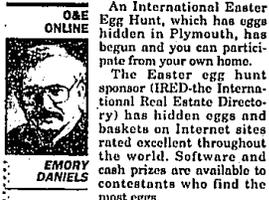


# Easter egg hunt of the '90s on Web



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The starting point is the IRED's home page at <http://www.ired.com>.

AmeriSpec Home Inspection Service of Plymouth has an Internet site rated excellent by IRED and is among the companies chosen worldwide to participate. AmeriSpec, which conducts nearly 2,000 inspections each year in southeast Michigan, has relied heavily on computer technology since its inception in 1990. The Plymouth office was named North American Franchise of the year in 1995 and is known for its innovative approach to the inspection industry. The AmeriSpec Web site has its own link page, with links to various home purchase, remodeling and building sites. It also has educational information on numerous home ownership topics. The site was created with the assistance of Computer Magic, Inc., based in Plymouth, which also did a site for Steve Hatfield of Dearborn that includes a virtual tour of the city of Dearborn.

I know the URL for AmeriSpec but don't want to give contentists who read this column an unfair advantage. Here's a hint, though: You can find AmeriSpec's and Hatfield's sites by visiting Computer Magic's site at <http://www.compmagic.com>. I learned about this site from Rick Bowling, a former neighbor of mine whom I also worked with for a few years in efforts to provide housing and services for developmentally disabled adults. I've followed his new career with interest and it was fun to hear about the Easter Egg Hunt.

**St. Pat's Day**  
Nirvan Hank of Imaginary Landscape has a list of links for St. Patrick's Day which you can scan by visiting <http://www.mca.com/~justhank/home/holiday/stpata.html>. Speaking of St. Patrick's Day, our online friend Len Roberts of Canton has returned to his former role as Holiday Web master. In recent weeks Len has been making plans for his St. Patrick's Day site. "You'll need to be able to hear mid files to really get in the mood," says Len. "All the pages at YEPI are now set to play sound." Last I heard, Len was ready for us so point to <http://oconline.com/~lenr/pindex.html>.

**March Madness Plus**  
March Madness has arrived for high school and college basketball fans, as has spring training for baseball teams. And the Final Four is not far away neither. Web sites of interest related to these topics are: The Mercury Mail is launching its award-winning coverage of March Madness



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and Major League Baseball, at [http://www.mercc.com/ewg/ewg\\_mercc.cgi](http://www.mercc.com/ewg/ewg_mercc.cgi). You also can get all the coverage you want via E-mail as Fast Scores delivers the final score to you immediately following the game. Inside information on your favorite baseball team can be found by reading Weekly Team Reports.

All roads will lead to Indianapolis when the city plays host to March 29-31 to the NCAA Final Four, the culmination of the Division I men's basketball tournament.

To help fans worldwide follow all the action and catch all the flavor of this March Madness, the Indianapolis Star & News offers "The Road To Indianapolis," at <http://www.roadtoindianapolis.com>. Visitors will find: a directory of information about the city, the tournament, related events and other things to do while hoops fans are in Indianapolis; features about college basketball's top players, coaches and team perspectives from top columnists; highlights and stats of past tournaments; and a look at Indiana's long love affair with basketball.

The Court Time area of the site will feature game coverage and college basketball news from around the country and at tournament times will have interactive message boards and other fan features, says Jay Small, Online Services Editor for Indianapolis Newspapers, Inc.

Tampa Bay Online has a Web site called Play Ball at <http://www.tbweb.com/baseball/home.htm> which puts you right in the press box this spring for all the news and best information from the teams including scores, schedules, game stories, transactions, trivia and more.

The site is produced by the online news service of the Tampa Tribune.

**Senator on-line**  
Constituents of state Sen. Michael Bouchard (R-Birmingham) can now access his web site page at <http://www.gop-senate.state.mi.us/senator/bouchard>.

"I'm always looking for new and more effective ways to connect the citizens I represent to their government," says Bouchard. "I think it's extremely important for public servants to be easily accessible to citizens, and this brings a new and user-friendly mode of communication into the mix."

Bouchard's web site features press releases on legislative initiatives he's sponsored, information regarding senate committees and schedules, newsletters, commentaries and links to other sites of interest.

**Web Jewels**  
Gleason Sackman of Net Train send us information about Churchsurf. Point to <http://www.churchsurf.com/> and find a church directory of almost every church and Christian organization on the Internet. Churchsurf offers free home pages to churches and Christian organizations.

One of the more interesting of the several weather sites online is Rain or Shine at <http://www.rainorshine.com>. You will find three maps that present 24 hour forecast, satellite photos and Nexrad radar. You can also search the weather stats for more than 800 cities world-wide, from Aberdeen (South Dakota and Scotland) to Zurich. Submit a search for a city and you'll get a graphical representation of a five-day forecast in color. Or browse the daily tips from the Farmer's Almanac. Thanks to Liz Thompson for suggesting this visit.

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## MORE BUSINESS MILESTONES

**From MILESTONES, E1**  
less in servicing manufacturing clients with a focus on financial operations, process reengineering and enterprise application solutions.

**Ken Pool of Farmington Hills** joined Project Innovations, Inc. in Farmington Hills as a senior consultant. Pool will help the organization expand its consulting support services to companies looking for assistance on organizational and process improvement projects and facilitating cultural change.

**Kathleen Bertoneoli of Southfield** was hired as a consultant at Bloomfield Hills-based Asset Strategies Portfolio Services, Inc. Bertoneoli is responsible for developing new business and working with existing clients in providing the full range of institutional investment consulting services.

**Rosalind Griffin, M. D.**, of Bloomfield Hills was appointed to the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents by Gov. John Engler for a four-year term expiring Dec. 31, 2004. Griffin is a psychiatrist in private practice and medical director for Sinai Hospital's Hearing Impaired Professional Services in Detroit.

**Katherine Albrecht and Susan Friedlander** of Beverly Hills were named senior attorneys at Butzel Long in Birmingham. Albrecht practices in probate, estate planning and trust administration. Friedlander practices in the area of zoning, municipal law and other related real estate-based litigation.

**David Tillman** of Beverly Hills was named senior attorney for Butzel Long in Detroit. Tillman's experience includes real estate, commercial litigation, construction law and employment litigation.

**Tina Wallace** of Southfield was promoted to director of administration for the Michigan College Foundation. Wallace is responsible for tracking fund-raising progress, maintaining accounts, financial records and reports and for college distributions.

**Judith Kopka** of Berkley was promoted to human resources administrator at Auburn Hills-based Inalfa Hollandia, Inc. Kopka is responsible for reporting and tracking worker compensation claims, staffing temporary workers, compiling data from personnel records for use in employee benefits administration and preparing facility safety reports.

**Doreen Dziepak Benson and Leslie Drotel**, both of Birmingham, were elected vice presidents of membership for 1997 for the Detroit-based Non-Profit Public Relations Network. Benson is public affairs specialist for the Social Security Administration in Pontiac. Drotel is the director of community relations for The Community House in Birmingham. Janet Pung of Bloomfield Township was elected to the Non-Profit PR Network's board of directors for 1997. Pung is communications officer for the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission in Waterford.

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rants and pubs will be announced in detail in the next few days.

The Foundation's St. Patrick's Day radiothon that would include a 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. broadcast on WJR, morning broadcasts on WJR and WXYZ-TV/Channel 7; shorter televised broadcast segments on WXYZ-TV/Channel 7 and, more than 350 people have already volunteered their time to staff the telephones or collection points during the day.

"The Foundation's St. Patrick's Day activities will bring the community together and help save the lives of others," said McCarthy.

"It's a time to reflect and share our blessings to help reduce the number of people who die each year from lack of funding and sufficient donors."

The mission of The J.P. McCarthy Foundation is to raise funds for scientific research and education of blood disorders, especially Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS), from the rare blood disease.

J.P. McCarthy died Aug. 16, 1995, from the rare blood disease. Those interested in becoming a corporate sponsor, making a contribution or volunteering their time can call the Foundation at (810) 356-7876.

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