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Victims Among US

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People want to know who you are, what you do for a living, and where you come from. If you can satisfy those basic curiosities, the majority of people would rather talk about themselves than hear anymore about you. This is the second in a series of articles about illegal drugs and the impact they have on every one of us.

Working undercover I met hundreds, probably a thousand or more individuals who were addicted to one kind of a drug or another. The sad reality of the matter is that I never met even one person who set out with the intention of becoming addicted. The drugs today are so powerful that they do not allow for experimentation to satisfy our human curiosity. Quite often the first time leaves the user with a psychological addiction. Now let's face it, every one of us likes to kick back, relax, and feel good. We are all sexual creatures by nature, and I don't have to say how sex makes us feel. This primal instinct makes every one of us at risk for an addiction in one form or another. Those that fall addicted to drugs are in essence victims in our society. Sadly by the nature of this addiction they also become criminals in order to satisfy their need for the drug they are hooked on.

Let me share with you something I learned on my first undercover experience that I would have not even thought of if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes. I went undercover to infiltrate a topless organization that was opening a club in our County. The mission I was assigned to accomplish was to enter the topless establishment and attempt to work my way up inside the organization. I was to do this while gathering facts and evidence related to possible illegal activities. This evidence would later be used against the members of the establishment who were involved in criminal violations so that charges could be filed against them for their illegal activities.

Here is how it works in the topless clubs. The topless club employs a handful of carefully selected older women (not really old, only in their mid 20's and up) who are hard core professionals if you get my drift. These women have been topless dancers for years and have worked the circuit of topless clubs. These same women work for the organization at parties and providing escort service to high rollers. It is a lucrative profession for them. Their responsibility is to take the new girls hired off the street and break them into the life style of a topless dancer. →

Believe it or not, the first thing I found in the topless club was victims. I know what you are thinking. I bet you're thinking that I am talking about the patrons being taken advantage of; is that right? No, not even close, that's not it at all. Although, I could tell you stories involving unbelievable situations where patrons have been beaten, robbed, and even murdered, but that is not where I'm headed in this article. Victims of what then, you ask? They were victims of today's acculturation and victims of the drug culture itself. Let me explain.



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The majority of the young girls hired by these clubs to be dancers are single mothers with one or two babies. They range from the age of 16 years old to their early twenties. They have no job related skills. They have no close family ties, and virtually are all alone in the world. They either live on the street, in their car, or are staying somewhere they are not wanted. Most of them have been hurt or abandoned by one or more persons with whom they loved and shared their life. All of these young women have suffered both emotionally and physically, which has left them cold, hard, and resigned. They believe that they reached the bottom, and are desperate to find some sort of security. The topless clubs at first glance, offers them this security and so much more.

The first thing that happens when a new young girl is hired is that each girl is assigned (without their knowledge) an older professional dancer to be their mentor. The experienced dancer takes the new girl under her wing and teaches her the ropes with promises of money and independence. It is the first time in many of these young women's lives that they find a bonding friendship. It gives them a renewed hope that they can make it in the world and will be able to take care of themselves and their babies. During this bonding practice their mentor paints a glamorous picture of life as a star. They take it slowly with the new girls, sometimes just having them watch the routines for the first week, while they teach them the moves they will need to give a desirable performance. They sometimes have the new girls wait on tables during the first week or two of their employment. They are in no hurry to break them into the stage. In fact they want to build up the anxiety in the new girls before they put them on stage. They portray going on stage for the first time as really being important to their new career as a dancer telling the young ones that if they fail the first time they could lose their job and their career will be over before it starts. And the reason they do this is because, why, you might ask? Be patient. I'm getting there.

Everything the older dancer does is designed to build trust between her and the new young dancer. This trust is the key to her success. You see, when the older dancer breaks in the new dancer correctly, she receives monetary bonuses and special treatment.

Now if the old dancer did her job right, when the time finally comes for the new dancer to perform for the first time on stage she should be frightened and scared to death. This is when the bonding and friendship role comes into play as the old dancer provides the young one with some drugs to take the edge off. Down playing the drugs while stressing the importance of a good first time performance. Rather than risking failure, the young girl takes the drugs, which are given to her freely for the next few weeks or so. The young girl believes her life has improved and can only get better but sadly it will soon take on a downward spiral effect.

I realize that topless clubs and the young girls affected makes up only a small portion of society's struggling young women. The important thing to remember is that every victim created becomes a parasite on our society. I think it is noteworthy however knowing human nature to point out that basically we are all the same; our motivation is based on self-worth and survival. We naturally are drawn to things that make us feel good about ourselves and the life we live. This alone makes us all at risk.

Remember what I mentioned in my last article. Once a person becomes a drug user it is not long until they become a drug dealer just to support their habit. They prey upon the rest of us just to survive while worshipping their new found god of being in a state of "high." May the real God help and protect us all. Until next time then, when I will tell of the perils of deep undercover work and how in an instant of time, it can turn deadly.

With Fish Oil as Its main Ingredient, WD 40 Has Over 2000 Uses
Here Are 40 of Them

1. Protects silver from tarnishing.
2. Removes road tar and grime from cars.
3. Cleans and lubricates guitar strings.
4. Gives floors that 'just-waxed' sheen without making them slippery.
5. Keeps flies off cows.
6. Restores and cleans chalkboards.
7. Removes lipstick stains.
8. Loosens stubborn zippers.
9. Untangles jewelry chains.
10. Removes stains from stainless steel sinks.
11. Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill.
12. Keeps ceramic/terra cotta garden pots from oxidizing.
13. Removes tomato stains from clothing.
14. Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots.
15. Camouflages scratches in ceramic and marble floors.
16. Keeps scissors working smoothly.
17. Lubricates noisy door hinges on vehicles and doors in homes.
18. It removes black scuff marks from the kitchen floor! Use WD-40 for those nasty tar and scuff marks on flooring. It doesn't seem to harm the finish and you won't have to scrub nearly as hard to get them off. Just remember to open some windows if you have a lot of marks to clean.
19. Bug guts will eat away the finish on your car if not removed quickly! Use WD-40!
20. Gives a child's playground gym slide a shine for a super fast slide.
21. Rids kids' rocking chairs and swings of squeaky noises.
22. Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open.
23. Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close.
24. Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, as well as vinyl bumpers.
25. Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles.
26. Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans.
27. Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons, and bicycles for easy handling.
28. Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and keeps them running smoothly.
29. Keeps rust from forming on saws, saw blades, and other tools.
30. Removes splattered grease on stove.
32. Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging.
31. Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell).
32. Removes all traces of duct tape.
33. Folks even spray it on their arms, hands, and knees to relieve arthritis pain.
34. Florida's favorite use is: 'cleans and removes love bugs from grills and bumpers'.
35. WD-40 attracts fish. Spray a little on live bait or lures and you will be catching the big one in no time. Keep in mind though, using some chemical laced baits or lures for fishing are illegal in some states.
36. Use it for fire ant bites. It takes the sting away immediately and stops the itch.
37. WD-40 is great for removing crayon from walls. Spray on the mark and wipe with a clean rag.
38. Also, if you've discovered that your teenage daughter has washed and dried a tube of lipstick with a load of laundry, saturate the lipstick spots with WD-40 and rewash. Presto! The lipstick is gone!
39. If you sprayed WD-40 on the distributor cap, it would displace the moisture and allow the car to start.
40. Removes pricing labels adhesive, and tape adhesives.



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Summer is Here—Take Precautions

Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke Overview

Heat Exhaustion

This condition often occurs when people exercise (work or play) in a hot, humid place and body fluids are lost through sweating, causing the body to overheat. The person's temperature may be elevated, but not above 104°F.

Heat Stroke

This medical condition is life-threatening. The person's cooling system, which is controlled by the brain, stops working and the internal body temperature rises to the point where brain damage or damage to other internal organs may result (temperature may reach 105+°F).

End of Watch

*We are happy to announce that
no passing's were reported this quarter.*

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Avoiding a Credit Card Scam

Using your credit card, you've just checked into a hotel. Later that evening, while you're relaxing and watching TV, you receive a call from the front desk. You're told that there was some sort of a computer error and they need to verify your credit card. You are asked to verify your card number and to provide the security code. Not thinking anything about it, and since the call seemed to come from the front desk and the voice sounded so professional, you provide the requested information. You've most likely just been the victim of a credit card scam.

Here's the way it works. The scammer will call from outside of the hotel and ask for a random room. The scam begins when they are connected to your room. Sounding very professional, they advise you of a problem and the need to verify your address and credit card information. Give it? You've been had!

If you ever encounter an incident like this, tell the caller you'll be down to the front desk to clear it up. Then, go to the front desk and ask if they had called your room about a credit card problem. The answer will most likely be no, and if so, you've just saved yourself from being a victim.

By the way, whenever you leave your room, make sure all doors and windows have been secured. We wouldn't want you to become the victim of a theft.