

Tri-Town's Business Hoes And CEO's

Tri-town, we have a problem! Who would have ever thought that those precious girls in tutus prancing about the stage at recitals, or the incredibly cute but clueless athletes playing magnet soccer, or the beaming winners of school science projects would devolve into play toys for misogynistic Tri-town boys? The Melcher Street house was party central for the mostly underage male "CEO's" to feast on the underage female "Business Hoes."

Private homes are the preferred venues for underage drinking parties, offering up multiple rooms for binge drinking, drug use, and hooking up. It just doesn't matter to the host or the invited and uninvited guests that allowing underage persons to possess alcohol on one's premises is a crime punishable by a year in jail. Likewise, both the criminality and the corrosive characteristic of the conduct do not appear to register on their obtunded consciousness. The fifty two individuals who were arrested will now have reportable criminal histories for the balance of their lives. College, medical school, and law school, licensed state positions (like CPA's), and virtually every federal job application mandate reporting criminal arrests just like this one.

But here in the Tri-town area, the culture of illicit alcohol and drug use and sexual misbehavior is overwhelming. Internet exchanges after these arrests show two underage "Business Hoes" wondering whether photographs of the party should be posted prior to "the court sh__." Hey, it is important to publish to the world images establishing their "hoe-ness." Sex appeal reins supreme. The problem is not just with underage kids; it reposes in parents as well. In another after-party internet message, a Tri-town father boosted the morale of the newly arrested by averring that in his era he went "7 - 0 before the cops arrested everyone."

In October 2008, as her "friends" laughed at her, a hopelessly drunk Taylor Meyer headed in the wrong direction deeper into the woods. She drowned face down in the adjacent swamp. At least seven of the "Business Hoes and CEO's" arrested at the Melcher Street party were friends of Taylor Meyer. In less than two years, they managed to push her tragedy from their minds. Then again, in the two months after Taylor Meyer died, underage Tri-town parties resulted in multiple arrests. Who in the area does not remember the photograph of Kathi Meyer sitting in the Wrentham District Court holding a gaggle of commemorative plastic wrist bands for her daughter that she demanded from the criminal defendants? The base and desultory Tri-town culture glorifying alcohol abuse and raunchy behavior was recorded and posted for all to see on YouTube within weeks of some participants giving deposition testimony on Taylor Meyer's death.

So why does this all matter? If underage people want to ruin their lives, so what. Let them have at it.

But, you see it isn't just them. It is about us as well. We walk the streets as they drive drunk or impaired by drugs. Neil Bornstein and Trista Zink were perfectly innocent teenage kids walking hand-in-hand across the street from Newburyport High School when Billy White smashed into them, killing Trista and leaving Neil severely brain injured. We drive cars on the same roads. Ruth Langemann, a retired Nun, was catastrophically injured by a drunk 17 year old who had left an unsupervised house party on the Cape. Ellen Englehart was on duty as a State Trooper when Billy Senne, driving drunk from a house party in Wayland, crashed into her cruiser. She "lives" in a permanent semi-comatose state. We are parents who allow our kids to go to friends' houses or to "sleep-overs" in blissful ignorance of what the hosts permit. Alexis Garcia shared a bottle of vodka that her friend's father gave his daughter as a birthday present. She drowned in a bathtub. Her parents had to bury their 15 year old daughter. _____'s mother buried her 15 year old son. Drunk from Nancy St. Jean's regular Friday night house party for her daughter and her friends, he bled to death in a snow bank after punching out a kitchen door window.

The manner and means of injuries and deaths are manifold and manifest. How many Tri-town "Business Hoes" dress the part but fully expect the "CEO's" to stand down when their sexual advances are rejected? The data are telling. Some 60% of female victims were first raped before age 18. And 20% to 25% of female college students experience completed or attempted rape. Alcohol consumption *by the victim* is a major risk factor for sexual assault. The 2007 federally funded Campus Sexual Assault (CSA) Study reported that "early age of onset of drinking and frequency of alcohol consumption" is directly tied to "greater risk of incapacitated sexual assault and penetration."
<http://ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/221153.pdf>http://www.janedoe.org/know/SA_Facts_2010.pdf. In plain language, the earlier the Tri-town "Hoes" start drinking and the more frequently they do so, the more likely it is that they will be raped.

So why does this all matter? Our safety, security, and predictability in our daily lives depend on healthy, successful, and happy kids. We do not raise them to be drunks or criminals; we do not want to visit them in prison; and we do not want them to harm us.