

Medical News Today - Ethnic Disparities In Alcohol Services

Researchers have confirmed a significant interaction between alcohol-problem severity and ethnicity.

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/medicalnews.php?newsid=60185>

Nation Multimedia (Thailand) - Cabinet to consider extending alcohol ads on TVs and radios

Public Health Minister Mongkol Na Songkhla said Monday that the Cabinet would be asked to amend a directive of Public Relations Department to ban alcohol drink advertisement on TVs and radios.

<http://nationmultimedia.com/breakingnews/read.php?newsid=30023539>

Medical News Today - Binge Drinking, Gender And Clinical Depression

Although previous research has shown that alcohol consumption and depression are often related, the findings have not been consistent. A new study has found that how researchers measure both alcohol consumption and depression, as well as examination by gender, are key issues when interpreting findings on the relationship between alcohol and depression.

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/medicalnews.php?newsid=60184>

Fiji Times (Fiji) - Military asked to give up grog, alcohol and smokes

ALL members of Fiji's military forces have been asked to give up smoking, alcohol and grog for a month.

<http://www.fijitimes.com/story.aspx?id=54791>

Medical News Today - Dentists Sink Their Teeth Into Fighting Alcoholism, Patients Approve - Study Shows Most Feel Comfortable Discussing Drinking Habits With Their Dentist

Addiction experts at MUSC say the link between oral cancer and heavy drinking makes dentists ideal sources of alcohol intervention.

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/medicalnews.php?newsid=60301>

Medical News Today - The G Allele Of The Mu-Opioid Receptor Gene Is Linked To Craving For Alcohol

New findings show that heavy drinkers with the G allele of the A118G polymorphism of the mu-opioid receptor gene have greater cravings after alcohol exposure than heavy drinkers homozygous for the A allele.

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/medicalnews.php?newsid=60168>

Stuff.co.nz (New Zealand) - Experts doubt benefits of booze

New Zealand experts are down-playing a new finding that accident victims with alcohol in their system could be less likely to die of brain injuries than those who are sober.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/northland/3921898a7144.html>

International Herald Tribune (Venezuela) - Venezuela to ban alcohol sales at Copa America matches

Venezuelan organizers of the South America's nations championship said Friday they will ban the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages in and around the nine stadiums where the matches will be played.

<http://www.ihf.com/articles/ap/2007/01/05/sports/LA-SPT-SOC-Copa-America-Alcohol.php>

Physorg - Toyota Creating In-Vehicle Alcohol Detection System

Toyota Motor Corp. is developing a fail-safe system for cars that detects drunken drivers and automatically shuts the vehicle down if sensors pick up signs of excessive alcohol consumption, a news report said Wednesday.

<http://www.physorg.com/news87048491.html>

Irish Medical News (Ireland) - Pharmacists warn of alcohol/drug risk

The Irish Pharmaceutical Union, has launched a "Stay Safe Message" informing people of the danger of mixing alcohol and medicines.

<http://www.irishmedicalnews.ie/articles.asp?Category=news&ArticleID=17735>

emaxhealth - Youngest Drinkers Likelier to Use Alcohol for Stress Relief as Adults

The younger someone starts drinking alcoholic beverages, the more likely he or she is to reach for a drink to relieve stress when older, a large new study suggests.

<http://www.emaxhealth.com/22/8882.html>

IC Wales (UK) - Wales choose food deprivation over exercise

WELSH people will forgo the pub and the curry house this month as they embark on their annual health kick at the start of the year - but they'll also skip the gym.

http://icwales.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/0200wales/tm_headline=wales-plumps-for-food-and-alcohol-deprivation-over-exercise-to-shift-post-christmas-pounds&method=full&objectid=18393416&siteid=50082-name_page.html

Sveriges Radio International (Sweden) - Cheap alcohol sites closing down

Most of the thirty or so websites which Swedes have been using to buy cheap beer and spirits have now stopped trading.

<http://www.sr.se/cgi-bin/International/nyhetssidor/artikel.asp?ProgramID=2054&Nyheter=&artikel=1127888>

Cyprus Mail (EU) - 'Alcohol is a killer on the roads'

EU Health Commissioner Marco Kyprianou has expressed his concern over the number of alcohol-related road deaths in the EU in general and in Cyprus in particular.

http://www.cyprus-mail.com/news/main.php?id=29946&cat_id=1

also

http://www.financialmirror.com/more_news.php?id=5712&type=st&nt=Politics

Tuscaloosa News - Alcohol can hurt pancreas

Chronic and excessive alcohol consumption is linked to a variety of health woes, including acute pancreatitis, a condition characterized by inflammation of the pancreas, which can lead to permanent organ damage, according to a new study. This study is published in The American Journal of Gastroenterology.

<http://www.tuscaloosaneews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070104/NEWS/701040301/1005/SPORTS0106>

Newsroom Finland (Finland) - Finland's Hyssälä would raise price of alcohol by 10 pct

Liisa Hyssälä (centre), the Finnish health and social services minister, was quoted as saying by regional dailies Aamulehti and Turun Sanomat Thursday that the government should raise the prices of alcoholic beverages by 10 per cent.

<http://newsroom.finland.fi/stt/showarticle.asp?intNWSAID=14666&group=Politics>

Life Style Extra (Germany) - Alcohol behind most stair fall deaths

Most people who die after toppling down stairs have been hitting the booze, warn scientists.

http://www.lse.co.uk/ShowStory.asp?story=MK332630E&news_headline=alcohol_behind_most_stair_fall_deaths

Mainichi Daily News (Japan) - Study finds a nip at night no sure cure for insomnia

"Nezake," the Japanese word for a nightcap, is made by combining the two characters "ne" (to sleep) and "sake" (rice wine). The meaning is clear enough. What physician Yoshitaka Kaneita takes up in Aera (1/1-8) is to answer an age-old question. Namely, will booze help you snooze?

<http://mdn.mainichi-msn.co.jp/waiwai/news/20070108p2g00m0dm003000c.html>

CBC News (Canada) - Look at alcohol use for depressed female patients

Clinical depression is more strongly linked to binge drinking in women than in men, a Canadian study suggests.

<http://www.cbc.ca/health/story/2007/01/03/binge-drinking.html>

They said:

“Adults may not even notice a billboard advertising beer or that alcohol is the most prominently displayed product at some convenience stores—but kids do.”

Kate York

http://www.marieattimes.com/news/story/new21_15200784541.asp

“It’s hardly surprising that Christmas and New Year’s Eve are challenging for former drinkers. The drinks industry flexes its giant marketing muscle in December and the result is supermarkets piled high with cans of lager in holly printed plastic, a tidal wave of television adverts for booze and the airwaves buzzing with hungover DJs boasting about their big nights.”

Tom Sykes

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,2092-2534400,00.html> >

“ When the player comes back this season, that doesn't mean he has to play. Sit him on the bench and let him watch. When it's a close game and he should be out there hitting a key basket, let him watch how he let down his team mates from the end of the bench.”

Scott Venci

<http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070104/GPG07/701040599/1273/GPGnews>

Telegraph (UK) - Motorists face EU crackdown

British motorists face the imposition of "European standard" speed and drink-drive limits under plans by Brussels to cut deaths on the road, The Sunday Telegraph has learned.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2007/01/07/nmotor07.xml>

Just for fun

LA Times (USA) - Ex-alcohol regulator becomes industry adviser

California's former top alcohol regulator has taken a job advising lawyers for the industry he regulated until his retirement in August.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/politics/cal/la-me-alcohol5jan05,1,5583482.story?coll=la-news-politics-california>