Nation

Tobacco consumption down — Adults in the US consumed less tobacco than in any year since 1988. The average consumed by each American over the age of 18 was 7.91 pounds last year, a 2 percent drop from two years ago, and the lowest consumption in this century.

Male fertility down — The sperm count of the American male has fallen by 30 percent in the last 30 years, according to Dr. Ralph Dougherty of Florida State University. In his study of 132 college males, Dougherty blames increased presence of environmental pollutants such as DDT and industrial chemicals known as PCBs.

Exercise proven good for salmon — The country's salmon output may get a boost from a new concept — physical fitness workouts for the fish. The fish, after being put through their paces in a five-foot swimming chamber at the University of Washington College of Fisheries, have lived longer once released into the sea than their physically unfit counterparts.

Weather

According to the National Weather Service, conditions should be mostly cloudy this morning, with winds rising to 20 or 30 miles per hour coming from the east. The temperature will be in the low 50's, dropping to the mid 40's tonight. Chance of rain is 20 percent during the day. Clouds will break up tonight, leading to 40 percent chance of rain tonight.

— By Richard Salz

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