

# HEW to see if Medicare sex-change funding needed

WASHINGTON—The federal government will review whether Medicare should pay for some sex-change operations, says

health financing chief, Robert Derzon, to set up a panel of experts to review whether transsexual surgery is medically necessary in certain cases.

At issue is whether such procedures involve proven techniques. A spokeswoman for HEW's Health Care Financing Administration, Pat Schoeni, said the U.S. Public Health Service has considered transsexual surgery to be new and experimental and its safety and effectiveness were not proven. Medicare, run by the federal government, does not pay for unproven techniques.

## associated press datelines

the secretary of health, education and welfare.

Joseph A. Califano Jr. has ordered his

## union calendar

8 a.m. — Cooperative Extension Home Economics, Coordinating Committee, East Union Columbine Room.

8:30 a.m. — Student Affairs staff, Nebraska Union 243.

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. — Flights and Study Tours, Nebraska Union 225 G.

9 a.m. — EUPC Arts and Crafts Day, East Union Great Plains Room.

10 a.m. — MASA Cultural Awareness Days speaker, Nebraska Union 202.

10 a.m. — EUPC Tomlinson Art Show, East Union Sunflower Room.

11:45 a.m. — East Campus Bowling League, East Union Goldenrod Room.

Noon — Food and Nutrition 470-870 class catering project, East Union Cottonwood Room.

1 p.m. — MASA Cultural Awareness Days panel discussion, Nebraska Union 202.

1 p.m. — Student Affairs Mini University CPR training, Nebraska Union 242.

1:30 p.m. — College of Agriculture media workshop, East Union Columbine Room.

3 p.m. — Student Affairs "Focus on Choice," Nebraska Union 203.

3 p.m. — Teaching and Learning Center Seminar, Nebraska Union 243.

4:30 p.m. — Phi Chi Theta election, Nebraska Union 232.

5:30 p.m. — "Ober-Ember" dinner, Nebraska Union Harvest room A.

5:45 p.m. — Fees Allocation Board dinner, East Union Sycamore Room.

6 p.m. — Christian Science Organization, Nebraska Union 243.

6 p.m. — Home Economics Education Association, East Union Goldenrod Room.

7 p.m. — Interfraternity Council seminar, Nebraska Union 242.

7 p.m. — Residence Hall Association, Nebraska Union South Conference Room.

7 p.m. — Baptist Student Union, Nebraska Union 232.

7 and 9 p.m. — Union Program Council film, Nebraska Union Ballroom.

7 p.m. — Nebraska Turfgrass Foundation, East Union Cottonwood Room.

7 p.m. — Forestry, Fisheries and Wildlife, East Union Student Organization Committee Room.

7:30 p.m. — MASA Cultural Awareness Days, Women's Workshop, Nebraska Union 202.

7:30 p.m. — Math Counselors, Nebraska Union 225 B-C.

7:30 p.m. — Innocents Society, Nebraska Union 203.

Booths: 1A-IFC-Panhellenic, 2A-ECKANKAR, Nebraska Union.

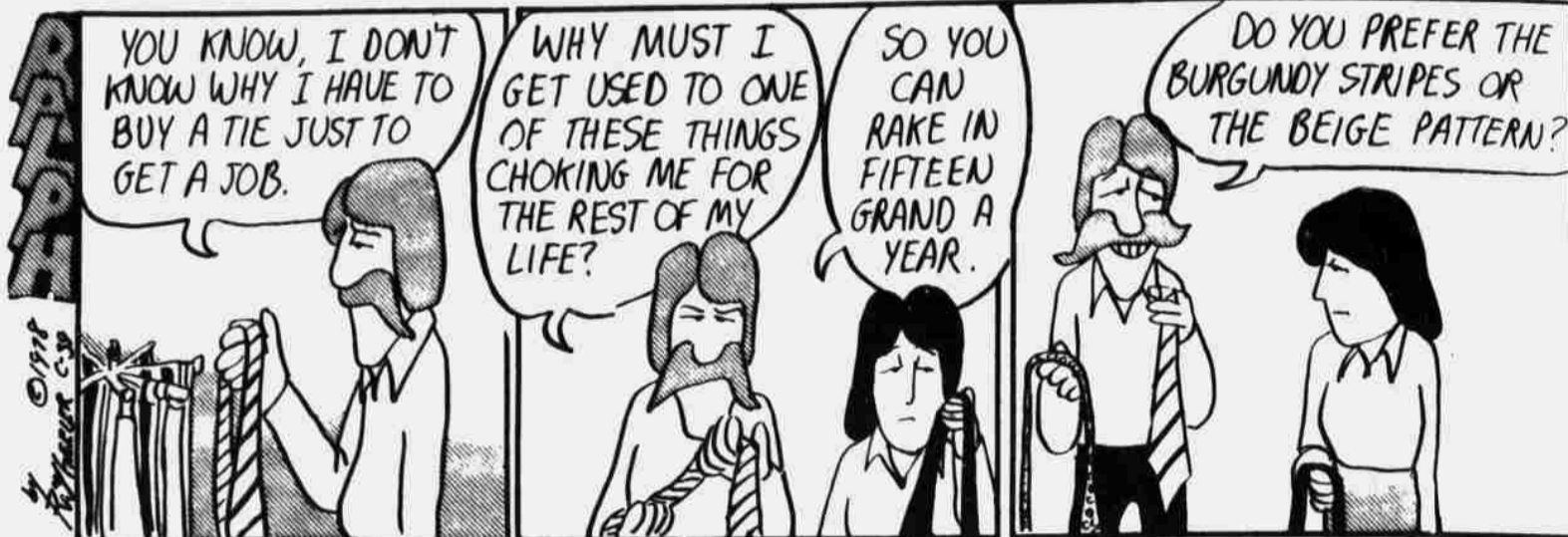
## Lost nuclear device

NEW YORK—An article in a new magazine published by Rolling Stone alleges that a nuclear-powered device was lost in 1965 on a Himalayan mountainside by a CIA expedition trying to set up a tracking station to monitor Chinese activities.

According to the story in Outside, the CIA group was trying to scale a 25,645-foot mountain called Nanda Devi and code-named Blue Mountain, but was forced by bad weather to give up the attempt about 2,000 feet below the summit. The

climbers, hoping to return when the weather improved, stored the nuclear SNAP generator, which was to power the tracking station.

The story, by Howard Kohn, says the CIA made an attempt in 1966 to retrieve the generator, but was unsuccessful. It says the fuel rods in the generator contained plutonium-238 "which remains dangerously radioactive for 300 to 500 years and even if the SNAP generator had survived the avalanche intact, its outer shell would eventually corrode and release its poisonous core."



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