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PO-BOX
Drugs

Teen Has Alcoholic Parents

Questions should be sent to the Community Commission on Drug Abuse, P.O. Box Drugs, Livonia, Mich. 48151.

Q. I'm a teenager with a couple of alcoholic parents. I mean really bad - fights, violence, the whole bit. It's been going on for some time now. I have a younger sister that I don't want to live through this the way I have. What can I do?

R.M., Livonia
A. There certainly is no easy answer to this. But there are some positive actions you can take.

1) Get connected with A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) at 261-6333. They can give you some guidelines and can tell you what services they offer. The next time one of your parents "crashes" and vows to do "anything" to stop, you will have something positive and immediate to offer through A.A.

2) Through A.A., get connected to Teen-Alanon. These are people with the same problems you have and to whom you can talk openly. These other victims of alcohol "fallout" can give you some practical ideas on how to cope with things.

3) Remember that you do have some legal rights. For information, call your District Court. The matter of violence or threats of violence to you and sister are the most obvious areas of concern. The court is not perhaps the best portal of entry into A.A., but don't discount this last alternative.

Q. I've been wondering about what Grace Slick of the Jefferson Airplane said when she was pregnant. It was something to do with being worried about her baby because of "all those drugs" she was taking. I thought only LSD could cause birth defects.

S.R., Westland

A. Grace's baby (modestly named god) looks fine from the pictures we've seen, but she was right in being concerned. The possibility of LSD causing birth defects has not been established without a shadow of a doubt.

There is enough presumptive evidence, however, to make anyone stop and think. The same sort of evidence is turning up with THC (the active ingredient in marijuana) at high dose levels. The prescribing information for physicians regarding amphetamines includes the following statement:

"Reproductive studies in mammals in high multiples of the human dose have suggested an embryotoxic (that is to say harmful to the fetus) and a teratogenic (Thalidamide-like) effect."

New Party To Start Petitions

The fledgling Human Rights Party will begin a petition drive to get on the Michigan ballot this Sunday.

The HRP, whose leaders are former Democratic State Chairman Zolton Ferency and Howard Jones of Lansing, will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday in room 306 of the J building on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College. The campus is located at 1-696 and Orchard Lake Rd. in Farmington.

HRP so far is composed of liberals disenchanted with Democratic Party positions on war and racism. Major sources of strength are the 18th and 19th congressional districts in Oakland and western Wayne counties.

Mrs. Milton Halpert of Birmingham is "contact" person for HRP in the 18th.

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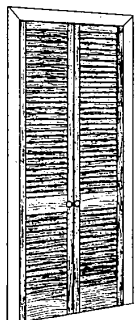


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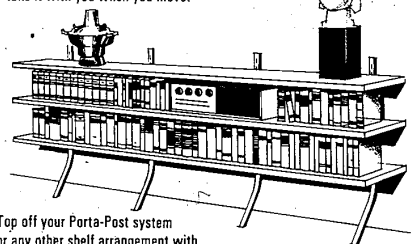
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