

Leeds Skeptics in the Pub News

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Social Media

Social networks blamed for allowing rioters to organise themselves.

Proposals for emergency shutdown of social networks.



Organic Water

Some brands of water are now being labelled as organic!

For something to be organic it must contain carbon. There's none in H_2O !



Lone Blogger Vs. Homeopaths

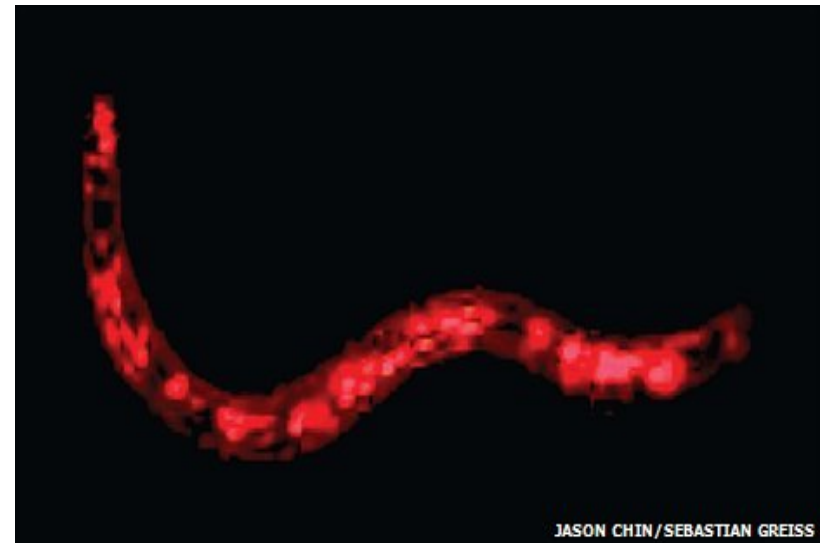
A Multinational company, Boiron, that manufactures homeopathic remedies has threatened to sue an amateur Italian blogger because of remarks he made about their products



Reengineering the Genetic Code

The first demonstration of an unnatural protein in an animal.

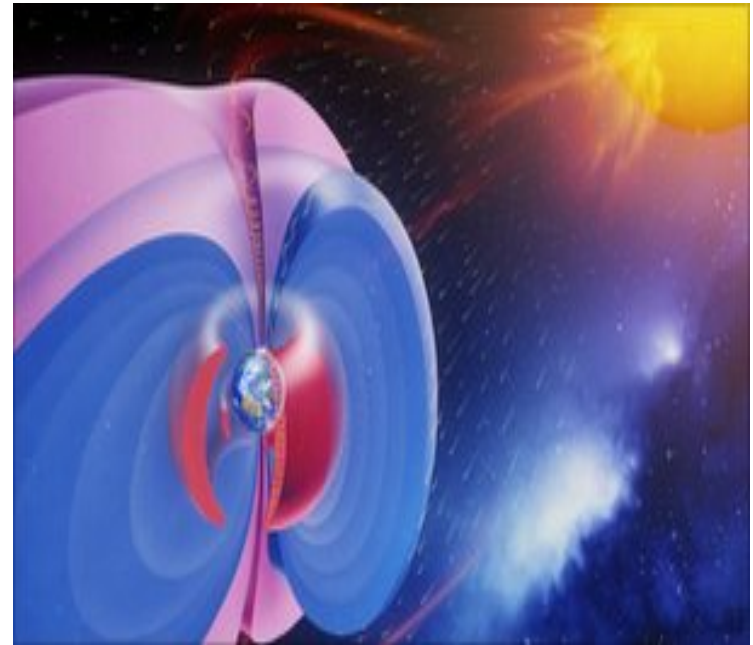
Researchers have been able to add a 21st amino acid to the genetic code. The unnatural protein glows red under uv-light, into the genome of a worm.



Earth's Antimatter Belt

The earth's magnetic field has been predicted to trap antimatter

A thin belt of antiprotons has been detected around the Earth.




Internet Brower Hoax

A study suggested that browser choice was related to IQ.

IE users were found to have below average IQ, around 80. Firefox and Chrome users scored average, Opera scoring the highest.

However, the organisation that reported the findings was a fake!





MR. DATA, WHILE I
FULLY SUPPORT YOUR
EFFORTS TO BECOME
MORE HUMAN...

I MUST INSIST
THAT YOU REFRAIN
FROM SHOUTING
"JESUS LOVES YOU!"
AT THE VIEWSCREEN
EVERY TIME WE
ENCOUNTER AN
ALIEN SPECIES.