



South-Central Happenings

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This is a story about four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.



There was an important job to be done and Everybody knew it. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did. Somebody got angry because it was Everybody's job. Everybody knew that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Somebody wouldn't do it. Everybody blamed Somebody because Nobody did what Anybody could have done. And Everybody blamed Somebody because Nobody actually asked Anybody.

MARCH

National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week

www.inhalants.org

National Problem Gambling Week

www.npgaw.org

March 1-6, 2009 – Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) will offer a 5-day, multi-level National Victim Assistance Academy in Ft Worth/Dallas, TX. For detailed information on the NVAA course, visit the [OVC TTAC Web site](#). How to Apply: [The NVAA Application](#) can be downloaded or completed online.

March 2, 3, 2009 – Drug Warrior's Comprehensive Drug Training for Law Enforcement Officers. Hosted by Orange Co Sheriff Dept. Community Building, Paolia. \$200.00. call Kirby Stailey at (812) 936-7328 for more info/register.

March 4, 2009 – Lunch & Learn sponsored by the **Jennings Co Drug & Alcohol Task Force and Bloomington Meadows Hospital.** Jennings Co Public Library. 12:00 – 1:00. Lunch will be provided. rsvp to: 800-972-4410

March 3-4, 2009 – Community Interventions' Help Teens Stop Using Tobacco (TAP/TEG) – Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis: www.communityintervention.org.

March 15 – 21, 2009 -- NATIONAL INHALANTS & POISONS AWARENESS WEEK (NIPAW) If you want one of the NIPAW local coordinator's toolkits please request it now: <http://www.inhalants.org/nipaw.htm>

March 31, 2009 – Prevent Child Abuse Indiana will sponsor it's annual Breaking the Cycle Conference at the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel, Downtown Indianapolis 31 W. Ohio St. 317.635.2000. Former Miss America Marilyn Van Derbur will speak in the evening. \$75 for PCAN members. Visit www.pcaain.org



Looking Ahead....

April 16, 2009 – ICJI Middle School Youth Summit. Northside Christian Church, New Albany. FREE. 9-2:30. Education, fun activities for grades 6-8. For more info, check with your Community Consultant.

April 16-17, 2009 -- Help Teens Overcome Problems With Alcohol, Marijuana and Other Drugs (Insight) – Indianapolis: www.communityintervention.org

April 24, 2009 – 8th Annual Indiana SADD/Orange Ribbon Celebration, Hamilton County Fairgrounds, Noblesville. \$15/person payable to Indiana SADD, 401 N. Plum St., Union City, IN 47390

June 1, 2, 2009 – Advanced Roadside Interview Techniques for Patrol Officers, sponsored by the Indianapolis Police Department. \$250.00. To be held at Indianapolis/Marion County Public Training Center, 901 N. Post Road, Indianapolis. Register @ www.HITS-TRAINING.com

June 29, 30, 2009 – HITS, Advanced Vehicle Contraband Concealment Training sponsored by the Indianapolis Police Department. \$250.00. To be held at IN Traffic Management Center, Indianapolis. To register: www.hits-training.com.



And, while you are at the CJJ website, check out the new Quarterly newsletter, *Inside CJJ*:

<http://www.in.gov/cji/files/InsideCJJ.pdf>

Resources

DEA Launches New Educational Website for Parents: www.GetSmartAboutDrugs.com

GetSmartAboutDrugs.com was developed as a resource for parents and caregivers to help them identify drug abuse, prevent children from using drugs, and find resources for substance abuse prevention in an informative, non-technical manner.

The website was introduced February 11 at the annual National Leadership Forum of one of DEA's partner organizations, the Community Anti-Drugs Coalition of America. Speaking to forum participants, Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart said, "In this fight, information is power, and DEA's new website has current, accurate, and practical information about how to spot signs of abuse, identify drugs and paraphernalia, and how to talk to teens about drugs."

GetSmartAboutDrugs.com is a follow-up to DEA's highly popular site for teens, www.JustThinkTwice.com.

From ICJI: <http://in.gov/cji/3377.htm>

For many, St. Patrick's Day is a popular day of celebration. From parades to parties, Hoosiers across the state will participate in events that celebrate Irish heritage. Yet given that many of these festivities will include alcohol, this time of year can also be very dangerous.

In an effort to deter impaired and dangerous driving on Indiana's roadways this month, the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute is joining with over 250 state and local law enforcement agencies to launch Operation Pull Over blitz 58.

During this statewide, high-visibility enforcement (March 6-22), participating law enforcement agencies will deploy sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols, and other enforcement activities designed to detect (and arrest) impaired drivers. Officers will also be on the lookout for aggressive and unbelted motorists.

"March is a spirited time for Hoosiers – from Big Ten basketball to St. Patrick's Day celebrations, the month will see numerous opportunities for us to celebrate with family and friends," said Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) Executive Director Neil Moore. "If you plan to drink during these festivities, don't rely on luck to keep you safe or to keep you out of trouble. Be responsible and take appropriate precautions."

Over the past five years, a total of nine people lost their lives in motor vehicles crashes during the St. Patrick's Day holiday (March 17th) statewide. Of that number, 33 percent were killed in an alcohol-related crash. The proportion of traffic fatalities accounted for by drivers involved in alcohol-related crashes has increased annually at a rate of 5.5 percent statewide.

Every Hoosier can enjoy a safe St. Patrick's Day by remembering a few easy tips:

- Plan ahead. Designate a sober driver and give that person your keys.
- If you become impaired, use a taxi, or ask a sober friend or family member to drive.
- If you happen to see a drunk driver on the road, call 911.
- If you think someone is about to drive or ride impaired, take their keys! Drive them yourself or help them make other arrangements.

To learn more, please visit <http://www.stopimpaireddriving.org/>.

R J Reynolds Introducing Dissolvable Tobacco in Portland, in January 2009

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. is introducing three dissolvable tobacco products in its latest bid to make its tobacco more accessible within a society that's clamping down on smoking.



- The dissolvable tobacco products include...
 - a pellet (Camel Orbs)
 - a twisted stick the size of a toothpick (Camel Sticks)
 - a film strip for the tongue (Camel Strips)
- Reynolds plans to test the new orbs and sticks products in Portland in January
- and the strips in the second quarter

Dissolvable tobacco offered as smoking bans proliferate; critics say it looks like candy

Products at a glance

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. is preparing to test three new Camel smokeless tobacco products in 2009. Price per tin of dissolvable tobacco product – between \$4 and \$4.50. Product	Flavors	Flavor length	Pack amount	Nicotine amount
Orbs	Fresh, mellow	10-15 minutes	15	1.0 milligram per orb
Sticks	Mellow	20-30 minutes	10	3.1 milligram per stick
Strips	Fresh	2-3 minutes	20	0.6 milligram per strip

A statement from The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids protests this new development: "These products are flavored and packaged like candy, and very likely will appeal to children," said Matthew Myers, the president of the advocacy group.

REMINDER: Possession, distribution, or use of ANY tobacco product IN ANY FORM – by any student (regardless of age) – during the school day, during ANY school-related after-school function, and in ANY school district vehicle – Is a violation of PPS Board Policy 3.30.021-P "Tobacco Possession and Use".

ALSO: REMINDER TO ALL STAFF: The use of ALL tobacco products, in any form, is prohibited by ALL parties on or about district properties including buildings, grounds, vehicles and any other property. Find complete article at:

<http://www2.journalnow.com/content/2008/oct/08/reynolds-moves-to-be-on-top-when-smoke-clears>

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