

### **Herald Sun (Australia) - Mothers unite on alcohol hazards**

AUSTRALIANS remain mostly ignorant of the dangers of drinking during pregnancy despite mounting evidence that alcohol harms unborn babies.

<http://www.news.com.au/heraldsun/story/0,21985,22865248-662,00.html>

### **Science Daily - Both Alcohol Dependence And Conduct Disorder Contribute To Having A High Number Of Sex Partners**

Previous studies have linked heavy drinking and conduct disorder to high-risk sexual behaviors that can, in turn, lead to unintended pregnancies, infection, and damage to reproductive health.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2007/11/071126162604.htm> also

<http://mednews.wustl.edu/news/page/normal/10680.html>

### **Boston Globe - HPV, as well as tobacco and alcohol, may trigger head and neck tumors**

Head and neck cancer affects nearly 50,000 Americans yearly, but what actually causes the disease has been unclear.

[http://www.boston.com/news/science/articles/2007/12/03/hpv\\_as\\_well\\_as\\_tobacco\\_and\\_alcohol\\_may\\_trigger\\_head\\_and\\_neck\\_tumors/](http://www.boston.com/news/science/articles/2007/12/03/hpv_as_well_as_tobacco_and_alcohol_may_trigger_head_and_neck_tumors/)

### **Christian Today (India) - Indian cardinal calls for alcohol-free Christmas to save families**

At the start of Advent, A Roman Catholic Cardinal in Kerala, India, has urged Christians to celebrate an alcohol-free Christmas this year.

[http://www.christiantoday.com/article/indian\\_cardinal\\_calls\\_for\\_alcoholfree\\_christmas\\_to\\_save\\_families/15150.htm](http://www.christiantoday.com/article/indian_cardinal_calls_for_alcoholfree_christmas_to_save_families/15150.htm)

### **Hindu - Alcohol may amplify chronic rejection in lung transplants**

A recent study using an animal model of lung transplants shows that chronic alcohol consumption by the donor promotes scarring and airway injury after transplantation.

<http://www.hindu.com/thehindu/holnus/008200712020921.htm>

### **IC Wales (Wales) - Festive drinkers warned to beware**

This list forms part of a Home Office campaign to cut alcohol-fuelled violence and anti-social behaviour during the festive period.

<http://icwales.icnetwork.co.uk/news/wales-news/2007/12/03/festive-drinkers-warned-to-beware-91466-20194176/>

### **BBC News (UK) - Bid to cut drink-fuelled violence**

Police chiefs have launched a crackdown on alcohol-fuelled violence, warning those caught behaving in such a way will be dealt with severely.

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/scotland/7123681.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/scotland/7123681.stm)

## **United Press International (USA) - Washington alcohol-related crashes rising**

Alcohol-related vehicle crashes and related injuries in Washington and the surrounding area increased last year compared to 2005 totals, a report said.  
[http://www.upi.com/NewsTrack/Top\\_News/2007/12/01/washington\\_alcohol-related\\_crashes\\_rising/4328/](http://www.upi.com/NewsTrack/Top_News/2007/12/01/washington_alcohol-related_crashes_rising/4328/)

## **UK Express (UK) - DRIVERS NOW FACE ZERO ALCOHOL LIMIT**

BRITAIN'S drivers could face a complete ban on booze, it emerged yesterday. Ministers are to discuss a zero-tolerance approach to drinking and driving, and random breath testing.  
<http://www.express.co.uk/posts/view/26924/Drivers-now-face-zero-alcohol-limit>

## **Politics.co.uk (UK) - Responsible alcohol strategy**

Under continuous pressure to repeal the 24-hour licensing law, the government has today launched a four week strategy to tackle irresponsible retailers and venues.  
[http://www.politics.co.uk/issueoftheday/business-and-industry/culture-media-and-sport/responsible-alcohol-strategy-\\$482377\\$482377.htm](http://www.politics.co.uk/issueoftheday/business-and-industry/culture-media-and-sport/responsible-alcohol-strategy-$482377$482377.htm)

## **My Fox (USA) - New Law Makes It Illegal for Parents to Serve Alcohol to Minors**

Under a new law that goes into effect Saturday, people who make alcohol accessible to minors could lose their drivers licenses.  
<http://www.myfoxwghp.com/myfox/pages/News/Detail?contentId=5088769&version=1&locale=EN-US&layoutCode=TSTY&pageId=3.2.1>

## **Science Daily - Both Gender And Friendship Can Influence Adolescent Alcohol Use**

Adolescents who drink alcohol, smoke and/or use drugs tend to have peers who do the same. A new study that looked at other factors which may moderate the influence of peers has found that gender, and gender of friends, can also affect this association.  
<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2007/11/071126162602.htm>

## **Scotsman (UK) - Housing service helps young parents quit drink and drugs**

HOMELESSNESS, drugs and alcohol are a potent cocktail that can lead to lives spiralling out of control. But a new scheme in the Capital aims to help young parents with drug or alcohol problems turn their lives around and find a long-term home.  
<http://news.scotsman.com/health.cfm?id=1881832007>

### **Newsroom Finland - Alcohol kills six Finns every day**

Alcohol kills six people a day in Finland, a country of 5.3 million, national daily Helsingin Sanomat reported on Friday.

<http://newsroom.finland.fi/stt/showarticle.asp?intNWSAID=17417&group=General>

### **Xinhua (China) - It's alcohol, not stress that kills during holidays**

Most people will tell you it's a certainty that people get stressed and depressed during the holiday season, and the suicide rate will climb. Actually there's no evidence that suicide rates spike in December; in fact they drop slightly.

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2007-11/27/content\\_7155520.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2007-11/27/content_7155520.htm)

### **Sexually Transmitted Diseases - The Association Between HIV Infection and Alcohol Use: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of African Studies**

Alcohol use was associated with HIV infection in Africa and alcohol-related interventions might help reduce further expansion of the epidemic.

<http://www.stdjournal.com/pt/re/std/abstract.00007435-200711000-00005.htm;jsessionid=HJNHMy2Jz0Q6KSg1gG3y522dDFGQhyQmdyQLNrbMh6mXdwV22z1K!-1601909834!181195629!8091!-1>

### **Daily Monitor - 'Heavy alcohol consumption causes mental illness'**

A SOCIAL event or gathering in Uganda is incomplete without alcohol. Some people claim sipping at least a glass of crude waragi or a cold beer after a hectic day helps them relax and plan for the next day.

[http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/news/Special\\_Report\\_Heavy\\_alcohol\\_consumption\\_causes\\_mental\\_illness.shtml](http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/news/Special_Report_Heavy_alcohol_consumption_causes_mental_illness.shtml)