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## **E-Newsletter Issue: 6-2017**

**National, state and local information on Drug Abuse**

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### **International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking: June 26th**

The United Nations' (UN) International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking falls on June 26 each year to raise awareness of the major problem that illicit drugs represent to society. This day is supported by individuals, communities and various organizations all over the world.

The International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking serves to draw awareness to the need for action and cooperation in order to achieve a drug-free world. Illicit drugs and their trafficking pose a large health threat to humanity. Drug problems and dependencies put a great deal of pressure on health care systems and constitute a threat to the safety and well-being of humans all around the globe. Long-term drug abuse has been linked to poor general health, contraction of diseases through needle sharing, trouble with the law, poor self-hygiene and alienation from loved ones, psychological illnesses and death from overdose.

In December 1987, the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was designated by the United Nations. It is celebrated annually on June 26, a symbolic day that commemorates the dismantling of the opium trade in Guangdong. The day also serves as an opportunity for Member Nations to reaffirm their support for UN Conventions that attempt to control the world's drug supply.

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### **Teen Collapses, Dies After 3 Caffeinated Beverages**

A teenage boy collapsed and died last month after

consuming three caffeinated drinks in the space of two hours and his father wants to make sure it doesn't happen to anybody else.

David Allen Cripe, 16, drank a McDonald's cafe latte, a large Diet Mountain Dew and an unidentified energy drink before suffering a caffeine-induced cardiac event on April 26 in Chapin, South Carolina, a coroner said at a press conference on Monday.



An autopsy showed that David, a student at Chapin's Spring Hill High School, had no undiagnosed heart conditions and no drugs or alcohol in his system. He was otherwise healthy when he likely suffered an arrhythmia, or abnormal heart rhythm, Richland County coroner Gary Watts said.

Arrhythmias can prevent the heart from pumping blood, causing cardiac arrest, according to the American Heart Association.

Watts stopped short of describing David's death as a caffeine overdose, but he stressed that caffeine played some kind of role in the teen's death.

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## FREE NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY JUNE 27

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### Parents: Did You Know?

The way we talk to our children becomes their inner voice. Help your child find theirs.



*The messages you send your kids can affect their choices and behaviors.*

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### These Teen Girls Invented a Straw That Detects Date Rape Drugs

Some one in five women (other studies suggest more) will experience sexual assault in her lifetime, and according to one Department of Justice report, 4.2 percent of victims receive date rape drugs. To combat this horrifyingly common crime, three high school students from Miami have invented drug-detecting straws. Victoria Roca, Susana Cappello, and Carolina Baigorri came up with the idea after

Cappello heard about students being drugged at her sister's college. They also learned through research that date rape drugs are sometimes used by sex traffickers, Roca told Inside Edition.

"My friends and I knew we needed to come up with a simple solution to test for drugs," Cappello told A Plus. "I remember my dad always says, 'The best ideas are the ideas that help people,' so we just thought of a simple, easy, inexpensive solution-Smart Straws."

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## The killer drug at the heart of the opioid crisis is being cut into cocaine and killing users



The powerful opioid fentanyl is far stronger than heroin - about 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine. The deadly drug is a legal painkiller that's approved to treat severe pain, usually in cases of advanced cancer. But in recent years, it has been increasingly found mixed with heroin and other opioid painkillers, making the drugs far stronger and riskier. Fentanyl is also now being cut into cocaine, and is causing a rise in overdose deaths of occasional users who likely have no idea that they've ingested the painkiller in the first place, according to the New York City Department of Health (NYC DOH). Since fentanyl is easy and inexpensive to make, drug dealers are using it to spike other substances and create counterfeit versions of drugs.

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## Cigarette Taxes Touted by WHO as One of Best Ways to Cut Smoking

Tobacco taxes are one of the most effective ways to cut smoking rates, and one that countries are failing to take full advantage of, the World Health Organization said. Governments get about \$270 billion from tobacco taxes each year, the WHO said Tuesday. Imposing an



80-cent increase per pack globally could generate an additional \$141 billion, according to the United Nations agency. "Increasing tobacco tax and prices is one of the most-effective, yet least-utilized control measures that countries can use," Douglas Bettcher, director of the WHO's department on prevention of non-communicable diseases, said in a video interview. "Taxes aren't popular with the tobacco industry, and that is why we at the WHO like them so much."

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# Come join the Council for some fun: Baseball Games

Friday, June 16th

## **Newark Pilots**

Colburn Park, Newark, NY

Game starts 7:05

Pilots against Geneva Red Wings



Admission:

\$4.00 Adults

3.00 Seniors age 60 and over

3.00 Children (5-18)

No Charge under 5 years of age

Thursday, July 6th

## **Geneva Red Wings**

McDonough Park, Geneva, NY

Game starts at 7:05

Geneva Red Wings against Jamestown

Admission: \$4.00 Adults

3.00 Seniors

3.00 General Admission

Free 0-6 years old

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## **The New York State Association of County Health Officials**

AN ACT to amend the public health law, the penal law and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to increasing the purchasing age for tobacco products from eighteen to twenty-one.

[tobacco products](#)

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## **AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to enacting the "tobacco-free pharmacies act"**

The New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO), strongly supports the above referenced legislation which would prohibit tobacco sales by pharmacies. Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable deaths in the United States.

[ending tobacco sales at pharmacies](#)

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## **AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW, IN RELATION TO DISPOSAL SITES OPERATED BY PHARMACIES**

The New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO) supports the above-referenced legislation, which would require retail chain pharmacies to operate safe drug disposal sites for the disposal of controlled substances. In its 2015 report to the Governor and Legislature, the NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH) reports that, in 2013, there were 952 drug-related deaths involving prescription opioids. This translates to more than 18 fatalities weekly, a 40% increase from 2009.

[pharmacies safe drug disposal](#)

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## Quote of the Month

*"We must find time to stop and thank  
the people who make a difference in our lives."*

-John F.Kennedy

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