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The Drink Detective

COMMENCING in Aug, pharmacies across the Canadian province of Quebec will begin to stock a screening card which can be used in bars to test if drinks have been spiked.

The credit card sized 'Drink Detective' reportedly tests for GHB (gamma-hydroxybutyrate), ketamine, and several other benzodiazepines.

The launch of the card is designed to stem the prolific tide of drink spiking, and to provide a measure of protection for customers against would-be spikers.

One drawback according to Canadian pharmacists is its restrictive price of CA\$6, which some say is too expensive for its target market of university students.

PBS RA remedy

THE start of next month will see the PBS listing of Actemra (tocilizumab), which is the first biologic treatment for rheumatoid arthritis to be clinically superior to methotrexate as monotherapy.

The listing is for adults with severe, active RA who have failed treatment with disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs.

"Currently, many people with severe rheumatoid arthritis fail to respond to existing treatments and Actemra provides another good option for people living with this incurable disease," said rheumatologist at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney, Associate Professor Peter Youssef.

"In particular, Actemra offers a treatment alternative to people who cannot tolerate or are sensitive to MTX, due to Actemra's proven efficacy as a monotherapy agent," Youssef added.

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Robotics supplier collapses

AUSTRALIAN pharmacy automation specialist Gollmann Bouw has failed, with an external administrator appointed to the company last week.

Despite the collapse, Gollmann Bouw is still listed on the Guild's Gold Cross website as an endorsed supplier to the Australian industry.

The administrator is accounting firm Ferrier Hodgson, with the appointment coming just 18 months after the company was formed as a joint venture between Melbourne-based Mark Bouw and German engineer Daniel Gollmann who is the ceo of Gollmann Kommissionersysteme.

Bouw has been associated with pharmacy automation in Australia for some years, with his previous role seeing him head up the local operations of rival pharmacy robotics firm Willach and Heise, before he switched to the new Gollmann Bouw operation (PD 03 Oct 08) saying it offered a "second generation" product.

The Pharmacy Guild officially endorsed the Gollmann Bouw system last year (PD 04 Jun 09), at

Registration alert

THE national Pharmacy Board of Australia has urged pharmacists from across the country to act urgently to ensure that their registration does not lapse.

Any pharmacists whose registration was due 30 Jun and who have not renewed may not be able to practise after 31 July.

Every affected pharmacist is being sent a letter about the issue including a reminder, a login and password to allow online renewals as well as a renewal form which can be mailed in before the deadline.

The renewal process also requires pharmacists to make declarations that they comply with the new registration standards, as well as pay the registration fee.

See www.pharmacyboard.gov.au.

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375 SHPA abstracts

THE Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia says it's expecting its upcoming Medicines Management 2010 conference to be a "sensational continuing professional development event" for pharmacists, after a record 375 abstracts were received from pharmacists at the coal-face of health care.

SHPA ceo Yvonne Allinson said the scientific program at the November conference will include at least 80 contributed papers and over 200 posters to showcase recent advances and innovations in pharmacy practice.

Key themes will include chronic disease management, pain control and infectious diseases, with pharmacists from all practice settings invited - mm2010shpa.com.

WIN AN AL'CHEMY VITAMIN MASQUE



This week **Pharmacy Daily** has teamed up with **The Purist Company** and is giving readers the chance to win the Al'chemy Ginkgo & Jojoba Intensive Moisture Vitamin Masque valued at \$17.95.

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Get relief from everyday stress

Blackmores has released a new supplement in its war against stress, titled **Everyday Stress Formula**. The product is created for busy people who are suffering the effects of stress, but who need to be able to maintain stamina and clarity of thought. The formula contains Panax Ginseng - which works to promote clear thinking and concentration, and also works on the adrenal gland to create better physiological responses to stress, as well as the patented Lactium (basically a protein derived from milk) which produces calming- not sedative- effects. The tablets come in a small vial, making them great for on-the-go stress busting, and are also small and easy to swallow.

RRP: \$29.95

Stockist: Blackmores 1800 808 522



Enjoy natural arthritis relief



Faulding has launched a new 'Joint & Muscle' natural topical pain treatment product for the temporary relief of rheumatism arthritis, tendonitis and general aches and pains. Available as both a spray and cream, the Joint & Muscle formulation's active ingredients include Arnica Montana (known for its anti-inflammatory properties and its ability to assist in the body's normal healing processes by facilitating the transport of blood and fluid build-up) and Rosemary Oil (pain relief). The spray also contains Eucalyptus Oil (pain relief).

RRP: \$16.99 120ml spray and \$16.99 100g cream

Stockist: Symbion 1300 774 000

Versace Versus

The new perfume from the fashion house of Versace, 'Versace Verses' has been described by its creator, Donatella Versace as a strong contrast of 'romantic yet tough femininity'. Set to go on sale from 01 Aug, the scent features top notes of kumquat, star apple and lemon, with a floral heart of orange flower, stephanotis and rose centifolia. The bottom, lingering note, is derived from patchouli, musk and ambrette seeds.

RRP: \$69 (30ml), \$89 (50ml) and \$125 (100ml)

Stockist: Trimex 02 9663 4277



Clarins Cotton Flower

Clarins has released a new seasonal 'Cotton Flower' eye-shadow palette. As the name would suggest, the palette is based on the soft shades of the cotton flower, and features four blue-tinted eye-shadows which can be applied together or separately. Colours included in the palette are Glacier Violet, True Blue, Blue Lilac and Cotton White. The eye-shadow pack also contains a Blue Denim cream eyeliner and brush, as well as an eye-shadow applicator.

RRP: \$59

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Gentle cleansing

Ellgy h2o Extra Gentle Foaming Cleanser is fragrance, soap, SLS, SLES and paraben free. The pump action self-foaming product uses a hypoallergenic cleansing ingredient called Amisoft which simultaneously cleans and moisturises skin. The product also has a similar pH level to skin, thus it preserves the skin's natural oils and does not leave skin feeling taut or dry. Great for everyday use, the cleanser can be used on both the face and body.

RRP: \$13.99

Stockist: 1800 097 639



DISPENSARY CORNER



THIS was probably a fairly unhealthy environment.

A family in Sweden has been living with 191 cats, with the country's social services acting to address the case this week.

The *Aftonbladet* newspaper says officers who attended the home of the 60-year-old Stockholm woman who lived with her sister, her son and her mother, found cats on tables, countertops and window ledges as well as overflowing litter boxes.

Many of the animals were sick or injured, with a staggering 173 having to be put down and the remaining 18 sent to animal shelters.

Swedish law stipulates (fairly sensibly) that families can have a maximum of nine cats.

STRESSED out Chinese women now have a place to relieve their pressures - by smashing normal household items to smithereens.

A shopping mall in Shenyang has opened a special store at which female customers are given baseball bats and asked to smash up housewares.

A spokesman for the store told the *People's Daily* that the aim was for "women to come here to feel like they are in their own homes but without any limitations".

Items available for smashing include second-hand TVs and mobile phones, with clients provided with gloves and helmets to prevent accidental injuries.

So-called "venting time" is limited to one minute.

ORDERING pizza certainly had a healthy outcome for this US man.

George Lim had placed a home delivery order when he suddenly went into cardiac arrest.

The delivery man knocked on the door of his home in Colorado and his wife opened the door and immediately asked for help.

Fortunately the pizza guy just happened to be a paramedic who had recently returned from Iraq.

He performed CPR on the victim and revived him, with other paramedics taking him to hospital.