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d puppets (so-called 'Puppet ple') and story books. he information is extremely roprists for an 8 - or 5-year-she said. 'We touch on the tat of alcohol and tobacco en body. ... This is geared to be first exposure to this kind of rmation, so we treat it gen-

Helisek isn't the only one mak-ing the weelly half-hour presen-tations to third graders all over the Farmington school district. Others are Mary Bruzos, Gori Ogrady-Perahing, Carol Snod-goas, Chantal White and Mari-o

Odragy-Foraing, Carlo Snograss, Chantal White and Mariof Wood.
According to Helisak, who has
been part of the RABES program
in Farmington since it began in
the mid-1980s, a key aspect is
that kids are told there are
trained adults at every building
if the district should they
edcounter problems they might
not know how to deal with or
communicate.
Two recurring points that
Helisak tries to make to third
gradars is that it is *brave and
shart' to seek help if they are
ever in a difficult, uncomfortable
abbatances-related situation at
home, and there is a difference
between responsible and irre-

thacher or counselor.

And not telling somebody about such a problem is in fact keeping a "bad" secret that cambles the situation to go on.

"Secrets are like decisions," Rolisek told the youngsters. "A

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sponsible use of alcohol by those over age 21.

"We constantly stress the difference," said Helisek, citing the drinking of wine in religious ceremonies as one example of responsible use.

Unfortunately, one problem hindering the effectiveness of lessons taught in BABES is that children often receive mixed signals outside of school about what is right or wrong. With that in mind, students take home letters after BABES sessions, to talk with their parents about what was discussed.

with their parents about what was discussed is it needs to be modeled in the home, it needs to be modeled in the community. Helisek said. "You can't just throw these blips at them. It has to be reinforced in the community. And, the laws have to be enforced."

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She said lessons can lose impact if they see teenagers smoking cigarettes in front of a

party store. "If we enforce the law, the word would spread that it's not OK to do this in Farmington (and Farmington Hills). But we have a long way to go before that hanners."

But we have a long way to go before that happens."

Certainly of help in achieving that goal is a recent \$4,450 grant-from the Farmington Hills/Farmington Community

Hills/Farmington Community Foundation.
We applaud the ... foundation for their support of the BABES mission of teaching elementary students the danger of drug and alcohol use and abuse. Helisek said. Their gift helpe us further our goal of introducing these concepts at the preventive stage and presenting children with living skills that enhance confidence and self-esteem.

BABES is a worldwide program which was originated in

gram which was originated in the early 1980s by the National Council on Alcoholism.

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'The Great 8' sees hike in viewership this winter

Message from page A11 good decision is one where you don't get hurt or in trouble. And a good secret is the same. ... But a bad secret? You're feeling bad

because you're getting that 'ohoh' feeling With that, Helisek closed the sion.

Rhonda story. The conclusion would have to wait until the following Monday's BABES ses-

book on part one of the two-part

As the winter months seemed to linger we find ourselves determined to stay sheltered indoors. And during this winter season, the city of Farmington Hills Video Production Division certainly had seen a tremondous increase in viewers who watch The Great 8.

"We've received numerous

"We've received numerous calls from residents compliment-ing us on the programs that we

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produce and I believe this is due to The Great 8 providing resi-dents with informative and high quality programs. said David Tietmeyer, video production superview.

According to recent statistics, 93 percent of Americans watch television watch television and 69 percent rely on television as their min source for news and information. And adults are not the only ones tuning into The Great 8. Local students in the Farmington school district were assigned to watch and study the Farmington watch and study the Farmington school district were assigned to watch and study the Farmington school district were assigned to watch and study the Farmington school district were assigned to watch and study the Farmington actual form a student at High Meadows Middle School who participated in the gehool pre-



Meadows Middle School who participated in the school program study," anid Tietmeyer. "It's great to see students strongly encouraged to watch their local government station." In the coming months tune into Channel 8 for the following new programs:

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Bineide Parmington Hills will present its 231st show with Mayor Nancy Bates and City Manager Steve Brock as host. Bates and Brock will provide local residents with up-to-dute information on city issues.

B' Formor television anchor Vince Wade will enter his 10th season as host for Parmington Hills Folice Journal ond we really do appreciate his time, effort and sincere dedication, and Tetenseyer.

Vince's professionalism has been an asset to Police Journal ond we really do appreciate his time, effort and sincere dedication, and Tetenseyer.

The monthly show the Secrets of Space with host Mike Best recently landed at Crambrods, and Tetenseyer.

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Annette Slomka is a video pro-duction assistant for the South-western Oakland Cable Commis-sion.

Plastics firm opens in Hills

Rhodis Engineering Plastics, a world leader in specially chemicals, will calchrate the opening of its 8,000-square foot North American Application Development Center in Farmington Hills with an open house and tours beginning 9 s.m Thursday, March 9. Visitors attending the SAE Congress are welcome. For more information, call (248) 256-1000.

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