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Assignment 3: Medical text

Directions: To keep the stylebook differences fresh in our minds, we'll mix up when we use AP style and when we use Chicago style. For this particular exercise, please copy-edit the following piece using AP style.

HED: Sleeping Ppills Oeversed but Ppse Ffew Ppproblems

We've all been there, tossing and turning in bed, looking at the clock. You, like millions of Americans each night, take a sleeping pill. But you're left the next day wondering if you should have—or if you'll have to take one that night as well. It's enough to make you, well, sleepless. But you can rest easy. Most doctors, who are experts in this field of sleeplessness, say that sleeping pills pose surprisingly few problems. "If anything, chronic sleep deprivation is more dangerous than taking a prescribed sleep aid," says Dr. David Neubauer, associate director of the Johns Hopkins Sleep Disorders Center and the author of "Understanding Sleeplessness."

"Prescribed" is the key. The newest FDA-approved sleep meds are so reliable that self-administered doses of Tylenol PM and NyQuil should swiftly become a thing of your past. The active ingredient in most over-the-counter sleep aids, diphenhydramine, knocks you out, but doesn't help you stay asleep. And it takes the body a long time to break the drug down.

By contrast, the newer meds—boasting such soothing names as Ambien, Lunesta, and Sonata—belong to a class of drugs known as nonbenzodiazepines (try saying *that* once you get tired), ~~that~~ which trigger your brain to induce restful, sound sleep. They don't shorten any necessary sleep cycles, and their half-lives are brief.

Nonbenzodiazepines sometimes comes with side effects, notably short-term memory loss. Luckily, this is generally manageable: "You might not remember a phone conversation from the night you took the pill," Neubauer says, "but it won't affect you during the day."

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Assignment 5: Press release

Directions: Copy-edit the following press release. Please use AP style when copyediting this story. Headline style will capitalize prepositions four letters long or fewer.

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First Internet Maps Showcased On New Poster From Peacock Maps

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A new wall poster reproducing nine historic “first maps” of the Internet were published today by Peacock Maps, a Washington, D.C.-area company.

“It’s a unique poster,” said Martin Dodge, Peacock’s Director of Research, “because it brings together some of the most important original and often hand-drawn diagrams and maps made by the Internet’s inventors between 1964 and 1988.”

The images shown on the poster were also selected for their artistic value, Dodge says. “We wanted to tell the story of the Internet’s early years in maps, but in a way that would appeal to people, new to the Internet, as well as to tech-savvy networking engineers.”

The maps and diagrams on Peacock’s new poster have historical significance as well, explained Dodge. “They chart the layout of several pioneering packet-data networks that no longer exist, and document the vision of the Internet’s founders.”

The Peacock Web site — www.peacockmaps.com — provides detailed information about each of the original maps on the poster and has numerous links to resources about the history of the Internet. The poster can be viewed online and ordered online for \$29.95 plus shipping.

Peacock Maps is a Washington, D.C.-area poster company specializing in Internet themes. The company’s “Whole Internet” posters have been sold in more than 30 countries and have been featured in articles by *The New York Times*, *Canadian Geographic*, *Paris Match*, *Mercator’s World*, and other publications.

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Assignment 6: Newspaper story

Directions: Copy-edit this newspaper travel story. Please use AP style.

They never wanted to leave. No one can pinpoint what held ~~him~~them captive, but the siren song of French Polynesia has clearly been ineluctable since it first seduced Fletcher Christian and the rest of the HMS Bounty crew, leading them to stage their infamous mutiny against Captain Bligh when he insisted they ship ~~of~~off back to ~~puratinal~~puritanical England.

People are still lured ~~there~~their. That's because little of French Polynesia has changed, especially on the island of Huahine. Dubbed the "Garden of Eden," Huahine remains a lush, undeveloped retreat —so much so that even though **Te Tiare Beach Resort (888-600-8455; tetiarebeachresort.com)** resides on the mainland, the only way to reach it is by boat. One of two traditional resorts on the island, Te Tiare has 11 bungalows ~~have~~with spacious L-shaped sundecks ~~which~~that compensate for the lack of a glass-bottom floor. If you think you've seen the natural, rustic décor and terra-cotta floors somewhere before, you probably have: The Sports Illustrated swimsuit models stayed here ~~during the shoot for~~while photographing the 2006 issue.

Still, visitors to this island don't come for brand-name hotels and celebrity chefs. Here, the real luxury is absolute seclusion. That's the quality that drew American expat, Peter Owen, who sells pearls and handmade ~~pottery~~poetry from his floating workshop in ~~the~~ middle of the lagoon. His is an ever-familiar story in these parts: He left his life in California after he met and married a Tahitian woman. "Everybody's dying to stay here!" he said. "You just have to meet a nice Tahitian spouse."

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