

"If memory serves me, I once borrowed a cup of sugar from President Putin"

GOV. SARAH PALIN
VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE, DESCRIBING HOW ALASKA AND RUSSIA ARE NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBORS



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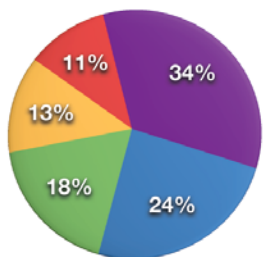
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DAN-O TO BAN DRINKING IN BARS

County Chief Executive Dan Onorato said that since neither the drink tax nor the smoking ban have destroyed bars and taverns, he is going to "tighten the screws" on them by banning all drinking in every bar and tavern in the county.

"Even water will be outlawed," Onorato explained.

"We tried to do this incrementally. We hoped the drink tax would do it. Then we thought the smoking ban would do it. But this time, I am certain the drinking ban will destroy every last one of them."

A reporter asked Onorato what he would do if the drink ban does not succeed.

"I personally will plant dynamite around each bar and blow up every last one of them," he explained.



Ravenstahl mum on birthday wish for city

Mayor Luke Ravenstahl knows what he's going to wish for when he blows out the candles on the cake at the city's big 250th birthday bash next month, but he's not telling.

"Let's just put it this way: you know that city council chamber? Well, that may not be there much longer," the mayor winked.



JFK'S KILLER FINALLY ID'D

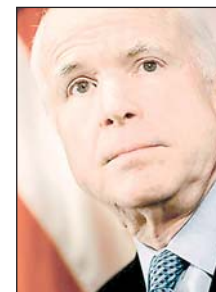
Computer engineers finally decoded this famous photo of Lee Harvey Oswald, long thought to be doctored. They discovered the face beneath the fake one of Oswald.

MCCAIN UNVEILS PLAN TO WIPE OUT DEFICIT

Sen. John McCain said he can wipe out the nation's nearly \$10 trillion deficit in one week after becoming president just by taxing the money people brag about winning at casinos.

"If you listen to what people tell their friends and relatives, they never lose at the slots," McCain explained.

"If we tax what people claim they win, I could give every citizen of this nation a check for \$20,000 every year."



Hear da JUDGE

By the Hon. Rufus Peckham
Editor of Carbolic Smoke Ball

Dear Judge: At work, everyone thinks I'm a well-respected and loving family man with a wife and five kids. The fact is, I'm a swinging bachelor who can't stand kids. Now my boss wants to come over to my house for dinner, so I guess I need to tell him the truth. I have to confess, right?

— Timmy, Pleasant Hills

Dear Timmy: You haven't been reading my column long, have you? Here's what to do: Go down to the CLO and rent some actors for a night to play your "wife" and "kids." You know — a lovable looking bunch. Be sure everyone keeps names straight. Trust me, I've done this — you can pull it off.

Dear Judge: I was worried when I heard that scientists had created a giant atom smasher because I feared it might destroy all life as we know it. I guess I was worrying needlessly.

— Bob, Brentwood

Dear Bob: No, you weren't, Bob. You were exactly right. It destroyed all life as we know it.