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JANUARY ACTIVITIES

- 1/2 - Lion County Safari
- 1/9 - AMC Movies
Chipotle's Lunch
- 1/16 - Regal Movies
Lunch Out at Local Diner



WHAT IS HAPPENING



FLORIDA'S ONLY DRIVE THROUGH SAFARI ADVENTURE

Cove clients enjoyed the day at Lion Country Safari, Florida's only drive-through safari and walk-through amusement park which houses over 900 animals. Clients experienced animal encounters, animal feeding, boat rides and paddle-boats. Memorable moments were spent at the aviary and giraffe feeding area. Surrounded by nature and animals clients had a terrific therapeutic and relaxing afternoon.

"BATH SALTS" ALARMING THE COUNTRY

Just when you thought you have seen it all in drug abuse and addiction, there comes a new drug, "bath salts", reportedly more potent than heroin and more dangerous than crack.

"Bath salts", mephedrone and methylenedioxypropylamphetamine, or MDPV has been responsible for sending scores of people to the emergency rooms across the country. The number of emergency related incident calls related to this widely available drug skyrocketed from 235 calls last year to 246 calls in January alone.

MDPV has been sold under the street names of Cloud 9, Ivory Wave, Ocean, Charge Plus, White Lightning, Scarface, Hurricane Charlie, Red Dove and White Dove.

The drugs come in powder and tablet form and are ingested by snorting, injection, smoking and, less often, by use of an atomizer. "Bath salts" is a psychoactive drug with stimulant properties which acts as a norepinephrine-dopamine reuptake inhibitor (NDRI).

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Also called synthetic cocaine, fake coke, “charge” or the new Miaow Miaow the usage of this product has become a fast-growing, highly addictive trend. Individuals who have used and survived to tell the story, say they can’t get enough of the fake coke.

Unlike cocaine or meth, the white powder is still legal in most of the U.S. and it is sold at gas stations and specialty shops around the country. Family members are reporting that their loved ones are staying awake for as long as 72 hours in complete pandemonium.

“Bath salts” give the user such strength that it takes several people to take control of the individual under its influence. “Bath salts” is a powerful synthetic stimulant that has been responsible for many deaths. Users are either overdosing, committing violent drug-induced suicide or having accidents caused by their paranoia.

Producing effects worst than cocaine and meth “bath salts” have already been banned in Scotland following related deaths. In U.S. some stores have pulled the product out of their shelves after finding out about the local disturbances related to the product. In December the DEA listed (MDPV) as a drug of concern but has no current plans to ban it nationwide.

Sen. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) is calling for a federal ban on the drug. “The so-called ‘bath salts’ are nothing more than deadly narcotics and they are being sold cheaply to all comers no questions asked, at store counters around the country...we want to nip this in the bud before it becomes an epidemic,” Schumer said.

Schumer said he will introduce a bill to outlaw the two synthetic drugs -- mephedrone and methylenedioxypropylone, or MDPV.

Source:

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