

GET YOUR \$ WORTH

BY SALLY AND JIM ADAMS

WHERE YOUR TAX MONEY GOES

Know what a Frisbee is? The little plastic toy that looks like the cover of a soup tureen and flies through the air with the greatest of ease? Well, the Pentagon recently spent \$375,000 of the taxpayers' money to find out why a Frisbee spins so nicely.

That expenditure was presumably in the interest of national defense, but what about the government agency that spent \$19,300 on a study of why children fall off tricycles?

In these days of soaring inflation, when most Americans are finding it harder to stretch their paychecks to meet the constantly increasing prices, the government is spending tax dollars on such projects as these:

\$46,000 to compile a dictionary of witchcraft, \$576,000 to teach mothers how to play with their children, \$85,000 to study the effect of rural road construction in Poland, \$35,000 to study wild boars in Pakistan, and \$35,000 to study lizards in Yugoslavia.

We're not kidding - these are but a few of the projects being underwritten by your tax dollars, projects that the National Taxpayers Union calls "questionable." The report has triggered an outburst of protests from citizens all over the country. They're outraged to learn that their taxes go to pay for such boondoggles as studies of Polish pigs, Central American toads and research on the smell of perspiration of Australian aborigines. And the \$26,361 spent to buy an odor-measuring machine for Turkey.

Citizens are complaining that such projects are ridiculous, and demanding that their representatives in Congress put a stop to the waste of tax money.

A lot of Congressmen are in agreement, such as Sen. William Proxmire (Wis.), who sees little need in these days of inflation for such projects as a study of the language behavior of the chimpanzee. Rep. John Conlan (Ariz.) told the House of Representatives: "Working men and women complained about this scandalous spending situation, asking what they could do to help fight this battle of the budget."

What you can do, of course, is write your Senator and Congressman and tell them in no uncertain terms what you think of this kind of extravagance.

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THIS IS THE LAW

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GIFTS

A man, in company of his wife, daughter, and several friends, standing on the piazza of his home, pointed to a colt and said to his daughter: "That is your property. I give it to you." The colt was afterwards known as the child's property by the family and neighbors. The father took care of the property and it was never out of his possession. Was there a gift of the colt to the daughter?

No. The North Carolina Supreme Court held that the intended gift failed because there was no delivery of the colt to the daughter. There was not a change in possession. The donor did not part with dominion over the colt in a way effective to transfer it to his daughter.

Since the title to the colt did not pass to the daughter, the father may sell the colt or his creditors may seize it to satisfy their judgments. The father may deliver it as a gift to another or bequeath it as a gift in his will to another.

key to the donee and telling him that everything in the box is his?

Yes. Ordinarily there must be an actual delivery of the property to the donee, but there are occasions when the court has said a constructive delivery is sufficient. They are usually instances where the things intended to be given are not present and the box or receptacle in which they are contained is locked and unlocked by a key. A delivery of the only key, under such circumstances, is deemed a constructive delivery by the donor of the control of the box or receptacle.

If the box or receptacle is present at the time of the gift, the contents must be taken out and delivered to the donee by the donor.

M.I.T. Host Bennett Students

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Kimble, assistant professor of nutrition.

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MEDICINE CHEST

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How do drugs work? -- G.K.

Drugs affect individual cells in our body. When enough cells in an organ are affected, there will be an overall response on the part of that organ. Each cell of the body has what we call receptor sites. The receptor is the place at which the drug will react. Think of the receptor site of the cell and the drug molecule as both being pieces of a jigsaw puzzle. If the drug molecule is to affect a particular cell, it must be able to lock into that cell - just like two pieces in a puzzle.

I read where there's no cure for the common cold, but I can cure my cold with Contac. Isn't Contac a cure for the common cold? -- R.N.

Some people obtain relief from the symptoms of a cold by taking Contac. But, strictly speaking, is it a cure? Don't you come down with a cold again? If you were to take a medicine for the treatment of a disease, and the disease vanished - never to return again - you would have a cure. When you stop to think about it, there are few medicines that bring about cures. Most medicines provide relief. One exception is antibiotics, which rid the body of bacterial infections. When research develops a medicine to rid the body of viral infections like colds, we will have a cure for the cold.

If you are not getting enough of one vitamin, can it cause a loss of other vitamins as well? -- H.N.

Yes. In one study healthy convicts were fed a diet low in vitamin B6. The blood level of vitamin C also dropped. The vitamin C blood level increased when the vitamin B6 was reintroduced.

Is it okay to mask the unpleasant taste of some medicines by taking them with fruit juice? -- R.M.

Not always. If the juice is acidic, like orange juice, it may cause premature breakdown of some acid sensitive drugs. Several antibiotics are sensitive to acids. Ask your pharmacist what's the best way to mask the unpleasant taste of a drug.

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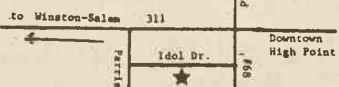
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