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GENERAL NEWS

New Food Formula: Tastes Fine, Kills Worms

New York Times, February 22, 2008

Kraft Foods, the conglomerate built on macaroni and cheese, is working on a new and unusual product line—food that is not only tasty, but kills intestinal worms.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/02/05/health/research/05kraf.html?ref=health>

UNDERNUTRITION

Africa: Political Will Needed To Check Hunger

UN Integrated Regional Information Network, February 21, 2008

The lack of political will to invest in agriculture has affected the chances of halving poverty and hunger in Africa by 2015, according to the United Nations.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200802210949.html>

Ethiopia: Country Launches National Nutrition Strategy

African Press International, February 8, 2008

Faced with a heavy disease burden caused by prevalent maternal and child undernourishment, Ethiopia launched its first ever National Nutrition Strategy (NNS) to ensure its people live a healthy and productive life.

<http://africanpress.wordpress.com/2008/02/08/ethiopia-country-launches-national-nutrition-strategy/>

Zoellick Stresses Fight Against Hunger

Financial Times, January 23, 2008

Robert Zoellick called on world leaders in Davos to make the fight against hunger and malnutrition a global priority following sustained increases in food prices worldwide.

http://www.ft.com/cms/s/ae0eb098-c9e8-11dc-b5dc-000077b07658.dwp_uuid=9511df10-6d6b-11da-a4df-0000779e2340.html

OVERNUTRITION

Salt Could Fuel Child Obesity

BBC News, February 21, 2008

Salt-rich diets could be the key to why some children suffer from obesity, University of London researchers say.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/health/7254589.stm>

Obesity Growing To Be Top Cancer Cause

Associated Press, February 15, 2008

Obesity is on its way to being deadlier than smoking as a cause of cancer. Being obese is currently associated with about 14 percent of cancer deaths in men and 20 percent in women, compared with about 30 percent each for smoking, Dr. Walter C. Willett of the Harvard School of

Public Health, told the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080215/ap_on_he_me/preventing_cancer_4

Study Undercuts Diabetes Theory

New York Times, February 7, 2008

For decades, researchers believed that if people with diabetes lowered their blood sugar to normal levels, they would no longer be at high risk of dying from heart disease. But a major study of more than 10,000 middle-aged and elder people with Type-2 diabetes has found that lowering blood sugar actually increased their risk of death.

<http://query.nytimes.com/gst/fullpage.html?res=9501E3D8163EF934A35751C0A96E9C8B63>