

**FARMINGTON FOCUS**

**Not today you don't**

If you fancy yourself taking part in the daily lunch skate program at Suburban Training Center on Freeway Park Drive in Farmington Hills, be forewarned. Don't forget your helmet.

Tim Smith, a Farmington Observer reporter who, on weekends, tends goal in an over-40 league, took his skates and pucks for a little workout on Friday. But before plunking down his \$5 (the combined price for skating and lunch), an employee informed him of the new rule change and sent him to the penalty box

back to his car without getting to lace them up.

The rule, which took effect on Monday, was brought into play because many skaters are coming out with sticks and pucks for the 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. sessions.

Undaunted, Smith took his stuff and drove over to the Farmington Hills Ice Arena on Eight Mile Road, where they also have a skating/lunch deal.

By the way, if you only want to skate during lunch time at Suburban Training Center, the cost is \$2.

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Churchill Estates residents are against the proposed store, Sanford said.

"It doesn't seem like it's a popular thing ... Hopefully we'll be able to turn it away from being a retail space," Sanford said.

With the exception of a few office buildings, the area is predominantly residential. Residents fear a commercial operation of any type will disrupt their otherwise placid neighborhood.

Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnuzzi reminded council members of the ongoing cooperation between the two commu-

nities. He asked members to show up at the Nov. 30 public hearing at Southfield City Hall.

Some Hills council members also know colleagues in Southfield.

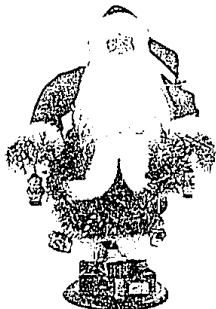
"A little lobbying wouldn't hurt in addition to showing up at the meeting," Vagnuzzi said.

Councilwoman Vicki Barnett said there is no need for a 7-Eleven at 11 Mile and Inkster. There's already a Southland Corp. store on Middlebelt and Nine Mile and another on Franklin Road near Northwestern. Another obstacle, though, is the

parcel is zoned commercial, which makes the residents' fight more difficult. Nonetheless, another Churchill Estates resident plans to bring the survey results and her will to the Southfield meeting.

"I don't know what our chances are, but I hope they're better than what everyone's saying they'll be," said Phyllis Maykovich, Arden Park Street resident. "I hope Southfield will give us a lot of consideration."

"All we can do is keep our fingers crossed."



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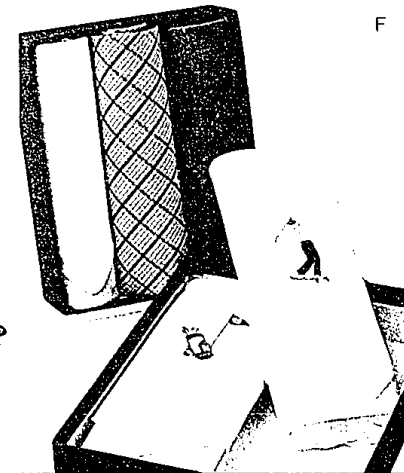
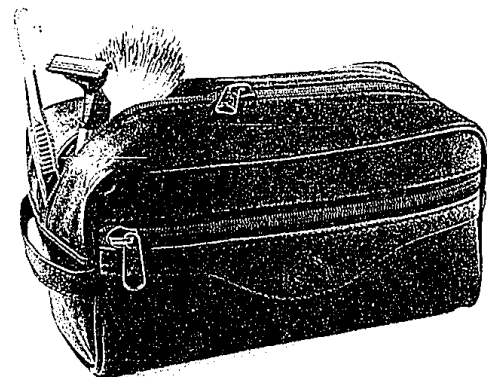
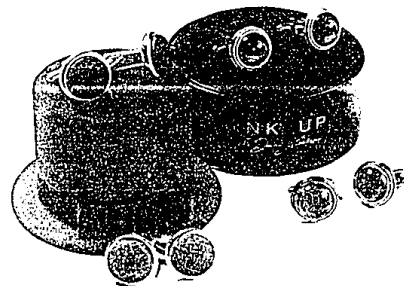
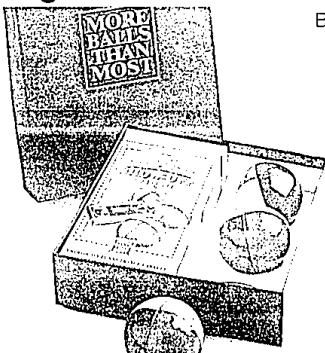
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