

International Herald Tribune (South Korea) - As women move in, corporate Korea tries to cut down alcohol

In a time-honored practice in South Korea's corporate culture, the 38-year-old manager at an online game company took his 10-person team on after-work drinking bouts twice a week. He exhorted his subordinates to drink, including a 29-year-old graphic designer who protested that her limit was two glasses of beer.

<http://www.ihf.com/articles/2007/06/10/news/korea.php>

EurActiv (EU) - EU forum to fight young people's booze abuse

Business and NGOs in the newly set up European Alcohol and Health Forum have committed to concrete actions to protect young people against the harmful use of alcohol and irresponsible advertising and sales.

<http://www.euractiv.com/en/health/eu-forum-fight-young-people-booze-abuse/article-164415> also

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/medicalnews.php?newsid=73477>

Sydney Morning Herald (Australia) - Alcohol-related brain injuries 'up'

The number of young people being treated for alcohol-related brain damage has grown fivefold in 10 years.

<http://www.smh.com.au/news/National/Alcoholrelated-brain-injuries-up/2007/06/09/1181089369664.html>

Telegraph (UK) - Raise age for buying alcohol 21, say doctors

Doctors are considering calling for an increase in the legal age for buying alcohol to combat an alarming rise in teenage binge drinking.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2007/06/09/ndrink109.xml>
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Hindu (Tanzania) - Health experts warn of teen drinking in Tanzania

Public health experts have warned Tanzania's government as well as its society of the under- age drinking problem in the country.

<http://www.hindu.com/thehindu/holnus/008200706110341.htm>

New Europe (EU) - EU Court rules against private alcohol import ban

Swedish rules banning the private import of alcohol were a "quantitative restriction on the free movement of goods," the European Union's highest court said June 5.

http://www.neurope.eu/view_news.php?id=74665

Talking Retail (UK) - Sluggish growth in alcohol consumption, says Datamonitor

Consumption of alcohol in the UK - with the exception of wine - has shown sluggish growth, says a new report from Datamonitor.

<http://www.talkingretail.com/news/5351/Sluggish-growth-in-alcohol-con.ehtml>

ShortNews (Holland) – Powdered Alcohol Causes Legal Dilemma

Booz2Go, a product developed by students in Holland that contains powdered alcohol, has the potential to be legally purchased by minors.

<http://www.shortnews.com/start.cfm?id=62921>

Scientific American (EU) - Alcohol industry must do more to fight abuse: EU

The European Union's health chief urged the alcoholic drinks industry on Thursday to step up its fight against the growing problem of alcohol abuse.

<http://www.sciam.com/article.cfm?alias=alcohol-industry-must-do&chanId=sa003&modsrc=reuters>

Voice of America (Australia) - Alcohol Crisis Grips Australia

Increasingly, alcohol is enfolding Australia in its grip. A new report says that one in eight Aussies drinks at dangerous levels. Aboriginal Australians are suffering far more than most: they're twice as likely to die from the effects of drinking alcohol as their non-indigenous counterparts. The effects on the country's long-term health could be catastrophic.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/2007-06-07-voa10.cfm>

PR Newswire (USA) – State of California Fails to Tax Big Alcohol for Underage Drinking

Big Alcohol corporations are grossly under-taxed for alcopops contributing to the underage drinking epidemic. Marin Institute released preliminary data today showing that significant decreases in underage drinking would result from proper taxation of alcopops.

<http://www.prnewswire.com/cgi-bin/stories.pl?ACCT=104&STORY=/www/story/06-06-2007/0004603588&EDATE>

The Scotsman (UK) - Alcohol strategy to tackle binge-drinkers

The government will unveil a new alcohol strategy on Tuesday expected to focus on how to counter binge-drinking by changing young people's attitudes and behaviour.

<http://news.scotsman.com/latest.cfm?id=877032007>

Opinions:

Telegraph (UK) - Alcohol label warnings could save hundreds of babies

It is true that the aesthetics of Boris's beautiful bottles of vintage claret may be sullied. But surely it's a small price to pay to prevent great unhappiness for a few people? Even those bon viveurs in France have already passed a law making labelling compulsory.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/opinion/main.jhtml?xml=/opinion/2007/06/09/nosplit/dt0901.xml>

Independent (Ireland) - Stay-at-home drinking has own dangers

THE good news is that as many as 80 people are alive today who would not be alive if random breath-testing had not started last year. The bad news is that some stay-at-home drinkers are slowly killing themselves, as recent research shows.

<http://www.independent.ie/opinion/analysis/stayathome-drinking-has-own-dangers-695271.html>

Will new labels on alcohol succeed where other campaigns have failed?

„With concern increasing about Britain's binge-drinking culture, Sarah Park asks why we are so different to the rest of Europe and whether warning labels are really the answer.“

<http://www.eveningleader.co.uk/latest-features?articleid=2926107>