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Robert Carey carves an African mask

KEVIN GROENHAGEN PHOTO

Carey's former students now leaders of Liberia

By Kevin Groenhagen

If you judge a teacher by the accomplishments of his students, Robert Carey must be an outstanding educator.

One of Carey's high school students during the 1950s, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, in January became Africa's first elected woman head of state. She was unexpectedly elected president of Liberia last November after using a slogan that referred to two bloody, civil years between 1989 and 2003: "All the men have failed Liberia; let's try a woman this time."

"She's really smart and articulate," Carey said. "Even back then she was one of the most articulate girls in the whole high school. She could stand up against the boys in any type of debate."

Johnson-Sirleaf's vice president, Joseph Nyuma Boakai, was one of Carey's 11th grade students in Liberia.

Exactly how does a man born in Fremont, Neb., find himself in Africa teaching two future leaders of Liberia?

Carey's father was an educator who served as a principal and super-

intendent at several schools in Nebraska, but the young Carey had a different career in mind. After attending community college, he entered the University of Nebraska in 1941 to pursue a degree in chemical engineering.

Several months into his studies, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and the United States entered World War II.

"Some buddies and I went to join the Navy, but they wouldn't take anyone as tall as me," said Carey, who is over 6' 8". "I was really dis-

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Robert Carey

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appointed when the Marines turned me away. Their cut off then was 6'

While Carey could not serve in the military, he got his chance to join the war effort when he was recruited by Goodyear to go to Akron, Ohio, during the summer of 1944 to work in the area of synthetic rubber devel-

When Singapore fell to the Japanese in February 1942, the U.S. and the Allies lost 95 percent of their source of natural rubber. President Roosevelt set up a new agency called the Rubber Reserve Company, which organized, planned, and financed the creation of a huge synthetic rubber industry. Through this effort, the U.S. synthetic rubber industry went from an annual output of just 231 tons of general purpose rubber in 1941 to an output of 70,000 tons a month in 1945.

"I had a really interesting summer there working with rubber chemistry geniuses," Carey said.

After that summer, Carey returned to his studies in Nebraska. While there, he attended a campus conference at Baker University in Baldwin City.

"I was a delegate for the University of Nebraska, and while at Baker I met the girl who became my wife," Carey said.

LaDonna Clemings was about to graduate from Baker, while Carey, at that time, was a bit less serious about his studies.

"We decided to set the date to get married and then we would go and set up our home in some exciting city," Carey said. "We chose Denver. I got a job there with the U.S. Rubber Company.'

Carey earned a degree in Business Administration/Pre-Engineering in 1949 while in Denver. However, just a year later, his engineering career took a detour.

"We began to teach the high school Sunday school classes at Trinity Methodist Church in downtown Denver and became youth leaders in the district," Carey said. "We went to a national youth conference. There we saw 35 African youth on stage during one of the presentations. They were such a vibrant and articulate group. Our mission board made an appeal. They were looking for people interested in missionary careers in teaching in mission schools in Africa. LaDonna and I made a commitment right there. We had a chance to make a difference in Afri-

The Careys signed up and then attended Hartford Seminary in Connecticut for training in anthropology, African languages, culture studies, and health issues in the tropics. They then attended another seminary in Evanston, Ill., for Bible studies and counseling.

The Careys' first assignment was to teach at the College of West Africa in Monrovia, Liberia. That was in

"That part of Africa was called the 'white man's graveyard' because of malaria, dysentery, and other tropical diseases," Carey explained. "Our training at the Hartford Seminary was invaluable. It helped us survive in one of the deadliest parts of Africa."

The College of West Africa was established in 1833 by Rev. Melville B. Cox, the first Methodist missionary in Liberia. It serves students in grades seven through 12. Carey taught science, served as the business manager and, in 1967, became the principal of the high school. LaDonna also taught science and English.

While on furloughs back in the U.S., Carev earned a master's in Business Education/School Administration from Vanderbilt University's Peabody College in 1959, and a Ph.D. in Education Administration and Planning from Stanford University in 1970. Carey's doctoral research was on education and national development in Nigeria.

The Carevs reared their daughter and son in Liberia.

In 1973 the family moved to Cuttington University College, which is located about 120 miles north of Monrovia in the interior of Liberia. Carey during the next three years served as the chairman of the education department of the coeducational, four-year, degree-granting institution. LaDonna served as the college's comptroller.

"She helped to save that institution from economic collapse," Carey said

"We felt good when we left in 1976 because the Liberians had been trained to take our places," Carey explained. "That had always been the plan.'

"Our son was nearly ready for high school at that time," Carey added. "We thought it was the appropriate time to come home and stay home. We had already put our daughter in Baker University during our last furlough. When she got settled in the dormitory, she said, 'Mom and Dad, you can go back to Liberia now.' She was the first to stay home. That was a poignant moment."

Once back in the U.S., Carey accepted a position at Union College, a Methodist college in Barbourville, Ky.

"I was a professor of education and became vice president and, later, executive vice president," Carey said. "Union College is in Appalachia, which, in a sense, was a developing region. I developed a master's degree training program, got World Bank funding for it, and brought Liberian school masters to our college for a one-year master's degree program. Joseph Kortoe, a member of this group, has been appointed Minister of Education in the new Liberian government.

While at Union, the Carevs hosted a conference of former missionaries who had served in Liberia.

"I met John Furbay at the conference," Carey said. "He had been the president of the College of West Africa during the 1930s, while I had served as president of the school in the 1960s and 1970s. He said, 'We should write a book about Liberia,' and I readily agreed. I thought we were going to write it together, but it turned out he didn't have that kind of energy anymore. He was already in his 80s. So he ended up financing my research."

In the meantime, LaDonna, who was Union College's financial aid director, was ready for a change.

"She felt God's calling to become a minister," Carey explained. "We pulled up stakes and she enrolled in Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City."

LaDonna eventually spent five years as a pastor at churches in southern Kansas. She continues to

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work part-time at Lowman United Methodist Church.

While LaDonna attended Saint Paul, Carey began writing his book on Liberia. Furbay provided Carey with a stipend while he conducted the research.

"I went to the Library of Congress, Northwestern University in Chicago, the University of Virginia, and Harvard," Carey said. "Harvard had early documents on the American Colonization Society that no other university had."

The American Colonization Society founded Liberia in 1822 and transported free black Americans to the new colony on the coast of West Africa.

Carey completed *Freedom Ships*, a 378-page historical novel about the creation of Africa's first black republic by freed slaves from America, in 1999.

"The support here has been marvelous," Carey said of Aldersgate Village, the Topeka retirement community the Careys have called home for nearly a decade. "When the book came off the press, we had a book signing here. Television stations in town came to cover it."

The Kansas Authors Club in 2000 awarded Carey with the J. Donald Coffin Memorial Book Award for the best book written by a Kansan. The novel is currently available at Amazon.com, Booksurge.com, a print-on-demand company acquired by Amazon.com last year, and at Hastings in Topeka.

Carey is currently conducting research for a historical novel about Hiram Scott. According to several accounts, Scott was a fur trader who lost his life on the North Platte River in Nebraska several years before the Oregon Trail became a key overland migration route for pioneers. Scotts Bluff National Monument in Nebraska was named for the unfortunate fur trader.

While the novel on Scott would be a significant departure from *Freedom Ships*, Carey is quite familiar with the topic. He lived eight years in Gering, Neb., which is located at the base of the monument.

At 82, Carey continues to be an educator. For several years he has taught a memoir-writing class and an AARP driver safety program at Lowman United Methodist Church. Several of Carey's students in the memoir-writing class actually started their own writers' group called The Write Stuff. The group published *Insight Out*, an anthology of poetry



President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf cuts the ribbon at a USAID-funded, county-government development project on February 21.

and prose, in 2003, and dedicated the book to Carey.

"It's just fantastic!" Carey exclaimed. "Some of the writing is truly outstanding. One person has already written and published his own book."

While there may not be a future president or vice president in The Write Stuff, it is clear that Carey is very proud of the accomplishments of these aspiring writers. He hopes to teach many more in the coming years.



Buster Jenkins to Sign New Book at Hastings

Friday, March 24, 2006

Best-selling author Buster Jenkins will be signing his new book, "Tales From Woodson County," at Hastings Book Store in Lawrence on Friday, March 24, from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Buster's new book has been highly rated among distributors and publishers. Many say they haven't read stories like these in 30 years. Buster has numerous aspects of his life to draw from.

Born during the depression on a farm in Woodson County, Kansas, he grew up poor and restless. During World War II he sailed for the Merchant Marines, and during the Korean War he served as a sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a champion fiddler and professional musician for 45 years, playing for Presidents and First Ladies. Buster was also inducted into two Halls of Fame.



Buster will also be signing his first book, "Toughern' A Boot," on March 24th. "Toughern' A Boot" is a true story of his life and times. Buster tells of his life on the farm, sailing the high seas for 7 years, his experience in the Marine Corps, and, of course, all his years in Country Music.

Both books are highly rated and will be available at the signing. So make plans to just drop by and say, "Hi." Buster will be glad to see you.

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Alliance to serve seniors forms in Topeka

By Kevin Groenhagen

hanks to the efforts of Jim Lord and Tim Roberts, seniors in Northeast Kansas have a new resource to help direct them to a variety of quality professional services.

Lord and Roberts, financial representatives with Topeka's Lord-Roberts & Associates, were introduced to the concept of Senior Resource Alliances (SRA) while attending a Society of Certified Senior Advisors conference in Kansas City. The concept involves creating an alliance of professionals who serve seniors. This alliance would then provide a wide range of senior services under one umbrella and would focus on solving senior problems instead of just trading leads or referrals.

"The Society is promoting the concept of SRAs around the country," said Lord, who noted that SRAs have already been formed in Denver, Colo., where the Society has its headquarters, Orlando, Fla., and other parts of the country.

Lord and Roberts specialize in working with retirees and those about to retire, and both financial professionals have earned their Certified Senior Advisor (CSA) designation from the Society of Certified Senior Advisors. CSAs must complete a rigorous course instruction in the concerns facing seniors and pass a comprehensive exam to demonstrate their knowledge of senior issues. In addition to financial representatives, those with the CSA designation include attorneys, senior housing professionals, doctors, nurses, social workers, funeral directors, and others who work with seniors. While SRAs must be started by CSAs, non-CSAs can join SRAs.

Lord and Roberts last fall began contacting others to see if they were interested in forming an SRA for the Topeka area.

There were people we knew who were involved in working with seniors, and we said, 'Come on in, we have an idea," Lord said.

After determining that there was indeed an interest in forming an SRA, Lord and Roberts secured the Northeast Kansas territory for an SRA and started signing up members. The Senior Resource Alliance of Northeast Kansas then had its official kickoff last November at Atria Hearthstone.

'We flew in Linley White of CSA Programs to be the guest speaker,' Lord said. "We fed at least 100 people, most of whom work with seniors. We also invited a few centers of influence. I think it was a very successful kickoff."

"The centers of influence include people who think a lot of you, such as clients and others who know you well," Roberts added. "Every member of the alliance has centers of influence, and we plan on mailing a monthly newsletter to all our centers of influence. That's one way we'll let people know about the alliance. Another way is a pamphlet we're putting together that lists all the members of the alliance. The pamphlet will be distributed at hospitals, doctors' offices, retirement communities, and other places where seniors are so they will become more aware of the alliance."

Thus far, Lord and Roberts are pleased with the progress SRA of Northeast Kansas has made.

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Members of the Senior Resource Alliance of Northeast Kansas at the group's official kickoff. Front row: Ron Richardson, Re/Max Realtors; James Lord, Lord-Roberts & Associates; Penny Atchison, Atria Hearthstone; Lisa Becker, Lord-Roberts & Associates; Heidi Pickerell, Midland Hospice; Linley White, Certified Senior Advisors Programs. Back row: Tim Roberts, Lord-Roberts & Associates; Butch Gilkison, Accounting Center; Jared Holyrod, Atria Hearthstone; Steve Cornelius, Financial Freedom; Larry Hapgood, Attorney.

"We've done things in the last 120 days in developing this SRA that Linley White tells us others that have been around longer haven't done yet," Lord said. "Evidently, we have grown and done things the right way. We're light years ahead of where many other SRAs are."

The SRA of Northeast Kansas already has 20 members, has its own Web site, and is preparing to hold monthly education meetings for its members.

"Our meetings will focus on learning what each member does in the senior arena so that when, for example, I have a client in my office who needs help with something, I can pick up a phone right then and there and call an alliance member," Lord explained. "I don't ask a client if she would like me to refer her to someone. I ask, 'Would you like me to help you with that?' We want people to say you can depend on the alliance to give you the right information and to steer you in the right direction."

For more information about the Senior Resource Alliance of Northeast Kansas, please call 785-266-6017 or visit www.sraneks.com.

(Note: Just before press time, Senior Monthly learned that the Senior Resource Alliance/Jayhawk Area is beginning to sign up members in the Lawrence area. For more information, please call Seth Movsovitz at 785-550-1133.)

SRA's 360 Degree Concept

The concept of the Senior Resource Alliance is to surround the senior community with a source of trusted solutions for most of their important decisions. Membership is open to one representative from each type of business or organization that serves seniors. Those businesses and organizations include, but are not limited to, the following areas:

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Bert Nash to hold 'Nash Dash'

The fifth annual Nash Dash fundraiser will take place on Saturday, May 13, 2006, on the levee in North Lawrence. A 5K fun run and 5K walk will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a one mile walk following at 8:30 a.m. All events begin and end at the Lawrence Visitors Center located at 402 N. 2nd.

The Nash Dash is a fundraiser for the WRAP Program, which places mental health professionals from the Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center in schools in Baldwin City, Lawrence and Marion Springs Elementary. Donations will also provide scholarships for youth to attend Lawrence Parks and Recreation programs and activities.

Businesses, organizations and individuals who contribute \$100 or more in cash or in-kind goods/ services will be recognized on the Nash Dash 2006 shirt and other promotional materials. Contact Scott McMichael at 785-830-1701 or smcmichael@bertnash.org for information on becoming a sponsor.

For more information contact Marilyn Sell at msell@bertnash.org or 785-830-1795 or register online at www.lprd.org/nashdash.shtml.





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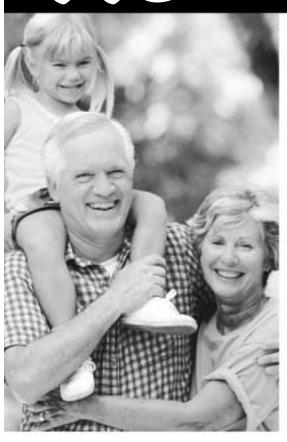
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HEALTH & FITNESS

News on therapy benefits

dangerous new limit on Medicare benefits went into effect on January 1, 2006. All the basic outpatient therapies—physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy—have been limited to just a few hours per year. Luckily, Congress added an exception process for 2006 that will allow many seniors to get the therapy they need.



Laura Bennetts

This may apply to you. I'll explain below how to find out. And I'll also discuss what we can do to repeal the limits after 2006.

Who Gets Hurt?

First, the bad news: the new limits adversely affect millions of Americans—everyone who is covered by Medicare, everyone whose Medicare is handled by a managed care plan, and everyone who will qualify for Medicare upon retirement. That probably means you!

What Are We Losing?

If you have never used your Medicare benefits you may not know that, since 1965, Medicare has provided outpatient therapy—including physical, occupational and speech therapy-to help you recover from illnesses or injuries. Until recently, you could receive as many hours of treatment as your doctor and your therapist agreed you truly needed. But now Medicare therapy coverage is limited to a not-so-grand total of about 30 hours per patient—PER YEAR!! That includes roughly 15 hours of occupational therapy and 15 hours of speech and physical therapy combined. Very, very few of the serious injuries that we commonly treat will truly heal in that brief amount of time. But Congress says that's all the time we're allowed

Where Did The Therapy Caps Originate?

The Balanced Budget Amendment of 1997 introduced the caps. This was part of a wide-ranging cutback on Medicare benefits that put severe limits on home health, post-hospitalization nursing home care, and outpatient therapies. In 1999 the

caps went in effect, but there was so much uproar that Congress put a moratorium on the caps from 2000 until September 2003. The 2003 Medicare Drug Bill extended the moratorium until January 2006. But now the moratorium has lapsed, and the cuts are in effect once again.

Good News for 2006

This year, therapists are allowed to apply for "exceptions" for people who need more than 30 hours of treatment. Some exceptions will be automatically granted—for people with specified conditions—and others can be requested in writing.

Take Advantage of the Exceptions!

If you meet one of the conditions below, you automatically qualify for continued therapy beyond the cap.

- Anyone who needs therapy for one of over 90 different conditions, including arthritis, stroke, joint replacements, and many more. To see whether you qualify, contact your therapist.
- Anyone released from the hospital or a skilled nursing facility in the last 30 days.
- Anyone with a mental health problem that may slow recovery.
- Anyone requiring both speech and physical therapy for their condition. (Many people require all three therapies after a stroke.)
- Anyone needing therapy to be able to return to their previous place of residence.
- Anyone needing therapy to recover greater independence in daily activities like dressing and bathing.
- Anyone who used their 30 hours early in 2006 and now need therapy for a different condition.
- Anyone who either doesn't live near a hospital therapy department or would find it physically taxing to get to a hospital for outpatient therapy. This includes people who live in nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

If your situation does no automatically qualify you for 30+ hours of treatment, your therapist can still request up to 15 extra treatment visits beyond the limit. The therapist must submit an appeal in writing. Medicare will respond in writing as well.

Bad News for 2007

This exception process is messy, bureaucratic, and complicated—but at least it will allow many people who need treatment to get help. Next year, however, even this alter-

native will cease to be available—that is, unless we fight back now.

Here are key points to keep in mind: **Therapy Saves Money**

Is therapy just too expensive for society to afford? Not at all. On the contrary, therapists save the healthcare system billions of dollars every year. How? Consider, for example, therapists in nursing homes. They provide patients in wheelchairs with pressure-relieving cushions to prevent pressure sores. If a patient develops a pressure sore, the cost of treatment is over \$10,000 per sore— money that is saved by therapy. Similarly, when therapists prevent falls, wounds, fractures, weakness, pain, disability and aspiration pneumonia, they save the health system the untold dollars that would be required to treat the injured and infirm in hospitals and long term care —the two most expensive parts of the health care system, by far.

What Can We Do?

Medicare cuts deprive older Americans of much-needed medical care.

What can we do? Congress is now considering options for 2007, including a bill that would repeal the therapy caps. This bill deserves your

support. Take the time to call your Congressional representatives to let them know that arbitrary capping of therapy benefits hurts those who need care most.

Ask your representatives to add their names to the bill that repeals the cap—HR 916/S. 438—and to urge a vote on this bill before the November 2006 elections. Americans want to know who in Congress really supports Medicare and healthcare for seniors. We want real leadership on the issue of funding care for seniors, not opportunistic cutbacks.

Sometimes, we need political therapy as well as physical therapy. Call your representatives to say that you care...and you vote.

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Natural treatments can be used for rheumatoid arthritis

Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) is an autoimmune disease. An autoimmune disease is when a person's immune system mistakenly attacks the person's own body. It is a chronic disease that targets the



Dr. Farhang Khosh

joints. The joints that are most often affected include the wrists, fingers and feet. RA causes pain, swelling and stiffness in the joints. Rheumatoid arthritis affects people of all ages but mainly affects people between the ages of 30 and 50. Women are three times more likely to be affected as men. According to the National Institutes of Health, we know the following about RA:

- 1. RA usually occurs in a symmetrical pattern. For example, if one hand is affected, usually the other will be, too.
- 2. RA often affects the wrists and fingers, though it can affect other parts of the body.
- 3. RA is an autoimmune disease affecting the entire body. A person suffering from RA may feel tired, weak, lose of appetite, lose weight, or generally not feel well.

Conventional therapy for treating RA target to relief pain, reduce swelling in the joints, slow down or stop the damage to the joints and improve the person's ability to function. Common medications used in treatment include nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs, and corticosteroids. Alternative medicine offers a variety of treatments for RA, including medicinal plants such as ginger, feverfew, boswellia, curcumin or valerian. Vitamins and minerals, including fish oil, glu-

cosamine and chondroitin sulfate, can also be used, as well as dietary approaches, such as restricting the amount of nightshades in a person's diet. In addition, other treatments include homeopathy, Ayurveda medicines and acupuncture.

Fish oil is the only natural treatment for rheumatoid arthritis with significant documentation. According to the results of at least 13 double-blind, placebo-controlled studies involving a total of over 500 participants, supplementation with omega-3 fatty acids can significantly reduce the symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis. Recent research has identified boswellic acids, the active ingredients in boswellia, as showing anti-inflammatory effects. A pair of placebo-controlled trials involving a total of 81 people with rheumatoid arthritis found significant reductions in swelling and pain over the course of the months.

Since the 1980s, glucosamine sulfate has become the treatment of choice for many practitioners in the U.S. and Europe. Glucosamine, a sugar produced in the body and found in small amounts in foods, plays an important role in maintaining cartilage. When taken as a dietary supplement, glucosamine may help to relieve the pain, stiffness, and

swelling of joints. In recent years there have been many studies to confirm the relationship between the severity of RA and diet. Recently, there is mounting research evidence to confirm the relationship between intestinal health and inflammatory disease. Diets high in pro-inflammatory foods, such as sugar, refined carbohydrates, saturated animal fats, processed foods, and hydrogenated oils, may contribute to the expression of RA in people who are genetically inclined to the disease. Also, avoiding the food allergens can have a great impact in RA. Many people with RA do much better by eating gluten, adopting a dairy-free diet, and adding fresh fruit and vegetables.

- Dr. Farhang Khosh, N.D., is a Naturopathic Doctor practicing at Natural Medical Care in Lawrence. He can be reached at 785-749-2255.

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PERSONAL FINANCE

Why the Alternative Minimum Tax is not just for the wealthy

The alternative minimum tax (AMT) has been called the stealth tax, and with good reason: Although intended for the rich, the AMT is affecting more and more middle-income Americans in large part because it has only been adjusted for inflation twice since its intro-



Steve Lane and Garth Terlizzi

duction in 1969. If Congress does not act to limit the AMT's reach, even more taxpayers could face higher federal income taxes in 2006.

Whether or not Congress agrees soon to rein in the AMT, a general understanding of how the tax works may help you avoid it.

The Other Income Tax

The AMT truly functions as an "alternative" federal tax system. It has its own set of rates and rules for deductions, which are more restrictive than the regular rules. It operates in parallel with the regular income tax system in that if you're already paying at least as much under the "regular" income tax as you would under AMT, you don't have to pay it. But if your regular tax falls below this minimum, you have to make up the difference by paying the alternative minimum tax.

The AMT can be triggered in a number of different ways. Although those with higher incomes are more susceptible to the tax, many other factors such as the amount of exemptions or deductions can also prompt the tax. Even commonplace items such as a deduction for state income tax or interest on a second mortgage can set off the AMT.

Watch for Red Flags

Certain circumstances and tax items are likely to trigger the AMT:

- · If your gross income is above \$100,000.
- · If you have large numbers of personal exemptions.



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- If you have significant itemized deductions for state and local taxes, home equity loan interest, deductible medical expenses or other miscellaneous deductions.
- If you exercised incentive stock options (ISOs) during the year.
- If you had a large capital gain.
- If you own a business, rental properties, partnership interests or S corporation stock.

If any of these apply to you, complete the AMT worksheet provided with the instructions to Form 1040 or fill out Form 6251, Alternative Minimum Tax - Individuals. Taxpayers who fail to pay an AMT liability are subject to penalties and

AMT rates start at 26 percent, rising to 28 percent at higher income levels, compared to regular federal tax rates, which start at 10 percent and step up to 35 percent. Although the AMT rates appear to top out at a lower rate than regular federal income taxes, the AMT calculation allows significantly fewer deductions,

making for a potentially larger tax to delay an asset sale until after the

Unlike regular taxes, the AMT does not allow personal or dependent exemptions or the standard deduction. Moreover, there are no deductions for state and local tax, property tax and a number of other itemized deductions. For example, home-equity loan interest is not deductible if the loan proceeds are not used for home improvements. Accordingly, the more exemptions and deductions claimed, the more likely it is that an AMT liability will apply.

On the positive side, there is a special AMT exemption - \$58,000 for joint filers and \$40,250 for singles in 2005 — designed to prevent the AMT from applying to those with modest incomes. This exemption is reduced by 25 cents for each dollar of AMT taxable income above \$112,500 for singles (\$150,000 for couples). There's also an "AMT credit" in future years for some of the extra taxes paid under the AMT. However, this can only be used in a year when the AMT is not paid.

Avoiding the AMT

To avoid or minimize the impact of the AMT, consider these sugges-

Time capital gains. You may be able

end of the year, or spread a gain over a number of years by using an installment sale. If you're looking to liquidate an investment with a longterm gain, review the AMT consequences with a tax professional to determine what impact such a sale might have.

Time deductible expenses. When possible, time payments of state and local taxes, home-equity loan interest (if you don't intend to use the loan proceeds for home improvements) and other miscellaneous itemized deductions to fall in years when you won't face the AMT. Since they are not deductible for AMT purposes, they will go unused in a year when the AMT is paid. The same holds true for medical deductions, which face stricter deduction rules for the

Look before exercising. Exercising incentive stock options is probably the biggest red flag for triggering the AMT. Because the tax issues are complex and the AMT on option proceeds can be significant, you should consult with a qualified tax professional before exercising them.

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PERSONAL FINANCE

Is your estate plan in place?

any of us don't like to think about estate planning, because the process reminds us that we are not going to live forever. Yet if you want something of yourself to live on, you should have a comprehensive estate plan. And the best time to start your estate planning is many years before it will likely be needed.

A good estate plan can help you





Harley Catlin and Ryan Catlin

answer many key questions: Who will make financial decisions for me if I become incapacitated? Who will take care of my kids if I die prematurely? How will my money and property be distributed? How can I avoid probate? Can I reduce, or eliminate, the estate taxes my heirs may face?

To address these and other concerns, you will need to work with your tax and legal professionals to create an estate plan that is appropriate for your needs. You will also need to work with a financial professional to select any investments that may be needed within your estate plan. While working with these people, you may need to consider the following:

Ownership titles - When it's time for your estate to be settled, the ownership of all your assets—real estate, securities, retirement accounts, etc.—will be an important issue. Your tax and legal advisors can help you determine which forms of property ownership—such as joint tenancy, sole ownership and tenants in common—are suitable for your needs.

Beneficiary designations - It's obviously important to name beneficiaries on life insurance policies, annuities and other financial vehicles. But many people don't review their beneficiary designations periodically—and that's a big mistake. If you get divorced and remarried, or if you have a new child, you will want to change or add beneficiaries. If you forget, your family could go through some major headaches when it's time to settle your

estate

Will - If you don't have a will, your wishes may never be fully honored, because state law will dictate how your assets are divided. And if you have no living relatives, and you die intestate (without a will), your estate will go to the state.

Living Trust - If you only have a will, your assets may have to pass through probate—which can be time-consuming and expensive. But with a properly established living trust, drafted by an experienced attorney, your assets can pass directly to your beneficiaries, without court interference, legal fees, lengthy delays and public disclosure. Also, a living trust can give you more precise control over how—and when—you want your assets

distributed.

Durable General Power of Attorney - When you create a durable general power of attorney, you can appoint another person to conduct your business affairs if you are physical or mentally unable to manage them yourself.

Health Care Directive/Living Will
- By establishing a health care directive or living will, you are providing evidence of your wishes regarding the administration of life-prolonging procedures when you are no lon-

ger able to communicate.

Proper Planning Takes Time

It can take months, or even years, to get your estate plans in the shape you want—and you'll still probably need to make changes as you progress through life. So, don't delay. Get started on your estate planning soon. It can be a lot of work—but it's worth the effort.

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RETIRE SMART

Boomer corps would harvest 'civic energy' of retirees

By Humberto and Georgina Cruz

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ere's one way to look at it (ours): Retirees with nothing to do can fritter away their lives in front of the boob tube — or they can get off their duffs, use their free time and often immense talents



Humberto and Georgina Cruz

to help others, and gain a new sense of purpose at the same time.

Marc Magee puts it more delicately, but that's the basic message we get from an innovative proposal to create a "Boomer Corps" of retiring Baby Boomers.

"So far, the debate in Washington has focused on the money that will be necessary to meet the health and retirement needs of the growing number of older Americans, with a focus on ensuring the continued solvency of Medicare and Social Security," said Magee, director of the Center for Civic Enterprise of the Progressive Policy Institute, a not-for-profit think tank in Washington, D.C.

"This is obviously critical," he said, "but it is just as important to start thinking about how we can tap the growing resource that this better educated, healthier, and more active class of elders represents."

Here's how: A national large-scale service initiative that translates the "civic energy" of elder boomers into civic action.

"While millions of Americans continue to see their 60s as a time to bring their full-time careers to an end, there is also a growing number of Americans who are interested in a more active retirement mixing work, leisure and service," Magee wrote in an Institute policy report titled Boomer Corps: Activating Seniors for National Service.

This Boomer Corps idea is more than a pipe dream from a starry-eyed idealist group. The Center for Civic Enterprise has helped shape public policy and civic innovation for more than a decade, Magee said. Most recently, it was instrumental in get-

ting Sen. John McCain of Arizona, a Republican, and Sen. Evan Bayh of Indiana, a Democrat, to sponsor legislation signed into law in 2002 that, among other things, encouraged more young Americans to serve in the military by offering shortermenlistment options and the opportunity to combine military and civilian service.

"We like to focus on ideas that are politically viable," Magee said. "We put the ideas out there and try to team up with people who can make it happen."

As regular readers of this column know, we don't take public stands on political issues. (Magee says the Center advocates a progressive "Third Way" approach that transcends a "liberal" or "conservative" label.) The point is that the concept of a "Boomer Corps" extends beyond politics and can serve as a call for personal action for all of us even if Congress never considers the proposal.

The Boomer Corps the Institute is proposing — a "national network of grassroots projects, not a vast new bureaucracy centered in Washington" — would be made up of recent retirees 55 and older. These retires would serve 25 hours a week for one year or more in projects focused on home care services and coordinated care for the elderly; tutoring and mentoring work and educational innovation initiatives, and efforts to organize and coordinate the volunteer activities of other community elders.

In return, members of the Boomer Corps would receive a tax-free stipend of \$400 a month to supplement their retirement income, plus the choice of a \$4,000 education award for their own continuing education or to send a child or grand-child to college, or a \$4,000 voucher for health-care related expenses, including long-term care.

To attract as many retirees as possible, the government would include a "Call To Service" card and information on how to join the Boomer Corps with every American's first Social Security check. By 2012, the Institute projects 1 million retiring Baby Boomers would have joined.

The plan also envisions the recruitment of 12 elder community volunteers for each Boomer Corps member, each volunteer continuing to serve five hours a week or more as part of an active retirement.

Estimated cost of the program when fully implemented would be \$9 billion a year — less than the economic benefits the Institute sees from the senior volunteers' work, the reduced dependence on more formal and costly arrangements for continuing care for the elderly, and the participants' own improved health and well-being through "increased civic engagement and social connectedness."

Which brings us to our final point: Numerous studies show that retirees lead healthier and more fulfilling lives when they are so connected and engaged. Yet, an estimated 40 million retirees in the United States while away 43 hours a week watching television. Spending so much time in front of the tube, Magee said, "is kind of frightening."

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DEAR PHARMACIST

'It' happens ... and in different colors, too

By Suzy Cohen, R.Ph.

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QUESTION: Why does eating licorice strips cause some people to have green bowel movements? The first time this happens, it's scary! Many people would like to know if this is normal. — R.O., Venice, Fla.

ANSWER: I was told a long time ago that a columnist defines herself by the questions she publishes, and defecation is not one of my preferred subjects. With that said, I would like to put the world's eighth wonder to rest so that readers don't rush to the emergency room at the first sign of green poop, thinking they are deathly ill. Don't misunderstand: Green poop "could" be a sign of serious problems, but for most people it's just the result of food coloring. Doctors can evaluate stool discoloration and review symptoms and lab tests to rule out dangerous bleeding ulcers, pancreatic problems, jaundice or anal fissures. But the purpose of this column is to unload information on harmless, ordinary discolorations that are fleeting.

Researchers have actually studied poop color, although many of them are 13-year-olds without a better hobby. The evidence may get flushed but the science is solid, and poop researchers have determined that dyes contained in our foods alter the color of our waste

For example, kids who eat purple Popsicles, blue frosting or black jellybeans will end up with blue tongues and green poop. Black licorice can do this too, as you have already noticed when you sneaked a peek before the flush. Kids get a chuckle out of this, sometimes striving for every color of the rainbow. Personally, I never recommend ingesting too much food with all these crazy dyes. For people who are allergic or suffer with leaky gut or celiac disease, food additives can be a problem.

Butt . . . there's no denying that many foods generate swirl art, including blue or purple corn chips, Gatorade, fruit drinks, Hi-C and Kool-aid. Blueberries can turn it blue or black. To achieve red or pink, that Chinese neon-colored red sauce is a good place to start.

It's not just food; medication can do it too. For example, white poop can happen if you drink one of those barium milkshakes before an X-ray of the gut. Pepto Bismol can make it turn grayish-black and even cause a furry black tongue. Antibiotics like metronidazole or tetracycline can cause bizarre end products too. Many anti-gas formulas produce bright orange, scaring new moms who use those infant drops. Lots of things influence human waste, even corn, but were not going there.

QUESTION: What are the side effects of lisinopril? Does it cause impotence? — J.H., Roanoke, Va.

ANSWER: Yes, impotence is possible. More often, people who take blood pressure pills usually experience orthostatic hypotension, that feeling of dizziness or light-headed-

ness, especially after resting for long periods of time. Fatigue, headache and a nonproductive cough are possible. So is the sudden inability to taste foods properly or a salty or metallic taste in the mouth.

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PET WORLD

Wife with 12 pets may need counseling

By Steve Dale

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QUESTION: My wife has 12 pets in our small home, mostly cats. I say this is too many but she has an unusual desire, almost a need, for multiple pets. I think she's trying to fill some kind of psychological void in



Steve Dale

her life. Would you suggest counseling? — M.T., Rochester, NY

ANSWER: I admire your courage in seeking help. In my experience, when a spouse or family member suggests that a problem exists, they're usually right. Stephanie LaFarge, senior director at the New York City-based American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, concurs.

"Writing to a newspaper columnist is a cry for help. No matter what's going on in your home, it's affected your marriage and you're clearly very concerned," she comments. "This is reason enough to ask for help. I absolutely suggest counseling to sort through this."

An intervention by friends and family might include clipping this column to show your wife that an unrelated, unbiased and expert third party also suggests counseling. Asking a member of the clergy or your physician to intercede might also help. However, your wife might refuse to listen.

"If the cats are suffering in any way, it may be a case of hoarding," LaFarge comments. "Hoarders don't understand the reality that too many cats in too small an area can be severely stressful, and these cats sometimes suffer from medical conditions which go untreated." How can you tell if the cats are stressed? One hint might be that some are missing their litter boxes.

If you remain unsure what to do, ask a local humane officer or veterinarian to visit your home. If your wife won't allow this, it's your obligation to call the police, not only for your wife's sake but also considering what's best for the cats. This could be the wake-up call your wife needs. At least it's a humane way to get the cats out of a situation that might be downright unhealthy.

QUESTION: I live in a city with a leash law, but someone in my neighborhood allows his dog to run free, defecating on my lawn. I really like dogs but I want this to stop. Do you know of any product I could spray on the lawn to deter dogs from going there? — H.D.M., Lighthouse Point, FL

ANSWER: I endorse designated off-leash places where dogs can run, Aside from being inconsiderate, what your neighbor is doing is illegal, which is why you can call the police.

I suspect you know the culprit. If so, first try having a reasonable conversation with him. Sometimes when people speak face to face, the results can be surprising. Perhaps you can strike a deal, allowing the neighbor's dog to run in exchange for the owner picking up the pet's droppings.

Even in public places where dogs can run, scooping their poop is required by law, and for good reason. Aside from the mess, dog feces can transmit worms to people and other dogs.

I congratulate you for understanding that the dog isn't really the problem. If your conversation with the owner goes nowhere, call the police.

There's no product you can spray on your lawn to deter dogs, but you could set up a motion detector to spray water at interlopers. This might or might not deter the dog in question; many dogs love to be sprayed by water!

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New caregiver support group forming

A caregiver support group designed to be a safe place to assist and empower caregivers of seniors is now forming. The goal of the group is to support the caregiver by addressing their needs to ensure their own quality of life. The caregiver support group is being administered by Senior Outreach Services (SOS) in cooperation with Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (JAAA).

SOS is a mental health wellness and recovery program providing counseling and consultation for seniors and/or caregivers of seniors. SOS helps those people working with life transitions, grief and loss, stress management, and relationships surrounding aging issues. Teresa McQuinn, LSCSW, and Karen

Beckwith, LSCSW, will be the group's facilitators.

The caregiver support group will meet twice each month—the second Monday of the month at 11:00 a.m. and again on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Caregivers may attend one of both meetings. All meetings are held at the Rose Hill Place Clubhouse, 3600 SW Gage Blvd., Ste. 97.

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BOOKSHELF

Gardens and murder

By Margaret Baker

Admit it, you've been reading those nursery catalogs, the ones with the vivid pictures of professionally-modeled flowers and vegetables. Indulge that urge indoors with container plantings you can take outdoors later:

Peter Loewer: Small Space Gardening (Lyons Press, \$14.95) trade paperback

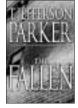
After describing what plant containers need for drainage and nutrition, author Loewer covers all the variants—the miniature orchards, ponds, Japanese gardens, vines, foliage, bulbs, succulents, herbs, mosses

Chapters cover propagation if you want to start from scratch, and transplanting instructions. If you don't get nursery catalogs (you moved here from Antarctica?) there's a good list.

T. Jefferson Parker: *The Fallen* (Wm. Morrow, \$24.95) *Mystery (police)*

Parker's California Girl won the coveted Edgar as Best Mystery of 2005, and Avon has just published

the paperback edition.



In *The Fallen*, Parker's new work, Robbie Brownlaw, a San Diego policeman, has miraculously survived a six-story fall with

no permanent injury. What he has told no one is that he now has synesthesia, a neurological condition in which the senses are mixed. In Robbie's case, he "sees" emotions of others as colored shapes. For example, he "sees" lies as red rectangles. If he can verify this (to himself), he will be a walking lie detector.

That might help in his present case, the apparent suicide of a cop in the ethics department. He'd been depressed since the accidental drowning of his young daughter nine months earlier. Sounds like a motive, but Robbie's synesthesia spots inconsistencies in the testimony.

Taut plot, characters who will stay with you after the last page in turned!

Mindy Starns Clark: The Trouble with Tulip (Harvest House, \$11.95)

Mystery/Romance

Josephine "Jo" Tulip has a household hints column for the Mul-



berry Glen newspaper. She'll marry Bradford this week. Danny Watkins is the photographer doing prom and senior shots, and is on call for police work. All relationships change when

Mulberry Glen gets its first homi-

Lots of action, both romantically and solving the mystery. Included are Tulip's hints on everything from removing lipstick stains to securing the dog's water bowl. A good fun read!

Loren D. Estleman: *The Undertaker's Wife* (Forge, \$23.95) *Historical* (American west)

Richard Connable, innovative undertaker, met Lucy, his enigmatic wife, when preparing her twin brother's body during the Civil War.

In search of his own establishment, he and Lucy travel to San Francisco during the gold rush, Dodge City when Wild Bill Hickok was Sheriff, even Montana.

Estleman has won the Golden Spur four times; he's a master story-teller. Lots of information on a trade we'll all need to use sometime combines with a look at life in frontier towns.

Susan McBride: *The Lone Star Lonely Hearts Club* (Avon, \$6.99) *Mystery*

Andrea "Andy" Kendricks disappointed Cissy, her socialite mom, in refusing to "come out" at the Dal-



las debutante ball. Now she's a web master and into an occasional investigation, to her mother's distress.

This time it is her mother who wants the investigation. One of her

bosom buddies has "passed" while at an elegant senior retirement village, and Cissy is positive that the death was murder. Bebe had just joined an exclusive dating service but hadn't met Mr. Right yet. Perhaps a Mr. Wrong is involved?

McBride has a sharp eye for authentic and witty dialogue which moves both the plot and character development. In lesser hands Cissy would be a caricature of snobbery, but McBride instead permits Andy and Cissy to develop naturally and multi-dimensionally.

Philip Freeman: *St. Patrick of Ireland* (Simon & Schuster, \$23.00) *Biography*

The Irish legendary St. Patrick comes to life in the writing of an acknowledged scholar of Celtic cultures

Patrick was the hedonistic teenage son of Roman Christian leaders when captured by slave traders from his comfortable home in England; he found his religion during the six years he toiled as a slave in Ireland. As we all know, he escaped, to return as a Christian missionary.

Two of Patrick's letters survive to give us a glimpse into his life from his own eyes. Freeman also accesses the official (secular as well as religious) records, giving us an unusually deep biography of this remarkable man. For those wanting the study further, Freeman includes a time line, index, and bibliography.

Dana Stabenow: *Blindfold Game* (print, St Martin's Press; audio on 4 cds, Random House Audio) *Thriller, espionage*

International pirates arrange to smuggle in a team of mercenaries



aboard a freighter leaving Russia. A CIA analyst hears of radioactive materials and military hardware being sold on Russia's black market. The trail isn't taken se-

riously by his superiors.

The analyst, worried about Alaska' vulnerability, arranges to get on a Coast Guard ship, the *Sojourner Truth*, on the Bering Sea. He's surprised, to say the least, when he realizes the second in command is his estranged wife, Sarah.

The chase is on, covered by the on-going commercial battle of Russian trawlers slipping into Alaskan waters.

Stabenow gives readers a rapidly escalating plot, all the more terrifying in its plausibility. While mystery readers hope to see another Kate Shugak mystery, this standalone only enhances Stabenow's reputation as a storyteller *par excellence*.

AUDIO BOOKS

Edward Rutherfurd: The Rebels

of Ireland (Random House Audio, \$37.95, 8 CDs, read by John Keating) Historical generational saga

Rutherford's first saga, The Princes of Ireland, covered the first eleven



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Truman Capote: *Summer Crossing* (Random House Audio, \$22.95, three CDs read by Cassandra Campbell) *Romance, coming of age*

Grady McNeil's parents left her alone in their New York penthouse



for the summer. Grady seems quite mature for 17.

They did not know Grady was secretly having an

affair with a man they would certainly not have approved of, a Brooklyn Jewish war veteran.

The inevitable problems of class and religious differences arise, and Grady must find the inner strength to make decisions which will affect not only her life, but those around her.

Inevitably, there is foreshadowing of later strengths—irony, narrative, and insight into class distinction. Capote started *Summer Crossing* when he was 19. Never published, it was thought lost until it surfaced in an auction of the writer's papers in 2004.

Random House Audio has also brought out in 12 CDs Capote's true crime



masterpiece, In Cold Blood. The basic story should be well-known to Kansans. Four members of the Clutter family,

farming near Holcomb, were slain. The family was the epitome of American virtues, seemingly without enemies.

Capote followed the victims and the killers through the year before (when the crime was planned and the family were involved in the mundane events of daily life). Capote then covers the investigation, capture, trial and execution.

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HUMOR

Officer, arrest that man!

appy Kappenmorgan (Charles Elmsworthy Kappenmorgan III) had a limited understanding of the law. He was sure that the police arrested people for taking things that didn't belong to them. Beyond that legal certainty, the law was pretty hazy for young Cappy, aged 18. The son of Charles E. Kappenmorgan II and Cynthia Farragate Hamilton Kappenmorgan, Cappy grew up knowing that when daddy did something wrong, his lawyers fixed it, and when Cappy did



Larry Day

something wrong, his daddy fixed it. Cappy, his mom and dad lived in a posh section of town called *La Mancha* where the streets were winding and the house numbers were hand painted on Spanish tile.

During the recent holidays, Mom and Dad Kappenmorgan flew to a private island in the Caribbean for a few days rest and recreation. Cappy, who was home for the holidays from St. Andaver, a private school back East, decided not to join them on the trip. He said he wanted to stay home and hang out with his friends.

Cappy s parents made him promise not to hold any big raucous parties at the house while they were away. Cappy readily agreed because he had already been invited to several loud raucous parties at the homes of his friends whose parents were away.

Late one night, after a particularly enjoyable raucous party, Cappy invited a few of his friends back to his house for refreshments. That was not, technically, against the rules. His guests seemed impressed with the quality of Cappy's refreshments.

"Dude, this is good stuff. Where'd ya get it man," asked Rich. Rich was a 21-year-old college athlete who didn't live in La Mancha, but everyone liked him anyway.

"I've got a top drawer dealer back East," said Cappy.

"How'd you get it on the airplane, man?" asked Rich.

"I flew it home on my dad's private jet. He picked me up at school after a meeting he went to."

"Cool, man," said everyone.

"We've probably done your whole

stash," said Rich.

"Oh heck no," said Cappy.

"So show us your stash, Dude. Come on, let's see Cappy's stash," said Rich. But everyone else was otherwise occupied, so Cappy led Rich up to his room and pulled out a drawer.

"Whoa, that's nearly half a kilo of the world's finest, man. I'm impressed, Dude," said Rich

When Cappy woke up the next afternoon it took him a while to clear his head. Then he looked around the house. Things were not in bad shape. Cappy was grateful. He went back to his room and pulled out the drawer to check his refreshments. The package wasn't there. Cappy pulled out the other drawers. Nothing. He looked in the closets and under the bed. His stash was gone!

Cappy flipped open his cell phone and dialed 911.

"Police Department."

"I want to report that someone stole something from my house," said Cappy.

"Just a moment, sir."

"This is detective Andrews. I understand you are reporting a robbery?"

"Somebody took a package from my house," said Cappy.

The detective asked Cappy's name and address, then asked him what was missing.

"He took a package from my bedroom," said Cappy.

"Do you know the person who allegedly took the package?" asked the detective.

"Yes. His name is Rich." Then Cappy supplied the detective with further details.

"What was in the package?" asked the detective.

"My personal property," said Cappy.

"You purchased it?" asked the detective.

"Yes."

There was a pause. "Did the package that's missing happen to contain an illegal substance?" asked the detective.

"Well....well...yes, as a matter of fact," said Cappy. "It's mine and he took it."

"I see," said the detective. "Thank you for this report. We'll try to recover your property and get back to you as soon as we can."

"Thank you," said Cappy and hung up.

A few hours later the telephone



Pluggers seldom get their favorite color when buying a car.

"Mr. Kappenmorgan?"

"Yes."

"This is detective Andrews. We think we have located your package. We've also arrested someone. Can you come down to the station to make the identification?"

Looking through a one-way mirror into an interrogation room, Cappy said, "That's him. That's the guy who took my package."

The detective took Cappy to another room. "Is that your property?" he asked pointing to a package on the table. Cappy looked at the package carefully.

"Yes, that's it. But it's not all there. Some of it's gone," said Cappy.

"You are under arrest for posses-

sion of an illegal substance, possession of more than five ounces of an illegal substance, possession with the intent to distribute an illegal substance," said the detective. He added a few more "possession" phrases then said, "You have the right to remain silent...."

Over the next few months, Cappy would find out quite a bit about the law. He would find out that careless arrogance is no excuse under the law. He would also find out that Daddy couldn't fix everything.

- Larry Day, B.A., M.A., Ph.D., is a former foreign correspondent, newspaper reporter and journalism professor. He has written humorous fiction—sometimes intentionally—all his life.



ART/ENTERTAINMENT

EILEEN IVERS & IMMIGRANT SOUL

When you see her perform her blue, electric Zeta fiddle, vou'll understand why Eileen Ivers is proclaimed as "the Jimi Hendrix of the violin." Her high-energy, heart-pumping per-formances continuously gather rave reviews and on-their-feet appreciation from audiences worldwide. Eileen Ivers & Immigrant Soul performs a fusion of African and Latin percus sion. Irish instrumentals and American soulful vocals - a "united nations of Irish music" whose signature sound is true to the heart of Irish music while embracing the multiculturalism of American life. From classic violin to electric fiddle, Eileen Ivers will change the way you think about the violin. Lied Center. LAWRENCE 785-864-2787 http://www.lied.ku.edu

MAR 11

SENIOR CLASS

A great offshoot from TCTA's widely successful company, LAUGHING MATTERS, SENIOR CLASS is another zany troupe of improv comedians. Only this time, the company is made up entirely of actors over 55 years old! This group defines life in the golden years as a terrifically fun-filled trip! Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Show starts at 8:00 p.m. TOPEKA, 785-357-5211

http://www.topekacivictheatre.com

MAR 12

MOZARTEUM ORCHESTRA OF SALZBURG WITH STEPHEN HOUGH, PIANO

Celebrate the 250th anniversary of Mozart's birth with a performance by the Mozarteum Orchestra of Salzburg, the pre-eminent keeper of the flame of Mozart's legacy. Lied Center. LAWRENCE, 785-864-2787 http://www.lied.ku.edu

MAR 15

WILL ROGERS FOLLIES, A LIFE IN REVUE

A dazzling spectacle about America's first inter-national multimedia sensation, whose wit and homespun wisdom still ring true today. Treat yourself to a remarkable evening at the theatre with a tribute to the man who lived by the words "I never met a man I didn't like," and put a smile on the face of America. Lied Center. LAWRENCE, 785-864-2787 http://www.lied.ku.edu

MAR 31

ALEXANDER KOBRIN, PIANIST

A 25-year-old Russian pianist who was the first-prize winner of the 1999 Busoni Competition, is the gold medal winner of the Twelfth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. Competition winners are selected every four years, and awarded cash prizes and three years of concert management services for international engagements. Recognized as the pre-eminent piano competition for launching new careers, the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition is dedicated to the discovery of the world's finest young pianists. Lied Center. LAWRENCE, 785-864-2787 http://www.lied.ku.edu

APR 2

EUGENIA ZUKERMAN, FLUTE & JACQUES THIBAUD STRING TRIO

The trio will perform with flutist Eugenia Zukerman, who has enjoyed highly acclaimed performances with chamber ensembles for more than 25 years. The multi-faceted Zuker-man, who also enjoys successful careers as an author and television commentator, will ioin the trio in this musical celebration featuring works by Beethoven, Mozart and Françaix, among others. Lied Center. LAWRENCE, 785-864-2787 http://www.lied.ku.edu

BINGO

SUNDAYS

AMERICAN LEGION

HIGHWAY 92, 1/2 MILE EAST FROM OZAWKIE, 7:00 PM, 785-876-2686

SUNDAYS & TUESDAYS

AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 1 3800 SE MICHIGAN AVE, TOPEKA, 6:30 PM, 785-267-1923

SUNDAYS & FRIDAYS CAPITOL BINGO HALL

Minis start at 6:00 p.m. on Sundays and 6:30 p.m. on Fridays. Regular sessions start at 6:30 p.m. on Sundays and 7:00 p.m. on Fridays. 2050 SE 30TH ST, TOPEKA, 785-266-5532

MONDAYS & THURSDAYS

AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 400 3029 NW US HIGHWAY 24, TOPEKA, 6:30 PM, 785-296-9400

MONDAYS & SATURDAYS LEGIONACRES

3408 W. 6TH ST, LAWRENCE, 7:00 PM, 785-842-3415

WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS MOOSE CLUB

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. 1901 N KANSAS AVE, TOPEKA, 785-234-6666

WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

3110 SW HUNTOON, TOPEKA, 6:30 PM, 785-235-9073

WEDNESDAYS

PINECREST APARTMENTS

924 WALNUT, EUDORA, 12:30-1:00 PM, 785-542-1020

WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS **EAGLES LODGE**

1803 W. 6TH ST, LAWRENCE, 7:00 PM,

WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

EDGEWOOD HOMES

1600 HASKELL, STE 188, LAWRENCE 10:30 AM-12 NOON, 785-760-1504

THURSDAYS

BABCOCK PLACE

1700 MASSACHUSETTS, LAWRENCE 10:30 AM-12 NOON, 785-842-6976

BALDWIN SENIOR CENTER

1221 INDIANA, BALDWIN CITY 12 NOON-1 PM, 785-594-2409

FRIDAYS

ARAB SHRINE

1305 KANSAS AVE., TOPEKA MINI BINGO 6:30 PM, REGIJI AR BINGO 7:00 PM 785-234-5656

BOOKMOBILE

PRAIRIE COMMONS, 5121 CONGRESSIONAL CIRCLE, LAWRENCE, 9:00-10:00 AM BABCOCK PLACE, 1700 MASSACHUSETTS ST., LAWRENCE, 10:30-11:30 AM

PETERSON ACRES, 2930 PETERSON RD., LAWRENCE, 1:30-2:30 PM

WEDNESDAYS

BRANDON WOODS, 1501 INVERNESS DR., LAWRENCE, 9:00-10:00 AM PRESBYTERIAN MANOR, 1429 KASOLD DR., LAWRENCE, 1:30-2:30 PM DRURY PLACE, 1510 ST. ANDREWS DR.,

LAWRENCE, 1:00-2:00 PM

BOOK TALKS

THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH COTTONWOOD RETIREMENT CENTER, 1029 NEW HAMPSHIRE ST., LAWRENCE, 2:00 PM BABCOCK PLACE, 1700 MASSACHUSETTS ST., LAWRENCE, 3:00 PM

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH BRANDON WOODS, 1500 INVERNESS DR., LAWRENCE, 10:30 AM PRAIRIE COMMONS, 5121 CONGRESSIONAL CIRCLE, LAWRENCE, 1:00 PM WINDSOR HOUSE, 3220 PETERSON RD., LAWRENCE, 2:15 PM

FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH PRESBYTERIAN MANOR, 1429 KASOLD RD., LAWRENCE 9:45 AM SENIOR CENTER, 745 VERMONT ST., LAWRENCE, 1:30 PM

CLASSES/LECTURES

ONCE A MONTH

AARP'S 55 ALIVE SAFE DRIVING COURSE

Monthly classes are held at Stormont-Vail Call to make reservation. TOPEKA, 785-354-5225

MAR 1-22

MEMOIR WRITING CLASS

A free Adult Learning Venture. Wednesdays, 4:30-6:00 p.m., at Lowman United Methodist Church, 15th & Gage Blvd, Topeka. Instructor: Dr. Bob Carey. To register call 785-272-8921 or e-mail lowman@lowmanumc.org

BUT HE WAS SUCH A NICE YOUNG MAN: HOW TO SPOT AND PREVENT FINANCIAL ABUSE"

Financial abuse is a fast growing problem in our society. This is not surprising considering persons over the age of 50 own 70 percent of the wealth in the US. The first baby boomers turn 60 this year and this financial abuse is likely going to continue to grow unless we take steps to prevent it. Barbara Braa, Trust & Investment Office at Corner Bank, will discuss the different methods that are used in stealing from older adults and how to scams are done She will provide tips in recognizing financial abuse and who to report suspicious actions. This program is free and open to all interested persons. 2:00-3:30 p.m.
LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY. 785-843-3833

MAR 30 & 31

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

Nation's first and largest classroom driver improvement course designed especially for motorists age 50 and older. 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m. both days. All eight hours required. Lowman United Methodist Church, 15th & Gage Blvd, Topeka, Instructor: Dr. Bob Carey. To register call 785-272-8921 or e-mail lowman@lowmanumc.org

EXHIBITS/SHOWS

MAR 13

IDA STOVER EISENHOWER MEMORIAL QUILT SHOW

See a collection of quilts both old and new. The art of quilting is kept alive with over 70 quilts on display. Dickinson County Heritage Center. ABILENE, 785-263-2681 http://www.heritagecenterdk.net

FESTIVALS/FAIRS

http://www.flinthillswinefest.com

MAR 3-4

FLINT HILLS FESTIVAL OF WINES

Two-day event including a multi-course wine dinner and live auction as well as a grand tasting and silent auction. 530 Richards Dr, Manhattan Holiday Inn. MANHATTAN, 785-537-0688, 800-748-7474

MAR 11

AGGIEVILLE ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE & ROAD RACES

Parade, breakfast, and running events for children and adults. Moro St. MANHATTAN, 785-776-8050 http://www.aggieville.org

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Annual parade featuring a wide array of floats and the St. Patrick's Day Queen and her court. Massachusetts St. LAWRENCE, 785-749-6677

http://www.visitlawrence.com

MAR 17

ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE & **CELEBRATION**

Kick off the celebration with a parade, followed by an Irish street fair, activities, and more. Kansas Ave., Downtown. TOPEKA, 785-234-9336

MAR 17

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Watch the parade as it marches through our charming downtown. After the parade there will be lots of fun things to do around town, including a traditional Irish supper at the Congregational Church. Wear your green and come visit us. Downtown. TONGANOXIE, 913-845-9244 http://www.tongie.org

HEALTH

MONDAYS THROUGH THURSDAYS FIT FOR LIFE

LMH Kreider Rehabilitation Services offers safe, nurturing environment with one-on-one instruction on aerobic and cardiovascular equipment. Especially helpful for those with osteoporosis, balance problems, post CVA/ stroke, knee/hip replacement, arthritis. Fee. Mondays through Thursdays, 9:00-11:00 a.m. or 2:00-5:20 p.m. at LMH. Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00-11:00 a.m. At LMH South. LMH KREIDER REHABILITATION SERVICES 785-840-2712

FIRST THESDAY OF EACH MONTH HEALTH SCREENING CLINIC

Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department.
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, LECOMPTON 9:30-10:30 AM

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Conducted at Stormont-Vail's outpatient lobby, just inside the doors of the Ninth and Washburn entrance, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. No appointment necessary. Also conducted on the first, second, third, and fourth Tuesdays of each month, 4:15-5:15 p.m., in the Sunflower Terrace Cafeteria (before Senior Suppers). TOPEKA, 785-354-6787

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

SENIORCISE PROGRAM

Seniorcise is a specialized program for women over 60 years of age, in January. The focus of the program is on balance, movement, low impact cardio aerobics, and strength training for toning. In addition, there's a strong emphasis on flexibility and range of motion to improve and/or increase joint mobility and quality of life. Senior classes are held at Body Boutique from 11:00 a.m. to noon. Fee. LAWRENCE, 785-749-2424

WFDNESDAYS

HEALTH SCREENING CLINIC

Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department. For individuals 60 years of age and older and their spouses. Minimal fees, but no one will be denied service because of inability to pay.
BABCOCK PLACE, LAWRENCE 9-11 AM

SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH MEDICATION CLINIC

Bring questions about your medications (pre-

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CALENDAR

scription or over-the-counter), 1:30-2:30 p.m. Call for appointment HEALTHWISE 55 RESOURCE CENTER. TOPFKA

785-354-6787

SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH **BLOOD PRESSURE AND HEALTH** INFORMATION

Sponsored by the West Ridge Mall merchants. Conducted in mall's food court. No appointment necessary. WEST RIDGE MALL, TOPEKA

8:15-9:15 AM

THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH HEALTH SCREENING CLINIC

Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department. PINECREST II APARTMENTS, 924 WALNUT,

EUDORA, 9-10 AM THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH NUTRITION CLINIC

1:30-2:30 p.m. Call for an appointment. HEALTHWISE 55 RESOURCE CENTER, TOPEKA 785-354-6787

MAR 1-13

MOTIVATING MOVES®

Motivating Moves® is an approach to exercise that emphasizes coordination, balance, flexibility, postural alignment, diaphragmatic breathing, spatial awareness and dynamic movement range. You'll learn how to improve your strength and reduce the risk of injury. You'll also learn practical movement tips to make sitting, standing, walking, reaching and everyday tasks feel easier to do. The program can be done seated, standing holding onto a chair or standing unassisted. Developed and taught by KU Professor Janet Hamburg, an Associate of the KU Gerontology Center. Mon-days from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m., January 30-March 13. Free. Call Linda Fyler to register. LAWRENCE PRESBYTERIAN MANOR, 785-841-4262

MAR 1

CHOLESTEROL SCREENING

No appointment needed. You may choose between a Basic Cholesterol Screening (No fasting needed) or a Total Cholesterol Screening with a lipid panel. The lipid panel offers a basic cholesterol screening as well as your HDL, LDL, and triglycerides. If you choose to have the Total Cholesterol Screening you will need to fast for 10-12 hours (water and necessary medications are OK). The Total Cholesterol Screenings are offered during morning hours only. Please note that these tests are not considered diagnostic of any disease process and those with results outside the normal range will be advised to see their healthcare provider for follow-up.
LMH HEALTH SOURCE ROOM, 785-749-5800

8:30-10:30 AM

BONE DENSITY SCREENING

Are you at risk for osteoporosis? This quick and easy screening can indicate if further testing for this potentially debilitating disease is needed. A bare heel is necessary for the screening. Information about prevention of osteoporosis is also included as part of the screening process. Fee. LMH HEALTH SOURCE ROOM, 785-749-5800

9:00-11:00 AM

MAR 12

MOTHER'S CRANIAL

With Lee Veal. For non-mother Massage Therapists, too! Babies welcome! The cranial concept recognizes the impact that birth trauma has on development. Mother's Cranial allows Baby Wisdom, the baby's natural momentum towards balance and release, full expression. Fee. 1:00-5:00 p.m. THE LIGHT CENTER, 785-255-4583

BONE DENSITY SCREENING

See March 6 description. LMH HEALTH SOURCE ROOM, 785-749-5800

MAR 18 & 19

HEALING TOUCH LEVEL I

With Robin Goff. 15 - 20 Continuing Education Credits! Fee, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. each day THE LIGHT CENTER, 785-255-4583

MAR 30

BONE DENSITY SCREENING

See March 6 description. LMH HEALTH SOURCE ROOM, 785-749-5800 5:00-7:00 PM

MEETINGS

FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP LAWRENCE SENIOR CENTER

2:15-3:45 PM, 785-842-0543

FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH LAWRENCE AREA COALITION TO HONOR **END-OF-LIFE CHOICES**

Works with 31 other Kansas communities to help all Kansans live with dignity, comfort and peace at the end-of-life, regardless of age. Members have backgrounds in healthcare, pastoral care, senior citizens' services, funeral home care, library and educational services. Meets at 3:00 p.m. in Conference E of LMH. LAWRENCE, 785-830-8130

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH **OLDER WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Meetings are held in the Lawrence Public Library auditorium. Social time begins at 1:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 2:00 p.m. The public is welcome to join members at all meetings. For more information, call Gayle Sigurdson at 785-832-1692.

WEDNESDAYS AND SUNDAYS

OLDSTERS UNITED FOR RESPONSIBLE SERVICE (0.U.R.S.) Members of O.U.R.S. have met to dance at

Douglas County Senior Services, 745 Vermont, since 1984. The group meets to dance from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on Sundays. LAWRENCE

THURSDAYS

OLDER KANSANS EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

LAWRENCE WORKFORCE CENTER

2540 IOWA, SUITE R, LAWRENCE 10:00 AM-NOON

FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

LAWRENCE AREA PARTNERS IN AGING Networking group. Call Kim or Laura at

785-842-0656 for more information. \$11.50 to attend (includes lunch) JADE MONGOLIAN BARBEQUE, LAWRENCE 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

SECOND MONDAY, SEPT-MAY

LAWRENCE CLASSICS, GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Volunteer service club. 785-331-4575

SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RAILROAD AND VETERAN RAILROAD EMPLOYEES (NARVRE) Meets at 9:30 a.m. at Coyote Canyon Buffet.

TOPEKA, http://www.narvre.com

SECOND AND FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

ALZHEIMER'S EARLY STAGE PATIENT SUPPORT GROUP

For patients with early stage Alzheimer's. SEABROOK UNITED CHURCH OF CHURCH 785-234-2523

SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH **NAACP MEETING - LAWRENCE CHAPTER**

Meets at the Lawrence public Library Gallery Room at 6:30 p.m.

LAWRENCE, 785-841-0030, 785-979-4692

THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH LAWRENCE PARKINSON'S SUPPORT

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 2415 CLINTON PARKWAY, LAWRENCE, 2:00 PM

THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH GRANDPARENT/KINSHIP SUPPORT GROUP

Strengthening family relationships and improving positive parenting skills. Meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Child care available. YMCA, 421 S.W. VAN BUREN, TOPEKA

FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH LAWRENCE PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

PIONEER RIDGE ASSISTED LIVING LIBRARY 4851 HARVARD, LAWRENCE, 6:30 PM 785-344-1106

LAST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH **GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT GROUP**

Brandon Woods Retirement Community in association with Heart of America Hospice invite individuals dealing with the pain of loss and bereavement to join us. Call 785-838-8000 for information. 1501 INVERNESS DR. LAWRENCE

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AARP CHAPTER 1696

AARP Chapter 1696 will meet on at 11 a.m. at the Lawrence Country Club. A local pharmacist will give a program on Medicare Plan D. Please call 785-865-3787 for reservations. LAWRENCE

MISCELLANEOUS

OSHER RADIO PROGRAM

Local news and talk radio station KLWN 1320 AM presents the new program "Lifelong Learning: Lively Encounters with KU's Best." Each show will feature an interview with a KU Osher class instructor. Tune in for a glimpse of what you can expect from upcoming Osher classes. 10:05 a.m. http://www.kuce.org/lifelonglearning

MAR 22

TRACING ANCESTORS BY DNA

Presented by Frank Jacobs, past president, Northeast Kansas Chapter, AHSGR. Topeka Genealogical Society, 2717 SE Indiana Ave. TOPEKA, 785-233-5762 http://www.tgstopeka.org

MAR 30-APR 2

OVERBROOK ANNUAL SHOP HOP

Overbrook Quilt Connection participates with 11 other shops along the shop hop. Hoppers pick up their quilt block along the way. 500 Maple, Overbrook Quilt Connection. OVERBROOK, 785-665-7841, 888-665-7841 http://www.overbrookks.com

FORT LEAVENWORTH TOUR & FRONTIER ARMY ENCAMPMENT

Annual tour of several historic Fort Leavenworth homes, oldest fort west of the Mississippi River, and Frontier Army encampment. Grant & Kearney Ave, Fort Leavenworth LEAVENWORTH, 913-682-4113, 800-844-4114 http://garrison.leavenworth.army.mil/ sites.services/museum.asp

While every attempt has been made to ensure the accuracy of the events listed, some changes may occur without notice. Please confirm any event you plan to attend.

LEISURE TIME TOURS

Topeka, Kansas

DAY CASINO TRIPS:

Mar. 5: GOLDEN EAGLE

Pick-up - GARNETT- 7:20am; OTTAWA- 8:00am; LAWRENCE-8:30am; TOPEKA- 9:15am. \$20/ get \$15 cash back at Casino.

Mar. 7: HARRAH'S, Mayetta OTTAWA- 8:00am; OSAGE CO-9:00am; TOPEKA- 9:30am. \$20/ get

NOON BUFFET plus \$10.

Mar. 9: GOLDEN EAGLE

OTTAWA- 8:00am; LAWRENCE-8:30am; TOPEKA- 9:15am, \$20/ get \$10 for 4 hr. stay.

Mar. 11: HARRAH'S

GARNETT- 7:20am; OTTAWA-8:00am; OSAGE CO-9:00am; TOPEKA- 9:30am. \$20/ get NOON BUFFET & \$10 cash.

Mar. 14: SAC & FOX

OTTAWA- 8:00am; LAWRENCE-8:30am; TOPEKA- 9:15am. \$20/ get \$10 for 4 hrs.

Mar. 16: GOLDEN EAGLE

OTTAWA- 8:00am; OSAGE CO.-9:00am; TOPEKA- 9:30am. \$20/ get \$10 for 4 hrs.

Mar. 19: HARRAH'S GARNETT- 7:20am; OTTAWA-8:00am; OSAGE CO-9:00am; TOPEKA- 9:30am. \$20/ get NOON BUFFET & \$10.

Mar. 21: HARRAH'S

OTTAWA- 8:00am; LAWRENCE-8:30am; TOPEKA- 9:15am. \$20/ get **BUFFET & \$10.**

Mar. 23: GOLDEN EAGLE OTTAWA- 8:00am; OSAGE CO.-9:00am; TOPEKA- 9:30am. \$20/ get \$10 for 4 hrs.

Mar. 28: SAC & FOX OTTAWA- 8:00am; OSAGE CO.-9:00am; TOPEKA- 9:30am. \$20/ get \$10 for 4 hrs.

OTHER TOURS

Mar. 25: MIDDLE CREEK OPRY, LOUISBURG, KS.

Featuring Dave Welch the "SINGING BUS DRIVER." Lv. TOPEKA 3:00pm; LAWRENCE (Wal-Mart) 4:00pm; OTTAWA- 4:30pm. \$40/ get round trip bus, dinner and show admission.

Apr. 15: COUNTRY PICKIN' OPRY RICHMOND, MO. AGAIN FEATURING DAVE WELCH.

TOPEKA 3:00pm; LAWRENCE (Holidome) 4:00pm; Dinner (included) in KC at 5;00pm. Then to the country music show in a BARN. \$40/ incl. Bus, DINNER and SHOW ADM.

APR. 23-25: 3 day, 2 night tour to TAMA, IOWA - MESKWAKI INDIAN HOTEL/CASINO. \$136

per person - double occ. get/ BUS- 2 nights hotel - \$60 cash back & 3-\$3 off meal tickets. Trip originates in Topeka, picks up in LAWRENCE and OTTAWA.

SPECIAL

June 11-15: 5 days, 4 nights:

NASHVILLE, TN. \$437 per person double occ; 1st night - METROPOLIS, ILLINOIS - 2 nights in NASHVILLE - 4th night at HARRAHS HOTEL in ST LOUIS, MO. Includes - NASHVILLE NIGHTLIFE DINNER THEATER; GENERAL JACKSON SHOWBOAT MUSIC CRUISE: 7 meals; WILDHORSE SALOON and much more

In Topeka call 354-8922. Outside Topeka you may call TOLL FREE: 1-800-851-7037.

WOLFGANG PUCK

Grilled cheese sandwiches: Not just kid stuff

By Wolfgang Puck

Tribune Media Services

rilled cheese sandwiches aren't just a convenient weekend lunch for kids anymore. Now that Italian trattorias have popularized them as panini ("little breads"), and French bistros as croques ("crunches"), they're gourmet fare, just the thing for a light, yet satisfying, meal or casual horsd'oeuvres

Start with the bread. Use a regular white loaf, sourdough, multigrain,

pumpernickel or fanciolive, rosemary or walnut bread. I prefer thin slices, which give crunchier results and better bread-tocheese ratio.

Gone are the



Wolfgang Puck's Grilled Cheese

days when the only filling option was American cheese. Use any cheese that melts well to seal the sandwich and form tantalizing strings with each cut or bite, including Swiss, provolone, Cheddar, mozzarella and Gouda, individually or in combination. Complement those with others that add intriguing flavors and textures, such as creamy, tangy blue or goat cheeses, or nutty Parmesan

Cheese and bread alone can make a perfect sandwich, but don't stop there. Add thinly sliced Black Forest ham, pepperoni, salami, smoked

turkey, crisp bacon or even seafood such as crabmeat or smoked salmon. Try sun-dried tomatoes, roasted garlic or julienned basil. And don't forget condiments, such as mustard, pesto or the black olive spread called tapenade.

One of my favorite combinations is Gruyere with truffle shavings on country white bread. The night before, I seal the sandwich in plastic wrap and refrigerate it overnight to let the truffle aroma permeate the bread. Then I grill it for lunch and pour a glass of red wine: Heavenly! Less

extravagantly, I like sourdough with fontina cheese, Black Forest ham. sliced tomato, basil and freshly ground black pepper.

Whatever embellishments you choose.

don't overstuff your sandwich or it may fall apart. Intermingle the additions with the cheese so they won't hinder sealing.

Once the sandwich is ready to cook, spread the exposed bread surfaces with softened butter, mayonnaise, or some olive oil to facilitate browning. I love to make my sandwiches in a countertop Italian panini machine, a hinged device that cooks them on both sides at once while pressing them together. You'll find good, reasonably priced versions in well-stocked kitchenware stores; or use a hinged countertop grill. Of course, you can pan-fry them over medium heat, pressing down with the back of a metal spatula to help seal and flatten them, or you can bake grilled cheese sandwiches in a 375 F oven.

For an informal party, put out platters of breads, cheeses, and other fillings, along with butter and olive oil, and let your guests get creative. Then enjoy the spectacle of a roomful of grown-ups rediscovering the pleasures of childhood.

FONTINA CHEESE AND PROSCIUTTO PANINI WITH FRESH BASIL

Makes 2 sandwiches

- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard 1 tablespoon mayonnaise
- 4 slices sourdough or whole wheat bread, each about 1/3 inch thick
- 2 thin slices prosciutto or Black Forest ham
- 6 ounces thinly sliced Fontina, Swiss, or mozzarella cheese
- 1 firm but ripe Roma tomato, trimmed and cut crosswise into 8
 - 4 fresh basil leaves Freshly ground black pepper

In a small bowl, stir together the mustard and mayonnaise. With a basting brush or the back of a teaspoon or tablespoon, spread the mixture evenly over one side of each slice of bread. On a large, clean plate or platter, turn the bread slices plain sides up.

Evenly distribute half of the cheese over 2 of the bread slices. Place 2 basil leaves on top of the cheese on each of the 2 slices. Neatly drape a slice of prosciutto on top of the basil leaves. Arrange 4 tomato slices on top of each slice of prosciutto. Generously season the tomatoes with freshly ground black pepper and then cover them evenly with the remaining cheese. Cover each sandwich neatly with another slice of bread, placing the slice with its mustard-mayonnaise side facing out-

Preheat an electric panini maker or a hinged countertop grill, following the manufacturer's instructions, or heat a heavy skillet or griddle over medium-high heat. Depending on your appliance or cookware's size, carefully place one or both sandwiches into the panini maker, grill, or skillet, or on the griddle, and cook until the bread is deep golden brown and crisp on both sides and the cheese is melted. If using the skillet or griddle, press down occasionally with the back of a metal spatula to help seal the sandwiches. Cooking time should be about 4 minutes total in the panini maker or hinged grill; or 4 minutes per side with the skillet or griddle.

With a sharp knife, cut each sandwich diagonally in half if serving as a main dish; or cut it in quarters or eighths if serving as an horsd'oeuvre.

(Chef Wolfgang Puck's TV series, Wolfgang Puck's Cooking Class, airs Sundays on the Food Network. Also, his latest cookbook, "Wolfgang Puck Makes It Easy," is now available in bookstores. Write Wolfgang Puck in care of Tribune Media Services Inc., 2225 Kenmore Ave., Suite 114, Buffalo, N.Y. 14207.)

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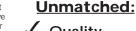
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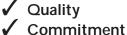


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Watch repros on glass dishes

By Danielle Arnet

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QUESTION: I'll appreciate your opinion on what my glass dish might be. It is 6 in. high and about 2.5 in. diameter. Maybe it was once used as a candy jar? — Floyd, Long Beach, Calif.

ANSWER: The key to your cylindrical glass canister with frosted glass top is the frosted glass kneeling Indian at the top. Smart collectors recognize it as "Westward Ho,"



Danielle Arnet

a hugely popular pattern in pressed glass. Frosted relief panels on the bottom piece showing buffalo, a log cabin and a running antlered deer, echo the prairie theme.

Originally produced as tableware plus accessories, the pattern was first made in 1879 by Gillinder & Sons in Philadelphia under the original name of Pioneer. It is also known as Tippecanoe, but most widely as Westward Ho. The crouched Indian finial appears only on covered pieces.

Westward Ho is the most reproduced of all pressed glass patterns. Repros, dating as far back as 1936, are everywhere. Westmoreland Glass goblets are common, as are compotes and other pieces made by the L.G. Wright Glass Co. of New Martinsville, W.Va. Repros include milk glass, an oil lamp, a water pitcher and even purple carnival glass!

Because of the overwhelming number of repros, collectors tend to avoid the pattern. Originals are clear glass with smooth, non-chalky gray frosting. The deer's mouth is always a closed straight line. Pattern relief is crisp, and animal hair on originals is distinct (it is missing on repros).

The 2.5 in. diameter mentioned is puzzling. No listing of originals or repros has anything that narrow. On an outside chance, it could be a marmalade jar. A pressed glass specialist in your area needs to handle the piece. Only then can age or value be even guessed at.

FYI: "Identifying Pattern Glass Reproductions" by Jenks, Luna and Reilly (out of print) is an excellent guide to pressed glass repros. Per-

haps your library has a copy. Or try "Early American Pattern Glass: 2nd Ed." by Darryl Reilly & Bill Jenks is \$24.95 from KP Books.

QUESTION: My grandmother gave me a dinner plate about 50 years ago, and I'm wondering if it has collector value. The back reads, "Scenes from Coaching Days and Coaching Ways." - James, Grover Hill, Ohio

ANSWER: Several companies made and/or make a Coaching Days pattern, most notably Johnson Bros. of England. Others are Royal Doulton, and those other royals, Stafford and Winton.

From your description, this plate is an early version of the pattern made by Ridgway, another English potter. A later version is colored transferware on white china. The black transfer on a brown plate was inspired by the book "Coaching Days and Coaching Ways," published by Macmillan in England.

The pattern is not common, and retail value on the plate is around

QUESTION: I have several items that are collectible, including freezedried bomb shelter food, picture disc records, and a 1937 book. I've researched the library for prices and have some comparisons from eBay, but everything I have is unique. Several people tell me to open a booth at an antique shop. How do I price without paying a huge fee for an appraiser? — Cybercollector, Tucson, Ariz.

ANSWER: I hate to burst your bubble, but in this day of online sales where everything under the sun shows up, very, very few items are unique. Everything belongs to a genre.

I love it when "friends" suggest you open a booth. Are they willing to inventory and price it all, pay rent, clean, set up and make everything shop ready? Plus handle taxes, bookkeeping and monitor sales? Are you ready for that?

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Basically, you have a bunch of odds and ends that you want to sell. If you've researched the library and several online sales plus book sites, you should have some inkling on value. An appraiser is not called for with that kind of merchandise. Decide how you want to sell (direct to a dealer, online, auction, consignment) and just do it. If you can't face the work of posting online, check eBay for a trading partner in your area.

They'll do the job, for a fee. Yes, selling is work. No getting around it.

(Danielle Arnet answers questions of general interest in her column. Send e-mail smartcollector@comcast.net or write Danielle Arnet, c/o Tribune Media Services, 2225 Kenmore Ave., Suite 114, Buffalo, NY. 14207. Please include an address in your query. Photos cannot be returned.)

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Lawrence Memorial Hospital (LMH) has been granted the designation of Accredited Chest Pain Center by The Society of Chest Pain Centers. LMH received full accreditation status and is the sixth accredited Chest Pain Center in Kansas and the 205th in the nation.

"This accreditation further demonstrates the hospital's dedication to improving the health of our community. We are proud to be recognized for our commitment to this lifesaving service," said LMH President and CEO Gene Meyer. "This recognition is shared with our excellent physicians and staff who deliver high quality cardiac care."

Heart attacks are the leading cause of death in the United States, with 600,000 dying annually of heart disease. More than five million Americans visit hospitals each year with chest pain. The goal of the Society of Chest Pain Centers is to significantly reduce the mortality rate of these patients by teaching the public to recognize and react to the early symptoms of a possible heart attack, reduce the time that it takes to receive treatment, and increase the accuracy and effectiveness of treatment

LMH has demonstrated its expertise and commitment to quality patient care by meeting or exceeding a wide set of stringent criteria and completing on-site evaluations by a review team from the Society of Chest Pain Centers. Key areas in which the hospital demonstrates expertise include:

- Integrating the emergency department with the local emergency medical system
- Assessing, diagnosing, and treating patients quickly
- Effectively treating patients with low risk for acute coronary syndrome and no assignable cause for their symptoms
- Continually seeking to improve processes and procedures
- Ensuring Chest Pain Center personnel competency and training
- Maintaining organizational structure and commitment
- Having a functional design that promotes optimal patient care
- Supporting community outreach programs that educate the public to promptly seek medical care if they



display symptoms of a possible heart attack

Initial treatment of patients with chest pain begins in the Emergency Department. As part of the Emergency Department, LMH opened the Bob Billings Cardiac Evaluation Center in 2004. The latest expansion of cardiac care services at LMH includes the addition of an interventional cardiology program. Now patients no longer need to leave Lawrence

for a Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI). PCI, also known as angioplasty or a balloon, is a life-saving treatment for those suffering from a heart attack.

The Society of Chest Pain Centers is a non-profit international professional organization focused upon improving care for patients with acute coronary syndromes and other related cardiac problems. Established in 1998, the Society

promotes protocol-based medicine, often delivered through a Chest Pain Center model to address the diagnosis and treatment of acute coronary syndromes, heart failure, and to promote the adoption of process improvement science by healthcare providers. To best fulfill this mission, the Society of Chest Pain Centers provides accreditation to facilities striving for optimum Chest Pain Center care.



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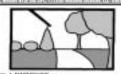
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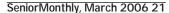
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National brain imaging study on Alzheimer's underway at KUMC

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The five-year project was begun by the National Institute on Aging (NIA) at the NIH and is supported by more than a dozen other federal agencies and private-sector companies and organizations, making it the largest public-private partnership on brain research underway at the NIH. Investigators at 58 local sites across the United States and Canada are involved in the study. The study is led by Michael Weiner, M.D., San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center and the University of California, San Francisco; Leon Thal, M.D., University of California at San Diego; and Ronald Petersen, M.D., Ph.D., Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN.

The goal of the initiative is to

speed up the search for treatments and cures for Alzheimer's disease by seeing whether imaging of the brain, through magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) or positron emission tomography (PET) scans, every six months can help predict and monitor the onset and progression of Alzheimer's. In addition, samples of blood and, for some participants, cerebral spinal fluid will be collected and tested to determine if these biomarkers can predict and monitor the disease. It is hoped that imaging techniques and biomarkers will prove useful in testing the effectiveness of new therapies in slowing the progression of Alzheimer's or preventing the disease altogether.

Researchers are looking for 800 people who are in good general health with no memory problems, or are in good general health but have memory problems or concerns, or have a diagnosis of mild cognitive impairment or early Alzheimer's disease

A special aspect of the project is the support of Dr. Maya Angelou, the eminent poet, author, educator, and historian. Dr. Angelou, a professor at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC, is working with the researchers to ask the public to take part in the study. She will support the national ADNI recruitment outreach campaign, "Imagine Stopping the Progression of Alzheimer's Disease," by appearing in radio and print public service announcements. Dr. Angelou has a number of dear friends who have suffered the effects of Alzheimer's.

Alzheimer's disease affects one in

10 Americans over the age of 65. By the year 2050, 13 million Americans may suffer from the disease.

For more information about the study, please contact the NIA's Alzheimer's Disease Education & Referral (ADEAR) Center at 800-438-4380 or visit www.alzheimers.org/imagine. Spanish-language capabilities are available at some of the study sites.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 2 Exploring Housing Options in Lawrence:

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The apartments are designed with an open floor plan and meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines for wheelchair accessibility. Apartments include a full kitchen with roll-under counters and accessible ovens and range tops, and offer fully accessible bathrooms with roll-in showers and grab bars. Other features include raised electrical outlets, lowered light switches and lever-action handles on the doors, as well as central air conditioning and mini blinds on windows. One-bedroom apartments provide approximately 540 square feet of living space, and two-bedrooms provide approximately 800 square feet. Apartments designated for residents with a hearing impairment are also available. In addition, the apartments will provide ample community space for resident activities and on-site laundry facilities for resident use.

Both developments were sponsored by Accessible Space, Inc. and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Mid America Chapter in Mission, Kan., and are being developed by Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI), a St. Paul, Minn., based non-profit organization that will also manage the two new buildings. Primary funding for the apartments was provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 811 Program for very low-income adults with disabilities. HUD will also provide rental assistance to qualifying households who will pay rent based on 30 percent of their adjusted gross monthly income.

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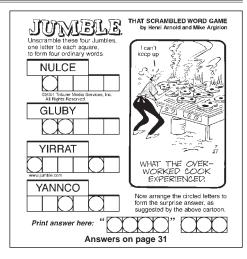
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- 2. Who starred as Brian in the 1983 film "All the Right Moves"?
- 3. Herbert Ross directed this 1984 film starring Kevin Bacon, Lori Singer and Christopher Penn.
- 4. Who directed the 1985 film "Pale Rider"?
- 5. Beeban Kidron directed this 1995

film that starred Wesley Snipes, Patrick Swayze and John Leguizamo

6. Who starred as Detective James Carter in the 1998 film "Rush Hour"?

7. In the 2001 film "Corky Romano," who played the title character?
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BRIDGE

Famous Hands

By Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

North-South vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH ♠ Q 10 3 ♡ 8 5 4 ◇ A 6 ♣ Q J 10 5 3

The bidding:

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST **1** ♡ 1 Pass 2 Pass 2NT Pass 3. 3♠ Pass 3NT Pass Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♡

How would the bridge stars of yesteryear match up with today's players? Bidding has made great strides, and even competent players today probably bid as well or better than the best of bygone days. But in the play of the cards, there is nothing that today's stars could teach the old-timers. Consider this defense by Morrie Elis of New York in the final round of the 1949 Vanderbilt Team Championship.

Today's players would reach the same contract in much shorter time. South would overcall one no trump with his

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balanced 15 points and five-card spade suit and North's raise to three no trump would have ended the auction.

West led the king of hearts, and it did not take Elis long to find the winning defense. He overtook partner's king with the ace, and shifted to a low diamond, covered by the queen and king and ducked in dummy. West returned the ten of diamonds and Elis unblocked the jack of diamonds. Now the best declarer could do was to make eight tricks with the help of a finesse for the jack of hearts, since East would lead another diamond as soon as he won the ace of spades.

How did East find the defense? Since the bidding marked South with the queen-third in hearts, Elis realized that if he left West on lead with

the king of hearts, any shift by West would only help declarer's cause. Diamonds was the only suit that offered any hope for the defense, and the result was highly satisfying.

The Elis team went on to win the

(Tannah Hirsch welcomes readers' responses sent in care of this newspaper or to Tribune Media Services Inc., 2225 Kenmore Ave., Suite 114, Buffalo, NY. 14207. E-mail responses may be sent to gorenbridge@aol.com.)

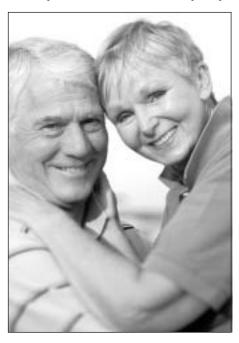
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Heart disease strikes women more than men

By Tami Motley

Kansas Senior Press Service

A project of KU's Landon Center on Aging

Hospitals across the nation are working to educate women that heart disease is their biggest health risk. More than 500,000 women will die this year in the United States from what many still consider a "man's disease," and countless others will needlessly overlook the greatest health threat facing American families today.

Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of American women, striking more women than the next seven causes of death combined. Unfortunately, studies show that most women—and even many health care practitioners—still associate heart disease so closely with men that the risk to women is often overlooked. In fact, more women than men have died of cardiovascular disease every year since 1984, and the mortality rate within one year of having a heart attack is greater for women than it is for men.

"It is important that we understand that heart attacks are a very real risk to women today, and that a woman's symptoms are often very different from those of a man," said Kristen Franklin, MD, a cardiologist with the Cotton-O'Neil Heart Center. For example, women may experience indigestion, nausea, and pain in the back or between the shoulder blades in addition to the more common symptoms of chest pain and shortness of breath.

"I urge women to trust their instincts and talk with their doctor about their risks for developing heart disease," added Franklin.

Have you considered the major risk factors for developing heart disease? Some factors are not easily controlled, such as increasing age, family health history, ethnicity, or gender. But some risk factors can be controlled or modified to lower your risk. The major risk factors for heart disease are:

- Smoking
- Diabetes, a more potent risk factor for women than for men
 - High blood pressure
- High cholesterol, including LDL (the "bad" cholesterol) and HDL (the "good" cholesterol) or high triglyceride levels, which are more potent risk factors in women
 - Lack of physical activity
- Excess weight, especially weight centered at the waist
- Menopause before age 40
- Ophorectomy (surgical removal of the ovaries)
 - Prior heart attack
 - High levels of stress

Generally after menopause. women are also more apt to develop cardiovascular disease. As women get older, the body produces lower amounts of estrogen. Estrogen helps the female body maintain lower levels of "bad" cholesterol and higher levels of "good" cholesterol, and reduces blood pressure. So it is important to stay healthy, exercise, and eat properly throughout one's life to maintain good heart health. Franklin offers these additional suggestions to keep your heart healthy:

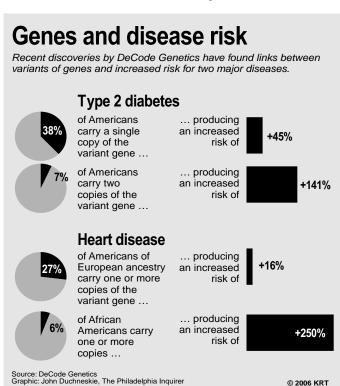
- · Quit smoking.
- Eat more fruits and vegetables.
- Limit alcohol consumption.
- Check your blood pressure and cholesterol levels regularly.
- Maintain an appropriate weight.
- Limit stress.

Warning signs of heart attack for women:

- Indigestion
- Nausea

- Pain between shoulder blades, or back pain
 - Other warning signs
- Uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing, or burning pain in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or goes away and comes back
- Pain that spreads to the shoulders, neck, or arms
- Chest discomfort with lightheadedness, fainting, sweating, nausea, or shortness of breath
- Unusual chest, stomach, or abdominal pain
- Nausea or dizziness without chest pain
- Shortness of breath and difficulty breathing without chest pain
- Unexplained anxiety, weakness, or extreme fatigue
- Palpitations, cold sweats, or paleness

Source: "Healthy Times," Stormont-Vail HealthCare







Medicare: What to know before visiting the pharmacist

QUESTION: What would be helpful for people with Medicare to know when visiting their pharmacy for the first time after enrolling in Medicare's prescription drug coverage?

ANSWER: Since January 1, when Medicare's drug coverage began, millions of people with Medicare who are enrolled in a prescription drug plan have left pharmacy counters with their prescription drugs in hand, and with significant savings on the cost of their medicines.

At the same time, Medicare is making progress in fixing any problems that may be experienced at the pharmacy. One important way to reduce the chance of problems when you go to get your drugs for the first time after enrolling is to enroll earlier in the month.

If you enroll or change plans before the 15th day of any month, it is much more likely that things will go smoothly for you at the pharmacy counter than if you enroll later in the month. If you enroll after the 15th of the month you may find that you will need to spend extra time at the counter working out details.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) expects the num-

ber of those to decline, who have difficulty at the pharmacy counter, as more and more people get and use their new prescription drug cards.

You should remember:

- After your prescription drug plan has processed your enrollment application, you should get an acknowledgement letter or confirmation letter from the plan you joined. This may take several days.
 - If you need to fill a prescription Take your acknowledgement or
- confirmation letter with you to the pharmacy until you get a membership card.
- If you haven't gotten a letter yet, you might have one or more of the following to bring with you to the pharmacy: an enrollment confirmation number, (probably given to you online after you filled out the application) or a copy of an enrollment application signed by a plan representative.
- If you have both Medicare and Medicaid or have been approved for the low-income subsidy (extra help paying for prescriptions), bring a copy of your yellow automatic enrollment letter from Medicare, a Medicaid card, your approval letter from the Social Security Administration, or other proof

that you qualify for extra help.

- If you need to get a prescription before you get your acknowledgement or confirmation letter or membership card, let your pharmacist know your plan name and bring one of the items above to get your prescriptions - it just may take some extra time verifying the correct plan.
- As a last resort, if you pay out-ofpocket for your prescription(s), save your receipts and work with your plan to be reimbursed.

If you have any questions about your prescription drug coverage, you can call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or your plan's toll-free phone number.

And, remember that if you have not enrolled in a Medicare prescription drug plan you have until May 15, 2006 to join a plan without having to pay a penalty on your monthly premium for late enrollment. You can narrow down the plan choices in your region and enroll in a plan on the internet at www.medicare.gov and by choosing the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder tool. You can call 1-800-MEDICARE, 1-800-633-4227, for help with enrollment or ask one of the customer service

representatives for your local State Health Insurance Information Program (SHIP) toll-free phone number so you can work with a Medicare counselor in your area, over the phone, or in person, free of charge. Also, you can visit the Web site www.eldercare.gov on the internet to find your local office on aging phone number for help with enrollment, or you can use this site to find other places to go in your community to get personalized assistance with comparing plan choices.

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Discipline: Appeal to the mind, not the behind

By Shirley Carson

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As a grandparent who has accepted the responsibility of raising your grandchildren, you know that effective discipline is one of the biggest challenges you face daily. Because each child is different, you may need to use a different approach for each child. Also, the child's age and level of development need to be considered when we discipline the grandchildren in our care.

In dealing with childhood misbehaviors, we must "Appeal to the mind, not the behind!," a quote by Alonzo Owens Jr., who works in violence prevention. When using "time out" to discipline a child, Owens recommends focusing on how we take the child "out" of time out. He suggests we say things to the child that refer to the behavior, such as "Thank you for not _____. Also, encouraging the child to think about what he could have done dif-

Many books on discipline are available, if only we had time to read them. One of the best authorities on

ferently is always a good idea.

childhood behavior and discipline is James Dobson, of Focus on the Family. He has written a number of books, including *Dare to Discipline, The Strong-Willed Child,* and *Bringing Up Boys.* These can be found at any of the Johnson County Libraries. Dobson also hosts a daily radio broadcast that contains subjects of interest to families.

The ultimate goal of discipline should always be to help the child develop self-control. This is a long-term goal, but consistency is vital as we discipline our grandchildren during their childhood and teen years. The following principles can be helpful in reaching this goal:

Begin teaching respect for authority while children are very young. We must establish our position as strong but loving leaders when our children are in the preschool years. We need to be the one in charge, holding the child accountable for respectful behavior.

Define the boundaries before they are enforced. Before disciplining a child, it's necessary to establish reasonable expectations and boundaries.

Distinguish between willful de-

fiance and childish irresponsibility. When accidents happen, patience and tolerance are the order of the day. But when the child defies parental authority in a blatant manner, this calls for a firm approach. The child may shout "I will not!" or "You shut up!" or "You can't make me!" These behaviors may be accompanied by violent temper tantrums and represent a willful, haughty spirit and a determination to disobey.

Reassure and teach after the confrontation is over. After a time of conflict during which a grandparent (who has assumed the parenting role) has demonstrated his/her right to lead, the younger child will probably want to be loved and reassured. Hold her close and tell her of your love. Tell her how she can avoid trouble next time.

Avoid impossible demands. Be absolutely certain that the child is capable of delivering what you require. Never punish a child for wetting the bed involuntarily or doing poorly in school if he is incapable of academic success.

Let love be your guide! A relationship that is characterized by gen-

uine love and affection is likely to be a healthy one, even though some mistakes by the grandparent are inevitable. All parents make mistakes, and we grandparents who choose to parent our precious grandchildren are no exception. But take heart, because our grandchildren know our love for them. And, like all children, they need limits and boundaries, guidelines and rules, to grow and develop into responsible and respectful adults. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you strive to influence the grandchildren in your care.

- Shirley Carson, RN, is a retired nurse who lives in Olathe, Kan., and is parenting grandchildren.





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Meals on Wheels program available to Kansas taxpayers

By Gordon L. Davis

Kansas Senior Press Service

A project of KU's Landon Center on Aging

Kansas taxpayers and tax preparers are reminded that the 2005 individual income tax forms again allow for donations to the Senior Citizens Meals on Wheel Contribution Program. If you donate to the fund, 100 percent of your contribution will go to local programs serving homebound meals to the elderly and people with disabilities.

The Senior Citizens Meals on Wheels Program is a fund that the Kansas Legislature created in 2002 to allow taxpayers to make a voluntary donation to support home-delivered meals. The program is a channel for people who want to support food programs for seniors but perhaps can't participate in ways such as meal delivery.

The intent of the fund is to supplement nutrition services for the elderly and people with disabilities in the community, making it possible for them to live independently in their homes as long as possible. The friendly visit with the volunteers is socially helpful, and the delivery process is an important link in learning of the client's changing needs or of emergencies.

If you will receive a state tax refund this year, indicate the amount you wish to donate in the designated space on the tax form. Taxpayers may contribute a dollar, a portion of their refund, or all of their refund to the Meals on Wheels fund.

If you owe state taxes, indicate the amount you wish to donate in the designated space and write a check for the tax balance plus the amount contributed to Meals on Wheels.

Tax forms are available at many city and county clerk offices, banks, libraries, and other convenient places. To obtain forms by mail, call the Kansas Department of Revenue voice mail system, (785) 296-4937. You will be asked to give your name, address, telephone number, and the forms desired. Allow about two weeks for delivery of your forms. Tax forms can also be found on the Department of Revenue Web site, www.ksrevenue.org.

For more information about the Senior Citizens Meals on Wheels Contribution Program, call your Area Agency on Aging.

- Gordon L. Davis is an aging information specialist with Johnson County Human Services and Aging.

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Births

MAR. 6: David Gilmour, English musician (Pink Floyd)

MAR. 7: Peter Wolf, American musician (J Geils Band)

MAR. 12: Liza Minnelli, American singer and actress

MAR. 21: Timothy Dalton, Welsh actor

Events

MAR. 2: British troops withdraw from Iran according to treaty - Soviets do not.

MAR. 2: Ho Chi Minh elected the President of North Vietnam.



MAR. 5: In his speech in Fulton, Missouri, Winston Churchill talks about the Iron Curtain.

MARCH 1956

Births

MAR. 11: Rob Paulsen, American voice actor, *Cheers, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*

MAR. 21: Ingrid Kristiansen, female Norwegian runner. Held the world record for marathon for over 10 years (2:21:06)

Events

MAR. 2: Morocco declares its independence from France.
MAR. 12: United Kingdom abolishes death penalty for murder.
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New exhibit at the Watkins Museum

The Watkins Community Museum of History is hosting a year long exhibit entitled A Few of Our Favorite Things in celebration of the Year of the Museum. Staff and volunteers will select their favorite 100 artifacts from the museum's 3-D and archival collections to display throughout the year. The first installment is open through April 2006. Among the first 25 objects are a fluoroscope, a window grate from a World War II POW camp, one of the first teddy bears, and transcripts from President Andrew Johnson's Impeachment Trial in 1868.

The Year of the Museum is part of the American Association of Museum's (AAM) 100th anniversary. Founded in 1906, AAM is the largest association dedicated to promoting excellence within museums. As part of its anniversary, AAM decided to honor museums across the United States by renaming 2006 the Year of the Museum.

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The Watkins Community Museum of History is operated by the Douglas County Historical Society.

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JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumbles: UNCLE BULGY RARITY CANYON

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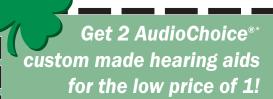




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