

### **24dash.com (UK) - UK's first drug and alcohol court launches**

Camden, Islington and Westminster councils have teamed up to launch the UK's first drug and alcohol court, which aims to tackle substance misuse before it splits up families.

<http://www.24dash.com/localgovernment/29615.htm>

### **News-Medical.net - Alcohol and second-hand smoke a deadly combo**

According to a new study the combination of alcohol and second-hand smoke can cause damage to the heart.

<http://www.news-medical.net/?id=32852>

### **Accra Daily Mail (Ghana) - Foetal Alcohol Syndrome Ghanaian pregnant women asked to stop drinking alcohol**

Pregnant women and those of child bearing age have been cautioned to refrain totally from any alcoholic drink or risk causing deformities to their unborn babies.

<http://www.accra-mail.com/mailnews.asp?id=3287>

### **Dutch News.nl (Netherlands) - Alcohol coma rise 'very worrying'**

Some 240 young teenagers have been hospitalised after drinking themselves into a coma so far this year, according to research coordinated by Twente University.

[http://www.dutchnews.nl/news/archives/2007/11/alcohol\\_coma\\_rise\\_very\\_worryin.php](http://www.dutchnews.nl/news/archives/2007/11/alcohol_coma_rise_very_worryin.php)

### **Science Daily - Drinking Away Anxiety -- New Program Finds Safer Ways For College Students To Cope**

Researchers from the University of Cincinnati are reporting on a pilot program aimed at curbing alcohol abuse among college students.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2007/11/071126112252.htm>

### **USA Today - Our view on legal drinking age: Would an age 18 minimum curb alcohol abuse?**

Idea gains traction on campus, but evidence shows 21 law saves lives.

<http://blogs.usatoday.com/oped/2007/11/our-view-on-leg.html>

### **The Canadian Press (Canada) - Conference hears pregnancy, child care prevent substance abuse treatment**

A lack of child care, poverty and pregnancy are often barriers to women who need treatment for drug, alcohol or tobacco addictions, a national substance abuse conference heard Sunday.

<http://canadianpress.google.com/article/ALeqM5ghpq6AY9ZuWk1FUjOKfuymlsPZAw>

## **Globe and Mail (Canada) - Drinking and driving laws to get tougher**

New rules in 2008 will see 12-hour suspensions for near-drunk drivers to be raised - along with insurance rates.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/LAC.20071126.DRIVING26/TPStory/TPNational/Ontario/>

## **Udayavani (India) - Spirited debate in Congress on alcohol and other norms**

A spirited debate over alcohol is on in the Congress with a section mutedly saying that it is time that the grand-old-party reviews its stand on the issues of alcohol and abstinence, but a vociferous old guard has shut off any talk reminding that it is the party of Mahatma Gandhi.

<http://68.178.224.54/udayavani/showstory.asp?news=0&contentid=472193&lang=1>

## **RTE.ie (Ireland) - Youth council seeks more alcohol controls**

A National Youth Council conference has heard that education alone will not solve the growing problem of alcohol related harm among young people.

<http://www.rte.ie/news/2007/1124/alcohol.html>

## **ic Wales (Wales) - Drop office party to avoid corporate hangover**

A HUMILIATING return to work the morning after the night before has long been a messy footnote to the dreaded office Christmas party.

<http://icwales.icnetwork.co.uk/news/wales-news/2007/11/26/drop-the-office-party-to-avoid-a-corporate-hangover-91466-20160423/>

## **Sunday Mirror (UK) - CRACKDOWN ON 24HR LICENCES**

Supermarkets and shops are to be banned from selling alcohol 24 hours a day in a crackdown on booze-fuelled violence.

<http://www.sundaymirror.co.uk/news/sunday/2007/11/25/crackdown-on-24hr-licences-98487-20157507/>

## **BBC (UK) - Rise in alcohol abuse treatment**

The number of people being treated for alcohol misuse in Wales has gone up by more than 40% in a year, new figures suggest.

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/wales/7108166.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/wales/7108166.stm)

## **Scotsman (UK) - Brown delivers binge-drink threat to alcohol industry**

GORDON BROWN was today warning the alcohol industry that it must curb youth binge-drinking or face action from the Government.

<http://news.scotsman.com/politics.cfm?id=1833252007>

## **Irish Medical Times - Are drug and alcohol problems the remit of mental health services?**

Dr Karen O'Connor, Psychological Registrar, won the Faculty of Addiction Psychiatry's Essay prize for this essay on addictions and mental ill-health, and the services available for people with these problems.

<http://www.imt.ie/displayarticle.asp?AID=14265&NS=1&CAT=18&SID=1>

## **Think Spain (Spain) - 43% teens unaware of alcohol health risks**

With teenage, and adult, binge-drinking on the rise, a survey carried out recently reveals, disturbingly, that 43% of Spanish teens aged 14-18 are unaware of the serious health risks associated with regular alcohol consumption.

<http://www.thinkspain.com/news-spain/14098/43-teens-unaware-of-alcohol-health-risks>