

August Food Related Neologisms

A monthly look at new words and phrases about food.

rito n. *A clipping of burrito. "I just got out of a noise violation because the cop recognized my roommate as his favorite chipotle burrito roller. just another reason I love ritos."*

weed in a can n. *"[Drank](#)" is being billed as the anti-energy drink, to help you relax and soothe out the day. The key ingredients in the grape-flavored drink are melatonin, valerian root and rose hip. Those are all herbs used to help in relaxation and trouble sleeping. The concept of the "relaxation beverage," has led some people to refer to the drink as "weed in a can." (Not to be confused with Purple drank, which is the slang term for a recreational drug popular in the hip-hop community of the southern United States. Its main ingredient is prescription-strength cough syrup containing codeine and promethazine.*

vampire n. *A traditional dish in the Republic of Chad in central Africa that is made with animal blood. "Vampire," as it is jokingly dubbed, is making a comeback amid a global surge in food prices that has left meat too expensive for many. It is made with peppers, salt, onions, spicy sauce and maggi [stock cubes], and then fried together. Some nutritional specialists say that "vampire" is a good source of nutrients and protein, especially for children. One local was enthusiastic about its culinary merits too, stating: "The taste is good, a bit like liver. I really like it. ... I suppose it doesn't sound very good to be associated with sucking blood, but I don't really care. Perhaps it will give me the*

strength of a vampire!"

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