

Red Cross Blood Plan Aids Area Hospitals

South Bay Hospital is one of 200 community hospitals in the Los Angeles-Orange County area which receives a total of 200,000 pints of blood annually through the volunteer donors and workers of the American Red Cross blood program.

Depending on the need of the patient as prescribed by the doc-

tor, the program provides whole blood, blood components, and processed blood derivatives.

Since blood is commonly needed in emergencies, an exchange of blood is often effected from one hospital to another. In a recent interview, a hospital pathologist explained that "in an emergency situation where a certain type of blood needed for a patient in one hospital is not immediately available there, it may be obtained from an area hospital by means of an inter-hospital transfer. This process assures each patient maximum protection against his need."

Area hospitals which benefit from this type of cooperation include South Bay, Little Company of Mary, Torrance Memorial, and Harbor General hospitals.

A recent example of this type of inter-hospital cooperation involved the exchange of over 30 units of blood brought to South Bay Hospital from as far away as downtown Los Angeles. With the help of police departments, this large amount of one type of blood needed for a gunshot victim was available for use within minutes.

Cosmodyne Wins Water Unit Bid

The U.S. Army Mobility Equipment Research and Development Center, Fort Belvoir, Va., has awarded an \$85,867 contract to the Cosmodyne Corp., for a mobile 3,000 gph ion exchange unit to demineralize drinking water supplies in the field.

The shelter-mounted unit will be transported by a 5-ton truck or other military carrier. It was designed by the R&D Center for use in conjunction with standard water purification equipment to remove unusual contaminants.

ECC Students to Present 'Much Ado About Nothing'

A different approach to Shakespeare is planned for the El Camino College production of "Much Ado About Nothing" when the Bard's classic is staged in a background of early California.

The play will be presented by the theater arts department April 11 and 12 and 18 and 19 in the Campus Theater under the direction of Dr. Howard M. Banks.

A musical background has also been added. Based on the text of "Much Ado About Nothing" are three songs composed by James Reid, a student in Wallace Bowers' class in advanced musical theory. Reid titles the original compositions, "Sign No More Ladies," "Pardon, Goddess of the Night" and "God of Love." Accompanist will be guitarist Carmen Hall from Argentina, a student in Dr. Banks' theater arts class.

Heading the cast will be Dan Fairchild as "Benedick" and Lyn Krause as "Beatrice." Other principal characters include Hal Hoffenberg as Don Pedro, Don Hansen as Leonato and Danny Moreno as Claudio.

Shakespeare's comedy lines

will be portrayed by Tom McNary as Dogberry and Tim Dice who plays Verges. Ward Winans is feature as Falar Francis and Olivia Mendoza is Hero.

Other cast members include Kim Anderson, Alana Ziegenmeyer, Al Ambrozak, Jon Graham, Charles Miller, Taylor Thompson, and Bryan Sears.

Also appearing are Bob Zinkow, Phil Sarazen, Joe Savery, Carmen Hall, Barry Weinstein, Elaine Melvoid, Manuel Diaz, and Chris Ary.

"One does not have to be an egghead nor a student of Shakespeare to understand the

great author's works," says Dr. Banks. Tickets are on sale in the campus bookstore. All seats are reserved.

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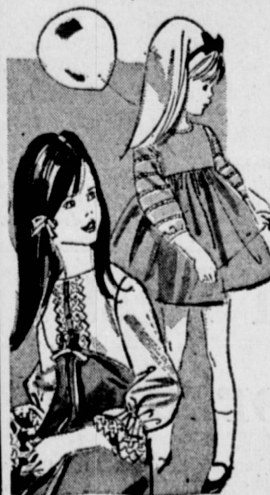
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