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REC ROUNDUP

RUNNING

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CRITEMON CLINIC
If you have always wanted to be
a runner, the Crittenton Fitness
Institute has designed a program just for you. The Crittenton Fitness Institute will offer a
"Beginning Running Clinic" on
Tuesday, April 7 from 7 p.m.-9
p.m. at CFI. Dr. John Samani
end a team of physical thora. p.m. at CFI. Dr. John Samani and a team of physical thera-pists will provide information on how to start a running program, common injuries, motivational tips and proper stretching and strengthening methods to pre-vent injuries. Cost is \$20 per except and expertenting is vent injuries. Cost is \$20 per person and registration is required. The program is limited to the first 20 participants. To register or for more information, call the Rochester Hills-based CFI at (248) 652-5653, Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. 8 p.m The facility is located at 1720 S.

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**MALFMARATHON AND FUN RUN
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The 22nd Annual West Bloomfield Half-Marathon, 5K
Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run
returns to the streets of West
Bloomfield Sunday, April 19,
beginning at 10:30 a.m. The
vent will begin at West Bloomfield High School and travel
along rolling terrain through the
city. Lost year 1,158 runners
and walkers participated in the
Half-Marathon, 6K Run/Walk
and Kids Fun Run. West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation cosponsors the Half-Marathon and
6K with Henry Ford Medical
Center-West Bloomfield, Henry
Ford Health System's Maplegrove center co-sponsors the kids
Fun Run with Parks and Recreation. A portion of each entry fee
from the Half-Marathon will go
toward Kaleidoscope Kids-Hospices of Henry Ford Health System. The event also requires the
assistance of more than 150 volunteers, handling such duties as
passing out water at aid stations, course marshals and registration. Each volunteer receive
at-shirt and invitation to a postrace banquet. For further information, contact West Bloomfield
Parks and Recreation at (248)
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R & D Race Directors kick off its
1998 schedule Sunday, May 3
with the First Annual Great
Lakes State Games Regional
event. Scheduled for 10 n.m. on
the trails at Independence Oaks
in Clarkston, this event features
a 52-mile run, 24-mile walk and
smile Kiddie Run. It will be
held in conjunction with the
annual Great Lakes State
Games in Lansing. Call 1-800763-9820 for more information
regarding R & D's exciting 1998
schedule.

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RACE FOR THE CURE
The Barbara Ann Karmanos
Cancer Institute will present
Detroit's Susan G. Komen
Breast Cancer Foundation Race
For the Cure on Saturday, April
25 at The Detroit Zoo. An information and warm-up period
begins at 7 a.m., the men's fivekilometer run starts at 8:30
a.m., a 5K run/valk for women,
family and friends follows at 9
a.m., and a one-mile fun walk family and friends follows at 9 a.m., and a one-mile fun walk kiels off at 9:10 a.m. Cost is \$16 by Friday, April 3; \$18 by April 7; and \$30 thereafter. There will be no race day registration. All proceeds support breast cancer research, screening and education. For more information, call 1-800-KARMANOS (527-6269) or (248) 644-9099. Online registration are be done at; www.karmanos.org/race-for-the-cure-Detroit.

manos.org/race-lor-the-cure-Detroit.

THE 1998 MS WALK

The annual MS Walk to help the fight against multiple acterosis comes to Birmingham on Sun-day, May 3. Featuring routes of five, 16 and 20 kilometers, the Birmingham or west will be con-ducted at Seaholm High School (2436 Lincoln). Check: ho begins at 8 a.m. and the routes open at 9 a.m. Walks will also be held in Ann Arbor (Sunday, April 19), Dearborn (May 3), Grosse Pointe (May 3) and Monroe (May 3). For more information or a detailed brochure/registration form, call the National MS Soci-ety, Michigan Chapter at (248) 350-0020 or 1-800-247-7382.

CLEAN AIR CHALLENGE

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Join the American Lung Association for the 6th annual Clean
Air Challenge Bike Trek on Sunday, Sept. 7 at Island Lake
Recreation Area. Proceeds benefit the American Lung Association of Michigan's Asthma Education Programs in Metropolitan
Detroit. To sign up or receive
additional information. Call 1800-LUNG-USA.

HOCKEY

HOCKEY
FARMINGTON HILLS
The Farmington Hills Adult
Hockey program's spring season
is scheduled to start Sunday,
March 29 and run through the
end of May. The organization
has openings for 16 teams in the
over-18 ont the over-30 divisions and eight teams in the
over-40 division. All teams will
play a 16-game schedule (two
games a weck) plus playoffs.
Applications are now available
at the Farmington Hills Ice
Aren. For more information
regarding the spring program,
applications, schedules or cost of
team entry, call (248) 478-2583.

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the rest of the winter, but still tho rest of the winter, but still want to have some fun, try inline skating at the Pontine Silverdome. Skators of oil ages and skill levels are invited to experience the world's largest indoor, in line skating rink at the Silverdome as part of Roll-in-the Silverdome. Guests can skate on the Third Level Concourse from 6-9-30 p.m. on the following dates: March 1, 10-12, 17-22, 28-30; and May 2-3. The Silverdome offers double sessions on weekends with additional hours from 1-5 p.m., and speed skating

28-30; and May 2-3. The Silver-dome offers double sessions on weekends with additional hours from 1-5 p.m., and speed skating on Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30 p.m. for advanced in-line skaters. The cost to Roll-in-the-Silver-dome for rollerbladers is \$5 for adults; \$5 for students with school identification, \$4 for children 12 and under and \$1 for spectators. All dates and times are subject to change. Non-skaters also may take advantage of the program and use the Club Lovel Concourse to walk or jog on the same dates as Roll-in-the-Silver-dome from 69-30 p.m. only. Anyone 12 and older interested in taking advantage of the walking/jogging program may apply for a pass at the Silver-dome Ticket Office during regular business hours from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Guests under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. A \$10 per season application fee will be charged. The Silver-dome provides more than 250 pairs of Rollerblade skates and safety (Tree coat theck and free parking at the West Gate. For additional information or to confirm open skating hours, interested parties can call the Roll-in-the-Silver-dome 24-Hour Hotline at (248) 458-1464.

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The 9th Annual Alzheimer's
Association Bowling Bonanza,
benefiting the Alzheimer's Asso-Association Bowing Bonings, will be held Saturday, March 7, at Cloverlanes in Livonia. Bowlers, who can win great prizes, are required to raise \$25 in pledges, due the day of the event. There is a \$10 registration fee which includes three games of bowling and lunch. Teams are limited to five persons. There are a limited number of bumper bowl lanes available for youngsters. Morning (10 a.m.) and afternoon (2 p.m.) sessions are acheduled. For further information on registration and participation, call (248) 557-8277.

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Basketball players looking for a
pick-up game can stop by Abbott
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Half-court drop-in basketball
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from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$4
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gram is offered by West Bloom-field Schools Community Educa-tion, Call 539-2290 for more information.

SENIOR CITIZEN VOLLEYBALL

Senior citizens can get a little exercise and have an enjoyable exercise and have an enjoyable time in the process by participating in senior citizen drop-iny volleyball games. The games are free to all seniors and is offered 7:30-9:30 a.m., Mondays. Wednesdays and Fridays at the Administration and Community Services, 5810 Commerce Road. The games are offered by West Bloomfield Schools Community Education. Call 539-2290 for more information.

TENNIS

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The Suburban Tennis Association will present "Saturday
Night Tennis" events in the next
few weeks at Franklin Fitness &
Racquet Club in Southfield. The
next matches are scheduled for 7
p.m. on March 7 and March 14.
The night features doubles and
mixed doubles play, a minimum
of two hours court time, new
tennis balls, soft drinks, sandwiches, salad and dessert. All
players are welcome, and the
cost is \$16. Call Marilyn at (248)
879-1673 or Al at (248) 646-277
for more information. Franklin
Fitness & Racquet Club is located at 29350 Northwestern Highway.

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BIKE TREMERS
Scrious bikers can get on the right track Sunday mornings by joining members of Bike Trekkers for a ride through West Bloomfield. Bike Trekkers meets at 8 s.m. each Sunday morning at the West Bloomfield Recreation Center and ride 10-16 miles on various routes through the subdivisions of West Bloomfield. Routes include both paved and dirt roads as well as the West Bloomfield Trail Network. Bike treks may also take.

the West Bloomfield Trail Network. Bike treks may also take riders outside West Bloomfield. The program is free and there are no residency requirements. Cyclists must be at least 16 years of age, have a bike with sturdy tires that can endure gravel roads, and must wear a helmet. For more information call Doug McEwen at (248) 738-2500 or leave a measage at (248) 788-3940. The Parks and Recreation Center is located at 4640 Walnut Lake Road, west of Orchard Lake Road.

Striders gear for start of '98 racing season

The recent weather certainly has been conducive to running. Ed Kozloff can attest to that. Kozloff is about to embark on his 24th year as president of the Motor City Striders, the oldest and largest running club in Michigan. The 1998 racing season begins today with the 20th annual Bill Walker Memorial 3-Mile Run on Belle Isle. "This weather ranks among the nicest we've ever had to start a season, "Kozloff anid." A lot of runners are already out there training."

The month of March will feature four Striders races, including the Bill Walker Memorial Run. The 18th annual St. Pat's Corktown Races are scheduled for Sunday, March 15, the Second Annual Detroit Fistons Fast Break 6K follows on Saturday, March 21 and the Renaissance Home Health Care 5K Spring Forward

Sprint goes off Sunday, March
29.
This will be one of the busiest months of March I can
remember," Kozloff said. "But
with the nature of scheduling
the races, once you're done
with one race you can't dwell
on what happened. You have to
close it down and prepare for
what's coming up.
"It's still very enjoyable after
all these years. I can honestly
say that."
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The Bill Walker Memorial Run begins at 10 a.m. this morning. Kevin Hanson won last year's event with a time of 15 minutes, 39 seconds.

The Detroit Pistons Past Break 5K will begin at 10 a.m. March 21 at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Entry fee is \$20 through Friday, March 13 and \$25 on race day.

For more information on any of the upcoming races, call the Motor City Siriders at (248) \$44-9099. The Recreation Center, in addition, will publish details of upcoming races and the results of all events.

Spring ski season comes early to Northern Michigan

Ken Griffin, president of the Michigan Ski Industries Associ-ation (MSIA) and general man-ager of Nichol's Ski and Sports in Waterford and Dearborn,

in Waterford and Dearborn, reports that in spite of virtually no February snowfall for South-eastern Michigan, ski areas in Northern and Upper Michigan are enjoying the earliest spring sking season in recent memory. "Now is a great time to take advantage of the early spring El Nine has brought Michigan," says Griffin. You can dress lighter and tan faster." Nighttime temperatures in the twenties have allowed ski areas to make snow on the slopes and with proper grooming, ski areas can provide an excellent spring-

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like skiing experience. Downstate Michigan ski areas will be open for weekend skiing as weather permits, and the MSIA recommends that you call ahead for up-to-date ski conditions and hours of operation.

"Some weather forecasters say Michiganders will pay for this mild weather next year," says Mickey MacWilliams, MSIA executive director. "So just in case next year is the coldest ever, savy skiers may want to head out to their favorite ski retailer now to take advantage of this year's early sales on ski clothing and equipment."

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