

### **Forbes (USA) - U.S. Culture Boosts Hispanic Immigrants' Substance Abuse Risk**

Adoption of American culture and lifestyle makes Hispanic immigrants to the United States more likely to use illegal drugs and abuse alcohol, a new study suggests.

<http://www.forbes.com/forbeslife/health/feeds/hscout/2007/08/13/hscout607194.html>

### **BBC News (UK) - 'Vertical drinking' curbs planned**

Licensing officials are to call time on so-called "vertical drinking" in a bid to tackle drunken bad behaviour.

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/scotland/tayside\\_and\\_central/6943913.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/scotland/tayside_and_central/6943913.stm)

### **Newswise - Alcohol, Tobacco and Genetics**

To search for the genomic determinants underlying alcohol and tobacco use, researchers examined 120 families (approximately 900 individuals). They found an area relating to alcohol and tobacco use on chromosome 1 and an area relating to alcohol on chromosome 3. On chromosome 4 there was an area relating to smoking; sex-specific loci was also found.

<http://www.newswise.com/articles/view/532378/>

### **News Wales (Wales) - Alcohol kills thousands in Wales**

Alcohol accounts directly for some 8,000 years of life lost in Wales and indirectly for another 5,000.

<http://www.newswales.co.uk/?section=Health&F=1&id=12220>

### **The New Anatolian (Turkey) - Turkish Raki: EU insists on taxation based on alcohol by volume**

The European Union insists on "taxation of alcoholic beverages based on alcohol by volume (ABV) criterion" that will cause tax increase on Turkish national spirit --raki.

<http://www.thenewanatolian.com/tna-28200.html>

### **Bloomberg (China) - Chinese Drinkers Downed \$59.5 Billion Worth of Alcohol in 2006**

Drinkers in China slaked their thirsts with \$59.5 billion worth of alcohol last year, favoring beer for affordability and spirits for prestige, the U.S. Foreign Agricultural Service said in a report.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601080&sid=adNkUaRPghdU&refer=asia>

### **Channel 4 News (UK) – Half unaware of cancer-diet link**

The results come just days after new figures revealed a steep rise across the UK in cancers linked to lifestyle factors. Cancer Research UK said there had been a marked increase in cancers related to alcohol, smoking, obesity and too much exposure to the sun.

<http://www.channel4.com/news/articles/society/health/half+unaware+of+cancerdiet+link/672547>

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

FIVE out of six Scots want a zero limit for drink-driving, police said yesterday. A poll found that the vast majority believe drinking any alcohol before driving should be banned.

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

### **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>

### **Genetic Engineering News - Research and Markets: This Report Identifies How Moderation of Alcohol and Health Concerns Are Increasingly Influential Consumer Trends**

The majority (60%) of European and the US consumers think that moderating alcohol content is important. This report identifies how moderation of alcohol and health concerns are increasingly influential consumer trends set to drive the market in the future. Marketers must understand key consumer drivers to profit from this strategic change.

<http://www.genengnews.com/news/bnitem.aspx?name=21519772>

### **Radio Praha (Czech Republic) - Amendment could introduce tougher fine for sale of alcohol to minors**

The World Health Organisation recently released the results of a study revealing the consumption of alcohol among under-aged youths in the Czech Republic was all too commonplace. According to the survey, Czech teenagers now rank among the heaviest "teen drinkers" in Europe.

<http://www.radio.cz/en/article/94374>

### **The New York Times (USA) - Awareness: Counseling by Phone Benefits Drinkers**

Experience has shown that even a few short discussions with a health professional can help a problem drinker. But sometimes people who could benefit from the talks are unable to come in or reluctant to do so.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2007/08/07/health/07awar.html?\\_r=1&oref=slogin](http://www.nytimes.com/2007/08/07/health/07awar.html?_r=1&oref=slogin)

## Opinions:

### **Toronto Star (Canada) - What to do about toking and driving?**

„In fact, alcohol poses a much higher driving risk than cannabis. That is not to say it is safe to drive under the influence of pot. Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), its psychoactive ingredient, definitely impairs driving ability, but in very different ways from alcohol. Relatively few road fatalities test positive for THC alone; most often, it is found in combination with alcohol.“

<http://www.thestar.com/comment/article/245673>

### **DailyIllini.com - Study fails to show dangers of marijuana**

„It sounds bad, but by contrast a study done by Johns Hopkins University found that alcohol increases the risk of psychosis by 800 percent for men and 300 percent for women. The study conducted in The Lancet; however, could not directly link marijuana to increased psychotic illness.“

<http://media.www.dailyillini.com/media/storage/paper736/news/2007/08/13/OpinionColumns/Study.Fails.To.Show.Dangers.Of.Marijuana-2930528.shtml>

### **Melbourne Herald Sun - 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/heraldsun/story/0,21985,22200028-662,00.html>