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ents Do Have a Choice."

M An after-school teen center proposed by the Farmington Hills Commission on Children, Youth and Familles.

and Families.

B Police lisison programs in all three high schools. Starting this year, student assistance teams will handle peer mediation and conflict resolution issues.

An assortment of acronym-la-An assorment of acronym-is-den awareness programs for chil-dren and their parents: TWYKAA (Talking With Your Kids About Alcohol), THINK (Teaching Helping Involving Noticing Kids)

and BABES (Beginning Alcohol and Addiction Basic Education Study).

"Despite this we have not made a real hig dent," said Don Cowan, director of kindergarten through grade 12 deucation. "I think our attempt here is to show that this has to be a total community ef-fort."

A cross-section of the commu-nity attended Sunday, including 47th District Court Judge Fred Harris, Commission on Children, Youth, and Families chairman

Todd Lipa, PTA president Carol Luckscheiter, Farmington Mayor Arnie Campbell, and school trus-tees Dave York and Linda En-

tees Dave York and Linda En-berg.
Farmington schools superin-tendent C. Robert Maxfield, Farmington Public Safety De-partment Director Gary Goss, Hills police Chief Bill Dwyer and FFIA President Betty Nicolay fielded questions.
All agree that parents are the key. Part of the problem is donial, some said.
Goss releted how his depart-

ment has brought in teens with blood alcohol levels twice the legal limit. Yet their parents view it as an isolated incident, not something to be concerned about. "By this point you have a problem," Goss said.

Parents need to be vigilant in monitoring where their children are. They also need to talk to other parents to let them know what's happening, especially about house parties.

Said Nicolay: "If you're not a good one."

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The VRU system allows customers to call in and report outages and allows the company to record information on the outages and estimates of restoration for customers, he said.

Trees growing near lines is another problem for Edison, Connelly said.

"A lot of trees are planted in a spot that will later cause problems," he said.

Resident Sussa Lightner agreed that some property owners are asking for trouble. "It always dumbfounds me why people are planting very large trees under power lines," she said. "It's almost as if they used the power lines as a guide (of where to plant them)."

Larry Eiz, director of engineering in the area for Edison, said improved switching equipment,

more split circuits and intermittent interruption circuits for air
conditioning have eased the load
and helped the company reators
power to more customers sooner.
"We interrupt (air-condition
circuits) everywhere to flatten the
load," he said.
Eix said the company has made
improvements, but is in the midst
of others in the area. He said although some of the company's

above ground equipment is up to 40 years old, that is no worse than in other areas of the country. And burled cable only has a 15-18-year life span, he added.

But Edison officials said they will work to improve the system. "We've got to do some things better than what we've done," said Tony Rascano, Edison's re-gional manager for community and governmental affairs. "And we're going to work hard to make sure they get done."



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About diversity

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on "Coporate America's Commitment to Diversity" at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, at the Formington Training Center, 33060 Thomas St., Farmington. The free program, sponsored by the Farmington/Farmington Hills Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council, is open to the public. The address will be cablecast on MetroVision's Channel 12 throughout the month.

5 entries — 5 awards!

elores (Deo) Petachenko, a Farmington Hills professional porcelain artist, bad a big day recently at the Michigan State Fair. Petachenko's five entries garnered five awards. She earned a first place and third place in the Professional Porcelain-Fine Art category, a first for Christmas Treo Omamenta, a second in Egg, and an honorable mention in Michigan Wildlife.

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