## Secondhand smoke coming under attack

"DR. KOOP makes it quite clear that many of the toxic agents in cig-arcite smoke are found in greater concentrations in sidestream smoke than in mainstream smoke," Warner

The Surgeon General's 1986 report makes the following points:

- Children of parents who smoke have a much higher rate of colds and other respiratory infections com-pared to children whose parents do not smoke.
- The non-smoking wife of a smoker runs a higher risk of lung cancer than the non-smoking wife of a nonsmoker. The report anticipated that similar evidence could soon be available for the incidence of heart disease. disease, emphysema and other ob-structive lung diseases among non-smoking wives of smokers.
- Smokers, as well as non-smokers exposed to smoke, breathe the same levels of elgarette smoke, including tars, napthalene, pyrene, benzopyrehe, carbon monoxide, methane, ammonia, acetylene and benterere metalen.

'We applaud the Surgeon General's report . . . as the most comprehensive collection of scientific evidence that supports the need to protect nonsmokers from the health hazards of secondhand smoke.'

- Kenneth Warner, spokesman American Cancer Society

comes from the burning tip of a elgarette, contains 2.5 times the carbon monoxide found in smoke exhaled by a smoker.

• Tar, one of the most carcinogenic substances, is 70 percent more concentrated in sidestream smoke.

• Maternal smoking has a harmful effect on pregnancy, including an increased risk of miscarriage, prematurity, stillbirth, death soon after birth, low birth weight and fetal death.

ed to protect and promote public health by reducing involuntary exposure to tobacco smoke in public places, it establishes non-smoking as the norm in public places, allowing smoking only in certain a reas.

Private industry is following the legislative lead, as one of the state's largest employers, Michigan Bell, recently announced plans to prohibit smoking in company buildings and shared company vehicles as part of a continuing "wellness" program aimed at creating a healthier work environment.

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Locally, Farmington Hills employer Alexander Hamilton Life In-

surance Co. of America took action earlier this year to implement non-smoking policies throughout the company. The company also offered incentives to help employees quit

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The Bell policy emphasizes the company's commitment to protect the employees' health, said Mary Jo Fifarek, local corporate affairs manager for Michigan Bell, "Clean air is important to everyone."

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FIFAREK SAID to her knowledge Michigan Bell is the largest company in the midwest to institute a no-smoking policy scheduled to take effective to the second property of the company's 18,000 cmployees work out of 509 buildings in the state and operate more than 4,500 company vehicles. Approximately 26 percent of the employees smoke.

Fifarek said Michigan Bell's Wellness Program will offer support to employee who choose to use the new policy as an incentive to quit smoking, but that smoking will always remain a matter of personal choice.

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"We're not telling anyone they must quit smoking," she sald. "But for the health of all employees, smoking will not be allowed on com-pany premises or in company vehi-

cles occupied by more than one person."

BEGINNING Jan. 1 for six months, employees who choose approved outside the-company smoking exactable programs will be reliming the state of the six of the program of the program of the program of the program of the six o can Lung Association of Southeast Michigan.

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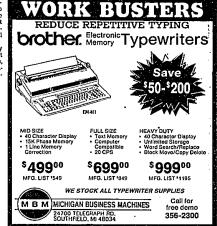
Tickets are \$25 and are available at the door.

The Michigan Department of Pub-ie Health has two publications available explaining the new Clean-nidoor Air Act and to list which pub-ile buildings are covered by the law.

They also include recommenda-tions for planning and implementing, smoking policy to help government; agencies and other affected facilities comply with the law. Copies can be

# hydrogen cyanide. MICHIGAN'S CLEAN Indoor Air Sidestream smoke, which Act voted into law in 1986 is intend-City OKs rezoning One acre of a Farmington property parcel will be rezoned to R-1-6, One Family Office, to allow a developer to construct an office building along Grand River west of the Oakwood Cemetry. The property is part of a parcel with the remaining estimated 2-3 acres in Farmington Hills. The cowner, Andrew Luzod, plans multifamily housing on the Hills portion of the parcel, according to information from the city of Farmington. The proposed office building woulf front Grand River Avenue. The Farmington City Council work of the parcel according to information from the city of Farmington. The praposed office building woulf front Grand River Avenue. The prantington City Council work of the parcel with the property owner. Andrew Luzod, plans multifamily housing on the Hills portion of the parcel with the property owner. Overall, it seemed to be the best owner, Andrew Luzod, plans multifamily housing on the Hills portion. For the parcel, said Arnold Campbell, councilman and city reports the parcel with the parameter of the property owner. Overall, it seemed to be the best of the parcel with the parameter of the parcel was changed to R-3 at the request of the parcel with the parameter of the parcel was changed to R-3 at the parcel with the parameter of the parcel with the parcel was changed to R-3 at the parcel with the parameter of the parcel wi







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