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A Component of the Ohio State Highway Patrol

200 people caught partying without social distancing in Cleveland warehouse illegally serving alcohol on New Year's Eve

The OIU said agents and officers received numerous complaints from citizens and liquor permit holders regarding illegal alcohol sales and overt disregard for public health measures, including hours of operation. At 11:40 p.m., agents and officers walked into the warehouse and saw more than 200 patrons packed tightly with no social distancing measures or physical barriers put in place, the OIU said. Agents also saw full bar service and seized more than 750 bottles and cans of alcoholic beverages, according to the OIU.

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Incoming Gov. Spencer Cox picks political insider to head up Utah's alcohol agency

Tiffany Clason — the district director for just-defeated Rep. Ben McAdams, D-Utah, and also a former aide to outgoing Republican Gov. Gary Herbert — was

TTB legalizes the most popular size of wine can WG

Last week the TTB (Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau) finally issued new "standards of fill" regulations that determine what size packages of wine and spirits may be legally imported into and sold throughout the

nominated Friday to lead the state's alcohol agency.

Gov.-elect Spencer Cox has selected Clason to be the new executive director of the Utah Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Her appointment will require confirmation by the Utah Senate.

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Seven stabbed on New Year's Day at Atlanta club

It's just the latest example of club violence in Atlanta and came roughly 24-hours after another case in the city at Club Allure. Police said that, in this case, several dozen rounds of gunfire were reported.

"When the nightclubs are closed in Chicago, people are coming to Atlanta to party," **Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms** said during a recent public safety meeting.

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Nebraska has one of the nation's highest binge drinking rates

Like other states with large rural populations, Nebraska has a drinking problem. The percentage of adults in the state who report binge drinking — that's four drinks for a woman and five for a man — has been consistently higher than the country at large. In 2019, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 21.9% of Nebraskans reported binge drinking within the previous 30 days, compared with 18.6% nationally.

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Overdose Deaths Hit New Highs As Pandemic Worsens Opioid Crisis

U.S. Newly approved for wine were three popular can sizes: 355 ml (aka 12 ounces), 250 ml and 200 ml. The 250 ml cans are thus something like cannabis: they were already here anyway. Half of the canned-wine producers tracked by WICresearch.com reported in 2019 that they made wine in 250 ml cans, and a survey by the same firm showed that a plurality of consumers like that size best. Three of Food & Wine magazine's Best 15 Canned Wines listed in May 2020 were 250 ml. Now the TTB has legalized them.

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San Diego's hidden gambling problem: Illicit casinos attract gangs, drugs, violence

Methamphetamine often goes hand-in-hand with play at many covert gaming halls and is often sold or supplied by operators on-site, according to court records. The stimulant can keep patrons in front of machines for hours in a hyper-focused and confident state. It also entices them to come back for more. "Illegal gambling dens bring drugs, violence, guns, and other organized criminal activity into San Diego neighborhoods," said FBI spokeswoman Davene Butler.

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Delaware's craft breweries want to expand, but state law is restrictive

State Sen. Trey Paradee (D-Dover) says the cap was instituted to give small breweries in Delaware a chance to compete with larger breweries who may have been able to afford to open lots more brewpubs.

Now that many of the state's craft breweries have been successful and want to continue to expand, they are looking to open more brewpubs than the state law currently allows.

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Craft alcohol makers get a break with permanent excise tax

New federal data shows the coronavirus pandemic has contributed to the country's deadliest 12-month period for drug overdose fatalities, including a sharp increase in overdose deaths in the Ohio Valley.

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Local craft beer makers, wineries and distillers have been hit hard by the pandemic, but last week they dodged another economic hardship when Congress passed and President Trump signed the omnibus and stimulus package.

Inside the package was a permanent extension of the Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act, which has allowed smaller-scale alcohol producers to keep their prices lower for the loving customers of their products.

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NBWA Announces 6,000 Employees Trained Through the Distributors Against Human Trafficking Effort

The National Beer Wholesalers Association (NBWA) announced during National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month that the Distributors Against Human Trafficking initiative has trained 6,000 beer distribution employees to safely spot and report the signs of human trafficking. NBWA is well on its way to reaching its goal of training 10,000 employees by the end of 2021.

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NLLEA Virtual Training Series

To better serve our members' training needs, the NLLEA has created a virtual professional development & training series formatted to provide member agencies with training opportunities that makes current and practical alcohol law enforcement training more logistically and fiscally feasible. Each session is 30 minutes in length with the option of scheduling an additional 30-minute Zoom meeting with the trainer for more in-depth content along with a question and answer session. This additional option can be requested by contacting NLLEA Executive Director, Carrie Christofes at carrie.christofes@nllea.org or by phone at 724.762.5939.

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Fake ID Trends and Detection Methods

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High in the Cloud: Fake IDs, Online Sales, and Delivery of Cannabis and Alcohol

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