

would you believe

A worm is not food - at least not in the eyes of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Instead, in all seriousness, the FDA declares that worms are food additives, and will have to gain clearance as such before they can be used as food for human beings.

Worms are not expected to be too upset by the ruling. They have quite enough trouble with robins as it is. But some people, impressed with the worm as a potentially rich source of protein, would like to come out with Worm Burgers and the like.

The FDA demurred, saying that "the vast majority of consumers would view (worms) as aesthetically objectionable in food or as food . . ." And to that, a hearty Amen! (Credit: Prevention magazine - Earth News)

An enterprising Los Angeles inventor has come up with the equivalent of the poor man's CB - flip cards that relay messages to passing motorists.

They're called Hi signs and amount to nothing more than a series of flash cards attached to ping pong paddles. With the Hi Signs motorists can communicate such messages as "Turn off your lights," or "Let me pass."

But inventor Paul Steinbaum says he also designed Hi signs to alleviate highway boredom and pick up dates. Steinbaum suggests that when you're driving alone and see someone you like, you should flip out a Hi Sign saying "You're cute." The "Are you attached?" card comes next. If she nods yes, show the "bye" card. But if she says no, flash the "pull over" sign and you're on your own. (Earth News)

If you've been a slave to fashion, changing the tints of your eyeglasses to match the color of the clothes you wear, you may be playing havoc with your health.

According to pioneers in the new field of photobiology, one's mood, hormonal balance, and overall body chemistry can be affected by the quality and type of light received by the eye's retina. By blocking out valuable natural light with sunglasses, you can affect how much energy you have as well as how you feel.

Dr. John Ott, Director of the Environmental Health and Light Research Institute in Florida, warns that two other lighting conditions in modern life could harm your health. He says that environmental pollution is changing the intensity of the light which struggles to earth through the smog. And artificial lights, especially fluorescent lights, do not offer the full spectrum of natural sunlight which the body seems to need.

So remember, those rose-colored glasses you wear may make you feel blue. (Earth News)

A recent study shows that hospital patients might be better off staying at home.

The study, performed at Boston City Hospital, found that 11 percent of the patients contracted infections in the hospital. The infections added an average of nine days to their hospital stay and increased their bills by a total of more than \$5 - million (dollars). (Credit: Caveat Emptor - Earth News)

Margaret Whitesides of the Chicago Daily News is something of a name freak. For the past several years, she's been collecting - odd names - especially those which seem to describe the person's job.

For example, Margaret was delighted to discover that Charles Wines III owns a liquor store, Winston Brass is the Rochelle, Illinois Police Chief and Harry Passwater is a bridge tender.

She also found out that the New York Post hired a reporter named Peter Keepnews and that William Headline is an employee of CBS. (Earth News)

Taking a tip from the hippies of the '60's, the elderly are now living in communes.

Three women in Somerville, Massachusetts think it's better living together than in a nursing home.

Being able to keep their pets, drink a can of beer, have special foods, and living in a friendly neighborhood keep these women happy.

Morale is high in communes for the elderly. (Earth News)

A student eating-contest champion continues to polish his act, which consists of eating a Burger King Whopper in one bite and five swallows.

The undefeated and unnamed freshman from Brigham Young University says doing his act gives him a "psychological boost, and hopes to make the "Gong Show" with his talent. Give him the hook right now, I say. (Earth News)

When Samson wanted to do in the Philistines many, many years ago, he tied firebrands to the tails of foxes and sent them off towards the enemy's cornfields. The crop went up in smoke.

Back in World War II, researchers apparently thought Samson had a pretty hot idea. So they developed a plan of equipping bats - yes, bats - with tiny incendiary bombs and delay fuses. The great idea was that they would be dropped over large Japanese cities and torch all the shoji screens. It didn't quite work out that way.

After two years of training the bats, the researchers attempted a trial run in New Mexico. But on the first day some bats escaped, setting fires that demolished a \$2-million (dollar) hangar - and a general's car. (Earth News)

Rotterdam, N.Y. (AP) - A bride was charged with driving while intoxicated Saturday after she ran over her bridegroom and killed him on the way home from their wedding reception, police said.

Police refused to disclose details of the accident except to say that the groom, Louis Kenison, 23, was struck after he got out of the car at an intersection early Saturday.

He was dead on arrival at a hospital.

His bride, Joan Kenison, 21, was in hospital for treatment of shock, officers said.

The couple was married Friday night, and the reception was held immediately afterwards.

Groucho Marx, the late, great comedian now has his official papers housed at the Library of Congress.

Those who want to read them will find many interesting stories. Back in 1964, Groucho and the poet T.S. Eliot were having dinner together. It seems that both men had been doing their homework and studying the other's masterpieces.

In the end, the joke was on Groucho and Eliot as they spent a boring and unimpressive evening repeating each other's best lines. (Credit: Hank Plante, Washington, D.C. for Earth News)

Governments banish traitors, people banish thoughts from their minds, but here's an organization that banishes words.

For several years now, Unicorn Hunters (Ltd.) Conglomerate has been going after slang words which they feel corrupt the Mother Tongue. According to Unicorn chief Bill Rabe, "The most outstanding possibility for banishment this year is 'bottom line.'" Next year, Rabe says he'll go after the verb, 'to parent'. "Partners come home from work these days," he says, "and parent for a while. I suppose children come home from school and child for a while."

Rabe says the group's most successful banishment was 'detente'. "We banished that (word) when Kissinger was still Secretary of State, and later President (Ford) joined us in banishing it. Originally, only Kissinger knew what detente meant. But he forgot." (Earth News)

African Students Society starts swinging

By TONY NASIREMBE
President, African Students Union
What is A.S.U.? You might be thinking that the initials have been written backwards for U.S.A.? No, A.S.U. is the swinging African Students' Union, an

organization initiated by students from Africa. UNB has a fairly large population of us African students who came from roughly ten different countries. Talk of ten African countries and you will be

speaking about twenty or more cultures, traditions and customs! The choice of the name ASU was deliberate.

Membership is not restricted to students from Africa only. Any student registered at UNB can elect to become member of ASU.

Amongst other things, our major objectives are to encourage and promote better understanding between Canadian and African students. We would also like to foster sound international relationships between Canada and

African countries. We are aware that besides African students, UNB is host to students from many other countries around the world. Because of this awareness, we also strive to promote cultural interests between us African students, and all other students at UNB, and vicinity, who come from different backgrounds. We try to do this through various channels, including games, movie shows, exhibitions and discussions.

Africa Night is an annual event through which we attempt to

exhibit contemporary and subsequent life in Africa, by way of stage programs. Plans for the next Africa Night, which will be in early January, are getting engaged to top gear. We intend it to be one heck of a booming Night. Get involved! Become a member of ASU.

For more details about membership or any other details, contact the President, ASU in Room 325 Aitken House, or Mosua Mata, Public Relations Officer, Tel: 454-2615.

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Racist harrasment causes sickle cell death

A young black girl, seven-year-old Mellaine Turner, died in Chicago recently after the racial taunts of white anti-busing demonstrators triggered a sickle cell anemia crisis which led to her death.

Mellaine was one of 84 black children being bused to a previously all-white elementary school to ease over-crowding in "dilapidated" black neighborhood schools. The children were met by a jeering mob of whites chanting,

"Up with sickle cell anemia!" and "Go back! Go back! Go back where you belong!"

Ten hours later Mellaine died delirious, repeating the same chant. A cardioloast who asked not to be identified explained that the disease, which afflicts 70,000

black Americans, would have reduced Mellaine's ability to deal with stress, and that the

anti-busing mob (quote) "created the atmosphere for the (sickle cell) attack." The next day, when

the news of Mellaine's death filtered through the mob of whites, the taunts changed to "Hooray for sickle cell!" (Credit: Black Panther Paper - Earth News)

The Toller Cranston Ice Show
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Tickets available at the Aitken Centre
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Weekdays 2pm-4:30pm.

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