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THE WHITE HOUSE

Dear Friend:

Don't let anyone tell you that you can't be a hero. You can--and you are about to learn how.

Picture yourself in a battle. In fact, it is one of the most important battles our nation has ever fought. You are right in the center of combat. Sound incredible? It is all part of being a hero.

Is this an imaginary battle? Not at all. Many young people are already in it and they would do anything to be on the winning side. But they've learned about it too late.

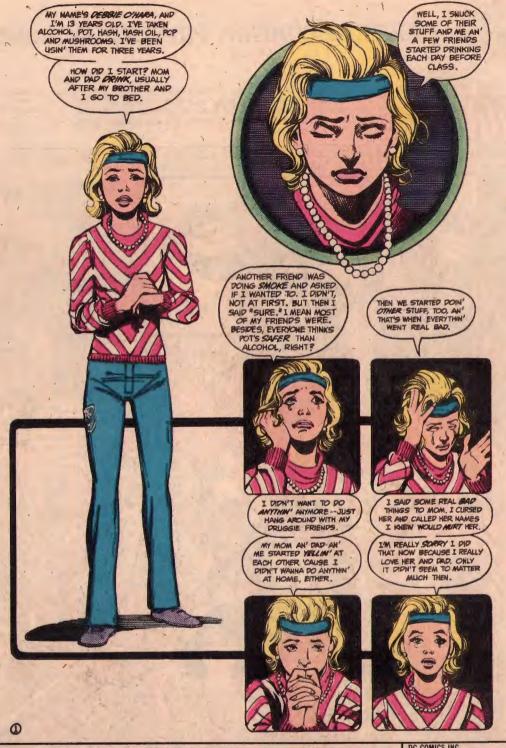
The battle is against drug abuse. Declare that you will stay drug-free. At any cost. You're guaranteed to win. And you'll be a hero--to your mother and father, family and friends, but most of all, to yourself.

There's a lot more to it and you'll learn about it as you go along. The President feels as strongly as I do about winning this battle. His Drug Awareness Campaign put this material together and generous corporations paid for it. It was done especially for you. We hope you will give being a hero your very best effort.

Sincerely,

Vovey Reagon





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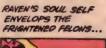
















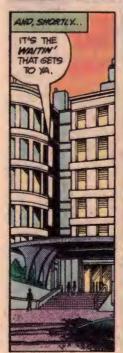








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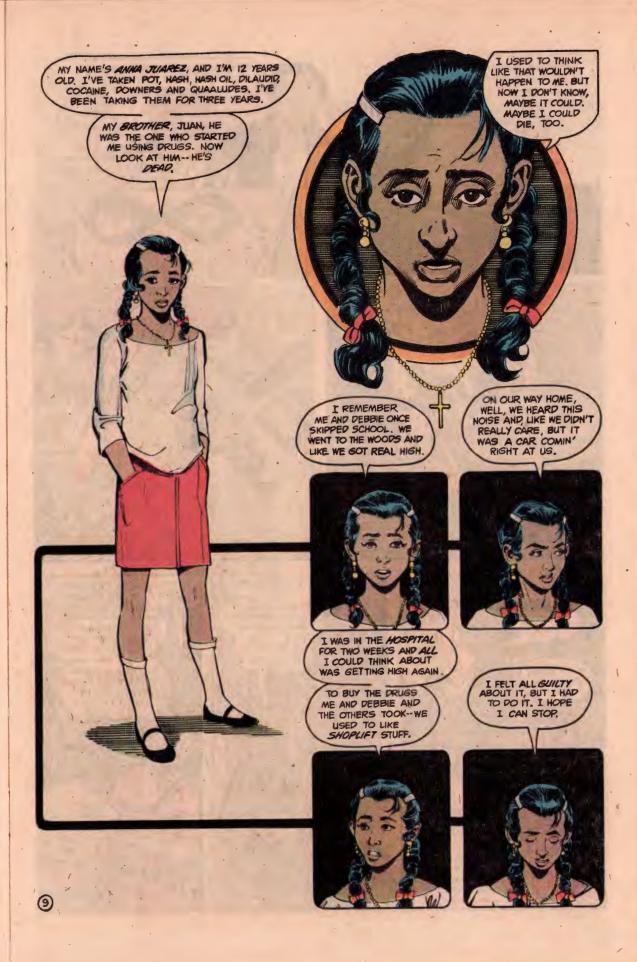


























THERE IS A TERRIBLE WEAKNESS IN YOU.

ANNA, I SENSE THE PAIN IS GREATEST IN YOU.

YEAH, I GUESS

SEEING US IN









YOU DON'T

UNDERSTAND.

YOU NEVER HAVE.

I DON'T SNITCH.

FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, HONEY.



















ENGINES
SWITCHING TO
VTOL,* THE
T-JET DESCENDS
JUST OUT OF
SIGHT...

*VERTICAL
TAKE OFF AND
LAND.





WE SPLIT UP. SPEEDY, CHANGELING, WONDER GIRL AND RAYEN FOLLOW THE VANS.

THE REST OF US WILL FOLLOW THE CHOPPERS.





MY NAME IS JOSEPH CUMMINGS AND I'M 14 YEARS OLD. I'VE DONE POT, HASH OIL, UPPERS, DOWNERS, PCP, ACID AND GLUE. I'VE BEEN TAKING THEM FOR TWO YEARS. AND YEAH, I'M A DRUGGIE.

MY DAD, Y'KNOW, HE'S A

BY DEFMAN SO I HADDA BE

MY DAD, Y'KNOW, HE'S A
POLICEMAN SO I HAPPA BE
REALLY CAREFUL 'CAUSE HE'D
COME DOWN ON ME IF HE EVER FOUND
OUT WHAT I WAS DOIN!



I'VE BEEN THROUGH DRUG-DETOX IN HOSPITALS FOUR TIMES. WAS EVEN LIP IN THE PSYCHIATRIC WARD ONCE. MAN, WAS THAT SCARY. WHAT WOULD I TELL MY YOUNGER BROTHER TO KEEP HIM OFF PRUGS?

ONLY HE OID FIND OUT WHEN, Y'KNOW, ME AN' ROG WERE CAUGHT IN SCHOOL

WHILE DOIN' SOME GRASS.

I'D TELL 'IM ALL ABOUT HOW SICK I WAS HALF THE TIME.



HOW I'D WAKE UP SOME MORNINGS OUT IN THE WOOD'S LYIN' FACE DOWN IN MY OWN VOMIT, NOT EVEN KNOWN' HOW I GOT THERE.

WHAT? IF I'D BEEN
TOLD THAT, WOULD I HAVE
QUIT? PROBABLY MOT,
BUT THEN, I THOUGHT
I WAS DIFFERENT.













LISTEN TO THOSE KIP COPS. WHADDA THEY KNOW ABOUT WHAT'S GOOD FOR US?



C'MON, ANNIE, YOU'RE OME OF US. AN' THIS STUFF IS 6000,



BUT, JOEY, MY BROTHER DIED: I DON'T KNOW IF I SHOULD GET HIGH ANYMORE.

> MAYBE I SHOULD FORGET THIS, LIKE TRY IN SCHOOL AGAIN.



YEAH? YOU AN'
WHO ELSE?
YOU'LL BE ALL
ALONE THERE.

C'MON, WE'LL ALL SMOKE IT...THAT'LL MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER.



WE'RE FRIENDS, AREN'T WE? ISN'T MAKING EACH OTHER HAPPY WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR?



SHE REACHES OUT TEN-TATIVELY...



WER FINGERS

INSTINCTIVELY

SUPPING IT INTO HER DRY MOUTH...

GRABBING THE







IF WE FIGHT, WE FIGHT TO STOP THEM.

OKAY

YOU'RE RIGHT,

BOSS-MAN-



























MY NAME IS MENRY CATUN, AND I'M IS YEARS OLD. I'VE USED ALCOHOL, POT, HASH, PCP AND MUSHROOMS. I'VE USED THOSE DRUGS FOR ONE YEAR.

MY DAD DIED WHEN I WAS
REAL LITTLE AND MY MOM HAD TO
RAISE MY SISTER AND ME. MOM
HAD TO WORK TWO JOBS, NIGHT
AND DAY...AND I-I GUESS I
DIDN'T HELP HER MUCH...



ANYWAY, LAST
YEAR WHEN I FIRST
GOT HERE, I MET JOEY
AND ROG AND THE OTHERS,
THEY SEEMED SORTA
STRANGE AT FIRST...

BUT THEY SEEMED TO REALLY LINE ME, SO I HUNG AROUND WITH THEM. I THINK IT WAS ROG WHO FIRST GAVE ME SOME POT. MAN, IT REALLY TASTED BAD THE FIRST COUPLE OF TIMES.

I REALLY DIDN'T HAVE MANY

FRIENDS BEFORE I GOT TO

THIS SCHOOL. I GUESS I

JUST DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO

IT DIDN'T SEEM TO DO ANYTHING FOR ME, EITHER. LATER ON, WELL, I GOT TO LIKE IT.





MY MOM'S ALWAYS
SCREAMING AT HOME -AND THE DRUGS, WELL
THEY LET ME FORSET
SOME OF THAT. ONLY
LATELY I'VE BEEN
FEELING REAL SICK.

AND I DON'T LIKE
THE WAY I'M FEELING.
I THINK IT'S THE DRUGS.
BOY, I HOPE I CAN
GET OFF THEM.















































MY NAME IS ROBER LEVINE, AND I'M IS YEARS OLD. I'VE TAKEN ALCOHOL, POT, HASH, HASH OIL, COCAINE, UPPERS, DOWNERS, POP, ACID, MUSHROOMS AND GLUE. I'VE USED THEM FOR FOUR YEARS.

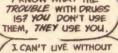
AT OLDER BROTHER AND HIS
FRIENDS STARTED ME TAKING DRUGS,
BUT IF I WANT TO STOP, I'VE GOT
TO DO IT MYSELF.





FIRST I STARTED TAKING THEM, THEN I LOOKED FORWARD TO TAKING THEM... I COULDN'T STOP.

I FOUND KIPS WHO WERE SELLING THEM, AND SOON I WAS SELLING THEM, TOO.



I MEAN, I NEVER REALLY WANTED TO GET INTO DRUGS,

'EM ANYMORE, I TAKE 'EM
THE FIRST THING IN THE
MORNIMS -- BEFORE I
EYEN BRUSH MY TEETN.



I NEED 'EM ALL
THROUGH THE DAY JUST
TO KEEP GOING 'CAUSE
I'M MORE SCARED
OF CRASHIMG THAN
OF LISING THE DRUGS
THEMSELVES.

THE DRUGG ARE MY
LIFE, AND I PON'T
WANT THAT ANYMORE.
I WANT TO STOP.
AND I NEED
HELP!















THE VI.P.'S. LOOK AT THIS LIST AND THINK ABOUT THE WORDS. WHAT DO YOU THINK IT'S MOST IMPORTANT TO BE? CAN YOU ADD TWO MORE WORDS TO THE LIST? THEN, IN THE SPACE BEFORE EACH WORD, NUMBER THEM IN ORDER FROM THE MOST IMPORTANT.

FAMOUS
RICH
HELPFUL
GOOD-LOOKING
SMART
POWERFUL

A PICTURE OF YOUR FUTURE ! EACH OF THE SYMBOLS BELOW REPRESENTS A CAREER WHICH MANY PEOPLE DREAM OF HAVING. DO YOU SHARE ONE OF THESE DREAMS? IF SO, CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE, IF NOT, DRAW A PICTURE THAT REPRESENTS YOUR DREAM IN THE EMPTY SPACE.





THE CHOICE IS YOURS!

"PEBBIE, ANNA, JOSEPH, 'CAT' AND ROGER FINALLY MADE THE CHOICE TO KEEP DRUGG OUT OF THEIR LIVES FOR GOOD. THINK ABOUT THE CHOICES YOU MIGHT MAKE, IF YOU WERE IN ANY OF THE SITUATIONS DESCRIBED BELOW. FILL IN THE BALLOONS WITH THE RESPONSE YOU THINK IS BEST."





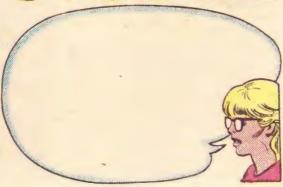














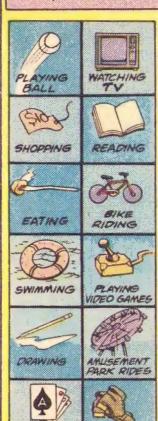
ALONE AND TOGETHER

SPEEDY'S SAYING THAT MOST OF US DEPEND ON OUR FRIEND'S FOR THINGS, WE ALSO DEPEND ON OUR PARENTS, ARE THERE THINGS, THOUGH, THAT YOU DO WITHOUT ANYONE AT ALL F"



LOOK AT THE DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES PICTURED BELOW. THEN, THINK ABOUT WHO YOU ENJOY POING EACH THING WITH: YOUR BEST FRIEND, A GROUP OF FRIENDS, YOUR PARENTS AND FAMILY, OR BY YOURSELF.

LIST THE ACTIVITY IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX.
IF YOU LIKE, PUT IT IN MORE THAN ONE BOX.
HAVE WE LEFT OUT SOMETHING YOU LIKE
TO PO OFTEN ? IF SO, ADD IT TO ONE OR
MORE OF THE BOXES.



ALONE

WITH YOUR BEST PRIEND

WITH LOTS OF FRIENDS

WITH FAMILY

AFTER YOU'VE FINISHED, LOOK AT THE RESULTS!

PLAYING

CARDS

- WHICH BOX HAS THE MOST ACTIVITIES ?
- WHICH HAS THE FEWEST ?

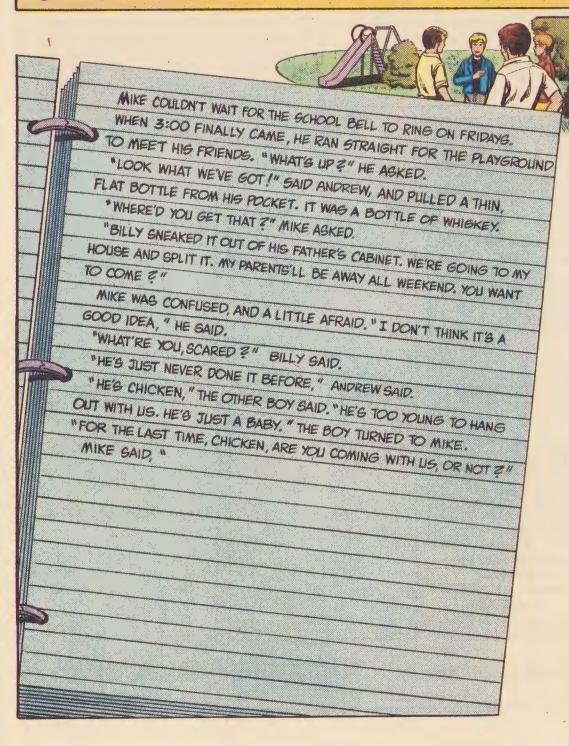
HIKING

PO THE BOXEG GIVE A PRETTY ACCURATE PICTURE
OF HOW YOU SPEND YOUR TIME AND WHO YOU
SPEND IT WITH ?



DECISIONS, DECISIONS

DECISIONS ARE ALWAYS HARD TO MAKE. IT'S EVEN HARDER TO MAKE THEM WHEN THERE'S PRESSURE ON YOU FROM OUTSIDE, OR IF YOU'RE AFRAID OF LOSING A FRIENDSHIP. IN THE STORY BELOW, MIKE IS FACED WITH A TOUGH DECISION. CAN YOU HELP HIM BY FINISHING THE STORY?"





"AS THE TEEN TITANS SAID, YOU JUST CAN'T TELL KIDS NOT TO USE DRUGS: EACH PERSON HAS TO DECIDE FOR HIMSELF OR HERSELF. AND ALL OF US HAVE TO DECIDE FOR OURSELVES, TOO.

WHEN THE FOUNDING FATHERS WROTE THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE IN 1776, THEY WERE ANNOUNCING TO THE WORLD THAT AMERICA WOULD BE FREE FROM THE CONTROL OF ANOTHER NATION.

AND WHEN WE MAKE A DECLARATION TO STAY AWAY FROM PRUGS, WE ARE SAYING TO OTHERS, AND TO OURSELVES, THAT WE ARE IN CONTROL OF OUR OWN LIVES AND RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR OWN WELL-BEING."

AN
EXAMPLE
OF A
DECLARATION
TO
REMAIN
DRUGFREE
15:

I declare that I am aware of the dangerous effects of drugs. I am responsible for myself and will never use any unlawful drug.

You can count on me to live by my declaration, and share my declaration with my family and friends.

SIGNATURE

WITNESS

"Kemember: A Declaration is a very strong statement.
It's not just repeating something you've already heard.
It's thinking hard and being really honest about what
YOU SAY."

Declaration		

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AND
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION



HEODE OF THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON April 28, 1983 MEMORANDUM FOR CRAIG FULLER_ CARLTON TURNER FROM: SUBJECT: Update on Drug Abuse Trends For your information, attached is the information paper to be used for a Cabinet Council meeting or Cabinet briefing on the Administration's accomplishments in the reduction of drug use by the public and military. I propose that only the information paper be sent out prior to any meeting. A packet, containing the NIDA and DOD (E1-E5) survey charts, and the Teen Titans Comic Book package would be available to hand out at the meeting. Craig, in the future, I will never have another travel schedule like the one in April. The problems previously encounter within my office have been solved.

cc: Ed Harper Roger Porter Bob Carleson

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Information Paper
- 2. NIDA Survey Charts
- 3. DOD E1-E5 Survey Charts
- 4. Gallup Poll
- 5. Teen Titans Comic Book

UPDATE ON DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN -- TRENDS IMPROVING

The Administration has embarked on a vigorous program to reduce drug abuse in the United States, including international initiatives and strong law enforcement to reduce the availability of illicit drugs. The South Florida Task Force, the 12 DEA/FBI Regional Task Forces, and The National Narcotics Border Interdiction System are part of the supply reduction effort.

Simultaneously, a major long-term prevention campaign was mounted on the health side, directed primarily at drug abuse among young people. It is primarily a non-Federally funded private sector prevention initiative, with emphasis on Federal leadership serving as a catalyst for action.

The prevention effort is beginning to pay dividends. Thus far in 1983, the surveys used to measure drug abuse reflect significant improvement in use patterns. The 1982 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, The 1982 High School Seniors Survey, The Gallup Youth Survey, and a survey of high achievers by Who's Who Among American High School Students show similar trends. For example:

- In 1978, marijuana use by high school seniors peaked at 11% or 1 in 9 reporting daily use. In 1982, daily use had dropped to 6.3% or 1 in 16.
- The Household Survey reports that between 1979 and 1982, 2.4 million Americans stopped using marijuana, 1.1 million Americans stopped using hallucinogens, 195,000 Americans stopped using cocaine, and 7.3 million Americans, including 2.4 million youngsters, stopped using alcohol on a regular basis.

Additionally, the Department of Defense surveys show significant improvement in drug use trends in the military. Preliminary results show a sharp decline in current marijuana use by junior enlisted personnel. Final results are expected in June.

Mrs. Reagan's involvement in the prevention effort directed at youth has received wide acclaim. Her highly visible support is contributing to the broad public interest and to people getting involved in doing something about drug problems in homes, schools, businesses, and communities.

The Administration's strategy has been directed at a long-term objective of drug-free youth and several initiatives have been planned, in cooperation with the private sector. Two recent well-publicized activities include a special survey by Weekly

Reader periodicals, published by Xerox Education Publications, directed at elementary school children. The first of its kind, it is a survey of young children's attitudes on drugs and alcohol. The survey results indicate a need for change in our approach to drug abuse education. Significant findings:

- 25% of the 4th graders said children their age feel some or a lot of pressure to try beer, wine, liquor, or marijuana.
- The peer pressure increases each year: in the 7th grade 50% feel encouraged to use marijuana, 60% to drink alcohol.
- In the lower grades, the motivation to use drugs or drink was to feel older, in middle grades to fit in, in older grades to have a good time.
- The children in 4th grade believe schools are not a major source of information about drugs; most of their information comes from movies and television and their families. This probably reflects current school drug abuse programs which are based on previous assumptions of a later exposure age and do not start until the 6th or 7th grade.

Simultaneous with the announcement of the survey results was an announcement of a major new initiative directed at elementary school children, with the first project directed at 4th grade children. The first in a series of drug abuse awareness comic books was released on April 25th and includes a million copies of the "New Teen Titans" comic book, with teacher's guide, posters, certificates, and letters from Mrs. Reagan.

The comic book project is part of the White House strategy to enlist the private sector in the national campaign against drug abuse. The Keebler Company and DC Comics sponsored the first comic book project for the fourth grade, and the Department of Education mailed packets to 35,000 elementary schools across the United States. A similar project for fifth and sixth graders is being developed. The fifth grade project is being sponsored by IBM, the National Federation of Parents for a Drug Free Youth, and DC Comics, Inc. The sixth grade project is being sponsored by the National Soft Drink Association and DC Comics. A related project for the development of a drug abuse awareness coloring book for kindergarten through third grades is also planned.

The major press coverage and nationwide interest in the two announcements demonstrate that the President's prevention program is on target. We will continue sending strong messages that this Administration and the American people will not tolerate drug trafficking or drug abuse in the United States.

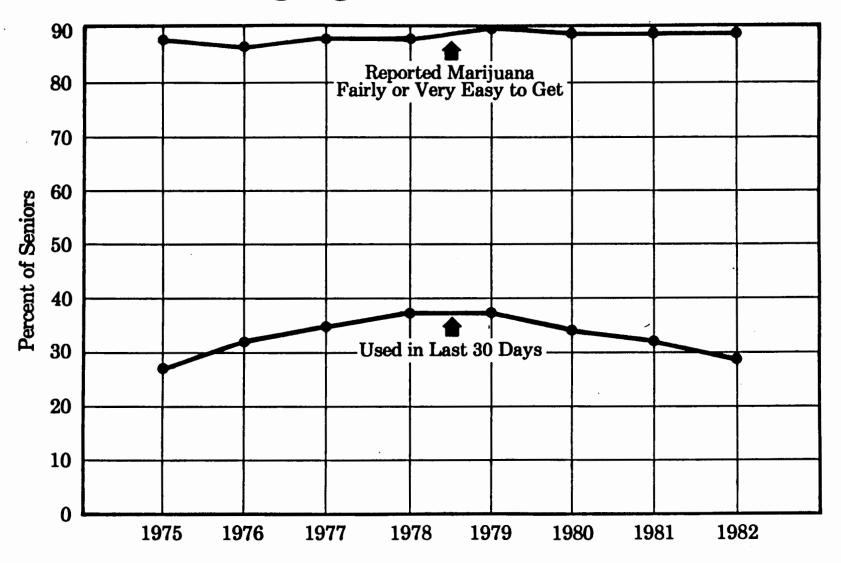
Selected examples of other private sector participation:

- "Pharmacists Against Drug Abuse," sponsored by McNeil Pharmaceuticals.
- "Team Up Against Drugs", sponsored by the professional sports organizations.
- Congressional Wives Group, organized by Carolyn Mattingly, wife of Senator Mack Mattingly.
- Steering Committee on Prescription Drug Abuse, sponsored by the American Medical Association.
- Program against look-alike drugs, sponsored by the American Pediatrics Society.
- Lions' War Against Drugs, sponsored by Lions Clubs, International.
- "The Chemical People" campaign, produced by WQED/Pittsburgh and sponsored by a new National Coalition for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse, with 26 service and civic groups participating (representing 15 million members and volunteers).
- "Don't be a Dope" campaign, sponsored by NBC.

SELECTED GRAPHS AND TABLES From the 1982 HIGH SCHOOL AND HOUSEHOLD SURVEYS

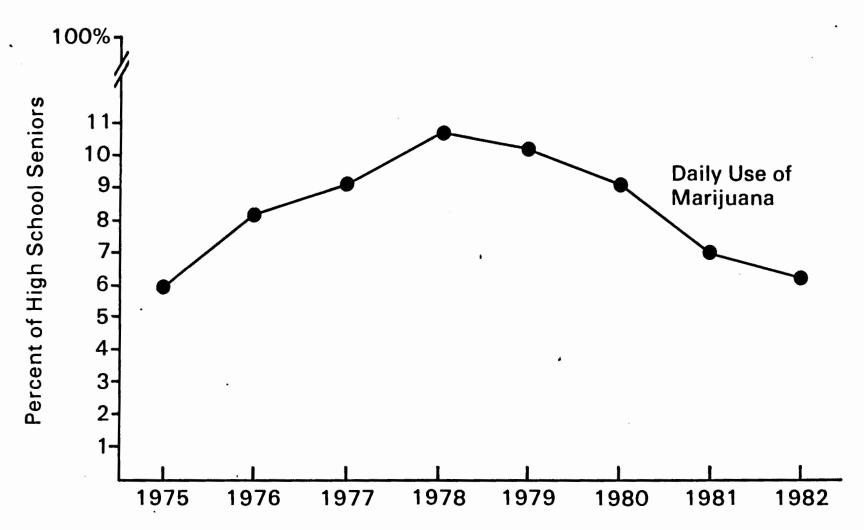
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National Institute on Drug Abuse

Trends in Marijuana Use and Perceived Availability Among High School Seniors: 1975-1982



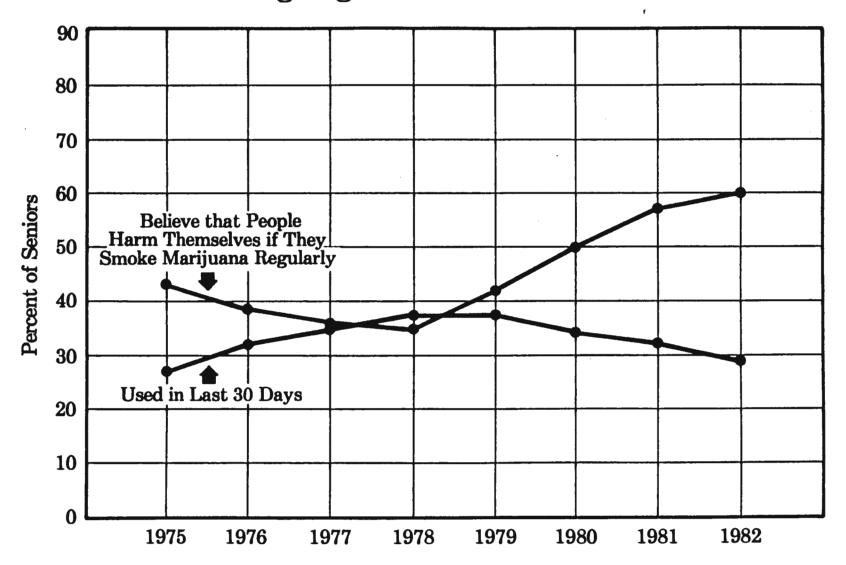
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Daily Marijuana Use, U.S. High School Seniors, 1975-1982



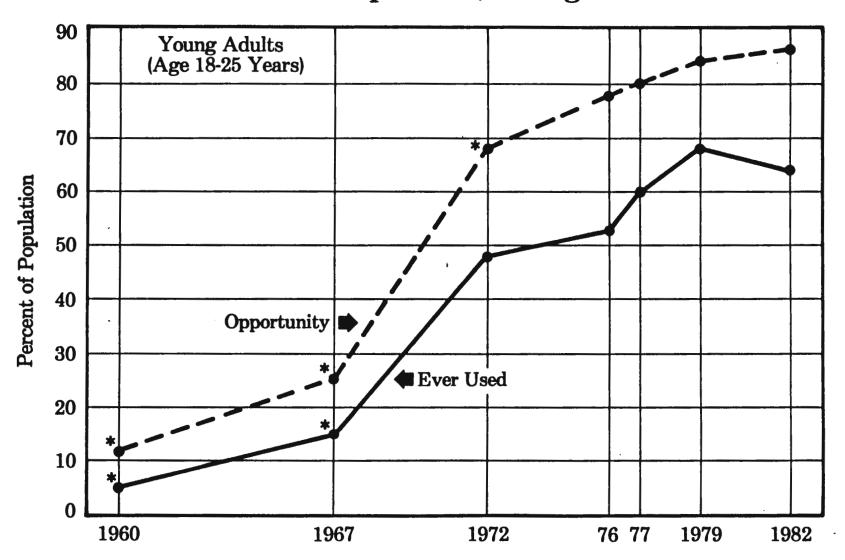
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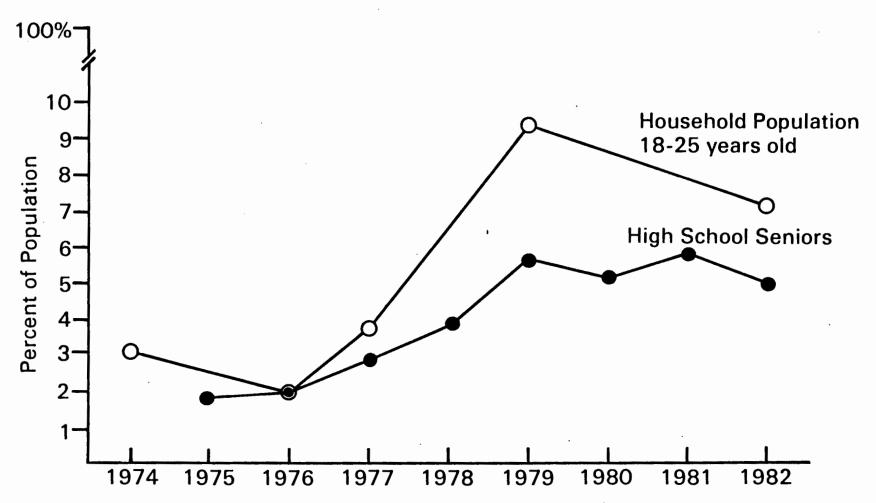
Opportunity to Try Marijuana and Lifetime Experience, Young Adults: 1982



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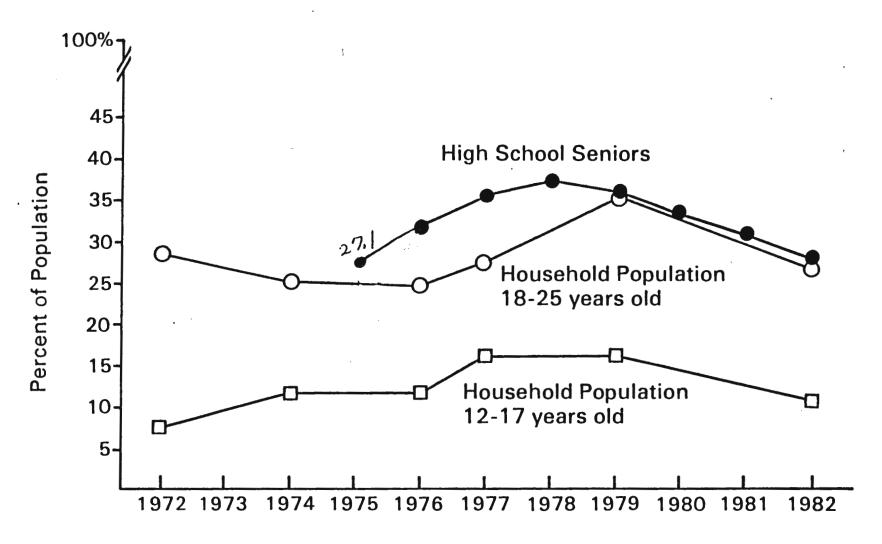
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Current Cocaine Use, U.S. Household Population and High School Seniors, 1974-1982



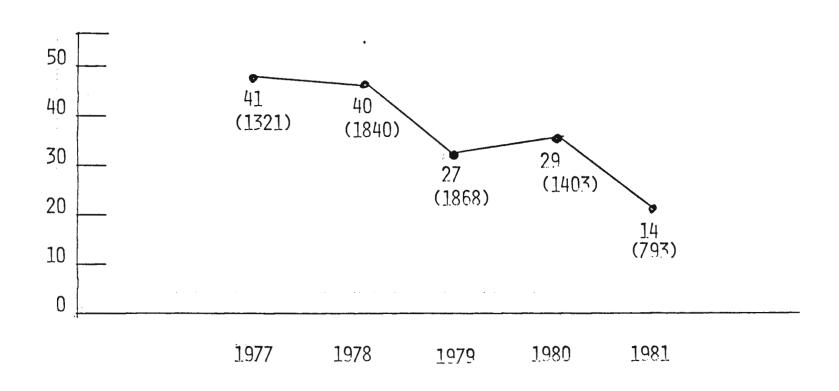
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Current Marijuana Use, U.S. Household Population and High School Seniors, 1972-1982



Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse, data from the *National Survey on Drug Abuse* and *Student Drug Use in America*, 1982.

MILITARY PERSONNEL OPIATE USE (RATE PER 10,000 URINE TESTS)



COMPARISON OF 1974 AND 1980

DRUG USE BY E-1 - E-5

PREVALENCE WORLDWIDE		1974	1980
CANNABIS		37	37
STIMULANTS		15	12
DEPRESSANTS		1.1	5
HALLUCINOGENS		14	5
NARCOTICS	:	7	2
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PERCENT OF E-1 — E-5 USING MARIJUANA PAST 30 DAYS

TOTAL E-1 — E-5				
1980	1982			
37	22.3			

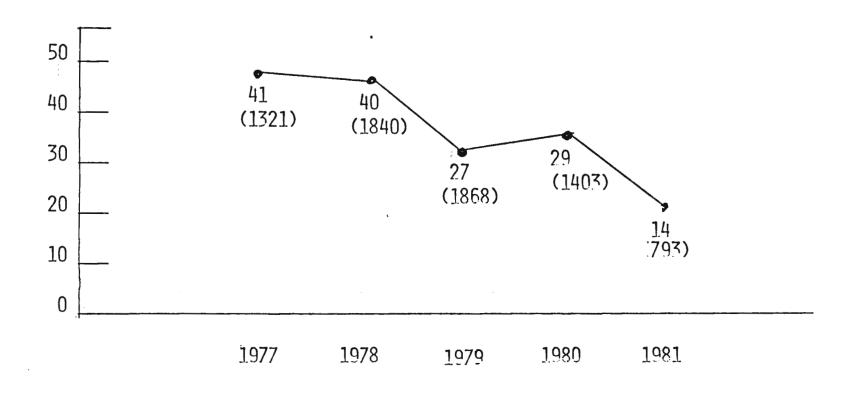
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NAVY 1982 1980 47 17.4

MARINE CORP					
1982					
20.8					

AIR FORCE				
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=The Gallup Youth Survey Marijuana Support Fading Among Youths

By GEORGE GALLUP
PRINCETON, N.J. —
Although some teen-agers
continue to experiment with
marijuana, the drug is apparently fading as a symbol of
the teen generation, according

Gallup Youth Survey.

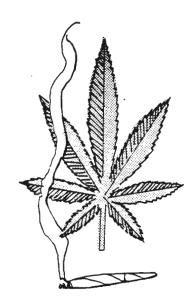
The poll also indicates that teen opposition to legalizing marijuana or decriminalizing its possession in even small amounts is solidifying.

to the results of the latest

For the second year in a row, the survey shows that 74 percent of the country's youth oppose legalizing pot. Youth opposition to decriminalizing marijuana possession rose from 57 percent in 1981 to 60 percent in 1982.

Still, about one teen-ager in three (37 percent) reports having tried marijuana at least once. Marijuana was used by percent of those polled during the week previous to the interview, 5 percent during the previous month, 16 percent between one month and one year ago, and 8 percent over one year ago.

Several key signs in the urveys indicate that mariuana use soon may no longer e the "in" thing to do. Use is leclining, while opposition to egal reform favoring its use is rowing among students of bove average academic tanding. Previous high levels f use, and approval from een-agers on the liberal, rend-setting East and West loasts are leveling off. Most mportantly, long-term trends n use, and approval by those ges 13 through 15 are steadv declining.



Gone is the past rhetoric of youths that urged the nation to "turn off, light up, turn on." In its place are comments opposing marijuana on legal, social, and health grounds.

Teen-agers took surprisingly tough stands on the decriminalization issue, arguing that the amount involved does not matter. The judgment of a 17-year-old boy from Hydro, Okla., was typical: "It doesn't matter whether it's an ounce or a ton — it's breaking the law."

The flower children of the 1960s would have been shocked had they known that a young woman in Chicago in 1982 probably summarizes the views of many of her generation when she says: "Marijuana is harmful to the human body. It increases the crime rate because an addicted person may often have to steal to support the habit.

We should strive to produce healthy and honest citizens, and marijuana is not conducive to that goal. There is no middle ground between right and wrong."

By the time they are 16 through 18, half of the nation's youth (52 percent) may have tried marijuana. Their opposition to legalization and decriminalization is not as strong as that of younger teens, but those favoring tempering the laws often qualify their remarks by suggesting legalization for medical purposes, or demonstrate concern about conviction of one-time perimenters. More typical, perhaps, are the remarks of two 17-year-olds:

"Legalizing marijuana will make it as available as tobacco, and then we will have even more stoned seventh-graders in school restrooms." (Fairport, N.Y.)

"I enjoy life to the fullest, and I am very happy without the help of marijuana or any other drug." (Ayden, N.C.)

Following are the questions asked:

"Have you ever tried marijuana?"

"Do you think the use of marijuana should be made legal?"

"Do you think the possession of small amounts of marijuana should be treated as a criminal offense?"

The findings reported today are based on telephone interviews with a representative national cross section of 1,012 youths, ages 13 through 18, conducted in June 1982.

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LEGALIZATION, DECRIMINALIZATION OF MARIJUANA

	Oppose Legali- zation		Oppose Decrimi- naliza- tion			
	1982	1981	1982	1981		
NATIONAL	74%	74%	60%	57%		
Boys	72 75	69 79	60 59	51 62		
Both sexes: 13 to 15 years old 16 to 18 years old	81 66	81 68	69 51	63 50		
East Midwest South West	72 76 74 75	69 80 78 67	53 63 66 53	47 60 63 56		
Metro areas Suburbs Non-metro areas	66 73 79	69 71 80	52 58 67	49 52 65		
Have tried marijuana	58 83	54 86	37 73	30 72		

THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR CRAIG FULLER

FROM:

CARLTON TURNER

SUBJECT:

Announcement of the White House - Private

Sector Drug Abuse Awareness Program

For your information, a press conference is scheduled for Monday, April 25, 1983 at 10:30am in room 450 of the Old Executive Office Building to announce the release of the Teen Titans drug abuse awareness comic book, the results of the Weekly Reader poll and kick-off the White House - Private Sector Drug Abuse Awareness Program.

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We were not aware of the proper procedures for coordinating Secretary Bell's involvement in the press conference. At the suggestion of Doug Holladay, from the Secretary's office, coordinated his participation through Doug.

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Attached is a sample letter I would like to send to the Cabinet Members transmitting a copy of the comic book package and the Weekly Reader data, for their information. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

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Additionally, DC Comics and Keebler will be sponsoring a commerical version of the comic book for release later in the year. The proceeds from the commercial distribution will be donated to charity.

IBM, in cooperation with the National Federation of Parents for Drug-Free Youth, and DC Comics have sponsored the development of a similar package for Fifth grade students. The National Soft Drink Association and DC Comics are preparing another comic book package for the sixth grade. These books should be ready for distribution when school resumes in the fall.

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Sincerely,

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Special Assistant to the President
for Drug Abuse Policy

The Honorable Secretary Department of Washington, D.C.

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PRESSURE TO TRY DRUGS, ALCOHOL STARTS IN EARLY GRADES, SURVEY SHOWS

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., April 25--Grade school children report substantial peer pressure to try drugs and alcohol as early as fourth grade, according to a survey of U.S. schoolchildren by the classroom publication <u>Weekly</u>
Reader.

The readership poll, said to be the first major national survey of young children on the subject of drugs and alcohol, was distributed to 3.7 million students in grades four through twelve. Five hundred thousand children responded.

A random sample representing about 100,000 students was selected from the responses, analyzed, and then weighted to adjust for the U.S. population distribution.

The results show that in grades four and five children receive their education about the dangers of drugs and drinking about equally from family and movies/television. Not until grade six does school become an equal source of information, and not until grade seven does school become the major source.

And yet, as early as fourth grade about 25 percent say that children in their age-group feel "some" to "a lot" of peer pressure to try beer, wine, liquor, or marijuana. By the time they are in seventh grade, about 60 percent feel pressure to try alcohol; and about 50 percent, to try marijuana.

The motivation for trying drugs and liquor in the lower grades appeared to be a desire to "feel older"; and then as the children progressed through the middle grades, to "fit in with other kids"; and finally in grades nine through twelve, "to have a good time."

About 75 percent of children in fourth grade saw "some" or "great" risk posed to children their age who had one alcoholic drink or smoked one marijuana cigarette daily, while about 20 percent saw "no risk." The percentage seeing "some" or "great" risk for daily use of alcohol or marijuana rose slightly from fourth to seventh grade, and then dropped slightly in high school.

Another significant finding was the schoolchildren's beliefs concerning experiments with hard drugs by their peers. In grade four, about 50 percent of the students estimated that no "kids your age" in "your town or city" had tried cocaine, and about 60 percent said that no students had tried angel dust or LSD.

Dr. Terry Borton, editor in chief of <u>Weekly Reader</u> periodicals, stressed that "students are reporting on what they <u>believe</u> to be happening generally and not on their own behavior. Other studies have shown that actual use of these drugs is not this high, even among high school seniors. But the fact that young students think drug use is so common is in itself cause for concern, since our survey also shows that many kids use drugs to 'fit in.'"

The <u>Weekly Reader</u> survey was done in cooperation with:

The White House Office of Policy Development, Drug Abuse Policy Office;

The Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration;

The Johnson Institute;

The National Federation of Parents for prug-Free Youth; and The National Institute of Drug Abuse.

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Editor: See report in press kit for more detailed information, graph of rise in peer pressure to try drugs (page __), and breakdown by region of the country (page __).

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, BUDGET AND EVALUATION

APR 2 0 1983



NOTE TO SECRETARY BELL

SUBJECT

April 25 Announcement Ceremony on 'Teen Titans' Drug Abuse

SPECIAL

Program

BACKGROUND

The Department has joined with the White House and the Keebler Corporation in distributing a comic book on drug abuse to approximately 35,000 fourth grade classes nationally.

We, at Education, are presently in the second phase of a two part involvement. On April 14, we completed a mailing alerting the elementary school principals of the coming package of 30 comic books, 30 award certificates and a poster.

ACTION

An announcement ceremony has been scheduled on April 25 at the Old Executive Office Building in Room 450 to announce the project publically. Dr. Carlton Turner, Director of Drug Abuse Policy at the White House, will be chairing the meeting itself. You have been asked to participate at the ceremony. On the platform will be the following:

Dr. Turner, Chair
Secretary Bell
President, Keebler Co.
President, D.C. Comics, Inc.
Dr. Terry Borton, Editor-in-Chief of "Weekly Reader"

The agenda will follow this format:

Opening Remarks by Dr. Turner
Remarks by Dr. Borton on a readership poll of 500,000 school
age children on drug and alcohol abuse
Presentation of letters to Corporate representatives
Presentation of materials by Corporate representatives

Your Remarks

You may choose to open with a statement indicating your pleasure in the Department's participation in this project on drug abuse. Such cooperation clearly demonstrates the President's policy which supports

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the formation of public and private sector partnerships working in tandem to address the needs of the Nation. While this effort by no means solves the problem in its entirety, it does offer strong supplementary support to family and church efforts.

You then might allude to the findings of the "Weekly Reader" survey which clearly indicates that drug and alcohol abuse have their origins as early as the fourth grade. This widespread survey conducted by the "Weekly Reader" is an invaluable tool for parents and teachers since it polls 500,000 children.

RECOMMENDATION

I would recommend that you participate with Dr. Turner and then, if your schedule allows, join him, the Editor-in-Chief of "Weekly Reader" and the Presidents of Keebler Corporation and D.C. Comics, Inc. for lunch at the White House mess.

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Weekly Reader Teacher's Edition

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To Jupiter and Beyond

June 13, 1983, will be a red-letter day in the history of space exploration. On that date Pioneer 10, the U.S. unmanned spacecraft, will leave the solar system—the first object made by humans to do so!

Pioneer 10 was launched in 1972. After 11 years of continuous operation, almost all of its systems are still performing well. Pioneer was the first spacecraft to come within "sight" of Jupiter—in 1973—and much of what we now know about Jupiter and its moons is a result of measurements and pictures taken by Pioneer 10. Since then, the craft has continued on its way outward from the Sun, crossing the orbits of Saturn and Uranus.

Early this week Pioneer 10 was scheduled to reach a greater distance from the Sun than Pluto. And on June 13, the spacecraft will cross the orbit of Neptune, 2.8 billion miles from the Sun. At that point Pioneer will, in effect, have left the solar system.

What's next for Pioneer? It will be seeking the "skin" of the heliosphere—the edge of the Sun's atmosphere. When the craft passes this boundary, believed to be between 5 billion and 10 billion miles from the Sun, it will enter true interstellar space. Experts at NASA's Deep Space Network expect to be able to track Pioneer out to somewhere beyond 5 billion miles.

Pioneer 10 carries a message to any intelligent life that might encounter the spacecraft in its interstellar wanderings. The message is in the form of a plaque showing the location of Earth and the solar system, a man and a woman, and some points of basic science.

Meanwhile, on June 13, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, along with other private and governmental bodies concerned with the Pioneer project, will be celebrating the spacecraft's departure from the solar system. Weekly Reader is joining NASA in the celebration by announcing a contest for posters commemorating the event. The top three winners will get to participate in a space event somewhat closer to home. Each child who submits a winning entry will travel, along with one adult, to Kennedy Space Center in Florida to watch a space shuttle launch. The official contest announcement and rules are at the right.

The folks at NASA are excited about what Pioneer 10 has done and what it's going to do. We are too. We hope you and your students will join in the excitement.



NASA/Weekly Reader Space Poster Contest

The NASA Ames Research Center and Weekly Reader announce a poster-art contest for school grades three through nine. The theme for the contest is the Pioneer 10 spacecraft's departure from the solar system on June 13.

Only one entry will be accepted from each class. The art may be expressed in any medium; but all artwork must be matted, and the overall size must not exceed 17 by 23 inches. The artist's name, grade and school as well as the teacher's name must be written on the back of the artwork. School address and home phone number of the artist must also be included.

Entries, mailed at the expense of the entrant, must be postmarked no later than May 15, 1983, and mailed to:

Ames Research Center National Aeronautics and Space Administration Mail Drop 241-33

Moffett Field, CA 94035

Winning entries will be judged by NASA in three grade categories: grades three and four; grades five and six; and grades seven through nine. Certificates of participation will be issued for the first 1,000 entries received. There will be a grand prize in each grade category of a trip to an upcoming space shuttle launch for the winning artist and an accompanying adult. Winning posters will be published in Weekly Reader periodicals next fall.

Contest void where prohibited or restricted by law. Children of employees of Xerox Corporation and of governmental and contract agencies involved in the Pioneer 10 project not eligible to participate. All entries become property of NASA.

Ways To Use Senior This Week

Vocabulary Development

News Update (p. 2)

- precise—exact, accurate
- · assure—to make confident or certain
- stock—supply

Science News (p.3)

- orbit—the path traveled by a heavenly body or a man-made satellite around another heavenly body
- plaque—a thin plate or marker on a surface that decorates or gives information

Main News (pp. 4-5)

- disguise—to hide or conceal
- apparent—appearing real, obvious
- judgment—the ability to decide or evaluate
- conflicting—being in conflict or disagreement
- restrict—to limit, restrain
- addictive—tending to cause one to become enslaved or given over to a habit

Main News (pp. 4-5)

Drug Abuse

Facts To Share. One question often asked by young people is, "What's wrong with taking any drug I want as long as I don't hurt anyone else?" An important part of the answer to this question involves the cost of drug addiction to society.

To drop out with drugs means that a person becomes dependent upon society for many services and supplies. For example, it costs thousands of dollars to rehabilitate a drug addict in a clinic or hospital. If the clinic or hospital is government-funded, that means that taxpayers are footing the bill.

Motivate Students To Read

Have students look at the cover illustrations. Ask which of the reasons shown they think is the most important reason for why young people use marijuana.

Read for News Comprehension

After students have read the Main News story, ask:

- What does research show about the effects of smoking marijuana? (Marijuana appears to slow down thinking, confuse judgment, and slow reflexes. It may harm future children users might have.)
- Which country in the world has the highest level of drug use among young people? (the U.S.)
- What percentage of U.S. young people have tried an illegal drug before leaving high school? (nearly 64 percent)

Follow-Up Discussion

Ask students whether they think seeing a medicine chest filled with legal drugs at home could influence young people to try illegal drugs. If so, in what way?

Drug Survey (p. 5)

The drug survey reported on in this issue was conducted in cooperation with The White House Office of Policy Development, Drug Abuse Policy Office; The Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration; The Johnson Institute; The National Federation of Parents for Drug-Free Youth; and the National Institute of Drug Abuse. Results of the survey will be announced at a White House press conference during the week of April 25, 1983.

Answer Key

News Comprehension—1. Lippizaner, 2. dog, 3. drugs, 4. solar system, 5. Pluto, 6. decreasing, 7. the U.S., 8. health, 9. slows, 10. fit in with other kids.

News Vocabulary—DEFINITIONS: veterinarian, d; foal, f; informer, g; expel, h; solar system, i; plaque, b; rehabilitate, j; abuse, e; orbit, a; addiction,c.

ANTONYMS: ban, allow; stallion, mare; deceptive, honest; illegal, lawful; conserve, waste.

Table Reading—1. F, 2. T, 3. T, 4. T, 5. F.

Diagram Reading—1. Mercury, 2. third, 3. Jupiter, 4. Jupiter and Uranus, 5. Neptune.

Senior Sleuths—Andres knows that Sampson must be the spy because Harper has Sampson's coat. Andres figured this out by writing out on paper the names of each person and the mask or coat each had or couldn't have had. Harper has Brown's mask, so he can't have Sampson's mask and Adamson's coat. Since no one got back his own mask or coat, the person who got Sampson's mask and Adamson's coat had to be Brown. The mask Adamson took could not have belonged to Brown, Sampson, or himself, so it had to belong to Harper. Sampson got Harper's coat. So Harper could not have his own coat, Adamson's coat, or Brown's coat. Harper can only have Sampson's coat.

May Vocabulary Calendar: 1. den; 2. horse; 3. state; 4. lumberjack, logger; 5. triplets; 6. ground, earth; 7. football; 8. division; 9. swimmer, diver; 10. marriage; 11. niece; 12. crime; 13. touch; 14. mammal; 15. parking lot; 16. planes; 17. baseball; 18. sand; 19. sun; 20. air, oxygen; 21. bow; 22. ending; 23. brain; 24. well; 25. sundial; 26. mileage; 27. glacier; 28. bicycle; 29. program; 30. going; 31. hangar.

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Senior Weekly Reader Teaching Master

Effects of Marijuana On the Body

Research shows that marijuana often has hidden harmful effects on the functioning of important parts of the body such as heart, lungs, and brain. Dependence on the substance at a young age is viewed with concern by many health officials and scientists.

There is also evidence that marijuana has potential medical uses. Foremost among these uses is the reduction of eye pressure in glaucoma and the lessening of nausea caused by powerful anticancer treatments.

The facts here represent some of the latest Government drug research.

EYES

Lowers the pressure inside eyeball; may be helpful in glaucoma patients

BRAIN

Interferes with immediate memory and thought work such as reading comprehension, arithmetic problem-solving, and thinking in general.

While" high," skills needed to drive vehicles and run machines are reduced.

HEART

Raises heart rate, a possible hazard to heart patients; possible hazard to people with poor circulation of blood to heart muscle

LUNGS

Long-term, heavy use can lessen the function of lungs, with possible risk of cancer from smoking.

Possibly useful in easing breathing problems of asthma because the drug enlarges small airway passages.

STOMACH

Useful in reducing nausea in some patients taking anticancer drugs

REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS

Possible effect on hormones that would result in interference with reproductive functions

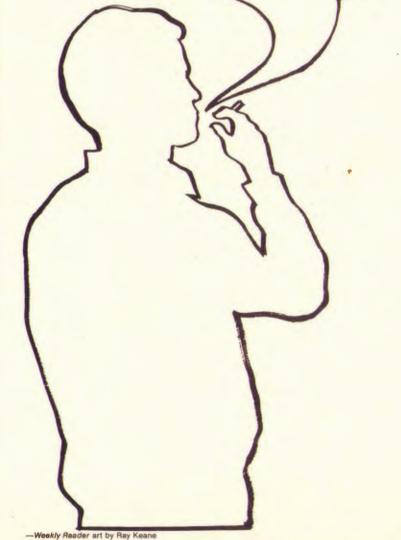
IMMUNE SYSTEM

Possible interference with antibodies and antigens that help the body resist disease

TEACHERS: Make copies of this Teaching Master to share with your pupils. You might want to include this page in your drug education program. The information could be useful for classroom discus-

sions that explore youngsters' knowledge of health and marijuana use. You might also want to devise a worksheet of questions based on this information.

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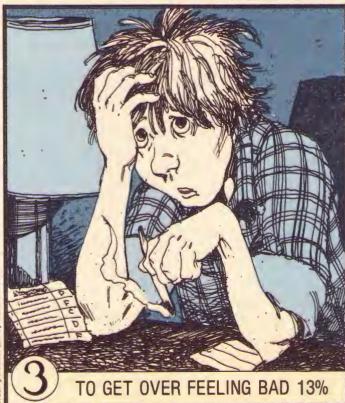
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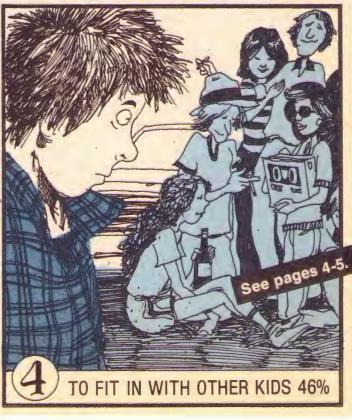
Drugs and Drinking Survey Results

Sixth-Graders Say the Main Reason Kids Their Age Use Marijuana Is . . .











Strikes Austria's **Famous Horses**

Veterinarians around the world are rushing medical aid to a breeding farm for Lippizaner horses in Austria. A deadly virus is threatening mares and foals there. Already more than 30 horses have died, and 20 more are infected.

The breeding farm raises horses for the famous Spanish Riding School in Vienna. This school trains the milkwhite Lippizaner stallions that perform precise dance steps and leaps.

Austrian officials assure those concerned about the horses that the performing stallions have not been affected by the virus. And new Lippizaner mares will be brought to Austria for breeding purposes once the threat of disease is over, the officials say. The new stock will come from Lippizaner farms in Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia.

The Lippizaners originated in the 16th century in what is now Yugoslavia. They were the result of selective crossbreeding of Arab and Spanish horses.

The royal family of Austria took a fancy to the majestic horses and brought them to Vienna. There, the Lippizaners have become a tourist attraction, drawing crowds.

Last year some of the Lippizaners visited the U.S. and danced outside the White House. One was presented to President Reagan as a gift.

Lippizaner breeding farm in Austria (top Lippizaner performing difficult leap (above).

Texas School Pays Off Drug Informers

Informing on drug users and drug sellers pays off at the Lewisville (Tex.) high school. Kids there receive \$100 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of another student on drug charges. An informer receives \$50 when no conviction occurs.

So far this year, at least 17 students have been found to possess drugs. They have been expelled from school and their names given to police.

School officials are pleased with the way the drug informer program is working. The principal says the program is "a good way to get students involved in helping each other."

Reactions of students to the program are mixed.

Small Dog Makes Incredible Journey

The Foltz family of Santee, Calif., heard a scratch at their door one day recently. Opening the door, they couldn't believe their eyes. There on the doorstep was Sam, the year-old mixed Yorkshire terrier and poodle they had left in Montrose, Colo., three months earlier.

Somehow the little dog had crossed the plains, mountains, and valleys of Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, and southern California.

The Foltzes think Sam must have walked the 840 miles. His paws were all worn down, they said, and he was halfstarved and suffering from muscle spasms.

The Foltzes had taken Sam with them when they moved to Colorado from Santee last year. In January, they moved back to Santee to live in an apartment house in their old neighborhood. But they didn't bring Sam with them. They gave him to a woman and her child.

"We felt terrible about giving Sam away," Mrs. Foltz says, "but we already had the mother, and we just didn't think we could find a place to live with two dogs."

Sam evidently missed his old family and set out to rejoin them.

"Now that he's home," the Foltzes say, "we'll never give him up again." Sam has been given a new doghouse on the Foltz patio.



Foltzes hug dog Sam at their Santee home

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Pioneer Voyage to Stars

On June 13, a U.S. spacecraft will start a journey vastly different than any other in human history. Pioneer 10 will leave the solar system for flight into deep space. The spacecraft is to swing across the orbit of Neptune (see drawing) and out to the stars. No manmade object has ever made such a space voyage before.

Launched in 1972, Pioneer has already traveled a total of 3.59 billion miles. It has radioed back exciting new information about the solar system. For example, Pioneer 10 took the first closeup pictures of Jupiter.

Space Newscaster

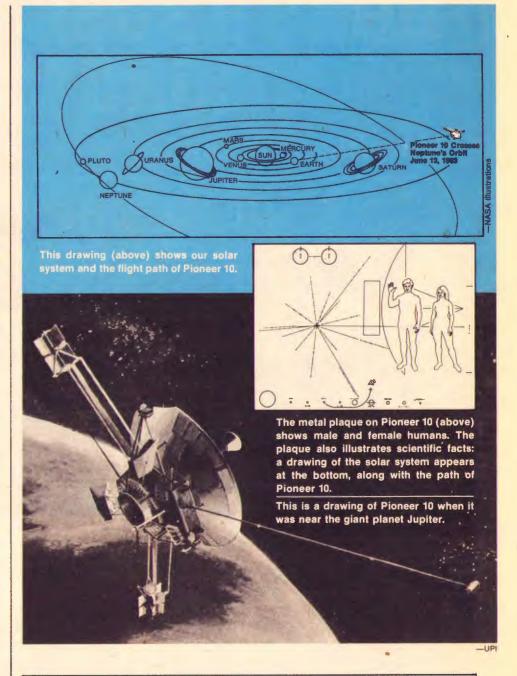
Pioneer 10 continues radioing back information. Scientists expect to collect information from the spacecraft until it is over 5 billion miles from Earth.

The scientists hope Pioneer 10 will clear up some space mysteries. Some scientists think, for example, that there may be an undiscovered planet near Pluto. Pioneer 10 could send back information as to whether there really is such a planet.

Long-Distance Message

Pioneer 10 also carries a special message on a metal plaque. The message is in the form of pictures. This is the first "letter" to be sent such a long distance.

The plaque is intended to explain Earth and Earth's people to any intelligent space beings who find the plaque. But no beings, if any exist, are likely to see the plaque for a long time. Even at a speed of over 30,000 miles an hour, Pioneer 10 will take at least 32,000 years to reach the nearest star on its course. After that, Pioneer 10 will come near a star about once every million years.



Weekly Reader

SPACE

Here's a chance for you to give Pioneer 10 a good send-off on its voyage to the stars. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and Weekly Reader are sponsoring a poster art contest, with the flight of Pioneer 10 as its theme.

A trip to a future space shuttle launch in Florida is the grand prize for the three winning artists—one from grades 3 and 4, one from grades 5 and 6, and one from grades 7 and up. One adult will accompany each winner.

Winning posters will be published in Weekly Reader next fall.

Ask your teacher to share with you the details and rules of the contest given in the Teacher's Edition.

DRUG ABUSE **AMONG KIDS**

How Big a Problem?



U.S. customs agent (above) examines large supply of captured



Heroin, one of the most damaging of the illegal drugs, comes in many forms (above). Heroin use in U.S. has been -Bureau of Narcotics & Dangerous Drugs



Young drug user (above) suffers withdrawal symptoms from drugs.

om Stacey, 16, has a story to tell you. It is a true story about himself and drugs. The story begins when he was about your age:

For about two and a half years, I used pot, alcohol, uppers, downers, glue, and rush.

Before I got into drugs, I had a pretty normal, happy life. My grades were OK. My family and I did things together.

But I always wanted to find that little bit more to make me feel good. I started seeing people who used drugs and looked happy. I decided to try whatever it was that was making them happy. But it didn't work out—I would get high just to avoid all the terrible feelings I had after getting high the previous

In school my depression was showing a lot. I slept a lot. I was kicked off the basketball team. I was kicked off the wrestling team. Things got worse, to the point that I hated my life. I got so sick of overdosing, trying to kill myself, and getting beat up. I realized I really needed help. I went to Straight, Inc., a drug rehabilitation program [and gave up drugs].

Now life is very different. I can talk with my family when I have problems. I set a goal for myself to make the basketball team, and I did it.

It's scary to see other kids messing up their lives on alcohol and drugs.*

Tom learned the hard way that drugs didn't really make him or any other drug user happy. Drugs just disguised the unhappiness.

Many young people have had similar bad experiences with drugs. Partly as a result of these experiences, drug use among school-age people is dropping slightly, say experts (see table, page 8).

The drop in drug use has been most apparent among students who have an interest in athletics, good grades, and health.

Drug use may also have dropped off among young people because of recent scientific research about drugs, say some experts. For several years, says one researcher, many people thought using marijuana was safe. Now there is evidence that marijuana slows down thinking, confuses judgment, and slows reflexes. It may even have a damaging effect on future children the user might have, the researcher says.

Still a Problem

Drug use in U.S. schools peaked in 1979. The use of most drugs by students has been dropping slightly ever since.

But a drop in drug use doesn't mean the problem has gone

"We are still the country with a higher level of drug use among young people than any other country in the world," says the head of the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Nearly 64 percent of all U.S. young people have tried an illegal drug at least once before they leave high school, says a Government report. About 57 percent of high school seniors have used marijuana at least once, and 93 percent have used alcohol at least once.

Some experts feel that use of drugs and alcohol by students is partly due to conflicting messages from society. On the one hand, young people are told not to use illegal drugs, says one researcher. On the other hand, they see home medicine chests filled with drugs, he says.

"We are a drug-taking society," the researcher explains. "But we outlaw certain drugs or restrict their use. What we have to teach young people is that there is a good reason for this. Generally, it is because these drugs are very powerful and can be addictive, can possibly damage your health or the health of a child you might have, or may lead you to have an accident in which an innocent person is hurt."

Sixth Graders Give Views On Drugs, Alcohol

o you feel pressure from others your age to try alcohol or drugs? In your town, how big a problem do you

think there is with alcohol and drug abuse among people your age?

You and 3.7 million other students in grades 4 through 12 were asked these and other questions earlier this year as part of the Weekly Reader Drugs and Drinking Survey.

Nearly half a million students responded. Here is how those of you in the sixth grade responded:

- The dangers of drugs and drinking are learned about equally from family, school, and TV and
- The major sources of information that makes drugs and drinking seem like fun are other kids and TV and movies.
- The main reason kids your age start using marijuana and alcohol is to fit in with other kids. (See cover for other reasons.)
- Four of every ten of you said there is at least some pressure from other kids your age to use alcohol; and one of three of you feels there is pressure to use marijuana.
- Most of you agree that there is at least some health risk in using alcohol and marijuana.
- More than a quarter of you say alcohol is a big problem with kids your age in your town; and more than a third say marijuana is a big problem.
- More than half of you think that at least some of the kids your age in your town have used marijuana, alcohol, glue or other chemicals, and uppers or downers.

Baseball Player's Brush With DRUGS

This baseball season, a lot of eyes are on Tim Raines, outfielder with the Montreal Expos. A lot of fans are wondering whether Raines has kicked his drug habit.

Two years ago Tim Raines was a star rookie with the Expos. That season, Raines showed that he had the stuff to be a great baseball player. He led the National League in stolen bases. His batting average was outstanding. And he was voted Rookie Player of the Year by The Sporting News.

The Expos' manager had such high hopes for Raines that he increased Raines's salary from about \$40,000 in 1981 to about \$200,000 in 1982—a fivefold jump.

Players on rival teams had praise for Raines too. Said Jerry Remy of the Boston Red Sox, "When you talk about a Tim Raines, you're not talking about some athlete, you're talking about a superman."



But last year, his second season with the Expos, something went wrong for Tim Raines. Although he again led the National League for stolen bases, Raines missed three home games because of lateness or illness. His batting average went down. And newspaper reports said that the 23-year-old had gotten mixed up with drugs. Some reports said that Raines spent \$40,000 on his drug habit.

Finally, in October, Raines entered a clinic that treats drug addicts. And this season, he says, he is determined to rebuild his career.

A lot of people will be watching Tim Raines closely to see whether he has really put drugs behind him.



Tim Raines (above) steals home (top) during 1981 game against Chicago Cubs.

By Dr. Steven Andrew Davis

You and Your Health/Is Video Violence Realistic?



Do television and movies give a realistic view of what happens to the victim of violence? Very often they don't.

What you usually see is something

- A fist hits a jaw, and the person slugged falls, gets up, rubs his jaw, and is OK.
- Someone breaks a bottle over another person's head. The victim is knocked out, but recovers fully.
- A person punched in the belly exclaims "Oof!" but then all is well.

Unfortunately for patients and

physicians, the truth is often very different. Take that fist to the jaw. A single swing can cut the slugger's hand on human teeth, resulting in a serious infection to the hand if untreated. And

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one good, solid blow to the untrained jaw can break it, perhaps causing a need for surgery and wiring.

Being conked on the head with a heavy object is no laughing matter. Serious and lingering confusion, problems with balance, or personality problems are not uncommon following blows to the head. Sometimes a blow or fall can result in a pooling of blood inside the skull that can prove devastating days later.

And that punch in the belly can have serious, long-term side effects. The spleen and the liver can be ruptured and sometimes these injuries, too, may happen days after the original injury has occurred. Don't forget the ribs. A hard fall to the floor can bruise the ribs so badly you'll hurt for a month.

What you see in video violence may well differ from what you'd feel in real

A man came running into police headquarters where Chief Henderson was talking with Sleuths Andres and Michelle.

"I'm Jim Harper," said the man breathlessly. "I want to report that someone is trying to steal secret Government research documents."

"Are you sure?" asked Andres. "Yes," said Harper. "You see, I'm one of the research scientists on the project. Today I went to lunch with my three co-workers-George Brown, Sam Adamson, and Frank Sampson. When we got ready to leave, our research assistant handed us back our lab coats and protective masks. But after I got home I realized I had someone else's coat and mask. The secret documents were in the coat that was given to

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have? Some pets are so afraid of loud

noises that they refuse to go outside.

serious about their work.

"Let us make a few calls and see what we can find out." Michelle said.

Michelle and Andres spent about an hour on the phone talking to the researchers. Then they reported the fol-

- 1. Each man has the coat of one man and a face mask of another. But none of them has his own coat or mask.
- 2. The man who has Sampson's

mask has Adamson's coat.

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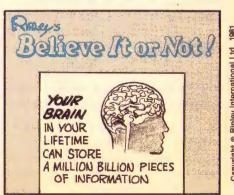
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- 3. The mask Adamson took belongs to the owner of the coat taken by Sampson.
- 4. Harper has Brown's mask.

"Well," said Andres. "That tells us who the spy is."

Who did Andres suspect? Why?



News Comprehension

Complete the sentences below by underlining the missing word or words.

News Update

- 1. Some of the famous (Appaloosa, Lippizaner, quarter) horses raised for the Spanish Riding School in Vienna are being killed by a deadly virus.
- 2. Sam, the Foltz family's (son, horse, dog), apparently walked 840 miles to rejoin them.
- 3. The Lewisville (Tex.) school is paying students to report on other students who use (drugs, bombs, guns).

Science News

- 4. On June 13, the Pioneer 10 spacecraft will become the first man-made object to leave the (galaxy, universe, solar system).
- 5. Some scientists hope Pioneer 10 will help them find an undiscovered planet near (Mars, Jupiter, Pluto).

Main News

- 6. Drug use among school-age people in the U.S. is generally (increasing, decreasing), say some experts.
- 7. The country with the highest level of drug use in the world by its young people is (the U.S., Japan, France).
- 8. The most apparent drop in drug use by U.S. students is among those with a strong interest in athletics, good grades, and good (times, food, health).
- 9. Recent research provides evidence that marijuana (slows, speeds up, does not affect) reflexes.
- 10. The most frequent reason sixth-graders give for why others their age use marijuana is to (feel older, have a good time, fit in with other kids).

News Vocabulary

DEFINITIONS—Beside each boldface word below write the letter of its definition.

veterinarian	a.	a path around another body in space
foal	b.	a thin plate, engraved and mounted
		on a surface
informer	C.	uncontrollable need for a habit-
		forming drug
expel	d.	person qualified to treat animals
solar system	e.	improper use
plaque	f.	a young horse
rehabilitate	g.	someone who gives information about
		another person
abuse	h.	to force out
orbit	i.	the sun, its planets and other bodies
		held by the sun's gravity
addiction	j.	to restore to a former condition of

ANTONYMS—In each line below, circle the word that is an antonym for, or means the opposite of, the boldface word.

health

ban	bend	allow	banish
stallion	mare	foal	fawn
deceptive	decent	honest	dangerous
illegal	deceive	positive	lawful
conserve	waste	commit	protect

DRUG USE COMPARED

For 12- to 17-Year-Olds (In Percentages)

	Used once or more in lifetime		Used at least once in last 30 days	
	1979	1982	1979	1982
Marijuana	30.9	27.3	16.7	11.1
Hallucinogens	7.1	5.2	2.2	1.4
Cocaine	5.4	6.9	1.4	1.8
Heroin	0.5	*		*

^{*} Less than one-half of 1 percent SOURCE: National Institute on Drug Abuse

Table Reading

Study the table above. Then mark T before each true and F before each false statement below.

- 1. In 1979, the drug most widely abused by 12- to 17year-olds was cocaine.
- In 1982, about 27 percent of 12- to 17-year-olds reported using marijuana at least once in their lives.
 - _ 3. According to the table, the only drug used more often in 1982 than in 1979 by 12- to 17-year-olds was cocaine.
- 4. The number of 12- to 17-year-olds who used marijuana "at least once in the last 30 days" decreased by more than 5 percent from 1979 to 1982.
- ____ 5. In the table, the symbol * means that more than 100 percent of the people surveyed used the drug.

Diagram Reading

Study the diagram of the solar system on page 3. Then complete the sentences below by filling in the missing word or words.

1.	The planet nearest the Sun is
2.	Earth is the planet from the Sun.
3.	The largest planet is
4.	The three planets shown with rings around them are
	Saturn,, and
5.	Pioneer 10 will have left the solar system when it crosses
	the orbit of on June 13.

If You Ask Me ...

Students at a Lewisville (Tex.) high school are paid up to \$100 for reporting on classmates involved with drugs. (See News Update.)

Do you think the Lewisville school program is a good idea? Why or why not? Would you like to see such a program at your school? What effects might it have on you and your classmates?