# Hills watched as example in fighting drugs

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As part of its crackdown on illegal drugs, Farmington Hills police have stepped up raids. In the past founding, farmington Hills police have been selzed. Users tend to 15-35 years old, Dwyer said.

Drug abuse is no more prevalent in Farmington Hills than other suburbs. But it's reaching crisis levels antionally. "This city is going to do something about that problem as for as decreasing the demand for drugs and having an effect through education," Dwyer said. and having an effe tion," Dwyer said.

IN FARMINGTON schools, administrators aren't finding "niekel laps of grass," superintendent Graham Lewis said.
"It's more subtle. Students seem to be experimenting — trying maripana, using different kinds of drug paraphernalia. We don't know to what extent this will bleed off and become a real problem."

Drew McDougali offers a different perspective. "I know when I was a freshman, I heard a lot about use of marijuana and other drugs, Now, students seem to be going more for alcohol than the harder drugs. I think that's partly because of the ef-forts of our different community erous."

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"Say No To Drugs" week, sponsored by the Farmington Hills Police Department Citizens Crime Prevention Advisory Committee, begins a yearlong, community backed campaign to counter chemical dependential.

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The backbone of "Say No To Drigs" is a 19-point action plan. The plan — aimed at police, educators, clergy, parents, kids and civic, business and government leaders — provides a three-pronged attack: enforcement, rehabilitation, aducation. Money selzed in drug raids will fund it.

Detroit Police Department Narcotics Section, said Detroit police are conducting 150 drug raids a month, on change from a decade ago — underlining the unending supply of illeerlining the unending supply of ille-gal drugs.

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BRINGING ABOUT a change in attitude and behavior among young people is a vital weapon in the war against illegal drugs, according to the action plan. "Education is not just having a book," superintendent Lewis said. "It's making gure you assess the children afterward to make sure they are learning what you are teaching in the classroom and in the community."

"I certainly came to learn that "I certainly came to rearn and-law enforcement, no matter how good, no matter how imaginative, is not the only solution to the drug problem," said Farmington Hills at-torney Tim Kenny, formerly a Wayne County assistant prosecutor for 14 pages.

Unfortunately, there's a mush-rooming consumer market for Ille-gal drugs. Drug dealers have proven to be more persuasive than the rest of the community, Kenny sald.
"We have come to recognize that education is one of the best tools we can have to provide the kind of infor-mation and the kind of solutions nec-seary to reduce the number of conessary to reduce the number of con-sumers," he said.

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programs into a "Stay Healthy" curriculum that boilds from grade to grade. Details will be unveiled in May.

"It'll teach healthy living — from diet to drugs. It'll focus on the body and the environment," Lewis said.

The new health curriculum, coupled with a total community commitment to "Say No To Drugs," guarantees "we'll have a tremendous impact upon the children of to-

Alcohol, LSD said to gain among teens

morrow and the children of today, so that drug abuse and substance abuse will cease to be the plague it is across this nation," Lewis said.

Lewis envisions the school district's student crisis team expanding in scope to deal with not only teen suicide but also chemical dependen-

Manwhile, Students Against Driving Drunk membership continues to rise. Local members not only have increased drug awareness efforts but also peer resistance training.

Wayne County assistant prosecutor Martin Krohner, a founder of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, will measure the success of "Say No To Drugs" partly by how well it inspires other communities.

"Hopefully," the Farmington Hills resident said, "we can say no to drugs not only in our community and elsewhere in this county but elsewhere in the metropolitan area."



## Drug action plan includes testing

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The confidential drug analysis program is part of Farmington Hills "Say No to Drugs" 19-point action pian.

Other highlights of the pian include:

Stepping up enforcement targeting arrectines dealers and distributors at all levels.

Providing In-depth training for police officers on enforcement, education and referral programs.

Developing educational programs on substance abuse for employers and employees; elementary, middle and high school students; and school administrators, teachers and coaches.

Developing long-range drug education programs for parents of the local judges and prosecutors on drug awareness and substance abuse.

AP — Tecnage drug abuse is grad-ually moving from excalne to alco-hol and the halbucingenic drug LSD, according to drug counselors and therapists attending a national con-ference on cocalne abuse. Use of cocalne peaked in 1986 when an estimated one in 10 high school seniors was abusing cocaine, according to speakers at the three-day conference in Orlando, Fla, which ended Saturday. "Most of the kids we see are swinging back to alcohol and LSD," said Jill Gentilin, a nurse at Brattle-boro Reireat, an adolescent alcohol

said Jill Gentillin, a nurse at Brattle-boro Retract, an adolescent alcobol and drug center in Vermont. Although the numbers may be dropping, the problem of teenage co-caine abuse is still significant, ac-cording to participants in the confer-ence, sponsored by the Florida Alco-hol and Drug Abuse Association and the American Medical Association on Alcoholism and Other Drug De-pendencies. Adolescents who abuse drugs tend to be the products of broken homes, the counselors said.

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Up to 90 percent of the teenage cocaine abusers have at least one parent who is an alcoholic or drug
abuser, according to statistics compiled by several New York clinics,
said Ellen Morchouse.

MOREHOUSE. A clinical social worker from New York, said many bildren she treats live on the streets or in crack cocaine houses and have been kicked out of their homes. Their problems frequently can be traced to similar behavior among their parents, she said.

There is some type of family problem associated with every teenage cocaine abuser, said Cardwell Nuckools, a drug treatment specialist from

## 'Twice pardoned'

#### Tickets still available for film on drugs

Free tickets are still available for the movie, "Twice Pardoned," to be shown tonight as part of "Say No" and Carolina.

Show time is 7-9 p.m. at Mercy Denter, 2860 if Mile, Farmington Hills.

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quences," said New Hope pastor Ralph Rebandt. Refreshments will be served. Call

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"Say No To Drugs" week, spearheaded by the Farmington Hills Police Department Citizens Crime Prevention Advisory Committee, is the start of a yearlong campaign against drug abuse.



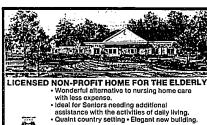
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