.com), a very good private site that has details on lodging and the park as well.

■ Another site, [allthesmokies.com](http://allthesmokies.com), is good because it links to dozens and dozens of other sites.

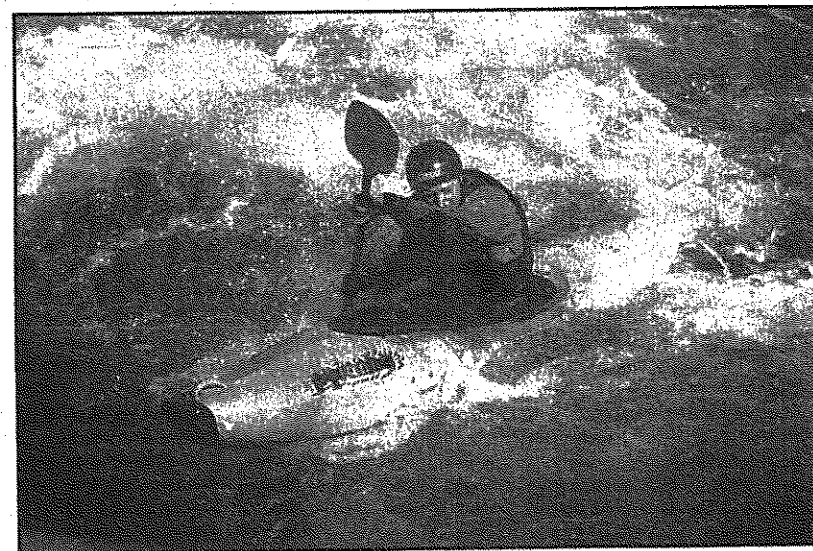
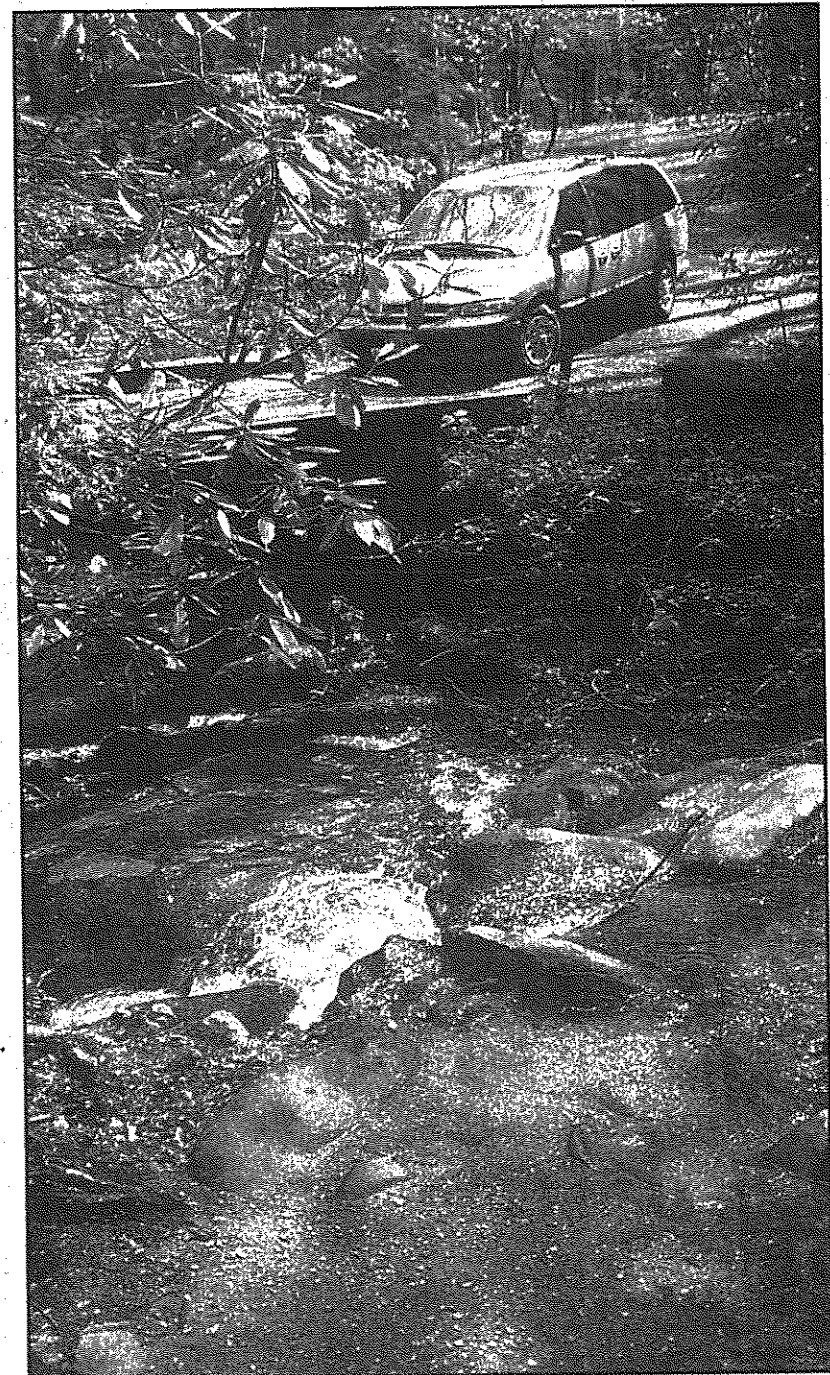
■ The train ride site is [gsmr.com](http://gsmr.com).

For places to stay try the Fairfield, the Holiday Inn Express or Music Road Hotel, which has a quiet location and nice pool and grounds.



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Over and under: A car crosses a bridge near an area of rushing water known as The Sinks (above) while the motor trail (below left) gives a close-up view of plenty of mountain streams, both big and small. Kayakers (below) love springtime in the Smokies because of the high water volume.



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## Whalers still playing

The season is over for the Plymouth Whalers as a team, but a few of them are still playing.

Goalie Jason Bacashihua, forward Damian Surma and defenseman Libor Ustrnul have been assigned by their NHL clubs to play for their AHL affiliates.

Bacashihua, drafted in the first round last year by the Dallas Stars, will report to the Utah Grizzlies. Bacashihua had the second-best goals-against average in the OHL this season at 2.34 and led the league in shutouts with five. He posted a 26-12-7 record with a .921 save percentage.

Surma finished his career with the Whalers as their seventh leading scorer with 105 goals and 120 assists in 241 games. A sixth-round pick of the Carolina Hurricanes in 1999, Surma signed a contract with the Hurricanes last year and started the season with their AHL team, the Lowell Lock Monsters before returning to play 55 games for the Whalers. He scored 28 goals and had 27 assists for Plymouth before returning to Lowell Lock this week.

Ustrnul, a 6-foot-4, 220-pound native of Czechoslovakia, had one goal and eight assists with a plus-35 rating this season. A second-round selection of the Atlanta Thrashers in 2000, Ustrnul will report to their AHL team, the Chicago Wolves.

## All-Star soccer

There will be lots to choose from in soccer camps this summer. Goose's All-Star Soccer Camps will be held at 12 different locations, from June to August, for kids 5-12 years old.

The camp is hosted by Bryan "Goose" Finnerty, former keeper for the Detroit Rockers and current operator of the High Velocity Sports Facility in Canton. Finnerty has been the director of coaching for the Canton Soccer Club for the past eight years.

The camps are open to boys and girls of any skill level. All half-day camps are \$119 per child; there is one all-day camp at Franklin Racquet Club, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 12-16. The cost for that camp is \$225 for club members and \$265 for non-members.

Other camp dates and locations: 9:30 a.m.-noon June 17-21 at Bicentennial Park in Livonia; 9:30 a.m.-noon June 17-21 at Clifford Smart Middle School in Walled Lake/West Bloomfield; 9:30 a.m.-noon June 24-28 at Heritage Park in Canton; 9:30 a.m.-noon July 8-12 at Visteon Fields in Plymouth; 9:30 a.m.-noon July 8-12 at Pioneer Park in Farmington Hills; 9:30 a.m.-noon July 15-19 at Meadowbrook Elementary School in Novi; 9:30 a.m.-noon July 15-19 at Maltby Field in Brighton; 9:30 a.m.-noon July 22-26 at Bicentennial Park in Livonia; 9:30 a.m.-noon at Clifford Smart MS in Walled Lake/West Bloomfield; 9:30 a.m.-noon July 29-Aug. 2 at Independence Park in Canton; 9:30 a.m.-noon Aug. 5-9 at Visteon Fields in Plymouth; and 9:30 a.m.-noon Aug. 5-9 at Kyte-Monroe Fields in St. Clair Shores.

The July 8-12 session in Farmington Hills and the July 29-Aug. 2 session in Canton will also feature camps for advanced players, with instruction for keepers and strikers. Cost for the advanced camps is \$159 per child.

A \$20 discount is available for those who register before May 15 and there is an additional \$10 discount for siblings and teams of 10 or more. Each camper also receives a free ball and T-shirt.

For further information on Goose's All-Star Soccer camps, which are co-sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, call (734) GOOSE 22 or visit the web site at [www.goose22.com](http://www.goose22.com).

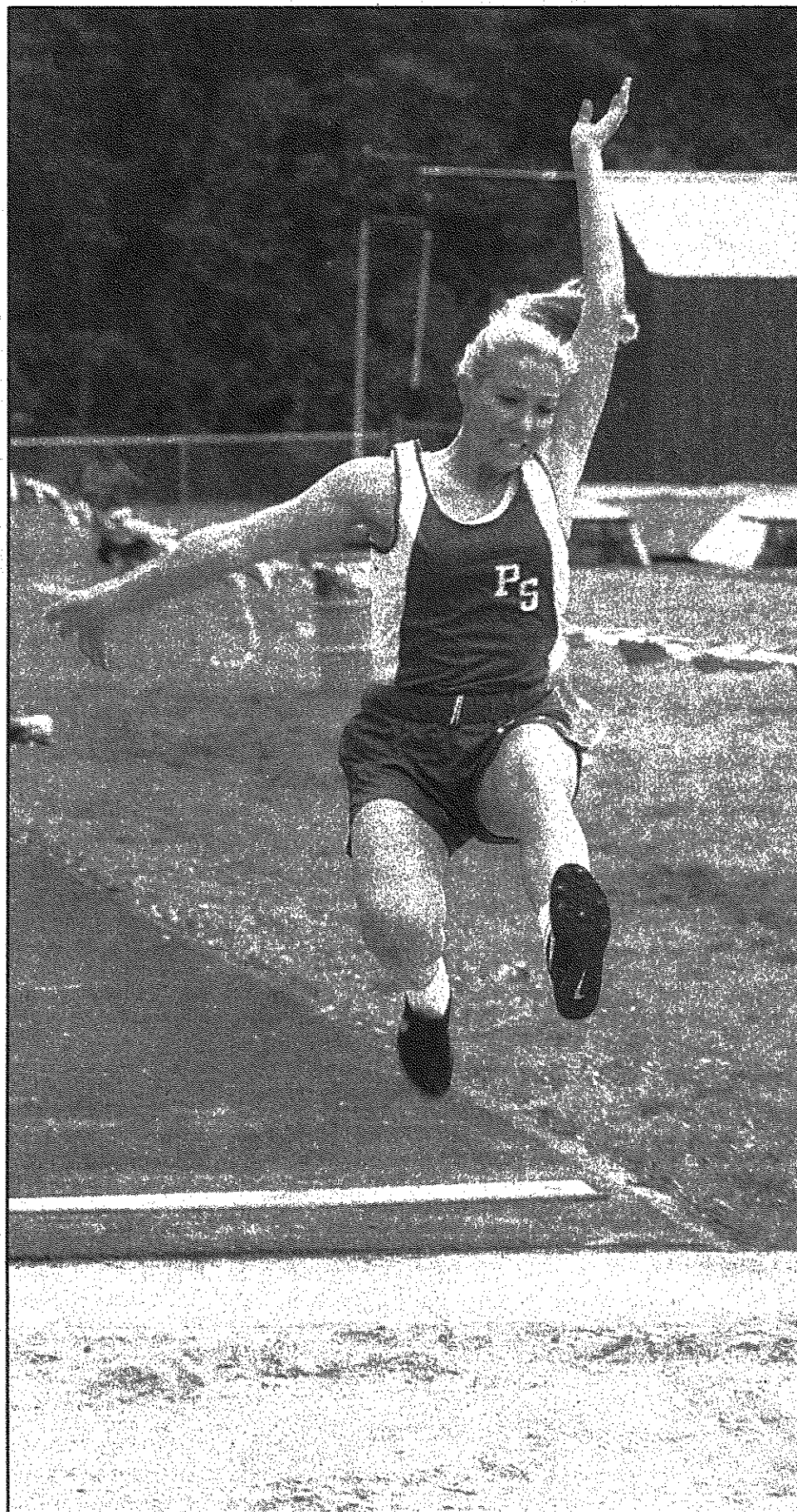
## Flag football

High Velocity Sports, located at 46245 Michigan in Canton, and the Michigan Twisters present the first-annual 6-man Flag Football Tournament April 27-28 at High Velocity. Cash prizes are available.

There will be two 16-team divisions: Championship, with a \$500 entry fee, and Novice, with a \$300 entry fee. All participants must be 18 years of age or older; maximum roster size is 15. The tournament is a double-elimination format except the championship round. First place prize in the Championship Division is \$2,000; second is \$750, third is \$500. Trophies will be awarded in the Novice Division.

For more information, call Scott at (734) 487-7678.

## Rocks plot return to the top



Impact performer: Senior Celena Davis is one athlete expected to have an impact in several events for Salem, including the long jump.

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Last year was a down year for Plymouth Salem's girls track team. How do you like that — finish second in the Western Lakes Activities Association, second in the regional and have nine girls qualify for state meet, and it's a down year.

Such is the state of the Salem program. And let's put the — blame? — where it belongs: on the coach, Mark Gregor, who's been in charge for 15 years.

If last season's finish was a disappointment to anyone, it's Gregor's fault, because for the four years prior to that he guided the Rocks to the WLAA championship.

All kidding aside, Gregor has built Salem into a track powerhouse. And although the Rocks have graduated a couple of exceptional athletes, don't be too concerned — they'll be among the best in the area once again.

"We were second in the conference, second at the regional, second in all of our major goals," said Gregor in analyzing last season's performance. "But we made some nice progress. We had nine kids go to the state finals. We got beat pretty bad by (WLAA champ) Walled Lake Central in our dual, but we bounced back pretty well."

Among the most notable losses from last season's team are Autumn Hicks, a state-qualifier in the high jump and in the 4x200-meter relay, and Michelle Bonior, a qualifier in the shot putt and another 4x200 relay member.

Which means there's still a lot to build around. Gregor counts 19 seniors among his 90 team members; 33 of them are freshmen and 17 are sophomores.

"We've got a really interesting mix with this group," Gregor said. "We've got some seniors who have been around for four years and they've instilled a hard-working attitude."

Two seniors who advanced to the state meet last season and will be among the team captains are Ashleigh Shear and Jenny Jedlick. Shear was ninth at state in the discuss (eight score); she also throws the shot. Jedlick has already broken her school record in the pole vault this season, clearing 9-feet. She runs the 300 hurdles, too.

Other senior co-captains are Melissa Drake (high jump, long jump, 400, relays), Kara Dendrinis (400, 800, relays), Jill Grey (400, 800, relays) and Stacey Schmedding (hurdles, sprint relay).

Four other seniors will play a pivotal part in the Rocks' season: Erriane Bundle (sprints, 300 hurdles, relays), April Aquinto (high jump, 100 hurdles, sprints), Jessica Shamberger (sprints, relays) and Celena Davis (long jump, sprints, relays).

Salem's junior class has more than its share of athletes who figure to contribute, too. Like Vicky Rozalski (long jump, sprints), Susan Woodard (shot put, sprints), Erin Jensen (800, 4x800 relay), Lisa Keski-Hynnala (800, 1,600), Terease

Chandler (sprints, long jump), Jennifer Early (discuss, shot put), Brittin Pollack (pole vault, sprints), Stephanie Hejduk (3,200) and Amy Masterson (300 hurdles).

Gregor also figures to get some key contributions from his freshmen and sophomores. Among those to watch are sophomores Drew Franklin

(long jump, sprints), Stephanie Knight (hurdles) and Liane Griffiths (distance runs) and freshmen Lauren Kane (800, 1,600), Lynden Gault (high jump, long jump, sprints) Lindsey Miles (high jump, sprint) and Ashley Aquinto (high jump, pole vault, sprints).

After some careful examination, it's difficult to find many holes in the Rocks' lineup. The distance running crew may not be as strong, but almost everywhere else there's talent.

"We have some great potential," admitted Gregor. "It depends on if we can stay healthy. We have potential in every event — our sprinters are stronger than they have been for the past few years."

"Right now, about half of our team is freshmen and sophomores. There's a lot of interesting talent right there. If they can compete at a high level, they will take us over the top. But those two classes have to contribute quickly."

Central, the defending WLAA champ, as well as Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Churchill figure to be among the best in the conference.

And so will Salem. You can always count on the Rocks being there.

**■ 'We have potential in every event — our sprinters are stronger than they have been for the past few years.'**

Mark Gregor  
Coach

## Chiefs have stuff to climb in the WLAA

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There certainly are notable losses that must be accounted for, and on a team that finished seventh in the Western Lakes Activities Association, that does not bode well.

But Plymouth Canton girls track coach John Venning is optimistic. While there are losses to contend with, this season's squad has more depth, more versatility.

"I think we're good in every event, not great in any event," Venning said. "In the distance and middle distance events, we're not the best out there but we'll compete."

The Chiefs have lost a bit of everything. Their biggest voids were caused by the graduation of sprinter Meredith Fox and pole vaulter Amy Driscoll, both of whom scored well at the WLAA meet. Also gone are Kristen Schilk (pole vault), Shiri Leventhal (distance) and Milyne Matheny (hurdles). Another athlete lost for the season is thrower

Sarah Dimeglio, a sophomore who injured her ankle playing AAU basketball.

That having been said, Venning is quick to point out that he does "have a ton of people coming back." Three of the leading returnees are junior Christina Redd (sprints); senior Jessica Bailey (throws); and junior Mary Maloney (distance/long jump). All three will figure prominently in any lineup Venning chooses to use.

So will senior Rachel Lindman. Her specialty: name it. "She'll do anything and do it above average," said Venning. "I have no clue where I'll put her. She can go any which way you want her to."

Others who will be counted on heavily, and who help define their team's versatility, are Jessica Levely and Sarah McCormack, both juniors and both distance runners, and Sarah Stobbe, a sophomore who can run anything from the 200 on up.

"I think I have more latitude in the middle distance events than I have had," said Venning.



Key contributor: Jessica Levely, a junior, should contribute in the distance events and perhaps the relays for Canton this season.

Now for the captains. There are six of them, Levely being one. Others are senior sprinters Tekla Bude and Amy Fitzsimmons, senior Julie Rotramel (middle distance/distance), senior Jes-

sica Leadford (high jump/long jump/200 meters) and junior Cindy Rotramel (high jump/sprints).

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## Madonna splits WHAC twinbill with Aquinas

This is a young Madonna University softball team. Okay. But allowing a win to slip away is never easy to digest, no matter what your age.

The Lady Crusaders divided their Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference double-header with Aquinas College, losing the opener 2-1 but winning the nightcap 3-1 Thursday at Madonna Park.

The opening-game loss was tough to take. Madonna led 1-0 going into the sixth, thanks to a fourth-inning Jamie Bobrowski double off the wall in right that brought home Emily Cunningham. Aquinas tied it with three singles off Crusader pitcher Missy VanDoorn in the sixth, Krista Marinello's shot off Van-

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Doorn's mouth driving in the run.

The game-winner came home without the benefit of a hit. An error and two walks loaded the bases; the winning run scored on a catcher's interference call.

VanDoorn took the loss, allowing one earned run on five hits and two walks, with two strikeouts, in seven innings. Her record is 5-6. Cassi Gragg got the win for Aquinas, giving up five hits and three walks, with one strikeout, in seven innings. Gragg is 6-1.

In the second game, the Crusaders scored single

runs in the first and second, then added an insurance run in the fifth — all on just three hits. Mary Warchuck had two of them, driving in one run with a base hit in the fifth.

Jenny Tenyer evened her record at 4-4, surrendering one unearned run on five hits and one walk, with two strikeouts, in seven innings. Lenna Tompkins took the loss for Aquinas, giving up two runs (both unearned) on two hits and two walks in 4 1/3 innings; her record is 5-2.

The split left Madonna at 9-10 overall, 3-3 in the WHAC. Aquinas is 14-5 overall, 2-3 in the conference.



# Eagles have high designs

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There's something building at Plymouth Christian Academy. When the regular season in baseball comes to a close, the hope is the momentum will crest and carry the Eagles deep into the state tournament.

Considering three all-Michigan Independent Athletic Conference players — center-fielder Travis Yonkman, third baseman Jim Morrison and first baseman Doug Parton — have graduated, optimism may seem misplaced.

But PCA coach Don Shumaker believes this team has something last year's didn't: confidence.

It isn't constructed on an unsure foundation, either. Last fall, Shumaker guided a team consisting of some PCA players and a few from reigning MIAC champ Southfield Christian to a 12-2 record and a first-place fin-

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ish in the fall league.

Considering the Eagles were 15-7 last season, tying for second in the conference and winning their first-ever Division IV district title, the impetus for upward movement is in place.

"I think so," agreed Shumaker. "With only four full-time starters returning, we have holes to fill. But we have more versatile players this year. We should be stronger in the middle infield, and we didn't lose any starting pitching."

"In their hearts, they want to win regionals and play in the state tournament. If they continue to improve like they have, they can do it."

Much of PCA's success will be predicated on how much Clay Welton improves. The big (6-foot-

3) righthander posted a 6-3 record with a 2.12 earned run average and 92 strikeouts in 66 innings last year as a sophomore; he also led the team with a .537 batting average, including eight doubles and 28 runs batted in, playing shortstop when not pitching.

Also back is senior righthander Mark Erickson, who went 4-3 on the mound and batted .333 with 14 RBI at second base/shortstop/first base. The third pitcher Shumaker is counting on is sophomore righthander Xander Younce, who pitched just 15 innings last season but had a 5-0 record with a 1.83 ERA. Another middle infielder, Younce hit .288 with 13 RBI.

Although pitching is the key to the season, "Our defense will be good too," Shumaker said. "We have to rebuild our outfield, but our infield is strong and our catching is strong."

Anchoring the catching is all-

conference performer Brian Carnevale, a senior who batted .429 with seven doubles, two triples and 27 RBI. When he needs a break from behind the plate, Carnevale will move to first, with either freshman Aaron Ciborowski or senior Aaron Boone filling in.

Ciborowski will also see extensive playing time at third base, while Boone will be a regular in left field. "He's really worked hard in the off-season," said Shumaker of Boone, adding he plans to insert him as the clean-up batter in the lineup. Boone batted .296 last season as a part-timer, but had a .563 on-base percentage and struck out just four times.

Now for the rest of the Eagles' lineup. Two seniors who didn't play last year have joined the team: Rob Treadwell, a lefthanded pitcher and first baseman, and Matt Immerfall, a second base-



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**On the mark:** One reason for an optimistic outlook for PCA's upcoming season is the all-around ability of Clay Welton (left), both at shortstop and pitching.

Others who did play last season and will fill a bigger role this year are junior Evan Alexander (.385 last season) at first and third base; senior LaVaughn Stevenson (.286) in center field; and sophomore Dave Bahbah (.286) in the outfield and pitching. Andrew Shumaker, a freshman, will be a utility player.

The team the Eagles are gunning for, at least until the post-season begins, will be Southfield Christian. "They have them in their crosshairs," was how Shumaker described his players' attitude.

Truth be told, PCA's goals for the season are lofty — and attainable.

# Influx of veteran players boosts Wolverines' hopes

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Doesn't happen often, but on Tuesday it will: Two teams that met for a state district championship last season will battle in the first week of this season.

Which means Canton Agape Christian, which saw its baseball

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campaign ended by Plymouth Christian Academy last year, will be after some vengeance when the two collide at Griffin Park Tuesday.

The Wolverines posted a 13-11 record last season. Gone from

that team are just two key players: Paul Anleitner, who graduated, and Marcus Ossana, now a freshman (he started as an eighth-grader) at Westland John Glenn.

That suggests Agape has a team that could make some noise this season, even if it remains a school without a conference.

"Our biggest strength is all the veterans we have returning," said Agape coach Jeremy Chrastina. "Our pitching staff is definitely a strength. Coming off a winning season is a help."

"We're one step away. We want to take that extra step and get to the regionals."

The Wolverines' top three pitchers from 2001 return: senior righthander Josh Anthony, a three-year letter winner who was 4-5 with a 1.92 earned run average and 107 strikeouts in 61 2/3 innings last year; Rob Hough, another senior righthander and a two-year letterwinner who was 2-3 with a 2.76 ERA with 65 strikeouts in 33 innings; and David Donaldson, a junior righthander and two-year letter winner who was the team MVP last season, posting a 4-2 record with a 1.94 ERA with 47 strikeouts in 35 2/3 innings.

Donaldson also led the Wolves with a .555 batting average (and a .663 on-base percentage); playing third base when not pitching, he had three triples, 17 runs batted in and 50 stolen bases. He had a team-best 35 hits and 38 runs scored.

Both Anthony and Hough were pretty good at the plate, too. Anthony, who played just about anywhere, hit .424 with 12 doubles, a triple and 21 RBI; Hough, a first and third baseman, hit .535 with a team-best 26 RBI.

Other key contributors from last season's squad whom Chrastina is counting on are junior shortstop Mike Bommari-to, the No. 2 batter in the order who hit .476 with four doubles, 20 RBI and 22 steals; senior catcher Mike Ossana, a four-year letter winner who hit .414 with 11 RBI; and senior left-fielder Bobby Konrad, a two-year letter winner who hit .309 with


11 RBI. Others to watch include senior utilityman Rob Guttersohn, junior utilityman Israel Vicars, freshman outfielder Matt Cross, senior first baseman/outfielder Paul Chrenko (who played as an eighth-grader but not since), junior outfielder Matt Ratcliff, junior center-fielder Johnny Estrada (who will start) and senior Jeremiah Belton, a transfer from Garden City United Christian whom Chrastina calls "our biggest acquisition of the off-season." Belton will start at second base.

It sets a promising stage for Agape, but as Chrastina pointed out, "We haven't won the big games yet. We've got to get over that hump and prove we can beat the teams that win consistently."

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The Wolves also defeated the Ohio Thunder (1-0), tied Syracuse, N.Y. (0-0) and downed the Beadling Soccer Club (2-0).

J.T. Katikos (Livonia) of the Wolves took MVP honors.

Other members of the Wolves include: Nic Djokic and Paul Johnson, both of Livonia; Brian Emrick, Westland; Brian Popeney, Canton; Matt Konopinski, Farmington; Jason Tillman, Brighton; Mike Borowiak, Fraser; Steve Hirshey, Troy; Pat Kelleher, Northville; Alan Holdorf, Novi; Ryan Bennett, Ann Arbor; David Williams, Southfield; Brady Vance, Traverse City; Steve Hecker, Portage; Bain Rumohr, Mason; John Pizanis, East Lansing.

## BOOSTERS TO MEET

The Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club will have its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Room 165 of Plymouth Canton HS. Parents of all present and future Canton football players (including eighth-graders) are encouraged to attend.

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## S'CRAFT VOLLEYBALL CAMPS

Schoolcraft College will offer a series of summer volleyball camps, directed by Ocelot women's coach Tom Teeters, for players ages 8 through adult.

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The camps will be held at Schoolcraft's Physical Education Building, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads.

The cost for beginners and intermediate players for each session is \$90 (\$85 for each additional family member or groups of 10 or more).

A \$30 non-refundable deposit is required upon registration with full payment due on or before the first day of each session.

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Schoolcraft College will be offering a series of summer soccer schools for boys and girls ages 5-16, 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, July 15-20, 22-27; July 29-Aug. 3; Aug. 5-10.

The staff is headed by Dominic Scicluna, head men's soccer coach, at Schoolcraft, along with Mario and Tino Scicluna.

The cost for beginner and intermediate players is \$110 per session (\$100 for each additional family member or groups of 10 or more).

The fee for advanced players is

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For more information, call (734) 462-4413.

Schoolcraft is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, located between Six and Seven Mile roads just west of I-275.

## SHOCK BASKETBALL CLINIC

Former University of Georgia All-America and WNBA player Deanna Nolan of the Detroit Shock will stage a basketball clinic for boys and girls in grades 2-8 from 1-2 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton Township.

The cost is \$15 (includes ticket to an upcoming Shock game and prizes. Instructional and technical drills will be offered.

For more information, call Paul Brotz at (734) 721-1368 or Alan Kruck at (313) 820-5624.

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## EMU YOUTH FOOTBALL CLINIC

The Eastern Michigan University football coaches will host a youth football clinic 1:30-4 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at Rynearson Stadium in Ypsilanti for kids ages 8 to 14.

Each participant will receive a T-shirt, two tickets to the home opener against Toledo on Sept. 7 and a tour of the team locker room and weight room.

The cost is \$10 before April 15 and \$15 after that date. All groups or teams of 10 or more will be charged \$10 a person.

The coaches, including head coach Jeff Woodruff, will teach basic skills and techniques to become an improved player. For more information call (734) 487-5642.

## MS LONGEST DAY OF GOLF

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is sponsoring the MS Longest Day of Golf throughout the month of May to raise awareness and funds to benefit the Michigan Chapter of the NMSS.

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The event will raise money for research, programs and services for people living with MS, a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system. More information call Amber Ackley at (248) 350-0020, ext. 215.

## HOLOWICKI HOOP CAMP

Bernie Holowicki's All-Star Basketball Camp, for boys and

girls ages 8-15, will begin June 9 at Madonna University.

There will be three sessions of boys camps, the first at 9 a.m.-3 p.m. June 9-13; the second at 9 a.m.-3 p.m. June 14-18; and the third at 9 a.m.-3 p.m. June 19-23. The cost for each is \$150.

The girls basketball camp will be July 10-14 at Madonna. Cost is \$140.

The camps will feature contests and prizes, a quality shirt for each participant, drills, camp awards, guest speakers, motivational and instructional videos, special games with the camp staff, a personal written evaluation, a camp championship tourney, and much more.


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Indeed, the Chiefs' junior class is a particularly strong one. Erica Stoney, Pam Reasor and Claire Dooley are all middle distance/distance runners and are all juniors; Lindsay Karaniemi (hurdles) and Ashley Boliard (pole vault) are also juniors.

Several of the newcomers look promising as well. Katie Cezat, a freshman, will run anything from the 100 to the 800 meters, perhaps even the hurdles, and Allison Maples, another freshman, will help in the middle distance/high jump events.

"This year will be interesting," said Venning. "There are no whiners, they work very hard and very intense."

"I think the kids know what they have to do, and that's work hard."

Where this translates in terms of conference standings is difficult to determine. "We'll move up (in the standings)," Venning said with assurance. "There's no doubt we'll move up. They've set the standard. The work ethic is there, the talent level is there."

"I think they're better (than

last year). You can't replace a Fox or a Driscoll, but we've got kids with times that will be competitive with the rest of the league."

Venning is also fairly certain that as improved as his team may be, it probably isn't ready to challenge defending WLAA champ Walled Lake Central for the title.

"Hands down, (the favorite in the league) is Central," he said. "(Plymouth) Salem will be up there and (Livonia) Churchill is strong, and (Livonia) Stevenson

is always a contender. I just think Central will mow people down."

As for his own team's hopes, Venning said, "The future looks okay. We're probably not going to contend for any title, but we could be in the hunt for the (Western) division crown."

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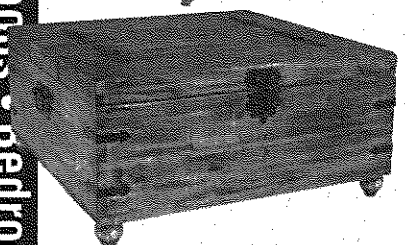
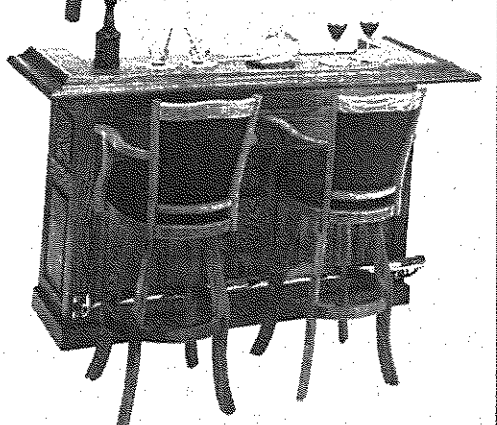
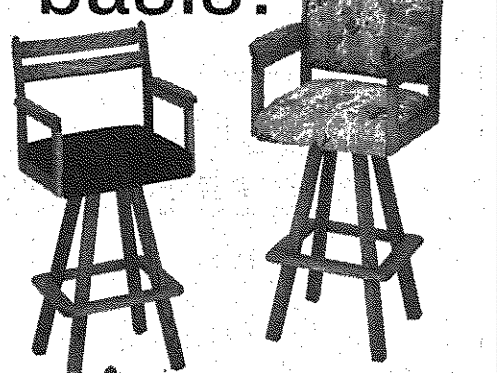
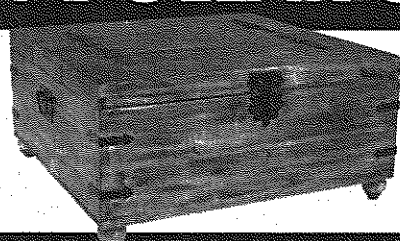
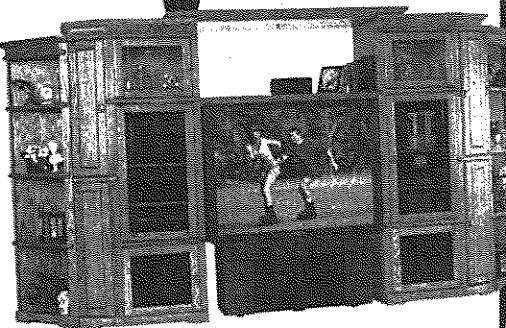
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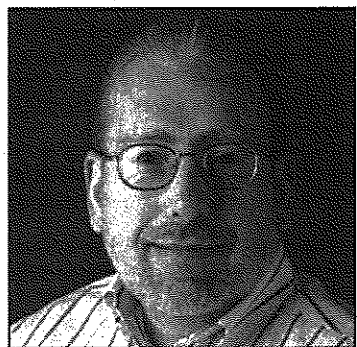
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## On break? Withstand pressure from peers

**S**pring break is an exciting time of year for many teens. Some seniors view it as a right of passage — a milestone to be celebrated with friends before graduation. For younger high school students, it may provide an opportunity to sample, for the first time, a taste of freedom away from the watchful eye of parents.

Along with spring break comes a lot of temptations and peer pressure. What can parents do to temper their teen's excitement and wild partying that can prove to be very dangerous?

No matter where they go — Fort Lauderdale, Myrtle Beach, Cancun, or on a cruise — teens will be interacting with others who use alcohol and drugs. Parents can try to anticipate all the possible dangers and warn their sons and daughters, but it's impossible to anticipate every situation they may encounter.

**■ Spring break is the worst possible situation for a teen to begin to learn how to make his or her own decisions. Empower them to make decisions for themselves, and reinforce the good decisions they make. Not only will this help them make better decisions on spring break, but also it will help them make better decisions every day for the rest of their lives.**

Teens often feel they have to go along with the crowd because they don't feel confident enough to say "no." Parents should lay a foundation to help teens respect themselves and feel confident enough to stand up for what they believe. Everyday, let them know how much you love and care for them. Praise good work. Encourage them to respect themselves and others not just through words, but by setting a good example.

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# PLAY IT SAFE



# ON SPRING BREAK

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
SPECIAL WRITER

Some call spring break a rite of passage. To others it's a week of partying in the sun. Over the next few weeks high school and college students will depart to and return from sunny vacation destinations. With a little luck and a lot of wisdom, they'll return with their health, wallets and self-respect intact.

Although spring break travels can produce fun-filled memories and adventures, young adults and teens can also face risk while they're miles away from home and dorm. Among the dangers are crime, infectious diseases, alcohol-related illness and accidents, and car crashes.

### Family decision

Often spring break is the first time young adults leave home unsupervised, and it has become a rite of passage for many teens, according to Beth Frydlewicz, program manager for Beaumont Hospital's parenting program. Frydlewicz will accompany her niece and five other teenagers on a spring break trip to Cancun this month.

"It really is a family decision whether or not to let your child go on spring break," she said. "It depends on the teenager and the circumstances. It's a very difficult decision to make. And if your child is going to go, you really need to know your travel agent, who can help you discuss frankly what can happen if your kids get into trouble while they're away, especially if they are traveling out of the country."

It comes down to a level of respect and trust, Frydlewicz said.

"This is an opportunity for parents to show their children that they really trust them. And the child must understand wherever they are, they are representing their family, their school, even their country."

It's important to discuss the laws of the country to which the students are traveling, and the consequences for breaking the law, she stressed. The students must also understand bar etiquette and culture before leaving.

"The kids have to understand never to leave their drink unattended because of the date rape drugs. It's a very dangerous game some people play out there and your teenagers have to know the rules of survival," she said.

"You also have to really trust the friends you travel with and know to look out for each other."

Before spring break travelers leave home, it's a good idea to establish a contact at the hotel or resort where they will be staying.

"A staff member or manager can direct your kids to reputable businesses, like where to go on tours or for activities. The staff member will also know how to get in touch with police or other agencies if your child runs into trouble," Frydlewicz said.

The travel agent can tell the teens before they leave about phone cards and whether or not the resort or hotel has Internet access so parents and students can establish a schedule for contacting each other during break, she added.

### Risks on the road

"Automobile accidents are probably the biggest risks for travelers of any kind," said Janet Moody, Botsford infection control nurse. "Another of the biggest risks is accidental injury like sport water craft accidents or injury from sporting activities. They often put themselves in unfamiliar surroundings, participate in new activities, and may be drinking, which can all add to the risk of an accident."

Adding to the risk for accidental injury is sleep deprivation, according to Timothy Roehrs, Henry Ford Health Systems Sleep Disorders and Research Center director of research.

"The issue is primarily driving, especially on a long, monotonous drive. When you're sleep deprived it's possible for you to drive off the roadway," he said. "This can even happen before you've been on break and partying for a few days because a lot of kids will start out short on sleep because they've been staying up late to prepare for their trip. Because they're starting out sleep-deprived, they can run into trouble, especially on rural, unfamiliar roadways."

An even bigger problem is the return trip, when sleep deprivation combined with the effects of drinking for days can lead to deadly consequences.

"When you combine sleepiness and alcohol, you're making a very potent cocktail," he said. Roehrs found in a study at the Center alcohol's functional impact was doubled or tripled when subjects had only four hours of sleep.

Even if the spring break traveler does not drink alcohol, sleep deprivation alone is enough to impair judgment.

"We suspect those people who are risk takers become greater risk takers when they are sleep deprived. People will potentially do crazy things are not judging risks associated with what they're doing," Roehrs said.

### Health risks

Accidents aren't the only dangers associated with spring break travels. Students also risk contracting illness while on vacation.

Among the top risks for vacation-related diseases are skin infections and sexually-transmitted diseases, said Moody.

"Often they're at risk for developing a sexually-transmitted disease because of their behaviors. They may be using drugs or alcohol, and might not yet know their limits or how they will be affected, and they don't use their best judgment," Moody said. Parents who have waited to discuss sex and its consequences until their

children reach their teens may have little impact in preparing their students to go on spring break.

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Besides protecting themselves from STDs, travelers should also protect themselves from skin infections by exercising caution in pools and hot tubs, Moody said.

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## Personal safety is first priority

Debra Phillips, safety coordinator, Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, offers additional tips for keeping spring break safe:

- Let family know who your traveling companions are.
- Inform family members of your route; check in with them along the way; call them when you arrive.
- Visit only well-lit areas and never go alone. Come up with key words or code names to signal to your friends that something isn't right.
- Guard your car keys.
- If faced with a robbery, give in. "A robber doesn't want conflicts, and if you give them conflict, they'll fight it."
- Don't carry a lot of credit cards. Also, emergency phone cards are a must; your cell phone may be out of area.
- Trust your instincts when it comes to sexual situations. If you have the "gut instinct" that something is wrong, just leave. You don't owe anyone an explanation.
- Make sure you always carry I.D. You don't want to be found unconscious without any I.D.
- Be careful about giving out personal information or bringing someone back to your hotel room.

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## Lithotripsy treatment available at St. Mary Mercy

Each year, more than 600,000 Americans develop a kidney stone, causing pain, infection and bleeding. Though many stones pass by themselves, more than 100,000 require medical intervention. In the past, kidney stones often required surgery and a lengthy recuperation period.

Now doctors have a new procedure, lithotripsy, which is performed on an outpatient basis.

Lithotripsy is the use of high-energy shock waves to fragment and disintegrate kidney stones. The shock wave, created by using a high-voltage spark or an electromagnetic impulse, is focused on the stone. This shock wave shatters the stone and allows the fragments — called "gravel" — to pass through the urinary system.

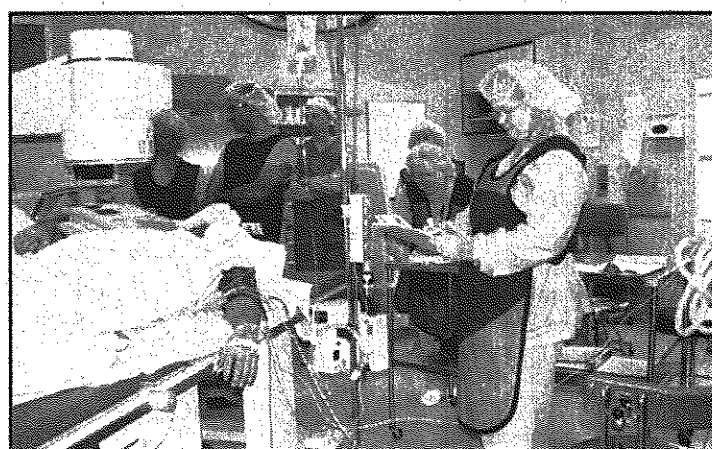
Since the shock wave is generated outside the body, the procedure is termed extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy, or ESWL.

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Lithotripsy is now available at St. Mary Mercy Hospital thanks to a mobile lithotripsy unit that comes to the hospital for four hours, twice a month.

"In the past, patients were limited on where they could go to have this procedure performed," said urologist Dr. Ali Rahmani-

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**Zapping the stone:** St. Mary Mercy urologist Dr. John Harb (second from left) and his team focus high-energy shock waves, a procedure known as "lithotripsy," to shatter a patient's kidney stone.



## St. Mary Mercy offers free alcohol screening



In order to help individuals get the facts on alcohol, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia is offering a free, anonymous education and screening program as part of National Alcohol Screening Day, Thursday, April 11. The screenings will be held 3-7 p.m. in the South Lobby.

As part of the program, participants will hear an educational presentation on alcohol problems, complete a written self-test, and have the opportunity to talk privately with a health professional. An educational video, pamphlets, brochures and flyers will be available, as well as referrals to local treatment and support resources for those who need further evaluation.

There is a no fee for this screening and registration is requested.

For more information, call (734) 655-2944 or (800) 494-0277 (for out of area callers). St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 34675 Five Mile in Livonia. Enter off Levan Road and use the Marian Professional Building Entrance.

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an. "We now have the portable unit here two days a months, and as the number of cases increase so will the number of days the mobile unit comes to the hospital."

The patient is home after a brief two-three-hour stay, said Rahmanian.

Lithotripsy uses the technique of focused shock waves to fragment a stone in the kidney or the ureter (a tube that carries urine from the kidney to the bladder). Previously patients were placed in a tub of water. Because of

advancements in the procedure, patients now lie on a table and a machine sends shock waves that focus on the stone, shattering it.

ESWL is used when a kidney stone is too large to pass on its own, or when a stone becomes lodged in the ureter and will not pass.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. For more information about lithotripsy, call (734) 655-1591 or at (888) 464-WELL. The hospital's Web site is [www.st.marymercy.org](http://www.st.marymercy.org).

# Beware

## Spring break binge tanning will burn you

Babes, beer and baking in the sun. What do these three things have in common?

They are the only subjects students are thinking about during spring break.

Vacationing teens need to expand their thought process and perhaps take a Health 101 class before they leave for the sun-soaked beaches of many popular spring break destinations.

"What most of these kids don't understand is that the sun, in large doses, is very bad for them," said Dr. Max McKinney, chairman of the Family Medicine

Department at Botsford General Hospital. "What they do know is that they are going somewhere tropical and it would be uncool to come home without a tan."

But at what cost is the suntan still worth it? Possible second-degree burns? Possible melanomas? Higher possibility of infection? Higher risk of skin cancer? Dr. McKinney offers some potential life-saving tips for students going on spring break:

■ **Wear sun-block.** This is an absolute must if you are going to be in the sun for an extended

amount of time. McKinney recommends a minimum of 15 spf. Without sun-block, all sun-related risks go up exponentially.

■ **Protect the forgotten areas.** Edge of the ears, tip of the nose and the brow are often forgotten when applying sun-block. Also, men with shaved heads need to remember their head is not protected.

■ **Watch the clock.** Try to stay out of the sun between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. when the sun's rays are the most dangerous.

■ **Talk to your doctor.** Students who are on medication for

acne should talk with their doctor a few weeks prior to spring break and possibly stop taking their medication before they leave. The Tetracycline family of medications causes higher photosensitivity and therefore could increase the risk of sun-related illness.

■ **Skin checks.** Do frequent, routine skin checks. If any moles or freckles change shape, size or color, or blisters appear, have them checked by a professional immediately.

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"Pools are not as likely to be a problem, but hot tubs are a breeding ground for all types of skin infections," she said. "If the water doesn't look clean, don't get in. If you can, ask how the hot tub is cleaned and maintained and how the water is tested to ensure its sanitary."

### Crime risks

Remaining alert is the best

way to protect yourself against crime while on spring break.

"You have to go into this smart. There are people, bad guys, who go into areas where kids go for spring break. They smell out vulnerability," said Debra Phillips, safety coordinator, Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor.

While young travelers have for a long time been the targets for

crimes such as robbery, the stakes have grown even higher in the wake of club drugs and date rape drugs, said Phillips. A young woman's best defense against rape is to remain alert and trust her instincts.

"God has given us an instinctive reaction where the hair raises on the back of your neck. Pay attention," she said. "Women who have been raped will tell

you that the situation just didn't feel right."

Often the best way for travelers and parents to maintain piece of mind during spring break is to arrange a chaperone, said Frydlewicz.

"If you can find the right chaperone, the kids can go and have fun, but not worry about the adults breathing down their necks."

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decisions on spring break, but also it will help them make better decisions every day for the rest of their lives.

Another reason teens may go along with the crowd on spring break is that they don't consider the consequences. We've all heard the dangers of drinking. Some college students have even died from alcohol poisoning. So why would a

teen want to be part of such irresponsible behavior? Because they want to be accepted and feel they are part of the party. They also think they will live forever.

Parents should have an open discussion with their teens about consequences. Ask them what they know about the dangers of alcohol and drugs. Discuss how a moment of partying and casual

sex can affect their reputation, or more significantly, their long-term health and well-being.

Parents need to set a good example by insisting on what they feel is in their child's best interest. Parents shouldn't succumb to pressure from their child or their child's friends. If parents feel their son or daughter has a history of poor decision-making

and does not have the confidence to stand up to being responsible on spring break, they shouldn't be afraid to tell them "no, you can't go." This tough decision might be the best decision a parent can make.

David Carpenter is a child and adolescent counselor with the Henry Ford Behavioral Health. Contact him at (313) 874-6677.

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### APRIL

#### CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY

The Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Friends Support Group - a non-profit support group for people made ill by exposure to pesticides, fragrances, cleaners, etc. - will meet 2-5 p.m. Sunday, April 7, at 31904 Bradner Street (near the intersection of Bradner and 13 1/2 Mile), Warren. Please come unscented. Call (248) 348-4972.

The group previously met at the Good Food Company in Canton.

#### DIABETES

Lori Eno, a registered nurse and a diabetic educator from Providence Hospital, will present "Understanding Diabetes" 12:30 p.m. Sunday, April 7, at Our Lady of Loretto Church, northeast corner of Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Lunch provided. \$5 donation accepted. Call the rectory at (313) 534-9000 or Sarah Martoia at (313) 531-6770.

#### HEALTH & HUMOR

St. Colette Parish Health Ministry will present Amanda Hosko of St. Mary Mercy Hospital speaking about "Humor and Your Health" 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 9. The church is located at 17600 Newburgh Road (between Six and Seven Mile roads, across from Laurel Park Mall), Livonia. Call Joanne at (734) 464-4436.

#### EATING DISORDERS

Join Kyrai Antares, author of *Finding a Break in the Clouds*, at her new workshop, "The Revelation," 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, at the Neuromuscular Wellness Center, 38215 W. 10 Mile Road, Suite 6, Farmington Hills. Antares, who has conquered anorexia and bulimia, will share insights and offer solutions based

on personal experience. Call Carrie MacGillis at (248) 333-1889 or e-mail: [breakintheclouds@comcast.net](mailto:breakintheclouds@comcast.net).


#### SENIOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Senior Health Services of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System of Ann Arbor will present a Senior Health Lecture 1:30-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, at Canton

Summit in the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. "Substance Abuse in Older Adults" will feature Dr. Bharati Srivastava and Joyce Davidson, who will discuss mixing alcohol with medications and what it means to be chemically dependent. Registration is required. To register, please call (734) 394-5485.

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In addition, the NSAIDs, like aspirin, are good pain relievers and are useful in rheumatoid arthritis for that reason alone.

The second line of medication therapy is the disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs called DMARDs. This group included gold salts, methotrexate, etaner, arava, rimecade, and several other drugs. These medications either prevent lymphocytes from making the antibodies that trigger rheumatoid disease, or stop the antibodies and inflammatory agents already circulating from attaching to cells in and around joints. Each of the agents included in the DMARD group work in a different manner. For that reason, it is possible to give you not only one DMARD drug, but add additional ones from this category if a single DMARD is not controlling your arthritis.

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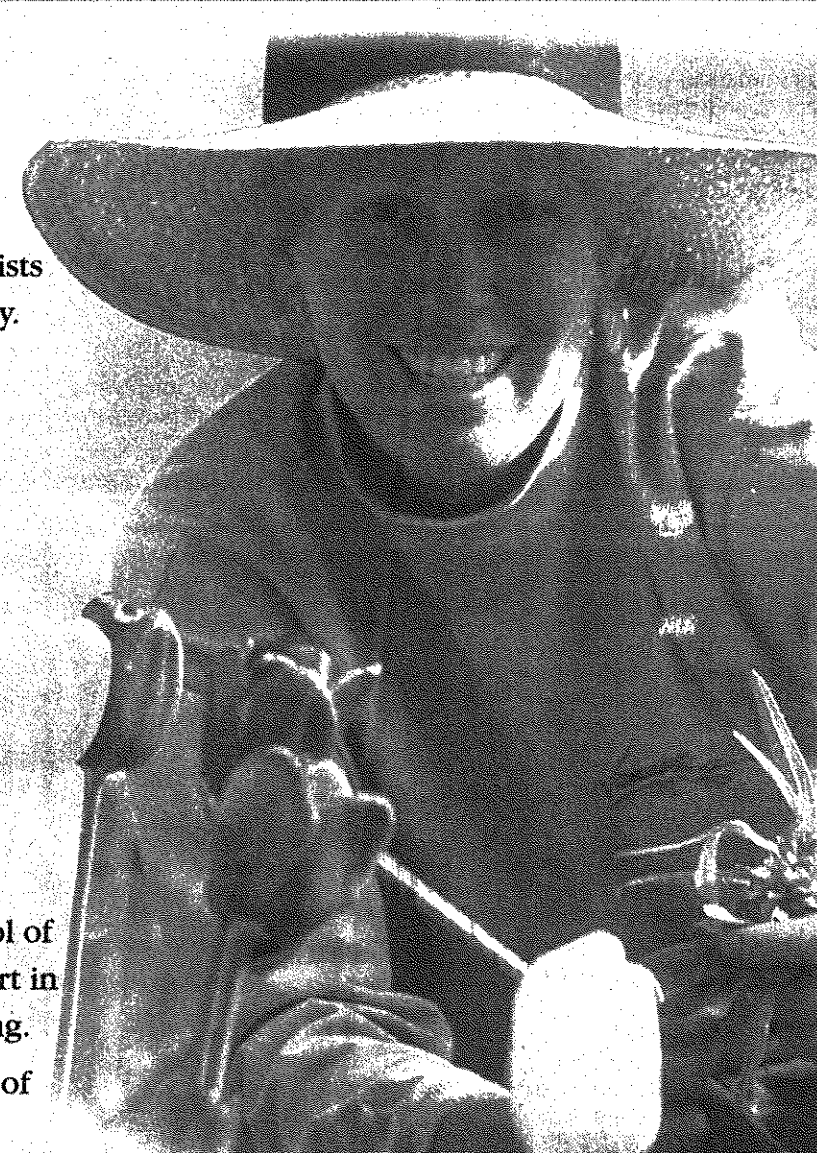
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# New Rules for retirement account withdrawals make life easier

By ERIC J. ZIMMERMAN  
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Last year, the IRS did millions of retirees a big favor by simplifying the rules surrounding mandatory withdrawals from individual retirement accounts. The new rules are important to understand because they may help you defer more taxes. And if you keep your withdrawals as low as possible, you may be able to pass on a larger legacy to your loved ones.

By law, owners of IRAs and most employer retirement plans are required to begin taking required minimum distributions (or RMDs) by April 1 of the year after they turn 70. Under the old rules, taxpayers had to lock in

one of several complex methods for determining the amount of their distributions. The result could vary considerably depending on the method used and the age of the beneficiary named.

The new rules will make life easier for you in several ways.

## New rules

First, they eliminate all the confusing calculation options and provide one simple table with which you can easily determine your RMD. Second, the new table will likely allow you to take a lower RMD than before, if you desire. Taking smaller distributions will help you keep a larger portion of your assets growing tax deferred.

A simpler, easier calculation. Here's how easy it is to calculate your RMD using the new table. Simply locate on the table the age you will attain in the year for which you are calculating your RMD, and note the life

## Now your beneficiaries may spread distributions over their own lifetime, regardless of your distribution method.

expectancy factor listed next to it (you can find the "Uniform Distribution Table" in IRA Publication 590, Individual Retirement Arrangements). Then you just divide the value of your retirement account (as of the end of the previous year) by that factor to get your RMD. For example, a person who attains age 72 with an account balance of \$100,000 and a life expectancy factor of 24.4 years would calculate an annual distribution amount of \$4,098.

Flexibility for your beneficiaries. You can take comfort in knowing the new rules will also make things easier for your ben-

eficiaries after your death. Previously, if you had already chosen an RMD method, your beneficiaries had to continue distributions at the same rate (if you had not yet begun RMDs, they could choose from several options). Now your beneficiaries may spread distributions over their own lifetime, regardless of your distribution method. So if they are younger than you, they'll be able to take smaller distributions and defer taxes even longer.

Also, your loved ones won't have to rush in making distribution decisions after your death. Under the new rules, they have until December 31 of the year following your death to designate a beneficiary for distribution purposes.

"Stretching" your IRA across generations. Here's how a "stretch IRA" strategy may help you leave more for generations to come: If you die before your

spouse, and your spouse is the sole primary beneficiary, your spouse can roll the IRA money into his or her own name and name a younger beneficiary such as your child. If your spouse has already started taking RMDs, he or she continues to take distributions based on his or her own life expectancy.

## Beneficiaries

When your surviving spouse dies, a child named as beneficiary receives the assets and starts taking RMDs based on his or her life expectancy. If you've named several children as beneficiaries, they may divide the IRA into separate accounts for each beneficiary. One benefit of this is that each beneficiary calculates the RMDs for their share based on their age. So the youngest child could take very small RMDs.

And your IRA may stretch even further. Your children could ultimately name other

beneficiaries (such as your grandchildren).

Careful planning still needed. While calculating annual RMDs is now simpler, the retirement-, tax- and estate-planning issues involved still require careful planning for your goals. In addition to your tax advisor, a knowledgeable financial advisor can help you review your situation and determine all the RMD planning opportunities available to you and your heirs.

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### APRIL

**CANTON BPW**  
Canton Business and Professional Women/USA will meet 5:45-8 p.m. Monday, April 8, at Damon's Restaurant, Ford Road east of Sheldon, Canton. Speaker Amy Allen will discuss the Fair Pay Act. Call (734) 416-0528.

### CAREER WOMEN

The West Suburban Chapter, National Association of Career Women will hold its luncheon meeting 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, April 9, at Ernesto's 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Priscilla Peterson of Management Recruiters of Lansing will be the speaker. Cost is \$18 for members and \$22 for non-members. Call (734) 462-4670.

### ECONOMIC CLUB

The Detroit Economic Club will host General Richard B. Myers, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, at their luncheon meeting noon Tuesday, April 9 at the Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. Myers will present "The Global War on Terrorism: The Long Road to Victory." Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara will preside at the luncheon. Tickets are \$28 for members; \$33 for guests. Call (313) 963-8547.

### SENIOR JOB FAIR

The "Ability is Ageless" Job Fair will take place 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, at the Ramada Southfield Hotel, 17017

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### NACW

The National Association of Career Women - Metro Detroit Chapter will meet 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11, at Morel's on Telegraph Road (just north of 12 Mile) in Southfield. Guest speakers Kelly Cole and Leslie Lothridge from Juvenile Justice Outreach will present "Giving Girls a Chance." Cost is \$22 for members and \$24 for nonmembers and guests. Call Carolyn or Martha at (248) 851-8130.

### ASQ

The American Society for Quality (ASQ) will meet 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, April 11, at the Ford Motor Co. Product Development Center, Dearborn. Dr. James Adams, Six Sigma Master Black Belt, will discuss the replacement for the automotive industry's current quality process standard. \$10 for students and ASQ members who register by April 8th. \$15 for non-members and at the door. Informal supper. Pre-registration and location directions at www.ASQ1010.org.

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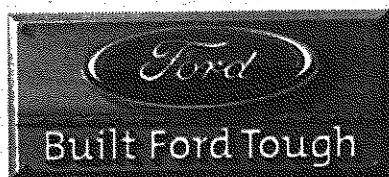
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**WESTLAND**

734-467-5667 734-513-5347

**ROMULUS**

734-942-1959

For further information call 313-255-6295

**CDL - A DRIVER**

Fortune 100 SYSCO Food Services has full time openings for CDL A delivery drivers. Union position, full time; all routes are local. \$15.00/ start, \$15.27 @ 90 days or pay by load (employee choice). Company paid benefits & annual increase also. Must be physically fit & able to lift heavy items on repetitive basis. To arrange an interview, CALL: (734) 397-7697 or (800) 366-3577. EOE M/F/D/V.

**DRIVERS**

(9AM-5:30PM)

- \$390 per week to start
- Overtime available
- Blue Cross/Blue Shield delivery reimbursement
- 401 K
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- Clean environment/vehicles
- Immediate openings

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**DRIVER (CDL A or B)**

Service-oriented company needs drivers for roof-top delivery. Hard work-repetitive lifting of shingle bundles. Majority of day spent roof loading. Must be ok w/ walking on roofs. Clean driving record. \$13.50 start (negotiable w/ experience). BC/BS, 401K, & on-going training! Apply at: Wimsatt Building Materials 36340 Van Born Rd. Wayne, MI 48184

**DRIVER CDL**

For Busy Local building material supplier, requirements are CDL License, class B or better with air. Flexibility to work to overtime & ability to lift heavy objects. Apply in person at Wayne Oakland Building Supplies 25018 Plymouth Rd. Redford MI 48239

**DRIVER**

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**DRIVER/EQUIPMENT OPER**



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Insurance

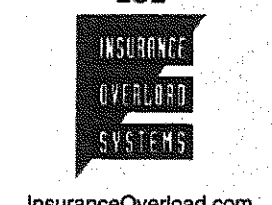
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Canton Township is accepting applications for the position of Kid's Corner Assistant. Position involves the supervision of children in a child care setting at the Summit on the Park. Must be at least 16 yrs. of age. Should be able to possess American Red Cross Babysitting, Basic First Aid/CPR certifications. \$6.50 per hr./\$7.50 per hr. for 8:15 am to 1:30pm shift. Applications can be picked up at the Personnel Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd. An application form is also available on the Canton Township website at [www.cantonmi.org](http://www.cantonmi.org). The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

**LABORERS WANTED** for Commercial/Industrial painting contractor. 40-65 hrs. per week. Paid overtime & benefits. Reliable transportation & valid drivers license a must. Call Melissa, Mon-Fri, 9-4pm. Mastercraft Coatings 1-800-390-6351.

**LAB TECH** Part-time in a dairy food plant. Science background required. Excellent opportunity for students. 16-20 hours per week. Must be available to work weekends & holidays. Duties include testing dairy products, production line checks, raw milk screening. You must be self motivated & able to work independently.

**\$10 PER HOUR** Apply at: Country Fresh Embest 31770 Enterprise, Livonia, MI, 48150. Call: 734-261-1049. Attn: Human Resources EOE

**ENVIRONMENTAL LANDSCAPE & CONSTRUCTION** Seeking experienced help only. Please call Gib, (248) 547-2234.

**CRIMBOL NURSERY** Full-time/Part-time positions. CDL, DRIVERS, RETAIL STAFF, HORTICULTURIST, ESTIMATOR, MANAGERS, Exp. Pay. Apply at: 50145 Ford Rd., Canton, (734) 495-1700. Fax resume: (734) 495-1131.

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**LANDSCAPE COMPANY** looking for hard working self motivated people for the following positions:  
**LANDSCAPE DESIGNER**  
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**LANDSCAPE EQUIPMENT OPERATOR**  
Great Oaks Landscape is looking for an experienced landscape equipment operator with a CDL Class A. The right person will have several years experience as a skidsteer or front end loader operator. Exc. wage & benefits. (248) 349-2922

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**LANDSCAPING** position available. Year-round, full-time for busy landscape co. Call 734-718-9778

## 500 Help Wanted General

**REB LANDSCAPING**  
Lawn maintenance, landscapers needed. Good starting pay. Start work on April 8, 2002. Call Ron at: (734) 513-7798

**IRRIGATION TECH**  
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**WIXOM LAND FERTILIZING**  
company looking for Tech. Technician. Experience helpful, not necessary. Minimum starting pay \$11/hour + overtime, commission, bonuses, benefits & retirement. Call: 248-624-7185.

**LAWN CUTTING & GARDENING**  
Help Wanted. Must have own transportation. (248) 478-4114.

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Pay based on experience. Plymouth area. (734) 416-9178

**LEAD DESK CLERK**  
Now accepting applications for the position of Lead Desk Clerk at our Canton location. We offer competitive wages, benefits, and room discounts. Must be available weekends and holidays. Prior hotel experience not necessary. Apply in person, or pick-up application at: Baymont Inns & Suites, 41211 Ford Rd., Canton, MI 48187

**LEASING AGENT**  
Accepting applications for full-time Village Square Apartments (734) 981-3888 E.O.E.

**LEASING AGENT**  
Edward Rose & sons seek to fill retail consultant positions in Detroit suburbs. Positions require energetic individual with excellent communication skills. Sales or customer service experience helpful. Advancement available. Please call Len at 248-539-2130 or fax resume to: 248-539-2135.

**LEASING CONSULTANT**  
Part-time Leasing. Consultant needed for Farmington apartment community. Must be available most weekends. Call Midge at (248) 476-8080.

**LIBRARIAN I YOUTH SERVICES**  
City of Southfield  
Assists patrons with reader guidance and reference, collection development, tours and presentations. Requires: a Master's degree in Library Science. Submit an A.L.A. accredited university, course work/experience in collection management, and a proactive public service attitude. Salary range: \$35,365-\$49,533, plus a benefit package. Submit a City of Southfield application package no later than 5:00 P.M., May 6, 2002 to:

City of Southfield  
Human Resources  
Department  
26000 Evergreen Road  
Southfield, MI 48076  
EOE M/F/V/H  
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**LIBRARY ASST.** Part time, children's dept., some evenings/Sat. BA or exp. w/children required. \$11/hr. Wixom Public Library, 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom.  
Lifeguards/Swim Instructors  
Wanted! Responsible, friendly people to join our nice outdoor atmosphere from Memorial Day weekend - Labor Day weekend.

• Competitive pay  
• Flexible hours  
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• If you have your WSI water safety instructor (certificates) you can earn extra dollars.

Pick up an application at the Bailey Recreation Center at 36651 Ford Road, Westland, or call 734-722-7820. Ask for Lesa.

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**LOAN OFFICER**  
For Livonia mortgage broker. Exp. not required. Top pay, leads provided. Call Jill 734-442-3685 Fax resume 734-442-3688 email [freemortgagequote@hotmail.com](mailto:freemortgagequote@hotmail.com)

**MACHINIST AUTOMOTIVE**  
performance experienced person needed full-time for auto parts store. Call for information. Novi, (248) 348-1250

**MAL INSERTER OPERATOR/ FULL & PART TIME**  
Rapidly growing company in Novi needs mail inserter operators. Pitney Bowes & mail pre-sort knowledge helpful. Full & part time positions available. Excellent wages & benefits. Send resume to Box #1452 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150

**KRAMER-TRAD HOME SERVICES**  
248/888-4714

Clean cut, experienced in several trades, own vehicle & tools. Full time w/ benefits.

**SWIMMING POOL & general maintenance** for condo complex in Westland. 2 yrs. exp. Full or part-time. Send resume to: 37547 Barkridge, Westland, MI. 48185.

**MAINTENANCE**  
Exp. on-site maintenance person. Novi apartment community. Prefer HVAC certified. Good benefits. 401K. Call (248) 348-0626 between 10:30 & 5pm E.O.E.

**MAINTENANCE**  
Full time, benefits available. Westwood Village Apartments. 401K. Call today, ask for Martha or Mark. 734-459-6600

**MAINTENANCE**  
Person needed for 146 unit Westland apartment community. Must have basic skills in plumbing, electrical, carpentry and HVAC. \$10/hr. or \$8/hr. apartment. Includes benefits and advancement opportunity. Call Danielle at (248) 569-8880.

**MAINTENANCE PERSON**  
Exp. w/ PM on Cranes & forklifts. Electrical/mechanical knowledge. Fast paced environment. Medical/dental & 401K. Fax resumes to Operations Mgr. 313-535-0862

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**MOVERS NEEDED.**  
Full or part-time. (734) 729-6100.

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**MAINTENANCE PERSON**  
for condo buildings and grounds. Novi. Full-time help. (248) 349-9060

**MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR**  
Full time position at new nursing home in Livonia. Skilled in electrical, plumbing, heating/cooling, supervisory skills. Apply at Lutheran Heritage Village, 33600 Luther Lane, Livonia, MI 48154. 734-421-8564

**MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR POSITION**  
Applicants must have previous multi-family & supervisory exp. good oral writing skills. Must have 5+ yrs. exp. in working knowledge in plumbing, electrical, heating & carpentry repairs. Able to lift at least 50 pounds. Wage will be based on exp. Fax resume to 248-553-4570. Attn: MSP-PC.

**MAINTENANCE TECH.**  
Experience with Allen Bradley, robotics, good electrical skills, competitive wages & benefits. Fax resume to: 734-397-0029

**MAINTENANCE TECH**  
Property Management company has full-time openings for various locations. Must have 2 years exp in heating, electrical & gas furnaces, plumbing, & carpentry, etc. Benefits. Fax resumes: 248-352-2837 EOE

**MAINTENANCE TECH**  
Large apartment community in Troy seeking motivated, self-starter for technician position. Some electrical, boiler, small appliance repair & plumbing experience necessary. Top compensation plus benefits and bonuses. Please forward resume to:

Village Green of Troy  
Attn: Gail Pearce  
28691 Troy Rd., #8034  
Troy, MI 48063  
Fax (248) 362-3219

**MAKE-UP ARTIST**  
Female, 18+. Part time. Training after free workshop. Start immediately. (248) 358-7318

**MANAGER**  
Growing Birmingham Farm based Title Insurance Co. seeking experienced front line manager. Must possess 2-3 years of management experience. Contact: Jan Frank, 30150 Telegraph Rd., Suite 100, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

**MANAGER/SALES**  
New store opening at Southland and Westland Malls. Full or part time. Earn up to \$500/wk. Please call Impressions Apparel Company, 1-800-583-6116 ext. 15, or fax resume, Attn: Pete: (248) 333-3282

**MARKETING COORDINATOR**  
Residential builder located in West Bloomfield, is seeking a person with 3-5 years experience in marketing in home. Responsibilities include: assisting in the execution of the marketing, advertising and sales strategies for new home communities. This position is for a motivated, well organized, goal oriented professional with strong communication and P.C. skills. E.E.O. Send resume with salary requirements to SH Corp., P.O. Box 25500, West Bloomfield, MI 48222

**MASON & MASON FOREMAN**  
With commercial exp. Top pay & fringes. 248-437-7700

**MATURE PERSON** with good people skills for part-time position in Westland Mall. Established Livonia company. Evenings and weekends. (734) 261-0222

**Mechanical/Shop Work.**  
Part time, days. (313) 934-6478

**MECHANIC WANTED**  
Experience in small engines, mowers, chain saws, etc. Suhl, Toro, Snapper. Clean, well equipped, air conditioned shop. Good pay and benefits. (248) 474-4325

**MERCHANDISER**  
Work with plants \$10/hr. Large retail garden center needs energetic people who like out door physical work. If driving to work must be insured. Part time, seasonal beginning late March & early April. Fax resume or work history to: Keith Hicks 313-521-2782 or call 313-506-5160.

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**PRESS OPERATOR.** Must be experienced on hydraulic presses, able to do own setup on 2 & 3 piece dies. Good wage/benefit pkg. Design Metal, Inc. (248) 547-4170 or fax resume (248) 547-5528

**REPAIR**  
Good pay & great benefits. Exp. preferred. Send resumes to: Human Resources, 34550 Glenade, Livonia, MI 48150

**ROOFERS & SIDERS NEEDED!**  
Livonia area minimum of 2 years exp. Call Greg (248) 887-2856

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**MORTGAGE LOAN PROCESSOR**  
\$1500 SIGNING BONUS "Experience Required"

Southfield mortgage company is looking for a dependable, hard-working individual with knowledge in processing conforming, non-conforming, FHA & VA loans with multiple investors. Excellent compensation, monthly bonus plan, medical, dental, 401K. Please fax your resume and salary requirements to: (248) 827-4124 Attn: Heather M. Sanders

**NORTHVILLE LUMBER CO.**  
CONTRACTOR SALES  
Lumber and Millwork 1 year experience. Up to \$36K plus benefits to start. Send resume Human Resource Dept. Northville Lumber Co. 6150 Southfield Rd. Northville, MI 48167 Attn: Contractor Sales

**OPTICAL**  
U.S. Vision has immediate full/part-time Management positions available. Exp. helpful but will train. Willing to pay top \$ for the right candidate. Call 1-800-248-2255 EOE

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Leading outdoor lighting company seeks qualified installers. Exc. pay. No exp. necessary, will provide training. Small van or truck required. (248) 305-9100

**PAINTERS**  
Professional, reliable Commercial/Industrial painters with 3-5 yrs. experience. Must have reliable vehicle and valid driver's license & small hand tools. Great pay, 40-65 hrs./wk. Benefits & 401K offered. Call Melissa, Mon-Fri, 9-4pm. Mastercraft Coatings 1-800-390-6351.

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**PARKS MANAGER**  
Canton Township is accepting applications for Parks Manager. Responsible for over 60 acres of park land and the grounds of all community facilities. Must demonstrate experience in park development, planning and administration. This professional level position will guide a rapidly growing park system and must be abreast of current trends and practices. Ability to be available to the public and work a flexible schedule is required. Graduation from a college or university with specialization in park administration or related field; or equivalent combination of exp. and training. \$53,100-\$69,400/yr. Applications can be picked up at the Canton Township Personnel Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188 or send a self addressed stamped business-size envelope above to: Parks Manager Application form is also available on the Canton Township website at [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org). Job descriptions will be posted at the Township Administration Building. All applicants must complete a Canton Township application form in its entirety and be received by Canton Township no later than 4pm April 19, 2002. Resumes will not be accepted without completed written application form. No faxed applications will be accepted. The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

**PART-TIME TELEMARKETER**  
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Multi-state operation. Knowledge of Federal and State tax requirements. Computer skills. MAES 200, MS Office Suite. Career Opportunities for experienced mature individual. Wide range of benefits. Email or fax resume to Amy Schaden [aschaden@aol.com](mailto:aschaden@aol.com) (313) 886-9290

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Earn an average of \$8-\$12/hr. Full or part-time. (734) 737-8902

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Canton/Plymouth area injection molder has opening for assembly and trim operator person. Prefer experience in plastic injection molding plant. Excellent pay and benefits. Fax resume to 734-451-9713 or mail to P.O. Box 858226, Westland, MI 48185-8099 for immediate consideration.

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**PRINTERS**  
One and two color Press Operators. Join this aggressive Livonia Company and earn \$27,000 to \$40,000 + paid vacations, holidays, overtime, health, and retirement plans. To apply call: 734-421-6800 or fax resume: 734-421-7780

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**PRINTING**  
West Metro Printing in Livonia, seeks experienced Press Operator & customer service person for mid-size shop. Must have experience. Fax resume to: 734-522-9171 or Call: 734-522-0410

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**Production - Light Industrial CNC/ROBOT OPERATOR**  
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City of Farmington Hills  
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**RECEPTIONIST/ GENERAL OFFICE**  
Part-time position available in Redford office, Monday through Friday, 8-2pm. Must have excellent phone, spelling, grammar skills, and a working knowledge of Word and Excel. Please send resume:

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Observer & Eccentric Newspapers  
36251 Schoolcraft Rd.  
Livonia, MI 48150

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**501 Computer/Info. Systems**

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**PDM Database Support Specialists**

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**502 Help Wanted—Office Clerical**

**ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT**  
At least 2 years experience with QuickBooks in an accounts payable and receivable role. Needs to be able to coordinate payments, handle invoices and develop relationships with vendors. Fax resume to CFO at (734) 769-0035

**ACCOUNTING/CLERICAL**

Rioch Business Systems (a subsidiary of Rioch Corporation) has an opening in its Accounting Department for Billing & Accounts Payable Clerks. Positions are full-time & includes complete benefit package. Previous experience is required. If interested, please send resume, along with salary requirements, to: Rioch Business Systems, Inc. Attn: Personnel 2119 Austin Rd. Rochester Hills, MI 48309

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Part-time for Birmingham multi-family property Mgmt. Co. Payable experience required. Excellent starting rate for qualified candidate with references. Fax resume to 248-646-0606.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

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