

News.com.au (Australia) - Graphic warnings on alcohol 'needed now'

THE alcohol industry should be required to put graphic warning pictures on bottles and cans similar to those on cigarette packets.

<http://www.news.com.au/story/0,23599,22200028-2,00.html>

Scotsman (UK) - Huge majority back drivers' alcohol ban

FIVE out of six Scots want a zero limit for drink-driving, police said yesterday.

<http://news.scotsman.com/scotland.cfm?id=1234652007>

Bloomberg (USA) - Binge Drinkers Prefer Beer Because It's Easy to Buy, Study Says

A quarter of binge drinkers chose beer over other types of alcohol, in part because it is more readily available, according to a study from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601087&sid=aEYQZ8Lb5ssA&refer=home>

Reuters (Australia) - Australia to track Aboriginal alcohol use

Australian Aborigines will be tracked and their alcohol purchases recorded to combat sexual abuse in remote communities, authorities in the outback Northern Territory said on Monday.

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idUKSYD9400020070806>

Zeenews - This is how Breezers hook youth to alcohol

Young adults drinking sugary products may actually be consuming alcohol, as a liquor industry insider has admitted that alcopops are sweetened to mask the taste of alcohol and to appeal to the "younger palate".

<http://www.zeenews.com/znew/articles.asp?aid=387253&ssid=204&ssname=ETC...&sid=LIF&sname>

Kansas City Infozine - World's Largest Diet-Cancer Study Confirms Current Advice on Alcohol

Experts at the American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) welcomed the latest results from the world's largest study on diet and cancer. The new results, published online at the International Journal of Cancer, link alcohol consumption to an increased risk of colon cancer.

<http://www.infozine.com/news/stories/op/storiesView/sid/24339/>

Sofia news Agency (Bulgaria) - Bulgaria to Face EU Punishment if It Fails to Curb Illegal Alcohol Production

Bulgaria's alcohol business as a whole may face severe sanctions from the European Union if the country's government fails to curb the illegal production of alcohol beverages.

http://www.novinite.com/view_news.php?id=83884

Voice of America (USA) - Underage Drinking Serious Problem in the US
In 1984 the legal drinking age in the U.S. was raised from 18 to 21 in all 50 states. That was in response to the number of drunk driving fatalities involving young people nationwide. But as VOA's Jeff Swicord reports, that has not stopped young people from drinking.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/2007-08-06-voa37.cfm>

IC Wales (UK) - Third of men drink dangerous levels of alcohol

MORE than one in three men drink dangerously large amounts of alcohol on nights out, a study by Welsh scientists has revealed.

http://icwales.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/newspolitics/tm_headline=third-of-men-drink-dangerous-levels-of-alcohol&method=full&objectid=19562857&siteid=50082-name_page.html

IC Berkshire (UK) - Alcohol is a poison, says coroner over man's death

A CORONER has warned of the dangers of excessive drinking after a man died following a mammoth boozing session.

http://icberkshire.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/0200berkshireheadlines/tm_headline=alcohol-is-a-poison-says-coroner-over-man-s-death&method=full&objectid=19555174&siteid=50102-name_page.html

Forbes (Finland) - Finland to Hike Alcohol Tax Up to 15 Pct

The Finnish government on Wednesday proposed tax hikes of up to 15 percent on alcohol, following reports that liquor has become the leading killer of the country's adults.

<http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2007/08/01/ap3977523.html>

Sunday Business Post (Ireland) - More young people hooked on alcohol and gambling

More people in their 20s are seeking treatment for alcoholism and an addiction to online gambling, according to the director of one of the country's largest addiction treatment centres.

<http://www.sbpost.ie/post/pages/p/story.aspx-qqqt=IRELAND-qqqm=news-qqqid=25666-qqqx=1.asp>

Canada.com (Canada) - Panic with agoraphobia linked to alcohol abuse

People who have panic disorder with agoraphobia often develop an alcohol use disorder, and visa versa -- each condition may directly contribute to the development of the other, according to a report in the Journal of Clinical Psychiatry.

<http://www.canada.com/topics/bodyandhealth/story.html?id=ed0fc0e6-474d-4bb0-93be-981a192299a4&k=81436>

RTE ie (Ireland) - Alcohol availability a serious problem – group

Alcohol Action Ireland says it welcomes the indication this week from the Minister for Justice of the Government's willingness to address the serious problem of alcohol availability by taking steps to curb off-license opening times.

<http://www.rte.ie/news/2007/0731/alcohol.html>

Opinion:

Finland: Alcohol taxation should be increased urgently

"There is one "unresolved" issue on which the parties and political leaders appear to be in complete agreement: taxation on alcohol should be tightened up, and as soon as possible."

<http://www.hs.fi/english/article/EDITORIAL+Alcohol+taxation+should+be+increased+urgently/1135229160696>