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ADOLESCENT' DRINKING HABITS

An adolescent's drinking behavior depends not so much on his parents' drinking behavior or the family's attitude toward drinking as on the parents' attitude and behavior toward the child, according to a recent survey.

Results of the survey reported in a recent issue of "Modern Medicine" indicated a child's perception of parental control, particularly by the mother, "is a critical determinant of the frequency of drinking and drunkenness in the child."

Patterns of alcohol use in response to stresses of adolescence may persist into adulthood, with important health consequences, the report states.

RAPID CHANGES IN TEMPERATURE MAY CRACK TOOTH ENAMEL

Ice cream and steaming coffee may sound like a pleasant way to end a meal, but the combination may be harmful to your teeth.

The rapid change of temperature that occurs when the two are combined can crack the tooth's enamel. Enamel expands and contracts at a different rate than the layer of dentin underneath. Hot drinks are usually about 140 degrees F, whereas ice cream is about 10 degrees F. Wincing pain may accompany hot or cold foods, drinks and air. Home treatment with a therapeutic dentrifice such as Sensodyne can relieve this sensitivity with continued use.

CHILDREN'S WET BOOTS MAY CAUSE "SHOE BOOT PERNIO"

A warning to parents to keep children from wearing winter boots with wet linings was issued this year in a bulletin from the American Medical Association. Such boots could cause an unpleasant skin condition called "Shoe Boot Pernio" (chilblains), the news release explains.

Apparently when snow gets inside waterproof boots, it melts and encases the foot in cold ice water. The result: painful, tender, bluish-red nodules that itch and burn, lasting 10 days to two weeks.

However, the condition can be avoided if children are coached to come inside when they get snow or cold water in their boots. The boot linings must be dry before they are worn again.

TELEVISION RELATED INJURIES

Television violence is not confined to the TV screen; as many as 14,000 Americans may have needed emergency room treatment for television-related injuries during the 1974 fiscal year, according to U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates.

The projected figure is based on 710 cases reported by selected hospitals through the Commission's National Electronic Injury Surveillance System. Most of the cases arose from "external mechanical hazards, such as a television falling because of an unstable support stand." In the six months ending last March, 36 people died in accidents involving television equipment, particularly from fires and electrocution.

EMERGENCY CARD

Not long ago without warning, an elderly gentleman was stricken with a heart attack during a meeting at a local senior citizen center.

The problem was nobody knew the man or anything about him," said Windsor DeCrane, coordinator of the Senior Citizen Resources Center at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

It was then that DeCrane decided that senior citizens should begin carrying identification cards with them containing all the vital information necessary at a time of emergency.

The card includes, in addition to the usual personal data, information on the carrier's medical allergies, insurance coverage, his physician's name, physical weaknesses, the status of his will, his religion and any drugs he may be taking routinely.

Anyone interested in obtaining a card should call or write UNLV's Senior Citizen Resources Center in the Humanities Building, 739-3378.

SANTINI Co-sponsors medicare coverage increase

Congressman Jim Santini recently co-sponsored legislation providing Medicare coverage of "Pap" tests for cancer of the uterus and cervix.

Santini said he was concerned with the American Cancer Society predictions of 46,000 new cases of uterine cancer and 11,000 deaths caused by the disease in 1975.

"The Cancer Society also found that women most likely to become afflicted with uterine cancer are economically, educationally or medically indigent, and for the most part, are over 65 years old," said the new Nevada Congressman, a Democrat.

The disturbing thing about this type of cancer is that it would not be fatal if it were only discovered in time.

N.A.M.C. to elect officers

The Nevada Association of Minority Contractors, Inc. will meet at 7:30 P.M., Wednesday, February 19, 1975.

The meeting will be held at the Nevada Economic Development Office, 618 East Carson.

Election of new officers and procurement activity will be the agenda. For information call 348-3293.

Over a million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) worth of contracts will be discussed.

New sources for minority business

Minority entrepreneurs in need of business assistance now have access to a comprehensive listing of potentially useful advisors, as reflected in a recently published Federal directory.

Published by the Department of Commerce's Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE), the 45-page directory, entitled "OMBE Funded Organizations," updates an earlier edition published in 1973.

Listing 227 sources of assistance for minority entrepreneurs, the publication gives the names of officials, addresses and phone numbers for construction contractor assistance centers (CCASs); business resource centers (BRC's); local business development organizations (LBDOs); business management development groups (BMDs); state OMBEs; minority trade associations and other OMBS-funded groups.

"Knowledgeable, timely assistance can be of vital importance to a minority businessman in the current economic situation," said OMBE Director Alex Armendaris. "This directory lists the sources for assistance available throughout the nation provided by OMBE-funded organizations."

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IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

The District Health Department reminds Timothy's Episcopal parents that six free immunization clinics have been scheduled for children between two months and 21 years of age.

Immunization to prevent diphtheria, whooping cough, polio and both types of measles will be available from the public health nurses at the following locations:

Al Landsman Gardens at 750 Major Avenue in Henderson from 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. on Monday, February 25.

Easter Seal Treatment Center at 2915 E. Sunrise from 9 A.M. - noon on Tuesday, February 25.

Panama Clinic in St. Timothy's Episcopal Church at 42 Pacific Ave., in Henderson from 8 A.M. - noon Wednesday, February 26.

Trailer Estates at 2240 Linn Lane (at Judson) from 3:30 - 5:30 P.M. on Wednesday, February 26.

Gerson Park Boys Club at 2020 McGuire from 1-3 P.M. on Thursday, February 27.

Boys Club at 2530 E. Carey in North Las Vegas from 9 A.M. - noon on Friday, February 28.

Please call the Health Department for further information.

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