

Hills watched as example in fighting drugs

Continued from Page 1

As part of its crackdown on illegal drugs, Farmington Hills police have stepped up raids. In the past four months, at least three kilos of cocaine have been seized. Users tend to be 15-35 years old, Dwyer said.

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

IN FARMINGTON schools, administrators aren't finding "nickel bags of grass," superintendent Graham Lewis said.

"It's more subtle. Students seem to be experimenting — trying marijuana, using different kinds of drug paraphernalia. We don't know to what extent this will bleed off and become a real problem."

Drew McDougall 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 efforts of our different community groups."

"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 dependency.

The backbone of "Say No To Drugs" 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, education. Money seized in drug raids will fund it.

Dwyer, former commander of the

Detroit Police Department Narcotics Section, said Detroit police are conducting 150 drug raids a month, no change from a decade ago — underlining the unending supply of illegal drugs.

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 sure 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 law enforcement, no matter how good, no matter how imaginative, is not the only solution to the drug problem," said Farmington Hills attorney Tim Kenny, formerly a Wayne County assistant prosecutor for 14 years.

Unfortunately, there's a mushrooming consumer market for illegal drugs. Drug dealers have proven to be more persuasive than the rest of the community, Kenny said.

"We have come to recognize that education is one of the best tools we can have to provide the kind of information and the kind of solutions necessary to reduce the number of consumers," he said.

FARMINGTON SCHOOLS are pulling together scattered health programs into a "Stay Healthy" curriculum that builds from grade to grade. Details will be unveiled in May.

"I'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-

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 dependency.

Meanwhile, 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."



Tim Kenny
the law is not the only solution

Drug action plan includes testing

If you find a vial or baggie in your child's room and suspect it contains an illegal drug, you can receive a confidential drug analysis at the Farmington Hills Police Department.

Within seven days, you'll receive the results and, if necessary, learn where to turn for help.

You won't have to give your name — just a code number — to assure anonymity.

The confidential drug analysis program is part of Farmington Hills' "Say No To Drugs" 19-point action plan.

Other highlights of the plan include:

- Stepping up enforcement targeting narcotics 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

and adults (how to recognize symptoms of drug abuse, how to recognize illegal drugs and paraphernalia, how parents effectively can teach their kids to say no to drugs).

- Increasing promotion of local and national drug treatment and rehabilitation programs and services.

- Developing programs targeted at adolescents and adults on the abuse of prescription drugs.

- Planning more awareness programs targeted at adolescents on abuse of legal drugs, specifically alcohol.

- Producing videotapes on substance abuse to be made available to Farmington Hills residents at the schools, the library, the police department and video stores.

- Coordinating efforts with religious leaders by initiating and supporting educational programs through movies, lectures and printed material for their congregations.

- Establishing meetings and presentations for local judges and prosecutors on drug awareness and substance abuse.

Alcohol, LSD said to gain among teens

AP — Teenage drug abuse is gradually moving from cocaine to alcohol and the hallucinogenic drug LSD, according to drug counselors and therapists attending a national conference on cocaine abuse.

Use of cocaine 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 Brattleboro Retreat, an adolescent alcohol and drug center in Vermont.

Although the numbers may be dropping, the problem of teenage cocaine abuse is still significant, according to participants in the conference, sponsored by the Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association and the American Medical Association on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies.

Adolescents who abuse drugs tend to be the products of broken homes, the counselors said.

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 Morehouse.

MOREHOUSE, a clinical social worker from New York, said many children 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 Nuckols, a drug treatment specialist from

Orlando. Problems can range from parents who abuse drugs and alcohol to those who are workaholics with no time for their children.

"Families don't realize they may be part of the problem. They get angry if you even talk that way," said Pat Wenz, director of Twin Rivers Treatment Center in Melbourne.

But Morehouse cautioned that it is unrealistic to expect every teenager to be problem-free, no matter what

the circumstances. "They are not always going to be good and honest," she said.

Parents must avoid putting severe limitations on recovering children even though they may feel justified, she said.

"You've got to give the adolescent some incentive for getting well," Morehouse said. "They have to be allowed to go out, to have some freedom and see friends."

'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 To Drugs" week in Farmington Hills.

Show time is 7-9 p.m. at Mercy Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. The showing is sponsored by New Hope Presbyterian Church, Farmington Hills.

The two-part film series, for par-

ents and children, features Harold Morris, once an all-star athlete in South Carolina.

He knows the struggles facing young people. Having "fun" one night with drugs and alcohol, he found himself in the Georgia State Penitentiary on Death Row. Upon his release, he committed his life to sharing with young people his "little mistakes" can have "big conse-

quences," said New Hope pastor Ralph Rebardt.

Refreshments will be served. Call the church to confirm ticket availability: 478-5001.

"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.

TINA-MARIE Farrell's Shopping Plaza
WAIST CINCHER
 Shape, control and mold your figure with this 10" front closure waist nipper. In black or white with removable garters. Sizes 24-32.
20% OFF on all merchandise with this ad.
 specialist in:
 Bras-Girdles
 Lingerie-Slips
 Bodied Blouses
 29297 Southfield Rd.
 (Block N. of 12 Mile)
 557-7185

To be sure...be fitted at Tina Marie

LICENSED NON-PROFIT HOME FOR THE ELDERLY
 • Wonderful alternative to nursing home care with less expense.
 • Ideal for Seniors needing additional assistance with the activities of daily living.
 • Quiet country setting • Elegant new building.
 VACATION AND TEMPORARY STAYS WELCOME
APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN WOODHAVEN
 LOCATED IN LIVONIA
261-9000 OPEN TO ALL FAITHS

Why do smart kids fail?
 Your child may be smarter than his or her grades show. Our certified teachers help children of all ages overcome frustration and failure, and realize their potential.
 A few hours a week can help your child improve weak study skills and gain the Educational Edge.
 Our testing pinpoints problems and we tutor in reading, phonics, study skills, math and SAT prep to help students in all grades do better in school. Call and let us help your child break the Failure Chain.
4 Reasons for failure
 • weak basic skills
 • lack of confidence
 • frustrated with school
 • no motivation
THE HUNTINGTON LEARNING CENTER®
 626-8825
 14000 E. 14 Mile
 Farmington Hills



SHH-HH-HH

Don't tell a soul. You're invited to the formal Grand Opening of Corey Dinette's Sealy Bedding Gallery (not yet known to the general public). Don't miss our sensational

SECRET SALE!

SAVE 1/2 AND MORE FOR 3 BIG DAYS!
 Fri (10A-midnight) Sat (10A-6P) Sun (noon-5P)

It's a storewide event with fantastic savings in every department. As a special incentive . . . bonus free gifts such as bar stools and arm dining chairs will be awarded to random customers with their purchase.

This is a very special one-time-only event. Euro patio sets made to sell for \$499 are now just \$299! And a 5-piece solid oak dining set with custom upholstery made to sell for \$899 is now just \$599! Also save on entertainment centers . . . portable bars . . . accessories . . . and more!

This secret sale is taking place at our West Bloomfield location only, 33088 Northwestern Hwy., at 14 Mile and Orchard Lake Road.

Corey
 Dinettes & more
 BEDDING TOOL

Sealy

33088 Northwestern Hwy., at 14 Mile and Orchard Lake Road • 655-5777

©Copyright 1988 by Corey Dinette & more