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REC ROUNDUP

KARATE

JSKA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP
The William Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills will be the site for an upcoming 1998 JSKA Junior Karate Championship. Scheduled for Sunday, March 29 at 11 a.m. in the center's Shannon Room, this event will be hosted by the Japanese Shokokan Karate-Do Association and the Japan Karate Association. There will be a spectator donation fee of \$4. The William Costick Activities Center is located at 28600 11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt.

HOCKEY

MEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE OF OAK PARK
The Men's Hockey League of Oak Park is currently organizing its spring season, which is slated to begin Thursday, April 2 at the Oak Park Honeybaked Arena. The MHLPO, which has been in continuous operation for 25 years, is a draft, non-checking, "full stop shot" league. Players must be 30 years of age or older. The spring schedule will include 15 games. Games consist of two 31-minute periods and will be played on Mondays or Thursdays at either 9:30 p.m. or 10:40 p.m. Interested players can contact Sidney Stutz during daytime hours at (313) 871-7500 or Jim Slawik during evening hours at (248) 203-9645 for more information.

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 and the over-30 divisions and eight teams in the over-40 division. All teams will play 10 games a week (two games a week) plus playoffs. Applications are now available at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena. For more information regarding the spring program, applications, schedules or cost of team entry, call (248) 478-2653.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

PLATFORM TENNIS
Conducted through April at the Waterford Oaks Court Games Complex, platform tennis is a combination of tennis and racquetball played outdoors on two lighted, heated courts. The Waterford Oaks Platform Tennis Club organizes mixers, league and inter-club play. Open play is 8:30 a.m.-11 p.m. seven days a week. Memberships for adults, families and half-season include unlimited court use, based on availability. Call (248) 394-1233, (248) 540-0144 or (248) 858-7698 for more information.

RED OAKS GOLF DOME
Open daily from 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Small, medium and large buckets of golf balls available. Private, semi-private and group lessons available, as well as retiree and student discounts. Lesson prices vary by instructor. Red Oaks is located at John R and 12 Mile roads in Madison Heights. Call (248) 548-1857 for more information.

HURON-CLINTON METROPARKS

GOLF
The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority has purchased Northbrook Golf Course, according to Thomas S. Welch, HCA Commissioner representing Macomb County. The 98-acre, par-72 course, located on 27 Mile Road in Ray Township, becomes the eighth regulation course owned by the Metroparks in Southeast Michigan. "We are excited about the potential for this new course," HCA Director Frank Sudek said in a statement. "It will fit in well with our other course offerings." Golfers can expect the course, which measures 5,983 yards from the white tees and 4,949 yards from the red, to be maintained to the same high stan-

dards as found at other Metroparks courses. Improvements to the quality of the course layout will be made gradually as the budget allows, but no major capital improvements are planned for the course in the near future. Rates for greens fees and power cart rentals will be comparable to what they were in 1997 when the course was privately owned. There will also be special rates available for juniors (17-under) and seniors (62-over) on weekdays, as is the case with other Metroparks courses. The course will be open as soon as weather and soil conditions permit. A formal grand opening ceremony is scheduled for early spring. For more information, or to make a time reservation, when the course opens, call (810) 749-3415 or Stony Creek Metropark at 1-800-477-7766.

■ The unseasonably warm weather has prompted two Huron-Clinton Metropark golf courses to open early. As of Feb. 25, all 18 holes at Kensington Metropark Golf Course near the Milford/Brighton area and the back nine holes at Huron Meadows Metropark Golf Course in Brighton were open for play. They will remain open through the rest of the winter weather conditions permit. The driving range at Huron Meadows is also open. For more information regarding course openings or to make a tee time, call 1-800-47-PARKS.

MARCH OF DIMES WALK AMERICA
This fund-raising walk will be conducted on Sunday, April 26 beginning at 9 a.m. Registrations forms are available at the Metro Beach Metropark's park office. Metro Beach Metropark is located at 31300 Metro Parkway in Mount Clemens.

BICYCLING
The Great Lakes Cycling Ann Arbor Velo Club will sponsor a U.S. Cycling Federation-sanctioned race on Friday, May 10 at Martindale Beach in Kensington Metropark. The event begins at 7 a.m. and will feature six different race categories and race distances from 33 miles to 66 miles. The race course is completely within Kensington Metropark. Participants must register before the day of the race. For more information or to obtain an entry form, call (734) 761-1603.

FUND-RAISERS

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 five-kilometer run starts at 8:30 a.m., a 6K run/walk for women, family and friends follows at 9 a.m., and a one-mile fun walk kicks off at 9:10 a.m. Cost is \$15 by Friday, April 3; \$18 by April 10; \$20 by April 17; 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 (527-6268) or (248) 544-9099. Online registration can be done at: www.karmanos.org/race-for-the-cure.

THE 1998 MS WALK
The annual MS Walk to help the fight against multiple sclerosis comes to Birmingham on Sunday, May 3. Featuring routes of five, 15 and 20 kilometers, the Birmingham event will be conducted at Seaholm High School (2438 Lincoln). Check-in 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 Society, Michigan Chapter at (248) 350-0020 or 1-800-247-7382.

CLEAN AIR CHALLENGE
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 Edu-

cation Programs in Metropolitan Detroit. To sign up or receive additional information, call 1-800-LUNG-USA.

SOFTBALL

OAK PARK
Experienced players age 60 and older are wanted for a Thursday Night League in Oak Park. The season starts Friday, May 1. Practice begins in April. Call Joe at (248) 682-0747 for additional information.

INDOOR SPORTS

IN-LINE AT THE DOME
If you feel like hibernating for the rest of the winter, but still want to have some fun, try in-line skating at the Pontiac Silverdome. Skaters of all 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 10-12, 17-22, 24-29, 31; April 2, 7-9, 14-17, 22-26, 28-30; and May 2-3. The Silverdome offers double sessions on weekends with additional hours from 1-5 p.m., and speed skating on Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 p.m. for advanced in-line skaters. The cost to Roll-in-the-Silverdome for rollerbladers is \$6 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 Level Concourse to walk or jog on the same dates as Roll-in-the-Silverdome from 6-9:30 p.m. only. Anyone 12 and older interested in taking advantage of the walking/jogging program may apply for a pass at the Silverdome Ticket Office during regular business hours from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Guests under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. A \$10 per season application fee will be charged. The Silverdome provides more than 250 pairs of Rollerblade skates and safety equipment for rental along with free coat check and free parking at the West Gate. For additional information or to confirm open skating hours, interested parties can call the Roll-in-the-Silverdome 24-Hour Hotline at (248) 466-1646.

TENNIS
The Suburban Tennis Association will present a "Saturday Night Tennis" event next weekend at Franklin Fitness & Racquet Club in Southfield. The next matches are scheduled for 7 p.m. March 14. The night features doubles and mixed doubles play, a minimum of two hours court time, net 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) 646-4277 for more information. Franklin Fitness & Racquet Club is located at 29350 Northwestern Highway.

OUTINGS
BIKE TREKKERS
Serious 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 a.m. each Sunday morning at the West Bloomfield Recreation Center and ride 10-15 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 include solo 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 (734) 738-2500 or leave a message at (248) 788-3940. The Parks and Recreation Center is located at 4640 Walnut Lake Road, west of Orchard Lake Road.

Van Meter crosses first at Bill Walker Memorial

Southfield resident Alan Van Meter ran to victory at last Sunday's 20th annual Bill Walker Memorial 3-Mile Run on Belle Isle.

The race, which kicked off the Motor City Striders 1998 long distance running season, featured the second warmest weather (41-degree temperature) in the event's 20-year history and also attracted the largest field of this decade.

Van Meter captured top honors with a time of 15 minutes, 28 seconds. Whitmore Lake's Tom Preiss followed 11 seconds later in second place, while 17-year-old Megan Fitzgerald defender her woman's title. Fitzgerald crossed in 17:30, good for 10th overall.

Brett Sanborn of Rochester Hills placed third overall (15:57). For Kelly's 17-year-old son, 11th (16:58) and Frank Carmona of Troy was 11th (17:36).

There was a 79-year age gap between the youngest and oldest participant - James Roualet, 11, of Bloomfield Hills represented the youngest competitor and 90-year-old Jim Lemay of Detroit the oldest. Joe Thornburg, an 81-year-old Troy resident, was the second oldest participant. He completed the course in 29:08.

Here are the top 10 overall runners and additional Eccentric-aren finishers.

1. Alan Van Meter, 40, (Southfield)	15:28
2. Tom Preiss, 28, (Whitmore Lake)	15:39
3. Brett Sanborn, 31, (Rochester Hills)	15:57
4. Jeff Riser, 25, (Warren)	16:00
5. Rob Black, 16, (Livonia)	16:15
6. Chuck Black, 41, (Livonia)	16:22
7. Todd Kelly, 36, (Troy)	16:58
8. George Knicker, 30, (Windsor, ONT)	17:10
9. Ed Maize, 35, (Wyandotte)	17:22
10. Megan Fitzgerald, 17, (Ster. Hts.)	17:30
11. Frank Carmona, 34, (Troy)	17:36
12. Mike Stone, 47, (Southfield)	18:09

20. Jake Steiger, 24, (Birmingham)	18:17
21. Larry Barnett, 42, (Southfield)	18:22
22. Dan Horvath, 44, (Farm. Hills)	18:31
23. Marc Roualet, 13, (Bloomfield Hills)	20:12
24. Kevin Taylor, 34, (West Bloomfield)	20:13
25. Donna Olson, 48, (Bloomfield Hills)	20:20
26. Susan Scarsney, 48, (Southfield)	21:20
27. Tammy Sanborn, 31, (Roch. Hills)	21:29
28. Ginny Pepper, 51, (Farm. Hills)	22:06
29. Rob Benedic, 28, (Troy)	22:06
30. Tracy Cohen, 25, (Farm. Hills)	22:20
31. Tom Mikell, 47, (Rochester)	22:40
32. Alan Valt, 58, (Farmington Hills)	22:41
33. Ron Page, 48, (Farmington Hills)	22:42
34. John Bassett, 26, (Southfield)	23:43
35. James Roualet, 11, (Bloom. Hills)	24:21
36. Sherri Smith, 31, (Orion Twp.)	25:10
37. Tom Tamek, 46, (Rochester Hills)	26:14
38. Bob Luty, 62, (Farmington Hills)	26:33
39. Joe Thornburg, 81, (Troy)	29:08
40. Douglas McIntosh, 35, (Birm.)	29:54
41. Mike Sher, 26, (Southfield)	31:90

■ The Motor City Striders had four races planned for this month, beginning with last Sunday's Bill Walker event.

The 16th annual St. Pat's Corktown Races go off next Sunday in Detroit. A 1/2-mile run/walk for kids 12 and under kicks off the festivities at 12:30 p.m. The featured four-mile run and 2K walk follow at 1 p.m. Pre-registration is over, but late registration will take place on race day at Tiger Stadium from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$15.

Last year's inaugural Detroit Pistons/Fast Break 5K was a hit, and this year's event figured to be successful as well. Scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, March 21 at The Palace of Auburn Hills, the course is a challenging, scenic route that passes the Detroit Pistons practice facility and finishes at The Palace. Entry is \$20 by Friday, March 13 or \$25 on race day. With the entry fee comes a \$19 ticket for the Pistons-Atlanta Hawks game on March

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22 and two \$8 ticket vouchers for the Detroit Vipers hockey game the evening of March 21.

There will also be a post-race raffle to award a trip to two Cleveland, Ohio, to see the Pistons vs. Cleveland Cavaliers on Friday, March 27. Tickets, travel and accommodations will be provided by the Detroit Pistons Basketball Club.

Finally, the Renaissance Home Health Care 5K Spring Forward Sprint comes to Oakland University in Rochester on Sunday, March 29. The run starts at 9 a.m., travels through the OU campus and finishes near Meadowbrook Hall.

Entry fee is \$12 by Friday, March 20. The cost is \$15 on race day.

Call (248) 544-9099 for more information on any of the upcoming events or visit www.motorcitystriders.com.

■ R & D Race Directors has added some races to its impressive 1998 schedule. The Rochester-based organization will be in attendance at three races prior to the First Annual Great Lakes State Games Regional event on Sunday, May 3 at Independence Oaks in Clarkston.

The Easter Express 5K and 1-Mile Walk is slated for 9 a.m. Saturday, April 4 in Novi-Baltimore, Mich. Runners can then travel to Lake Orion for the Dragon Dash 8K on a.m. Sunday, April 26, and the Community Mental Health Run is set for 10 a.m. Saturday, May 2 in Flint. For more information on these events or to be placed on R & D Directors' mailing list, call 1-800-753-9820 or check out www.Runmichigan.com.

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