

Program to provide free cancer treatment

DALLAS (AP) — When a doctor told Ann Hunter she had breast cancer, paying for treatment concerned her more than surviving.

"I'm not worried about the breast cancer. It can be cured," she told her doctor. "The thing that does worry me is how I'm going to be cared for."

Although the Grand Prairie resident was self-employed when she diagnosed two years ago, her design business wasn't profitable. Hunter couldn't pay for insurance and knew Medicaid was for women with virtually no income.

"People like me are caught in the middle," the 55-year-old said.

Nationwide, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services estimates almost 50,000 women will die from breast or cervical cancer this year. Many of those deaths will occur disproportionately among low-income women.

So last year, Congress passed the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act. It gives states federal Medicaid matching funds to provide free medical care to low-income women diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer.

Texas plans to take advantage of the initiative. A law that went into effect Sept. 1 will grant free breast and cervical cancer treatment to women who have no insurance but whose income is too high for Medicaid. About 200 women are expected to benefit per year.

Under the program, the state Health and Human Services Commission will lower the Medicaid qualifying standard for women diagnosed with the disease and provide them with full benefits until the woman no longer has active cancer.

The program will not be fully functional until late fall or early winter.

To qualify, women must be screened at a clinic participating in the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, a federal program that provides free cancer screenings to low-income women. They must be under 65 and uninsured. Their income may be above 200 percent of the federal poverty level, which is a family of four that earns \$35,300 per year.

Ten states already have similar policies and eight more have submitted similar plans the federal Health Care Financing Administration for review.

The federal government provides a 70-30 match to states participating in the program. Texas allocated \$1.2 million for treatment, almost \$3 million is expected from the federal government.

State Sen. Jane Nelson, who sponsored the bill, said treating the disease in the earlier stages, when it costs less, saves the state money.

"Through early detection and treatment, we can save the need for acute care," she said. "This is good for fiscal health as well as for women's health."

Nelson believes the measure will encourage low-income women to seek treatment.

"These women in many cases do not choose treatment," she said.

Marginally employed or uninsured women with cancer often have fewer options to finance treatment than very poor women, said Mary Morris, executive director of The Bridge, a privately funded clinic for low-income women.

"The worst possible situation is to be a single woman in Texas earning \$1,000 a month," she said. "It's too much for Medicaid and too much for indigent care."


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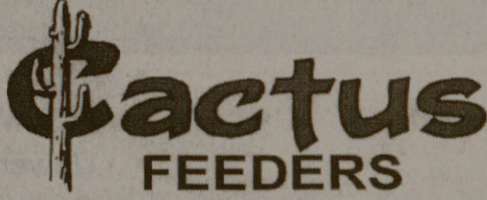
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Careers Highlighted: Commodity Trading
Majors Welcome: Ag Econ, Ag Bus, and Business
Tuesday, October 2nd at 7:00pm - KLBG Rm. 123
Dress: Casual
Refreshments will be served - Door prizes will be given



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October 3, 2001

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UIL medical advisory committee meets, sets up subcommittees

AUSTIN (AP) — In the wake of three recent deaths involving high school football players in Texas, a University Interscholastic League medical advisory committee recommended Sunday that four subcommittees be created to focus on how to improve preseason physical evaluations and how to catch heat, neurological and

cardiac-related problems before they occur.

The nine-member committee met Sunday for the first time.

"This area has a lot of significant ramifications for the health and safety of our kids, and we want to take time to look at all of the information that's out there before we recommend any changes," Tanamachi said.

A UIL committee approved establishing such a committee — which includes doctors, a high school trainer, and a coaching representative — in June. Typically such a committee would be named and approved at the UIL's next council meeting in October, but the UIL wanted to allow the committee to meet in September.

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Safety concerns also grounded plans for a pancake breakfast, because health regulations would have required Food

Services to prepare the food. "Mainly, our biggest hurdle was food service being stretched past capacity, there are only so many workers who would have been able to help with a pancake breakfast," said Darren Pierson,

risk management coordinator for the committee and president of the Graduate Student Council. The celebration is scheduled to last all year long, and funding for later events is still under consideration.

HOLIDAY LIBERAL ARTS AGS!

REGISTER TO WIN


Six students will win lunch at the Faculty Club with Charles A. Johnson, Dean, College of Liberal Arts.

What: Welcome Reception for Liberal Arts Students
When: Monday, October 8 5:15 - 6:45 p.m.
Where: Stark Galleries, MSC
Dress: Come as you are

Register to win at:
<http://ccla.tamu.edu/laweeek/registration.html>

Drawing will be held at the Welcome Reception. You must be present to win.

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Who Moved My Cheese?

Are you having a hard time adjusting to change in your life? Is your organization struggling with change? Do you need a new perspective on how to handle your new responsibilities?

Who Moved My Cheese workshop is the answer! This is an amazing way to deal with change in school, work, organizations and in your life.

Date: Tuesday, October 2th
Time: 3pm-5pm
Location: Koldus 144
Cost: FREE

This program is produced by the Department of Student Activities.

Fall 2001 Career Counseling & Testing Services

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Workshops

Choosing a Major

This workshop will demonstrate how to match interests with compatible academic majors and occupations. Counselor referral and completion of interest inventory five working days prior to the workshop are needed.

Oct. 15th	Mon.	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Oct. 31st	Wed.	1:50 - 2:50 p.m.
Nov. 6th	Tues.	2:20 - 3:20 p.m.
Nov. 12th	Mon.	9:10 - 10:10 a.m.
Nov. 20th	Tues.	3:55 - 4:55 p.m.
Nov. 26th	Mon.	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Do What You Are


Based on the best-selling book Do What You Are, this workshop teaches participants how to incorporate their unique personalities in career planning. Counselor referral and completion of interest inventory five working days prior to the workshop are needed.

Oct. 18th	Thur.	11:00 - 12:00 p.m.
Oct. 22nd	Mon.	10:15 - 11:15 a.m.
Oct. 30th	Tues.	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Nov. 9th	Fri.	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Nov. 14th	Wed.	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Nov. 29th	Thur.	11:10 - 12:10 p.m.


Career Quest

This workshop will guide participants through the career development journey. Participants will gain knowledge of their personalities, interests and work values; learn how to research careers; and learn the steps involved in choosing a major and/or career path.

Oct. 16th	Tues.	9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Nov. 1st	Thur.	3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Nov. 13th	Tues.	9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Nov. 28th	Wed.	3:00 - 4:30 p.m.



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