

Smoking limits eyed

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State Chamber of Commerce Board Chairman John Anhalt, owner of the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills, is opposed to the legislation, calling it "an infringement on business." Anhalt cites added business cost factors and "government intervention" as main concerns.

Chamber officials in Lansing sense a "growing movement" toward legislating the smoking issue. They are "not confident, but remain concerned" with government intervention in this area. "It's more of a management issue than a state government issue," according to Steve Young, manager of taxation and regulatory affairs for the chamber.

Young also noted the "lack of any medical link between secondhand smoke and medical problems," enhancing the chamber's position.

THE CHAMBER serves 8,000 businesses throughout the state, and advocates a voluntary program to monitor smoking in privately owned businesses, Young added.

Faxon expects a compromise bill will be introduced into committee. "I think it will go through, a little diluted," he said.

The intent of the bill is to designate "smoking areas" instead of "non-smoking areas," as we currently know them. "We're concerned with the health affects on non-smokers," he said. "Twenty-five state agencies have subscribed to similar proposed changes."

"This time it will be different for several reasons," Faxon said, noting three.

GETTING A "majority of colleagues" to help sponsor the bill, a "substantial increase in ordinances" by cities and states, and the country's "generally supportive" attitude of such changes, were all mentioned as positive factors by Faxon.

New office buildings, such as those in Farmington Hills and Southfield, pose an additional problem, Faxon said.

Her plea — don't drive drunk

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Green's future must be behind a desk. "God forbid it should be put in front of some other person," she said.

"I want to be a doctor," she said, although she's unsure of how to do it. "One day I think communications is great; the next day I want to be a rabbi."

Most of her energy will be put into college studies and, hopefully, a spot on the Kalamazoo College cross-country team, she said.

Perhaps her overall enthusiasm comes from a close-knit home life, with both parents involved in sales careers.

THE ENTIRE family, including brother and sister who attend North Farmington, have shared family trips and experiences throughout the years. This month they travel to Israel, for a long-awaited family trip.

The Greens have lived in Farmington Hills for 18 years. "We're close, but I've got my own interests," Green said, and she's allowed our independence.

Whether students admire, support or mock Green's SADD philosophy, she says it's here in Farmington to stay. "When I leave (high school), there are people here who will carry on," she said.

Her organization should not be confused with another national group, Students Against Drunk Driving, although the groups' goals are similar.

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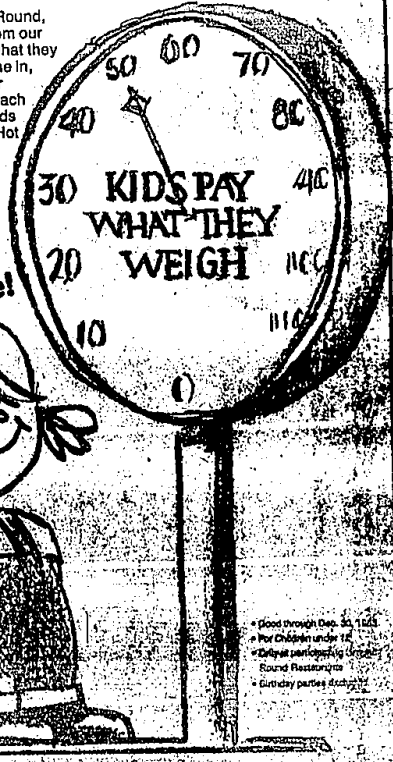
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