

Re: Newspaper as ... (Re: Expressing fractions)

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Tony Cooper wrote:

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> *On Sun, 02 Jan 2005 19:38:43 GMT, "Peter T. Daniels"*

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> *>Tak To wrote:*

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>>> *This could be due to some government regulations in the US mandating*

>>> *the composition of newspaper ink and paper.*

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>>?? *What business would a government have regulating that??*

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> *Ink is a chemical (although most newspapers use soy ink, which has a*

> *vegetable base) and the government regulates the use of chemicals.*

> *The concern is not how it goes on the paper, but what happens if the*

> *paper is ingested, burned, or disposed of.*

Consider the antecedent of "this." Government regulations are silent as to whether newspaper ink may or may not rub off of newsprint paper. Rubbing off may or may not be an incidental result of the regulation of poisonous substances.

Even vegetable-based inks are chemicals.

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