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HEALTH TIPS

National VD Hotline only one in country

The phones haven't stopped ringing since they were installed three months ago in the basement headquarters of the National VD Hotline.

In plain talk and often explicit detail, the anxious callers describe their symptoms, seek medical advice and, most important, find directions to low-cost VD clinics in their home towns. Sometimes, they even call back to say thanks, or to report gleefully that their lab tests proved negative.

Opened in October on a three-year, \$342,000 federal grant, the National VD Hotline is the only 24-hour venereal disease information and referral service in the country. It is located in Palo Alto, Calif.

The volume of calls, up to 400 a day, already has overwhelmed the five-phone switchboard and caused hotline director Bea Mandel to issue a plea for more volunteer operators.

The toll-free telephone number is 1-800-227-8982.

The hotline idea was chosen because it is "the quickest way to reach the largest number of people," Mandel said. "The concept has been around a long time and is successful because callers can be assured of confidentiality. And that's important when the topic is VD."

The calls are taken by a staff of 30 volunteers, some of them high school and college students who can receive credit through the Palo Alto school system, San Jose State and Stanford universities.

They all receive 15 hours of basic VD training, which includes exposure to a so-called dirty word list that is constantly updated.

The operators, she said, can discuss symptoms with callers, then make referrals out of a bright-red directory of more than 5000 low-cost or free VD clinics across the nation.

"In no way are we or anyone else qualified to diagnose anything on the phone," Mandel said. "We send them to be checked by professionals."

Mandel believes the sudden success of the hotline came about because it's listed in telephone books throughout the country.

"For the first time, VD is listed in the white pages of telephone books in 67 major cities with populations over 200,000," she said. "That's a real breakthrough just to have the words venereal disease listed in the phone book."

VD afflicts a million Americans annually, sufficient to qualify as an epidemic. "Our youngest caller," Mandel said, "was a 9-year-old girl; the oldest a 75-year-old man."

She said the most common questions are, "What do I have and how do I get rid of it?"

Baptist ladies meet Monday

The monthly meeting of the Baptist Women's Missionary Society was held Monday evening at the church. Twenty-one women gathered at six-thirty for an hour's work on projects.

The business session was opened at seven-thirty by the president, Mrs. Clyde Wells. Mrs. Vera Beaus gave devotions, using the topic "Men Pray and God Does." Prayer time was led by Mrs. Richard Shaw.

Mrs. Diane Ramsey, for "Informissions," spoke on Alaska.

Tables were decorated in keeping with Valentine's Day when refreshments were served by Mrs. Ricky Parrott and Mrs. Fay McComb.

Deadline still March 31 for license plates

Everyone who owns a motor vehicle must register that vehicle by March 31, if it is going to be legally driven on public highways after that date, according to Secretary of State Richard H. Austin.

The statement came on the heels of a rash of recent inquiries to Secretary of State branch offices indicating some confusion over the March 31 deadline.

According to Austin, this year the Department of State is phasing in a new system of vehicle registration based on birthdate. Under the system, plates and tabs will expire each year on the vehicle owner's birthday.

To make the transition to the birthday system, the 1980 registration will be valid until the owner's next birthday. From then on, the plate or plate tabs will expire each year on the owner's birthday.

Some individual owners mistakenly assume they can wait until their birthday in 1980 to buy plates. This is a mistaken impression and all owners still must purchase their 1980 plate tabs by the traditional March 31 deadline, Austin said.

Mrs. MacRae retires from phone company

VernaMay MacRae of Cass City has retired from General Telephone after 20 years of employment. Her last day on the job was Jan. 31.

She was guest of honor at a retirement party Jan. 18 in Davison, attended by 80 co-workers.

Mrs. MacRae worked the first 17 years in Cass City, then transferred to Davison after the office here was closed, commuting there in a car pool. She started as a service representative and was a business account representative at the time of her retirement.

She was pianist at Rotary Club meetings for more than 30 years, until she began working in Davison. She has been organist at the First Presbyterian church for seven years.

She and her husband, Calvin, have two daughters, Charlene (Mrs. John) Nipper of Vandalia, Ill., and Barbara (Mrs. Phillip) Rockwell of Argyle, and four grandchildren.

Her husband has worked for General Telephone for 15 years, employed as a line-man. The MacRaes live at 4334 N. Seeger Street.

Retirement, Mrs. MacRae said, will give her more time to spend with her family, her music, raising African violets and maybe playing golf.

Later this month, she will be going to Florida to visit her father and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Carl DeMerritt, near Tampa, and Mrs. Anna Krug in Eustis.

Hoffman picked for task force

State Rep. Quincy Hoffman (R-Applegate) has been appointed to serve on a six-member House Republican task force organized to study problems related to the production and storage of Michigan-grown grain.

Hoffman is vice chairman of the House Agriculture Committee.

He said the panel's list of priorities includes finding solutions for storing and moving grain in the wake of the U.S. embargo on shipments to the Soviet Union, increasing the legislature's awareness of agricultural needs in the state, and studying the development of ethanol in Michigan, used to produce gasoline.

Other members appointed to the panel by House Republican Leader William R. Bryant Jr. (R-Grosse Pointe Farms) are State Representatives Nick Smith, Addison, Bela Kennedy, Bangor, Alan Cropsey, DeWitt, Everitt "Abe" Lincoln, Albion, and Carl Gnodtke, Sawyer.

Gagetown Area News

Mrs. Harold Koch

Phone 665-2536

Mrs. Gerry Carolan and Lucille LaFave were overnight guests of Mrs. Mary Carolan at Bay City Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Craver joined them for dinner Wednesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Koch of Elsie, a daughter, Sara Elizabeth, Feb. 3 at Owosso Hospital. Lester is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Koch of Unionville and the grandson of Mrs. Mabel Ondrajka of Gagetown.

Freddy, Lori and Patti Ondrajka attended the pancake breakfast at the Gagetown School with their grandmother, Mrs. Mabel Ondrajka, Sunday to help Lori and Patti celebrate

their birthdays. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Koch called on Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bickley of Birch Run Thursday morning.

Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Gary Crowe of Barksdale, La., arrived home Saturday to spend a ten-day leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Koch of Unionville.

Hans Grundeman Jr. of Sterling Heights was a guest of the Harold Kochs all last week.

Mrs. Mabel Ondrajka attended the 25th wedding an-

niversary celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gosson at the Methodist church in Caro Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Elger Generous spent Sunday with Mrs. Thressa Johnston. Afternoon callers included Mr. and Mrs. James Winchester and Bill Johnston of Cass City.

FARM BUREAU

The North Elmwood Farm Bureau met Monday, Jan. 28, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Loomis with 11 members present.

Dick Ziehm presided over the meeting. Betty Laurie, woman's chairman, reported an agricultural display will be at Fashion Square Mall from Feb. 14-17. The discussion topic, led by Barry Hedley, was on water.

The next meeting will be Feb. 25, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Barry Hedley.

School Menu

FEB. 11-15

MONDAY

Hamburg & Bun
Cheese Slices
Chips
Buttered Beans
White Milk
Cookie

TUESDAY

Spaghetti & Meat
Cheese
Bread-Butter
Peach Slices
White Milk
Cookie

WEDNESDAY

Fishwich
Tartar Sauce
Buttered Peas
White Milk
Cookie

THURSDAY

Mashed Potatoes
Hamburg Gravy
Buttered Carrots
Bread-Butter
White Milk

FRIDAY

Hot Dog & Bun
Chips
Buttered Corn
White Milk
Coconut Bar

Menu subject to change.

'Crib death' parent group being formed

In an effort to increase public awareness throughout the State of Michigan, the State Senate recently passed a joint resolution with the House of Representatives designating the month of February as Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Awareness Month.

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), more commonly known as "crib death," occurs suddenly, without warning, to apparently healthy, sleeping infants. It cannot be predicted or prevented.

According to the Michigan Regional SIDS Center in Detroit, 146 infants died of sudden infant death in Michigan between October, 1978 and September, 1979.

Concerned individuals and parents in Tuscola county who have lost children to SIDS can seek information and guidance through a parent support group now being established. For more details call Alvena Eneke, public health nurse, at the county Health Department in Caro, 673-8114.

Diabetes classes start soon

The Tuscola County Health Department will start a six-week series of diabetes classes Tuesday Feb. 19, with sessions at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

They will be held at the Health Department office on M-81, west of Caro.

Topics to be covered include the diabetic diet, eating in restaurants, using insulin, handling emergencies, and diabetes in general.

The classes are free. To register or for more information, call the department at 673-8114.

The classes will be repeated in May, August and October.

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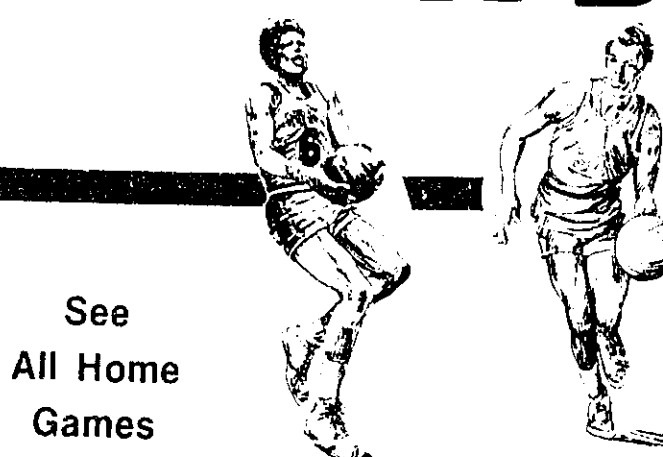


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