

### **Telegraph (UK) - 'Raise alcohol tax to aid health'**

Tax on alcohol should be increased in order to protect public health, a leading medical expert has said.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2007/01/31/nalcohol131.xml>

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### **Trans World News - New Web-Based Informational Course Teaches Enjoyment of an Alcohol-Free Social Life**

With so many men and women in the United Kingdom and America caught up in daily or binge drinking in order to have an enjoyable social life, this week marks the release of an innovative downloadable course on how to have a fully satisfying social life with either minimal alcohol use or without alcohol altogether.

<http://www.transworldnews.com/NewsStory.aspx?storyid=12550&ret=Default.aspx>

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### **Focus Information Agency (Bulgaria) - It is necessary to levy excise on alcohol production: Bulgarian Deputy Finance Minister**

"EU directive stipulates that alcohol production is a subject to excise. There are minimum levels of excise, with most of the states topping them," Bulgarian Deputy Finance Minister Georgi Kadiev said in the town of Blagoevgrad, cited by a journalist of Radio Focus-Pirin.

<http://www.focus-fen.net/index.php?id=n104701> <<http://www.focus-fen.net/index.php?id=n104701>>

### **Christian News Wire (USA) - Alcohol Industry Watchdog Asks Bud to Exit Super Bowl; Beer Ads Dominate Broadcast, Could Exploit Forty Million Kids**

Marin Institute, the alcohol industry watchdog, charges Anheuser-Busch (A-B) with using the Super Bowl to aggressively target young viewers in defiance of beer industry standards that limit beer advertising to programs with at least 70 percent adults.

<http://www.earnedmedia.org/aiw0131.htm>

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### **The HankYoreh (South Korea) – More alcohol use seen in middle, high schoolers**

According to a report released by the National Youth Commission on January 30, 47.6 percent of middle and high school students have consumed alcohol at least once in the past year, compared to 26.0 percent that had done so in 2002.

[http://english.hani.co.kr/arti/english\\_edition/e\\_national/187673.html](http://english.hani.co.kr/arti/english_edition/e_national/187673.html)  
<[http://english.hani.co.kr/arti/english\\_edition/e\\_national/187673.html](http://english.hani.co.kr/arti/english_edition/e_national/187673.html)>  
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### **The Herald (UK) - Record 700 women killed by alcohol**

In Scotland, alcohol was found to be the cause of, or a "significant contributor" in, the deaths of 709 women in 2005 - an increase of 25% on the same figure five years ago.

<http://www.theherald.co.uk/news/news/display.var.1157834.0.0.php>  
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### **Gulfnews.com (United Arab Emirates) - 'Malt marchers' protest against alcohol ban**

Call it the malt march - or alcoholic disobedience. Inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's 1930 "salt march" that encouraged millions of Indians to battle British colonial rule, some inhabitants in India's "dry" western state of Gujarat plan a similar protest to call for the legalisation of alcoholic drinks.

<http://www.gulfnews.com/world/India/10100750.html>  
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### **Introduces Disease Management Programs for Depression, Alcohol Use**

Companion Benefit Alternatives Inc., which manages mental health and substance abuse benefits for 1.3 million members of leading health plans, has launched innovative disease management programs to help members who suffer from depression or alcohol use disorders.

<http://www.genengnews.com/news/bnitem.aspx?name=12003567>  
<<http://www.genengnews.com/news/bnitem.aspx?name=12003567>>

### **Which? (UK) - Supermarket adds health advice to alcohol**

A supermarket chain will show the maximum recommended alcohol intake on its own-brand drinks.

[http://www.which.co.uk/reports\\_and\\_campaigns/food\\_and\\_drink/reports/diet\\_nutrition\\_and\\_safety/alcohol\\_advice\\_news\\_article\\_557\\_108505.jsp](http://www.which.co.uk/reports_and_campaigns/food_and_drink/reports/diet_nutrition_and_safety/alcohol_advice_news_article_557_108505.jsp)

<[http://www.which.co.uk/reports\\_and\\_campaigns/food\\_and\\_drink/reports/diet\\_nutrition\\_and\\_safety/alcohol\\_advice\\_news\\_article\\_557\\_108505.jsp](http://www.which.co.uk/reports_and_campaigns/food_and_drink/reports/diet_nutrition_and_safety/alcohol_advice_news_article_557_108505.jsp)>

### **Annals of Internal Medicine - Brief Intervention for Medical Inpatients with Unhealthy Alcohol Use**

The efficacy of brief intervention in reducing alcohol consumption is well established for selected outpatients but not for medical inpatients.

<http://www.annals.org/cgi/content/abstract/146/3/167>

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### **Telegraph (UK) - The alcohol culture and a spiralling rate of crime**

Drinking is the one feature that this detailed analysis is able to link with rising crime in a statistically significant way: assault threats, it says, are "moderately strongly" correlated to levels of beer consumption.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/opinion/main.jhtml?xml=/opinion/2007/02/06/dl0601.xml>

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### **Newsroom Finland (Finland) - Finland's STTV to crack down on internet alcohol sales**

Finland's National Product Control Agency for Welfare and Health (STTV) said Monday it would come down on merchants selling alcohol illegally on the internet.

<http://newsroom.finland.fi/stt/showarticle.asp?intNWSAID=14923&group=General>

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### **Makfax online (Saudi Arabia) - Saudi court orders lashing of foreigners for drinking alcohol**

A Saudi Arabian court sentenced foreigners to face lashing and spend several months in prison after convicting them of attending a party where alcoholic beverages were served and men and women danced.

<http://www.makfax.com.mk/look/novina/article.tpl?IdLanguage=1&IdPublication=2&NrArticle=53604&NrIssue=263&NrSection=30>  
<<http://www.makfax.com.mk/look/novina/article.tpl?IdLanguage=1&IdPublication=2&NrArticle=53604&NrIssue=263&NrSection=30>>

### **The New York Times - At Risk: Study Finds Broad Category of Problem Drinkers**

Alcoholics are not the only people with a drinking problem, a new study says.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/02/06/health/06atri.html>  
<<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/02/06/health/06atri.html>>

### **Newswise (USA) - Female Students Play Drinking Games As Much As Males, But Stakes Are Higher**

College women may be playing drinking games (i.e. Kings, Beer Pong, Quarters) at rates similar to college men, according to a study led by researchers at Loyola Marymount University. This is the first known study to address a potential increase in undergraduate women's drinking game participation.

<http://www.newswise.com/articles/view/527123/>  
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### **Chandigarh News - Liver suffers maximum damage due to alcohol**

Alcohol is not only the biggest cause of liver cirrhosis or irreparable liver damage but is also responsible for hypertension, cardiac problems, accidents, divorces, illiteracy and physical malformation in newborns.

<http://cities.expressindia.com/fullstory.php?newsid=220669>  
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### **Seniorscopie (USA) - Elderly's drinking a problem**

Older people are abusing alcohol, sometimes while on medication and most often behind closed doors, where problems can spiral out of control.

<http://www.seniorscopie.com/actu/article.asp?id=070206232145&rub=swi>

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### **Irish Examiner (Ireland) - Garda IT system woes delay tougher drink-driving penalties**

TOUGHER sanctions for drink drivers introduced last summer are still not in operation because of delays in upgrading garda IT systems.

<http://www.irishexaminer.com/irishexaminer/pages/story.aspx-qqqg=ireland-qqqm=ireland-qqqa=ireland-qqqid=24693-qqqx=1.asp>

<<http://www.irishexaminer.com/irishexaminer/pages/story.aspx-qqqg=ireland-qqqm=ireland-qqqa=ireland-qqqid=24693-qqqx=1.asp>>

### **NBC5 - Study Says Mom's Drinking Affects Baby Girls Most**

A study in the American Academy of Pediatrics has discovered a link between a baby's gender and the effects of alcohol consumption during pregnancy.

<http://www.nbc5.com/health/10935736/detail.html>

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They said:

"There has been remarkable progress in recent years to care for premature and sick infants. But there are more of these babies in the United States than in other developed countries. So the Centers for Disease Control urges women to get healthy before they become pregnant."

Carolyn Clifford

<http://detnews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070206/LIFESTYLE02/702060355/1039>

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**The Portugal news Online (Portugal) - New drivers in Portugal face zero alcohol limits**

A proposal put forward last week by the European Parliament would see new and professional drivers in Portugal facing zero alcohol levels - a move that has been welcomed by road safety campaigners.

<http://google.the-news.net/display.aspx?id=893-17>

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