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## Non-smokers campaign for stronger laws

By MARY GNIEWEK  
Farmington high school students joined Americans across the country last week and snuffed out their cigarettes in the "Great American Smoke-Out" sponsored by the American Cancer Society (ACS).  
This is just one example of a growing trend to protect and expand the rights of non-smokers.  
None of Farmington's four high schools has a smoking lounge for students, though teachers can smoke in faculty lounges.  
"The teachers try to discourage smoking," said one Farmington High junior. "But I don't think it does any good. I still smoke, lots of students do."  
THE STUDENT said that the school did feature a "no smoking" showcase window display last month.  
A spokeswoman for Our Lady of Mercy High School said the smoking problem at that school is minimal.  
"We have signs posted. Some restroom doors are kept open. There is

good supervision," she said.  
Students at North Farmington High School participated in the "Great American Smoke-Out" by throwing cigarette butts into a barrel outside the school. Students caught smoking at North Farmington face expulsion.  
Harrison High students also participated in the smoke-out and have non-smoking programs.  
WALTER KONING, president of the Farmington chapter of the ACS, said a project will be launched soon to ward off smoking at the junior high and elementary school levels.  
"We are soliciting high school students to perform a skit in the schools. We use the Big Bad Wolf 'Huff and Puff' theme to get the point across that smoking is a bad habit," Koning said.  
An ACS service education committee also keeps libraries and community buildings in Farmington stocked with smoking material displays and brochures.  
"People who don't smoke are in the

majority," said ACS spokeswoman Carol Russell. "Before, they would not object to having smoke blown in their face. Now they realize they have rights, too."  
RUSSELL SAID The recent smoke-out campaign was directed primarily at high school students.  
"Changing the attitude of young people is the key to the problem. Smoking is a public nuisance and a personal health hazard," she said.  
Non-smokers are becoming more vocal in proclaiming their rights.  
Though Californians recently voted down a measure that would have banned smoking in many public places, 22 states including Michigan have laws that restrict smoking in such places as banks, stores and restaurants. The Wall Street Journal reports that 30 per cent of U.S. businesses have some sort of smoking policy, either banning it or limiting it to designated areas.

THE LUNG ASSOCIATION sponsors a smoker's phone hotline. It acts as a clearinghouse of information for smokers who want to kick the habit and also handles inquiries on non-smokers' rights.  
"We have a list of smoking withdrawal clinics, both profit and non-profit," said health counselor Sue Hoeflinger.  
"Non-smokers can call if they think a restaurant or some other establishment is violating their rights. Their number is 953-3025."  
One clinic that offers a kick-the-habit program for a price is SmokEnders. The Southfield-based firm offers an 8-week program for

\$25. Free introductory clinics are offered periodically throughout the metropolitan area.  
"The focus is on breaking conditioned responses," said assistant director Barbara Denny. "It is a goal-oriented, reward based system. Smokers are allowed to have cigarettes the first five weeks. The last three weeks are spent reinforcing the new non-smoking habit."  
MICHIGAN LAW prohibits smoking in retail and grocery stores and in theaters. In restaurants with seating capacity for more than 50 people, a non-smoking area must be provided. Last year, State Sen. Jack Faxon (D-

Detroit) sponsored a bill that would have required businesses to provide separate areas for smokers and non-smokers in offices. That bill was defeated. Such groups as the Lung Association are lobbying for a new law.  
The proposition California voters defeated Nov. 7 would have prohibited smoking in work places, schools, doctor offices, public transportation vehicles and public restrooms. The tobacco industry spent an estimated \$5 million to defeat the proposal.  
It is estimated that if every smoker in America puffed on one less cigarette a day, the loss to the tobacco industry would be \$450 million a year.

## Hills honor student suffers fatal attack

By MARY GNIEWEK  
Ronald Rosol wanted to be an architect.  
Three weeks ago he was working on plans for a home he hoped to design and see built for his physics teacher.  
He was 16 years old.  
Ronald died in Children's Hospital on Nov. 14 after suffering a cerebral aneurysm four days earlier.  
"He was in perfect health," his mother, Mrs. Gloria Rosol of Farmington Hills, said. "It was just an act of God—a blood vessel ruptured in his inner brain."  
"One minute he was talking to me, getting ready for school, the next minute he was down. It was that sudden," she said.  
An honor student at Farmington High School where he was a junior, Ron planned to go to college to study architecture. He discussed several schools with his father, a Ford Motor Company employee.  
"He was practically an all-A student," Mrs. Rosol said. "He was a bookworm. Architectural drawing and science were his favorite subjects."  
THE HOME HE was designing with two other students for his teacher, Thomas Klupka, featured solar energy heating.  
"I didn't know (about the home)



RON ROSOL

said Sister Rose Marie Fischer, assistant administrator. "He was a very good worker, always willing to come in and help us out."  
"He had a nice rapport with the residents," she said. "They all loved him. We all miss him very much."  
Before the job at Marion-Oakland, Ron caddied at the Franklin Hills Country Club for two summers. He often played golf with his father.  
"He tried out for sports at school but didn't make the teams," Richard Rosol said. "But golf was his game. We played all the courses together."  
Rosol also recalled his son's love of the outdoors.  
"HE LOVED CAMPING and climbing trees. We would go camping along the Au Sable River. And he would go off on his own for hours."  
The Rosols have two other children, Karen, 13, and Michael, 10.  
"They were always together, like the three Musketeers. If his younger brother had 35 cents for a comic book, Ron would drive him to the store and buy him a dollar's worth of comic books," Rosol said.  
Ron is survived by his immediate family and his grandparents, Mrs. Mary Rosol and Andrew and Mary Romanow. His funeral mass was Nov. 18 at St. Clare Catholic Church. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

until his teacher told me at the funeral home," said Mrs. Rosol. "He was really letting them draw up the plans."  
While a student at Larkshire Elementary School, Ron worked in the student library cataloging books. The school is honoring him with a memorial library wing.  
Besides school and the special project, Ron worked evenings and weekends at the Marion-Oakland West senior citizens' residence in Farmington Hills. The 52-unit residence is run by the Sisters of St. Joseph.  
"He washed dishes, helped serve the people and cleaned the dining area,"



The bright red, roomy accordion bus developed by a West German company took passengers in Oakland County for a ride recently in a test run sponsored by SEMTA. To read more about this caterpillar bus, turn to 8A. (Staff photo by Charlie Kidd)

## \$5 million is sought

## College plans an election

A special election in February or March to raise about \$5 million in building capital is being considered by Schoolcraft College trustees.  
A straw poll of trustees at last week's meeting indicated they are leaning toward a sinking fund rather than a bond issue to raise the capital.  
The same poll showed trustees are split, however, on whether to plan the election as a board or to appoint a special board committee.  
The consensus is that Schoolcraft's only chance of winning voter approval on a money question is to conduct a separate special election at which no K-12 district would have a money question on the ballot.  
Missing from the board's thinking, for the first time, are plans for a fine arts auditorium and teaching facility.

OTHER HIGH priority capital items include:  
• Road development, \$80,000. This is for a road from Six Mile to the eastern side of the campus.  
• Major maintenance, \$1.25 million. The board in the past has set up a major maintenance fund to take care of aging buildings, but has had to cut it to get operating money.

• New and replacement equipment, \$1.25 million.  
• A new instructional resource center, \$1.8 million. This is the college's half-share of a \$5.6 million project. The existing library is considered a fraction of the size needed for the present enrollment.  
• Remodeling the present library, \$250,000. The state would pick up an equal amount for a \$500,000 project.



## Title bid fails

North Farmington coach Ron Holland congratulates his players for a fine season, despite their 20-14 loss to Traverse City Saturday in the

state Class A high school playoff championship game in the Pontiac Silverdome. North had won 11-straight games. (Staff photo by Harry Mautice)

W. KENNETH LINDNER, vice-president for administration, estimated a half-mill increase in the property tax could raise \$5 million in five years.  
"The advantage of bonding is that funds would be available immediately. The disadvantage is that you would pay 2 1/2 times the face amount in interest over 15 or 20 years," Lindner said.  
"A sinking fund is short-term. The funds are available later," he said, but without the cost of interest.  
"Both require a vote of the people." Trustees' reaction was strongly in favor of a sinking fund. A formal decision will be made in December or January.  
The college currently levies 1.77 mills (\$1.77 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation).

TOP PRIORITY on Schoolcraft's list is raising local funds for a culinary arts addition to the Waterman Campus Center.  
The state agreed to pick up some \$53,000 of the \$1.5 million project, and the community college already has some \$500,000 "in the bank" for it, Lindner said. The problem is how to raise the remaining \$355,000.  
It would be top priority in any new capital outlay program, according to Lindner's discussion paper and board consensus. The culinary arts program has a long waiting list, and the local college's program is nationally recognized.  
The addition would enable Schoolcraft to double the program's enrollment.

## New commission eyes parks development

A nine member commission has been formed in Farmington Hills to advise on matters concerning the city's parks and recreation department and to act as a liaison between the department and governing organizations.  
The Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at least four times a year to advise the Hills City Council on land use for the department.  
Residents who have a suggestion or complaint concerning the department can take them to the new commission.  
Although in the future, commissioners will all have three-year terms which will be staggered, the first set of commissioners have varying terms.

One-year terms are held by chairman Robert Pugh and commissioners Dorothy Cox and Norman Eisenberg. Two-year terms went to Betty Frankel, Herman Moehlman and Dennis Fitzgerald.  
John Leitch, Anne Strubel and Mary Foran have three-year terms.  
The group will advise the city council on keeping the parks and recreation department's master plan updated, according to Pugh.  
THE COMMISSION also will help the city keep inventory on the facilities and land it uses for the parks and recreation programs, according to Pugh.  
His own personal goal for his post on the commission is to keep an inventory of the department's projects.

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#### WOMEN'S STRUGGLE

It's been one year since women from around the nation gathered in Houston to discuss their struggle for equality. To see how columnist Shirlee Iden feels about the passing year, turn to Monday's Commentary on Page 7B