

Medicare, Medicaid cutbacks hurt elderly

By ROBERT LEE
City Reporter

Federal funding cutbacks in the Medicare and Medicaid programs combined with the loss of the food stamp program are presenting a problem for some of the area's elderly population, a health official told a local group.

Keith Markley, executive director of the Central Texas Health Systems Agency, met with members of the Brazos Valley Development Council Thursday and presented them with a proposed \$734,104 federal program grant.

Under the grant the CTHSA plans to try and restrain some of the rising costs of medical services for the elderly. It will cover such as services hospital care and nursing home expenses.

The CTHSA is mainly a research organization, Markley said. It supports health care facilities with state and federal funds, he said.

But even with the proposed budget, Markley said there is not enough money to provide limited nursing care. And additional problems for the next elderly population are likely, he added.

"The new elderly population which expects to find adequate care in nursing facilities will have to re-point, remain in their homes or be taken care of by their families," Markley said after talking with the BVDC.

"It's obvious you've got a number of local elected officials who are concerned with the problem," he said.

In addition to the nursing home problem the region's food stamp program for the aged will be shut down, Markley said.

After discussing this issue with BVDC staffers Markley said local government does not have the resources to provide a food program for the aged. Markley suggested that the BVDC present its case to the Legislature. Individuals in the Council should present their congressmen with this issue, he said.

The BVDC is comprised of Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson, Washington and Brazos counties.

In other business the Council tabled action on two low-to medium-income housing projects off East 29th Street and Finfeather Road in Bryan.

The apartment project on East 29th Street would provide 148 units at a cost of \$4,442,700. It was tabled because a city study showed it would create too much traffic congestion on East 29th Street.

The other complex on Finfeather

would house 130 units. It would cost \$3,289,700.

The BVDC withheld its approval on these two developments until Bryan had a chance to reassess traffic for both the projects.

Seminar on business set

A business seminar designed especially for management personnel in Bryan and College Station will be held April 18 in the Brazos Center.

Sponsored by the Texas A&M University College of Business Administration, the program includes sessions on the national economic outlook, free enterprise and public policy, women in business, a personnel clinic, market research, investment opportunities and the use of computers in small business.

The program will begin with a luncheon at noon and will be followed by sessions throughout the afternoon.

Registration forms are available at the College of Business Administration. The entry fee is \$10.

Trash pickup starts area clean campaign

By CHARLIE MUSTACHIA
City Reporter

"Mr. Clean" is making his way through Bryan-College Station and the surrounding areas in the form of an all-out clean-up campaign.

Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and various schools in the area have participated so far.

"This is just the first step," Miller said. "We have an organization for long-term plans."

Dr. J.C. Miller, chairman of the Brazos County Program Builders Committee, originated the idea for the campaign, and he said he is happy with the campaign's success so far.

Among these plans is a county-wide beautification seminar to be held on the Texas A&M University campus next fall.

On Wednesday many College Station residents had their trash which included pots, pans, brushes and old appliances waiting for the clean-up volunteers, Miller said. There is a possibility of a second trash pickup for College Station residents Saturday, and Bryan residents will be asked to have trash, aside from regular garbage on the street curbs early that morning.

Although this clean-up campaign has the support of both city councils, the Brazos County Commissioners Court, the district highway department, the county extension office, Texas A&M University, the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce and various civic groups, Miller said the campaign's success depends upon volunteers.

In addition to the trash pickup days, Miller said, all Brazos County citizens are being urged to make special efforts to free the premises of weeds, excess grass and any unsightly items which mar the appearance of their property.

The Brazos County Commissioners Court has furnished the trucks to pick up the trash, Miller said.

The campaign's success also depends, he said, upon whether the people learn the importance of keeping a clean environment. The campaign would be unsuccessful if people clean up the first week and fall back into their habits of littering the next, he added.

Job earns money and an award

By TERRY DURAN
Campus Reporter

A Texas A&M University student has been named the March cooperative education student of the month by NASA's Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center.

Cathy A. McMahon, a senior economics major, was given the award, which includes a bonus of \$255, for her work this fall on a cost analysis of the manufacture and testing of heat-protective materials on the space shuttle.

McMahon says about 30,000 tiles made of fiberglass- and styrofoam-like materials are on the outside of the shuttle to protect it from heat during its re-entry into the earth's atmosphere.

McMahon was assigned to a group that kept an eye on cost and readiness of the tiles.

On the space center's recommendation for the award, McMahon is cited for her effectiveness in revising cost and time estimates for the shuttle's "thermal protection system," but she said she felt robbed of the feeling of accomplishing something.

"I couldn't seem to find out what I wanted to know," she said. She said there were problems caused by her being a 21-year-old female co-op student dealing with corporation executives.

The senior from Houston said she thinks she got the award because she did an adequate job of something very difficult. She said her presentation was given to NASA's Washington, D.C., shuttle programs office.

McMahon says she will work for the LBJ Space Center again this summer, then graduate from A&M in December.

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6	7	8 HAPPY HOUR 6-7 Dennis Ivey & the Waymen	9 HAPPY HOUR 6-7 Fashion Show by Charli's Southern Magic	10 HAPPY HOUR 6-7 Southern Magic	11 HAPPY HOUR 6-7 Southern Magic	12 Southern Magic
13	14	15 HAPPY HOUR 6-7 Dennis Ivey & the Waymen	16 HAPPY HOUR 6-7 50's Party & Johnny Dee & Rocket 88's	HAPPY HOUR 6-7 Messenger	18 HAPPY HOUR 6-7 Messenger	19 Messenger
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27	28	29 HAPPY HOUR 6-7 Rusty Wier	30 HAPPY HOUR 6-7 CLOSED	HAPPY HOUR 6-7 MAY 1 Willis Allen Ramsey	HAPPY HOUR 6-7 MAY 2 Dennis Ivey & the Waymen	MAY 3 To Be Announced