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No-smoking rules are adopted

Secondhand smoke called a health risk: 8A.

By Joanna Maliszowski, Casey Hains and Mary Klamic staff writers

The last time Farmington Hills

resident Don Loozil attended a city council meeting, he spent six sickly weeks in bed.

An asthmatic, Loozil said he became ill from the cigarette smoke in the Hills council chambers. He hasn't attended a council meeting since.

As of Jan. 1, Loozil will be able to

attend the Farmington City Council, Farmington Hills City Council and Clarenceville school board meetings in a smoke-free environment.

Both the Farmington Hills and Farmington city councils — with members who smoke — have prohibited smoking in council chambers. Clarenceville's policy was approved

earlier this month.

THESE ACTIONS bring the cities and school district into compliance with the 1986 Michigan Clean Indoor Air Act. Act 199 requires government bodies to establish a policy either of eliminating smoking entirely in public buildings, or restricting it

to designated areas. It is effective Jan. 1.

The Farmington Board of Education has taken no action on the Clean Indoor Air Act to date. A preliminary policy is being drafted by the administration and will be considered at a meeting.

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Farmington FOCUS

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SHE'S tapped.
A Farmington Hills resident who teaches in the Royal Oak school system was named to serve on an education advisory committee, "For Kids Sake," sponsored by WJBK-TV.
Teacher Marilyn Droz was selected because of a special teaching unit she's preparing that involves teaching and thinking skills through the use of television.
The local television station is sponsoring "For Kids Sake" throughout 1987.
The committee encompasses special programs, community service projects and six prime-time television specials.
Droz will work with other professionals to help coordinate the program.

REZONING bid denied.
Farmington Hills City Council has denied a request by a Southfield resident to rezone 33 acres southwest of 13 Mile and Haledale from special purpose (SP-1) and single-family residential (RA-1) to multiple-family residential (RC-2).
Proponent Abraham Grant said he hopes to develop congregate housing for the elderly.
Council members denied Grant's request to rezone nine acres at the corner, zoned SP-1, by a 3-2 vote. Jan Dolan and Ben Marks favored it. The council voted 8-0 to deny his request to rezone 24 acres to the west, zoned RA-1. Joe Alkateeb and Joan Dudley were absent for each vote.
The planning commission recommended approval of the first request and denial of the second. The Historic Halsted Homeowners Association, representing single-family homeowners in the semirural area, opposed both requests.
To achieve his goal, Grant still could seek a rezoning of all or part of the acreage to RC-E, a special congregate housing designation.

MOVING up:
Farmington City Treasurer Patsy Cantrell has named Joyce Griffiths deputy city treasurer.
Griffiths has worked in the treasurer's office for seven years.
WATCH where you turn. Farmington Hills City Council has issued a traffic control order prohibiting right turns from southbound Inkster to Old Colony 7-9 a.m. during the morning rush hour, except for school buses. The intent is to prevent Inkster Road traffic bound for Northwestern Highway from using Wood Creek subdivision as a short cut.

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FOOTNOTES: One year ago this week — Michigan Department of Transportation officials are recommending widening I-696 to six lanes and the addition of three new interchanges — two in Farmington Hills and one in Southfield.

Campus dean is a battler

By Loraine McCallah staff writer

On a first-time meeting, one would never suspect Don Nichols had a sick day in his life. But that is not the case.

He had polio in his early youth. And he is scheduled to receive a cornea transplant in January.

Of his bout with polio, he said, "It was the greatest blessing of my life. It forced me to read because it was all I could do."

Of his battle against cancer, which caused a detached retina, he says, "That is one of life's challenges. We all have them. I took a goal-oriented view that I was going to beat it."

Of his position as academic dean of arts and sciences at Oakland Community College, the Farmington resident said, "I'm atypical. Nationally, the career life of a college dean is five years. I came to the (Orchard Ridge) campus 21 years ago as a counselor and have had this job for 19 years. I can honestly say I've never spent one dull day here. How many can say that about their jobs?"

"Frustrating days, maybe. But never dull. I love this job, which I guess makes me a rare college administrator. I've never been able to envision myself as a retiree."



Don Nichols, academic dean of arts and sciences, has been part of OCC for 21 years.

There are a lot of Horatio Alger stories to be told of those people."
Nichols' father was one of those southern farmers, a man with a sixth grade education, who packed up 10 children to find his new world in Pontiac. Within a very short time, son Don had contracted polio.
"We had nothing. Absolutely nothing. And we will be grateful forever to the March of Dimes. I was given everything I needed. I was saved from being crippled for

somehow autobiographical, about the thousands of families from the south that migrated to Detroit to work in the auto plants in the early '40s.
"That story has never really been told," he said. "Jane Fonda touched on it with 'The Dollmaker.' We've gotten pieces and parts of it here and there. But I consider those gutsy southern farmers who packed up their families to leave their world to find a strange new world here as courageous pioneers.

NICHOLS WILL take a four-month sabbatical from the Farmington Hills campus next spring to finish his book called "The Delirious Decade," a social and psychological history of college and college students from 1966 to 1976.
After that, he will begin a book,

while it was March of Dimes that saved him physically, it was his mother who saved him from any bitterness on emotional and spiritual levels.
"She viewed polio as an inconvenience and something you had to treat positively," he said. "She epitomizes the agape love — she loves unconditionally. She had a fourth-

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Judge denies request to reopen spa

Spa owner Un Cha Shinn is asking the federal court to declare the city's massage regulation ordinance unconstitutional.

By Joanna Maliszowski staff writer

Tokyo Oriental Health Spa in Farmington Hills will remain closed. U.S. District Judge Barbara Hackett Dec. 17 denied the spa owner's request for an injunction to keep the spa open, despite the Farmington Hills City Council's decision in November to close it permanently.
Hackett's denial follows an initial denial in early December to reopen the business and prevent enforce-

ment of the city's new massage regulation ordinance.

Assistant City Attorney Derk Beckerleg was unavailable for comment.

In the first test of a newly enacted massage regulation ordinance, city officials denied spa owner Un Cha Shinn — also known as Un Cha Choe — a business license, following a special hearing Nov. 24.

The following day, Shinn filed suit in U.S. District Court in Detroit, maintaining the city's ordinance is

unconstitutional. The suit was filed against the seven-member Farmington Hills City Council, City Clerk Joan Reynolds and Police Chief William Dwyer.

Shinn's attorney, Milton Spokoynj of Birmingham was unavailable for comment.

At the hearing Dec. 17, Spokoynj argued that the injunction should be granted because city officials did not consider Shinn's amended application when she appealed the city's denial of a business license for the spa.

"THE JUDGE agreed (with the city) that the amended application did not have to be heard. She (Hackett) told them (Shinn and Spokoynj)

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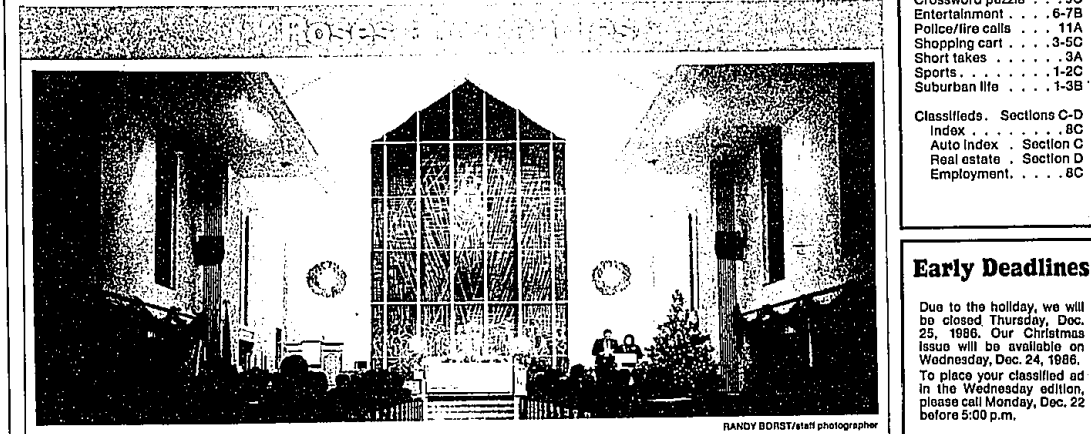
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Early Deadlines

Due to the holiday, we will be closed Thursday, Dec. 25, 1986. Our Christmas issue will be available on Wednesday, Dec. 24, 1986. To place your classified ad in the Wednesday edition, please call Monday, Dec. 22 before 5:00 p.m.

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The fifth annual MADD Candlelight Vigil was held throughout the country Dec. 15. It was highlighted in Oakland and Macomb counties at Nardin Park United Methodist Church (above) in Farmington Hills and sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving. More than 35 parents, families and friends joined to remember those who died in accidents involving drunk drivers. All carried lighted candles and red roses in memory of their loved ones. Singing at the annual event was the Southfield-Lathrup High School Madrigal Choir.