Trinkets & Trash Artifacts of the Tobacco Epidemic

Surveillance Update - April 2020

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Tobacco Updates



April Foolin': Several brands attempted some humor this April 1st. *Grizzly* sent out an email promoting their <u>Single Dippers</u> dating website – for singles to meet other singles who dip, naturally! *ZYN*, the tobacco -free nicotine pouch brand, invented a new flavor called "Deviled Egg" for a <u>Facebook</u> post. Less adventurous, *Stoker's* posted on <u>Instagram</u> about a "Mystery Flavor" can limited to their already established flavor lineup for a surprise experience..

Earth Day's 50th Anniversary: American Spirit took the lead promoting their Earth Day projects back in March with a new <u>magazine</u> ad. Now the brand has released new <u>nature-inspired pack designs</u> and began once again promoting their cigarette butt litter goals. The special packs have artistic representations of various natural environments, with the message "Help Protect Our " (the example

shown below is "Deserts"). As usual, visitors to the brand website could <u>request cigarette butt pouches</u> to gather cigarette butts and send them in for recycling. An email described the brand's <u>plans</u> to also reduce litter with donated waste bins and sponsor cleanup of waterways.

Quarantine with your favorite brands: Brands out there would like to thank customers for "doing [their] part to keep society safe," like *Swisher* says on their "Social Distancing" sweepstakes post on <u>Instagram</u>, where viewers were urged to comment for the chance to win laptops and TVs. Customers on the mailing list were also reminded to enter via <u>email</u>. They also made relaxing at home easy with flavored product <u>suggestions</u> for different at-home experiences, from movies to drinks to pair with favorite cigars. In contrast, *Stoker's* suggested on <u>Instagram</u> that the easiest way to distance yourself from everyone was at high speeds on a single-seater motorcycle, for a taste of that American independence.





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