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"Hide not your talents, they for use were made. What's a sun-dial in the shade?"

-Benjamin Franklin



This Spanish-language publication uses photographs with captions (a *fotonovela* format) to help the reader recognize the dangers people face when they have a substance use disorder and the devastating consequences that can result at personal, family, and community levels.

This 16 page publication is available for downloading at <http://download.ncadi.samhsa.gov/publication/pdfs/phd1133.pdf>

FYI...

The Great American Smokeout is November 15, 2007.

Mind Over Matter: The Brain's Response to Nicotine:

<http://www.teens.drugabuse.gov/mom/pdf/english/nicotine.pdf>

CDC: Targeting Tobacco Use

http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/00_pdfs/AAGTobacco2007.pdf

NEWS

Finding of Fault Sticks with Tobacco Industry

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The 1999 jury verdict that the tobacco industry withheld information about the dangers of cigarettes and marketed unreasonably dangerous products can be used in future cases against the industry, thanks to a U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

Bloomberg News reported Oct. 2 that the high court upheld without comment a Florida Supreme Court ruling that the verdict in the case against Philip Morris USA and R.J. Reynolds could be used as the basis for future litigation by Florida smokers and their family members.

The tobacco companies unsuccessfully argued that the findings from the 1999 class-action lawsuit were too generalized to be used by individual plaintiffs.

"We're expecting in the tens of thousands to be filed by the deadline" in January, said Edward L. Sweda Jr., a senior lawyer for the Tobacco Products Liability Project.

The Florida Supreme Court ruled that the original \$145-billion case could not proceed as a class action, but that individuals could still sue tobacco makers.

Alcohol Problems Sobering to (FGCU): Students Rally to Promote Awareness, Prevention

New Press.com

By Dave Breitenstein

By day, they're downing lessons in calculus, chemistry and composition.

By night, they're downing Corona and Captain Morgan.

Alcohol has become the chaser for many Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) students as they hit sports bars or house parties after they hit the books.

Campus statistics show alcohol-related offenses jumped from 217 in 2005 to 305 in 2006, while drug-related offenses rose from 22 to 97 incidents reported to Florida Gulf Coast University's dean of students. Additionally, university police made 14 arrests for liquor law violations and five for drug charges.

Those sobering numbers and a student's fatal crash this semester served as a wake-up call on campus, with students organizing an educational campaign for their peers.

School officials and students alike, however, say heavy drinking isn't a widespread problem at FGCU, only a concern that's growing as the university's enrollment has flourished to 9,346.

"Anytime you have an increased population of people, you'll have increased incidents of almost anything," said Audrea Anderson, associate vice president for community relations and marketing. "The campus is a microcosm of our society, so we'll certainly expect to have a diversity of everything on campus."

To read the entire article, visit <http://www.news-press.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071003/NEWS0104/710030374/1075>

Environmental Strategies for Prevention

A Guide To Helping the Prevention Professional Work Effectively in the Community: ONLINE COURSE!

This course is designed to introduce prevention professionals and concerned citizens to the prevention strategies that focus on altering and improving the environment by changing social norms or attitudes, controlling the availability of illicit drugs or alcohol or creating or strengthening enforcement of laws and regulations. This course is appropriate for everyone who has a role in prevention -- health and mental health professionals, social workers, and social service workers as well as community organizers, law enforcement and others.

Visit http://pathwayscourses.samhsa.gov/ev/ev_intro_pg1.htm for additional information on this online course.

COOL SPOT!

www.justthinktwice.com

The site provides information about the consequences and damaging effects that methamphetamine and other drugs can have on the user and community

The *Just Think Twice* teacher's guide provides lesson plans for students in grades 6-12 based on the website. The guide includes a module for each of the seven main sections of the website, and an introductory module that introduces the students to the website. Every module of the teacher's guide provides step-by-step instructions for how to conduct a lesson related to that section of the website with your class.

The teacher's guide can be downloaded at http://www.justthinktwice.com/pdf/just_think_twice_guide_hi.pdf

HOT PLACE!

AUDIO CONFERENCE

Reducing Alcohol-Related Incidents During the Holiday Season

Date: Thursday, October 18, 2007

Time: 3:00-4:15 p.m.

Speaker: Gloria Souhami, Program Director of the Travis County Texas (Austin, TX) Attorney's Office The holiday season is a common time to increase law enforcement operations, especially those focused on impaired driving. How does underage drinking enforcement fit into the equation? This teleconference will discuss how community groups, youth, and law enforcement agencies can successfully combine their holiday enforcement efforts to reduce alcohol related incidents.

Visit www.udetc.org/audioconfregistration.asp to register.

Calendar of Events

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2007 Statewide Prevention Conference-October 3-5, Caribe Royale, Orlando, FL

Florida Supportive Housing Coalition and Florida Coalition for the Homeless Joint Conference-October 25-26, Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront, St. Petersburg, FL

November

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Preventing Suicide, Treating Depression, Increasing Your Awareness and the Isermann Symposium-November 3, Sarasota Memorial Hospital, Sarasota, FL

2007 Florida Suicide Prevention Symposium-November 6-7, Embassy Suites-USF, Tampa, FL

For additional information call the Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association at 850-878-2196 or email: fadaa@fadaa.org.