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An $18 Health Bargain

BOB JONES WATCHES THE EKG INSTRUMENTS
Contact Points Are Cold But Painless

By EILEEN HAMPTON

There's a new club in Sonoma County that costs $18 to join and just may save your life.

The CommunHealth Club charges the $18 to cover laboratory costs for a variety of tests they conduct on each member.

Membership consists of showing up for the battery of tests at 7 a.m. Friday and attending the follow-up session five days later where club officials and a pathologist explain results of the tests.

Geared to educate those who do not usually pay much attention to their health, the purpose of the program is to make persons aware of what they can do to avoid illness as well as give a general overall picture of their present health status.

"We take the normals and educate them," says Ken Bubb, 32, coordinator of the program.

By "normals," he means people who aren't concerned with their health until they become ill — which often times is too late.

The testing includes a blood pressure reading, tuberculosis skin test, 19 different readings on the composition of your blood, a urine test, a pap smear for women, and an electrocardiogram.

The testing — although extensive — is not cunidered a complete physical, because eyes, ears, nose, throat, lungs and reflexes are not tested.

The examination is geared to detect the major causes of death — hardening of the arteries, cancer, heart disease and a variety of illnesses that can be fatal if not detected early.

Financed by a federal grant from the Sonoma Health Education Activities, the program began in September, and until recently, conducted tests every Friday morning.

Due to a backlog of bookwork, however, the program was forced to discontinue testing in mid-December, and will not start again until mid-January.

A relatively small number of staff maintain the program, with the majority of people involved being volunteers.

Paid personnel are Bubb; Melody Coory, 29, administrative assistant; Bob Jones, liaison with Sonoma County schools, and Imelda Reyes, secretary.

The grant money, totaling $50,000, is used to pay salaries and buy equipment for the program.

The nurses who do the testing are all volunteers and come from Community Hospital of Sonoma County and Santa Rosa

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NORTH VIETNAMESE CHILDREN PLAY ATOP WRECKAGE OF U.S. B52 BOMBER
The Plane Was Reported Downed Dec. 18 in Vinh Phu Province

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Hanoi Takes Hard Line At Paris Peace Talks

By United Press International

The North Vietnamese delegation to the Paris peace talks abruptly hardened Hanoi's negotiating position today, and in one of a series of statements accused the United States of deliberately destroying Hanoi's Bach Mai hospital in the mass raids against the Hanoi-Haiphong area.

U.S. and North Vietnamese experts met in Paris for an unprecedented 7 1/2 hours today to lay the groundwork for the negotiations that resume Monday between Dr. Henry A. Kissinger and Hanoi's Le Duc Tho. As they did, there were words of caution in Washington against too much optimism.

While Hanoi was reporting new precautions against a possible resumption of the U.S. bombing attacks, the North Vietnamese delegation in Paris for the first time said Hanoi made no concession to the United States at the height of the U.S. bombing offensive and affirmed that it will stick to its demand that Vietnam must not be permanently divided into a Communist north and a "free" south. This special statement rejected reports in Saigon political circles the Communist regime in Hanoi had abandoned under the bombing attacks its demands that Vietnam must be considered as one single country. It came as Hanoi Radio and Communist diplomats reported Hanoi would insist that any Kissinger-Tho settlement must follow the Oct. 26 draft cease-fire agreement.

The statement resurrected North Vietnam's basic premise that the future peace treaty with President Nixon's negotiator must refer to Vietnam as one nation.

North Vietnamese delegation spokesman Nguyen Thanh Le said there has been no secret compromise arrangement with Washington, as reported in Saigon, under which it has agreed to drop reference to Vietnam's partition as being only provisional.

"We reject this fully invented report," Le said. He said that during the bombing raids North Vietnam's basic premise of the 20th Parallel, called off Saturday "no negotiation whatsoever" took place with the United States.

Le said that article 1 of the Oct. 20 draft peace accord negotiated with Kissinger made it clear "the United States respects the independence, sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Vietnam, consecrated by the 1954 Geneva agreements."

In a separate statement Le said the United States air force deliberately destroyed Hanoi's Bach Mai hospital killing 25 doctors, nurses, medical students and two children and destroying 1,500 liters of serum and blood plasma.

Le said a statement by Defense department spokesman Jerry W. Friedheim that some accidental damage may have been caused to the hospital, were "usual maneuvers of lies of the Nixon administration aimed at misleading the public opinion in the United States and elsewhere in the world."

"One must stress that the American Air Force five times deliberately bombed the Bach Mai hospital," Le said.

In addition to the technical meetings which resumed Tuesday, the American delegation

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ENDING THE WAR

Nixon, Congress Tangle

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Democratic-controlled 93rd Congress opened for business today and immediately became embroiled in controversy with President Nixon over ending the Vietnam war.

Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield keynoted the start of the session with a call for prompt legislation to force U. S. withdrawal, and drew immediate formal support from his Senate forces.

The White House, leaving no doubt that the President was irritated by the Democratic war stance taken by both Houses five days before a new round of peace negotiations is to begin, cautioned Congress it might be prolonging end-the-war negotiations.

Senate Democrats, in a caucus shortly before the opening gavel fell, approved by voice vote Mansfield's proposal that Congress end the war once and for all.

Presidential Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler told reporters: "At such a sensitive stage in the negotiations ... members of Congress should ask themselves if they want to take the responsibility for raising doubts in the enemy's minds about the U.S. position and thereby possibly prolonging the negotiations."

The House opened its session by electing for its second term as speaker Rep. Carl Albert, D-Okla., who presided over a caucus Tuesday of Democratic House members who approved by a 2-1 margin a resolution demanding a legislative end to the war.

The Paris peace talks resume Monday following the U.S. breakoff last month.

Senate Republicans huddled just before the formal opening ceremonies and hurriedly approved —but by a margin of only 16 to 10 —a resolution supporting Nixon's "efforts to end the tragic conflict in Indochina now through negotiated settlement."

At the meeting of Democratic senators, Mansfield said Congress must reassert its powers and "seek to bring about disinvolvement" in the war.

Sentiment for a prompt settlement spread rapidly among members of Congress after President Nixon broke off the secret Paris peace talks on Dec. 12 and a few days later resumed, for most of the remainder of the month, the heavy bombing of North Vietnam.

In this connection, the White House decided to allow Kissinger to appear before some Republican congressmen Friday to discuss the prospects for peace.

This disclosure came as Sen. Lowell P. Weicker, R-Conn., said he was withdrawing his support for the bombing policy. Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., also a backer of most administration war policy, cautioned against abrupt but criticized President Nixon for not explaining the bombing publicly.

House and Senate Republicans also held separate caucuses this morning on the heels of Tuesday's House Democratic meeting which resulted in a 2-1 vote favoring legislation to stop the war.

Like Mansfield, the present party leaders had no opposition for re-election —Hugh Scott as GOP Senate leader and Gerald Ford as House Republican leader. House Speaker Carl Albert was easily renominated by Democrats Tuesday.

Beginning a new term as Senate majority leader, Mansfield declared: "The time has long since passed when we can take shelter in claim of legislative impotence."

Mansfield and other Democratic leaders have served notice they intend to buck the administration where they deem necessary to reassert the congressional role as an equal branch of government. The Democrats still firmly control both House and Senate.

Stressing this point, Mansfield told his colleagues "we have no choice" but to legislate an end to the war because he said, one day after conferring with President Nixon, that the president had failed to obtain peace by negotiation.

"The effort to salvage a war that has succeeded only in

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Medicare Premiums To Increase

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Monthly Medicare doctor bill premiums for 22.5 million aged persons will be increased July 1 from $5.80 to $6.30, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) said today.

The federal government pays an equal share from general revenues to cover the costs of physicians' services in and out of hospitals, surgeons, anesthesiologists, radiologists, physical therapists and, beginning in July, some chiropractic and speech pathology services.

HEW Secretary Elliot L. Richardson said in a statement that no further increases would be made in the monthly premium until July 1, 1976, unless Congress enacts another Social Security benefit increase.

Richardson said the increase was necessary because of a growing use of physicians services by the elderly, a trend toward more expensive services

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U.S. Planes Dump 900 Tons Of Bombs on Supply Trail

SAIGON (UPI) — U.S. B52s dropped an estimated 900 tons of bombs Tuesday and today on approaches to two major sections of the Ho Chi Minh supply trial in North Vietnam but again stayed below the 20th Parallel. Other B52s dropped 1,500 more tons on Communist targets in northern Vietnam.

The U.S. Command, in a sudden relaxation of its 16-day old information blackout on B52 missions, said the bombers flew 19 missions near the Ban Karai and Mu Gia passes northwest of Dong Hoi, about 50 miles above the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). The bombers also flew 24 missions in South Vietnam's five northern provinces, most of them in Communist-held areas northwest of Quang Tri City.

The Command said 84 fighter-bombers and 13 flights of B52s flew through monsoon rains, storms and thick clouds late Tuesday and early today in the attacks against the southern panhandle region of North Vietnam. It said the bad weather prevented assessment of the bomb damage.

The U.S. Command also reported the downing of another fighter-bomber over North Vietnam. The command communique said the plane, a Marine Corps A6 Intruder, went down of "unknown causes" last Thursday. Both crewmen are missing.

Farther to the south, six waves of B52s hit a suspected Communist troop staging area 65 miles northeast of Saigon.

The latest announcement brought to 27 the number of U.S. aircraft missing since the renewed bombing began Dec. 18. The tally includes 15 B52s, 11 conventional jet fighter-bombers and one helicopter. At least 82 Americans have been captured or killed.

Today was the first day since Nixon ordered bombing in the Hanoi-Haiphong area resumed that the number of bombing raids in North was reported to newsmen.

In South Vietnam, Communist troops stepped up their attacks to the highest point since Dec. 8 with 81 shellings, ground assaults and terror attacks between dawn Tuesday and dawn today, the Saigon command reported.

The U.S. command ordered 35 B52 strikes in the South between dusk Monday—the end of a 24-hour New Year's cease-fire in South Vietnam—and dawn today, spokesmen said. Another 221 smaller jets hit at suspected Communist targets throughout the South during the same period, spokesmen said.

OVER REDISTRICTING

Supervisors May Sue Education Board

By GEORGE MANES

Sonoma County supervisors may sue the county Board of Education if the recent trustee redistricting plan does not conform to the one-man, one-vote doctrine.

Supervisors yesterday ordered County Counsel James Botz to investigate the schools redistricting plan and report back.

"I'm not adverse to filing suit against the school board," said Ignazio Vella.

Vella, the First District supervisor, said the redistricting plan is allowed too large a spread between the trustee district with the greatest number of voters and that with the smallest number.

Reminding his fellow board members of their own difficulty in achieving equal-sized districts during their own 1971 redistricting, Vella said:

"It is just as important that schools achieve one-man, one-vote as it is for supervisors. After all, they spend more money than we do but are much less visible."

Vella was critical of the school's plan because it allowed a discrepancy of more than five per cent between two of the seven trustee districts.

Trustee Area Two, which includes Old Adobe, Petaluma and Waugh, has 18,634 voters while the Fourth Trustee Area, encompassing northeast, southeast and southwest Santa Rosa, has only 17,374 voters.

That 5.3 per cent spread, Vella claimed, is excessive in light of the one-man, one-vote rulings pried by the supervisor's reaction.

"Compared to what we had before, it is a great plan," he said.

A special 11-man redistricting committee drafted the new plan during October and November and the county school board adopted it Dec. 7, Bacon said.

Prior to the redistricting, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Richard Bacon, who helped draft the redistricting plan, said yesterday he was surprised by the supervisor's reaction.

Bacon said. "We tried not to break up elementary school districts into separate trustee areas," he added.

County Counsel Botz, who will investigate the redistricting plan for supervisors, said yesterday that courts do not have inflexible limits of "spread" between districts.

"The courts simply say that all districts must be equal," he said.

Cal State Applications Take Dip

By KARL OLSON
Staff Correspondent

ROHNERT PARK — The specter of fewer applications for admission and the eventual possibility of resulting budget cuts has raised its head earlier than expected at California State College, Sonoma.

It appears to be a statewide and national trend that was expected in two or three years, but not this soon.

Cal State, which admissions Dean Harold Soeters insists is still one of the more popular state colleges, is still taking applications for the spring semester beginning this February.

They were closed much earlier a year ago.

Furthermore, the college needs almost 350 more applications for February to simply

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Empire Forecast: Mostly Fair

Mostly fair skies except for occasional clouds tonight is the weatherman's forecast for most of the Redwood Empire.

There will be showers in the northern area, moving southward tonight.

Predicted highs and lows are 42 and 23 for Ukiah and 46 and 28 for Santa Rosa.

Northerly winds are expected to increase to 10 to 20 m.p.h.

Additional weather information can be found on page 2.

SECRET WITNESS

$2,000 Offered in Death of Girls

By JAMES E. REID

Leads almost a year old were being reworked yesterday as police and sheriff's officers tried to pick up the trail of the two girls whose remains were found off Frantz Valley rd. last Thursday.

The girls were identified Sunday as Maureen Sterling, 12, and Yvonne Weber, 13.

They were last seen around 7:20 p.m. Feb. 4 when one of their mothers took them to the Redwood Empire Ice Arena.

The case of the girls has been included in the Secret Witness program and a $500 reward has been offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for each of their deaths.

Secret witness has already offered $500 for information on the deaths of Kim and Lori Kurpa.

Anyone with information about the girls or the person responsible for their deaths should write out the details on a sheet of paper, using a combination of any three letters and three numbers on the lower right corner and left hand corners of the last page, tear off the lower right corner and mail it to: Secret Witness, Box 569, Santa Rosa, Calif., 95402.

Contributions to the reward fund may also be sent to: Secret Witness Fund, at the above address.

Sheriff Don Striepeke this morning assigned an officer to begin checking into some 75 reports of missing teenage girls on file at his office.

He said he wanted a current, accurate list of how many young girls are missing in Sonoma County and said he would send the officer to various police stations this week to make additional checks on the numerous missing juvenile reports.

In a news release from District Attorney John Hawkes' office yesterday, the sheriff said, "although there is no direct evidence of homicide concerning the discovery" of the skeletal remains of the two girls, his office "is going to make a total

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MAUREEN STERLING

YVONNE WEBER

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Rites Set For 2 SR Girls

Services for the two young Santa Rosa girls whose remains were found off a narrow country road in remote Frantz Valley last Thursday will be held Saturday.

Memorial services for Yvonne Weber will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Unitarian Fellowship, 3595 Stony Point rd. with John Durr officiating.

Yvonne was the daughter of Mrs. Sheila Berrington and step-daughter of David Herrington, both of 2360 Holland dr., the sister of Mark Weber, Aaron and Emily Herrington, all of Santa Rosa.

She is also survived by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Perssonett, Santa Rosa; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Livingston, South Lake Tahoe; her uncles, Jarman Durr officiating.

Chavez Sues Teamsters And Growers

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Farm Worker leader Cesar Chavez today filed a $1.26 million damage suit against the Teamsters Union and California shippers and growers, alleging civil rights violations through "sham" contracts that excluded minority farm workers.

The federal court suit named more than 125 individuals and companies it said had conspired against blacks, Chicanos and Filipinos through contracts negotiated between growers and shippers and the Teamsters.

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