

Lifestyle



Dr Rant Momentus

Cure for Capitalistic Craving

Dear Dr. Rant,
 What can you tell me of the "addictive personality"? I'm not sure if I should blame my own weakness in resisting temptation, or if I should blame society as a whole. Whether it is drinking Beaujolais wine, wearing Levis Jeans, eating Lebanese falafel, drinking coffee, smoking cigarettes, or watching soap operas, whether it is pleasurable or obnoxious, I become a slave of constant indulgence. An additional problem I encounter is that, despite the availability and glorification of these products, there is the simultaneous unsympathetic disapproval at their excessive use. Well, I know that moderation is the key, but resisting is simply beyond my control. What should I do?
 Capitalistically frenzied, J. Moore

ANSWER: Dear Frenzy,
 The problem you describe is much simpler to solve than your confusion permits you to believe. One good thing that the evolution of society has brought people is the advance of modern medicine. Your inability to moderate has been found to be correlated with an excess of a certain neurotransmitter chemical in the brain called Dopamine. Dopamine opens the brain to stimuli, and therefore makes temptation difficult to resist because it cannot be ignored. You must see a neurosurgeon or a psychiatrist to be prescribed a drug which will counter the excess Dopamine. Until a more permanent cure can be found, the drug will have to be used for the rest of your life. However, the drug is the only way to ensure that you do not become ensnared into any potentially more maladaptive addictions.

Aphrodisiac

Dear Dr. Rant,
 I was told by a medical professional that the best way to heal blisters on my heels was to create a little incision on the skin, and let the "juice" escape. She said that this would allow faster healing since the sore could dry out. However, my common sense contends that the best method is simply to let the blister dwindle naturally. Should I trust my instincts, or believe the professional?

Painfully yours, Ms. Lament.

ANSWER: Dear Pain,
 In my discussions with people from a vast array of cultural backgrounds, I have found both practices to provide beneficial results. Natural healing is always best for blisters, that is, blisters should not be "picked at" because infection can ensue. However, as long as the skin is not removed, a somewhat surrendipitous purpose has been discovered for the "juice." It can actually be used as an aphrodisiac! Juice for breakfast honey? Heh heh!

Fashion

This spring: Look mean in green!

A spectacular fashion trend is sweeping the fashion scene of Paris, London and New York. That's right all you trend-setters, the look for this spring is GREEN (no, not the environmentally-friendly people). From the people who brought you bell-bottoms pants, glow-in-the-dark shirts that sell for \$75 and jeans that were put through a shredder, this new look will replace the tanned look of previous years.

You may have noticed that tans have been fading throughout these past few years due to the depletion of the ozone layer, so in an effort to discourage people from frying their epidermic cells this year, a notorious few health-conscious fashion leaders have begun this trend.

This look can be achieved in one of several ways; 1)take a walk downtown and breathe in the fumes for a few hours (repeating this 3-5 times a week has proven to be most effective for this editor), 2)stand outside under (acid) rain, preferably in the St-John area (Warning: Surgeon General warns that if done too long, this practice may cause the disintegration of parts of the face and fallout of hair), 3)watch The New Kids on theBlock for one hour straight, causing nausea and severe vomiting, and 4)this method should be practiced by experienced students only: live on K.D., Mr. Noodle and coffee alone for 8 months only to think it's over and then realize that now you have to go out and find a real job!!!



Next week: A new fashion trend in the Middle-East; the dark, filthy look, "take advantage of this catastrophe" is the slogan of this trend which originated in Kuwait but is spreading like wild fire! (oops! No pun intended!)

10 Beans and their flatulence levels

Concern about food shortages around the world has caused increased attention to be paid to beans as a source of inexpensive protein. Unfortunately, many people are hesitant to eat beans because of the discomfort that is caused to the eater and his companions approximately four hours after leaving the dinner table. Here is a list of beans in order of their flatulence production: number 1 produces the most gas, number 10 the least. Dr. Louis B. Fockland of the Western Regional Research Laboratory of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture in Berkeley, Calif., warns that "the state of the art is not very advanced" and that these preliminary results might prove incorrect after the completion of further tests. In essence, Dr. Rockland implies that this list should be taken with a grain of salt.

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| 1. Soybeans | 6. Great northern beans |
| 2. Pink beans | 7. Lima beans (baby) |
| 3. Black beans | 8. Garbanzos |
| 4. Pinto beans | 9. Lima beans (large) |
| 5. California small white beans | 10. Blackeyes |

Although not literally beans, garbanzos and blackeyes were included in the lists since they are also gas producers and are often categorized as beans. Cooking soybeans with an equal portion of rice eliminates two thirds of their flatulence as well as increasing the amount of usable protein.



Divorce

The former Mr. and Mrs. Peters are pleased to announce that finally the legal red-tape has been sorted, and that their divorce is complete. The three required years of "separation" had provided the time for this couple to endure phenomenal lawyer's fees and excruciatingly enduring sessions. Ms. Marten (the re-acquired maiden name) and Mr. Peters are having parties at 502 York and 2051 Regent, respectively, to commemorate the festive event. Friends and respective, direct relatives welcome.



Engagement



Leona Moore and George McCleod are pleased to announce the official signing of their pre-nuptial agreement. The document has been carefully formulated so that their up-coming wedding day will be a secure one. Under the jurisdiction of the church, and in the eyes of the Lord, the sanctity of this ever-so-special moment will be ensured. Engagement party is taking place all week at the couple's apartment - all friends and relatives are invited.

Rites of Passage

Parents, Erna and Ted

Lockhart, are proud to publicly announce that their daughter Sally of Fredericton High School, has finally stopped wetting the bed. They are concerned that the humiliating bedwetting experience has injured the mental health of their daughter, but anticipate full recovery.

Awards

Mr. Chuckie Brown and his wife, Mrs. Erna Brown are estatic parents! Their son, 14-year old Charlie Brown, has been honoured with "McDonald's Employee of the Month." The plaque was awarded at the Staff Meeting Ceremony on Tuesday evening. His name is engraved upon the plaque, which is certain to stand the test of time (and any recycling efforts). The parents extend their gratitude to the McDonald's Corporation for

bestowing upon their son the opportunity to participate in this mind-expanding experience. The phrase "We do it all for you!" is resounding in the Brown's home.

Receipt of Bursary

Randy Miller, fourth-year Science student at UNB would like to express a sincere thank-you to the Ontario Provincial Government for the late, but nevertheless needed, Student Loan Bursary. After Randy had been shorted for three consecutive years on his previous bursaries, the government realized their error, and, in a hasty and placative response, notified Randy of his accumulated, but deserved award. Only four months later, and with one day left of classes, Randy received his bursary. He foresees a sensible and budgeted expenditure.



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