

Cancer mobile unit in Southfield

Breast cancer strikes one in 10 women. Because undetected cancer is a danger, Oakland County is trying to make examination easier for women who are unable to see their doctor regularly.

A mobile breast cancer screening unit will begin travel throughout Oakland County bringing the medical service to county women.

AN OPEN HOUSE in Southfield today will introduce the first comprehensive mobile breast cancer screening program.

It will run until 5 p.m. in the parking lot of the health division's south office at 27725 Greenfield.

"We know there are many professional and retired women who need breast cancer screening but cannot find time or transportation to get to one of our offices," said Oakland County Executive Dan Murphy.

"We're hoping the introduction of a mobile unit will make preventative health care easier."

Murphy will hold a press conference before the event at 10 a.m. He will also take part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony and will proclaim the week of Dec. 5, 1988, as "Health Services Awareness Week" in Oakland County.

Specially trained nurses do a complete breast examination, teach one-to-one breast-self examination with

a video, models and demonstration, and provide consultation regarding breast care and mammography. Mammography is available following the American Cancer Society guidelines.

The initial examination cost is \$12 and follow-up visits are \$7. Breast examinations are free for women over 60 years of age. Most insurances are accepted. Reports are sent to the patient's private physician.

THE MOBILE unit will be stationed:

• Dec. 16 at the Clawson Community Center at 425 N. Main.

• Feb. 21 at Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates.

• Feb. 28 to March 7 at Franklin Terrace, 2602 Franklin Road, Southfield.

About 10 women per day will be taken by appointment.

The Oakland County Breast Cancer Detection and Education Center in Southfield has offered a non-profit quality service to the community since 1976. The new mobile unit is designed to reach senior citizens and professional women.

Anyone interested in having the Oakland County Mobile Service come to their facility should contact Judith Anderson at the Oakland County Health Division, 424-7106.

Don't buy better gas than needed

Q. I just got my driver's license. Can you explain what all these different gasoline choices mean? I'm on a limited budget and want to get the most for my money.

A. Basically, there are two types of gasoline: regular and unleaded.

Originally all gasoline contained lead. Beginning with the 1975 model cars, however, the government required all new cars to be equipped with catalytic converters to reduce exhaust emissions. Since leaded gasoline could ruin these converters, as well as being a harmful pollutant itself, unleaded gas was introduced.

It is against the law to use leaded (regular) gasoline in a car designed for unleaded fuel because it will disable the emissions control system.



Terry Gibb

To help ensure the use of unleaded gas (even though until recently it was more expensive), the leaded pump nozzle will not fit into the smaller unleaded gas tank filler pipe.

SEVERAL GRADES of unleaded gas are sold, based on their octane rating. Octane is the gasoline property that measures the engine's resistance to knocking.

Unleaded gas has a minimum octane rating of 87. Unleaded premium has a 91 octane rating. Some companies offer a mid-octane gas at 89.

To determine which octane is best for your car, refer to your car's owner's manual. The car manufacturer has designed your car to run efficiently at a specific octane rating.

If you experience engine knocking, try a different brand of unleaded regular. If the knocking continues, try the next highest octane rating.

At self-serve pumps, you can mix different octane ratings together to get a mid-range, if it's not available. A HIGHER octane rating will not give your car greater performance or fuel economy. It will only reduce engine knocking.

Economically it doesn't make good sense (or cents) to use a higher octane when your car runs smoothly on regular unleaded.

Most gasoline treatments or additives are also an unnecessary expense. All reputable brands of gasoline today contain the additives your car needs.

For specific information on your particular car, check with your regular auto mechanic or car dealer service department.

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Alcohol, chemical dependence is topic

"Treatment and Recovery from Chemical Dependence" will be the topic of Brighton Hospital's next community education program at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, in the hospital's chapel.

Brighton Hospital hosts the free education series on the first Tuesday evening of each month. Reservations are not required. The hospital is located on old Grand River Road in Brighton, just west of the Kensington Road exit of I-96.

Dr. Hardee Bethea, a medical consultant at the substance abuse treatment center, will discuss how al-

coholism and other types of drug abuse can be treated. He will also cover the role of Alcoholics Anonymous and AIAAN in recovery.

Ellen Ayers, director of counseling services at Brighton Hospital, said the community education program helps people to learn about chemical dependence. "Many people who attend the series are concerned about the drinking or drug use of a family member or friend — especially during the holidays — but don't know about the help that's available."

Fuel down 5 cents for the holidays

AP — Motorists heading over the river and through the woods to holiday celebrations and events will find gasoline prices as much as 5 cents per gallon lower than last year, AAA Michigan said.

Self-serve unleaded gasoline dropped 0.2 of a cent to average \$2.9 cents per gallon, the auto club said Tuesday in its weekly survey of 300 stations along main Michigan travel routes. Self-serve regular declined

0.1 of a cent to \$7.1 cents per gallon.

Full-serve unleaded was unchanged at \$1.19, while full-serve regular increased 0.1 of a cent to \$1.116.

Self-serve unleaded prices at 100 metropolitan Detroit service stations dropped 1.3 cents to average \$3.1 cents per gallon, AAA said. Self-serve regular averaged \$2 cents, down 0.4 of a cent.

Imagine if you had to ask for blood to save the life of someone you love. Next time the American Red Cross asks, give blood, please.

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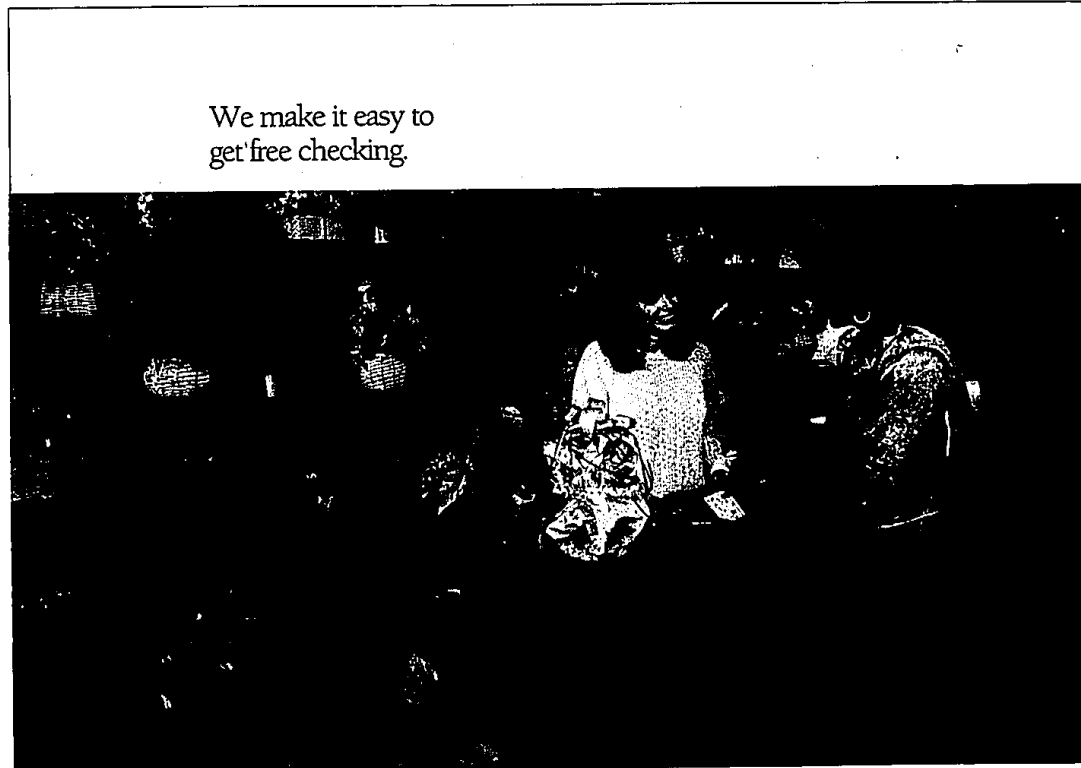
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