

At the Thursday, August 7, 2008 meeting of the Current Events Club meeting in the Anthem Center, Carl Weinstein's daughter reported that the SCA community and Henderson public pool facilities were highly susceptible to being contaminated by a well-known parasite called "Cryptosporidiosis" or "Crypto". Most alarming was the report that traditional chlorination was known to not be very effective at providing adequate public safety.

Crypto is a dangerous disease related to fecal matter in pools and spas commonly coming from diarrhea experienced by seniors and children. It can cause serious illnesses, and even death, in those with immune system problems.

This caused a great deal of concern among those present since there have been numerous reports of fecal matter being found in SCA pools and spas during the past year or two. These incidents have been reportedly caused by accidents by elderly members. And, it is well known that many elderly SCA residents develop serious health problems and could become susceptible to crypto when they use SCA pool and spa facilities.

Since Carl Weinstein is the Board Vice President, his wife is a RMI employee involved in supervising SCA pool operations, and his daughter is employed by the Henderson Recreation Department in the pool operations area, we have to take the Weinstein family comments and concerns very seriously.

But, since nothing has been put out by RMI on this important matter, the following items have been extracted or linked to appropriate Center for Disease Control (CDC) information.

In the meantime, there are important questions that need to be immediately answered. For example:

1. What does RMI management know about "crypto" and what is being done to prevent a crypto outbreak in SCA?
2. Has RMI tested SCA pools and spas for Crypto? If so, on what dates were they tested and where are the detailed results?
3. Who in RMI is technically knowledgeable and personally responsible for pool, spa and bathroom health and safety issues?
4. How many fecal matter incidents in the SCA pools/spas have there been in recent years, when did they occur, were they reported to the City and CDC, and what cleanup and prevention actions were taken by RMI to ensure future health and safety to SCA pool and spa users?
5. What has RMI done in the past to inform pool and spa users of what needs to be done to avoid crypto disease at SCA?