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Friday & Saturday: 11 a.m. - 3 a.m.

MSC Aggie Nights

Friday, Jan. 23: Campus with a Dream Night
9:00 pm - 12:00 am

- * SBSLC Variety Show - 7:00 pm in Rudder Auditorium
- * Following in Auditorium will be a Hip Hop Freestyle Contest at 10:00 pm In Collaboration w/ MSC Town Hall
- * School of Rock at 7:00 & 9:45 pm in Rudder Theater \$1 w/ TAMU ID in Collaboration w/ MSC Film Society
- * Volunteer Service Day Projects in MSC Flagroom at 9:00 pm In Collaboration w/ MSC LEAD, FISH, ALOT, and Hospitality
- * Free activities in the MSC Basement: pool, arts & crafts, bowling, and DDR in Collaboration with Cepheid Variable
- * FREE FOOD and Drinks!!!

Free door prizes at 11:30 pm in the MSC Flagroom. Must be present to win!

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For special needs, please contact us three days prior to the event at 845-1515.

FDA tries to shut down company importing drugs

By Lauren Neergaard
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The federal government moved Thursday to shut down another company that imports cheaper Canadian drugs to the United States.

The Food and Drug Administration gave Expedite-Rx of Temple, Texas, 15 days to quit or face legal action. The warning letter marks the third time the FDA has moved to shut down suppliers who defy its ban on the importation of foreign drugs.

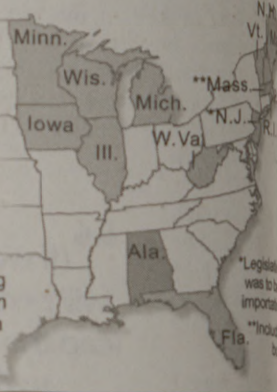
Expedite-Rx supplies drugs to some employees and retirees of Montgomery, Ala., one of two U.S. cities so far that are importing medicines from Canada in hopes of saving money. The FDA said Expedite-Rx's supplies could put those people at risk.

Documents from Montgomery's program and Expedite-Rx's Web site "clearly showed they were in violation of federal law," said FDA pharmacy affairs director Tom McGinnis. "The agency's goal was to put pressure on anyone breaking federal law and putting public health at risk."

Calls to Expedite-Rx and Montgomery's city attorney weren't immediately returned. So far, the FDA hasn't targeted consumers buying the

Seeking cheaper prescriptions up north

Prescription drugs in Canada cost less due to a combination of Canadian price controls and a favorable exchange rate. On Thursday, a California senator proposed legislation that will allow the state to buy drugs for its prison system and youth authority.



SOURCES: National Conference of State Legislatures; Associated Press

drugs, including Montgomery and the other city pushing the practice, Springfield, Mass. Numerous states are considering similar programs, despite repeated FDA warnings that the practice is illegal.

Instead, it targets their suppliers. Last year, FDA won a court's backing to shut down one major drug importer, Rx Depot. Springfield's supplier, CanaRx, shut its U.S. offices and moved to Canada after the FDA threatened to shut down the business; now the FDA is pushing Canadian authorities to take further action to stop its shipments.

Texas' pharmacy board ordered Expedite-Rx to quit processing prescription orders last July, saying it doesn't even hold the needed license to do business in the state, FDA noted.

But the company continues operating.

The FDA says it cannot guarantee the safety of drugs bought abroad, or even that imported drugs come from Canada, other countries, like Thailand, stopping incoming shipments. The government has interest in the made of sugar, corn, substances, animal drugs for human use and drugs of other brands.

Brand-name prescription drugs can cost half the U.S. price. In Thursday's warning, FDA also cited two California-based companies that believe are related to Expedite-Rx: SPC Global Technologies Inc., an insurance processor, and Employer Health Options, an insurance company.

Plans finished to drill in Alaska

By Josh Heilprin
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Interior Secretary Gale Norton signed off on a plan Thursday for managing 8.8 million acres of Alaska's North Slope and opening most of the acreage to oil and gas development.

Some of the drilling could occur in areas important for migratory birds, whales and wildlife.

The Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management will use the plan to manage a north-west portion of the government's 23.5 million-acre National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska. Geologists believe the reserve may contain 6 billion to 13 billion barrels of oil.

It is located just west of the 1.5 million-acre Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, which President Bush also wants to open to drilling as one of his top energy priorities. The Senate, in debating a massive energy bill, has rejected drilling there.

Environmentalists said the management plan threatens the health of Arctic tundra, ponds and

lakes that are home to wildlife and migratory birds and provide a vital subsistence hunting and fishing ground for native Alaskans.

The plan makes 7.23 million acres available for energy leasing, but will defer leasing the 1.57 million acres for a decade to see if environmental studies are needed, Interior Department officials said.

The Interior Department proposed the management plan in January 2003. With few changes, the plan includes creation of a 102,000-acre Kasegaluk Lagoon Special Area fenced off from leasing. It is considered particularly sensitive, is home to beluga whales, spotted seals and black brant, a migratory wild goose.

Environmentalists said the management plan rewards Bush administration friends in the oil and gas industry.

"This decision certainly gives big oil and plenty to be thankful for," said Eleanor Huff, regional director in Alaska for The Wilderness Society.

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January 27 & 28
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
MSC Flagroom

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Graduation portraits for the 2004 Aggieland Yearbook will be taken Monday, Jan. 26, through Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, in Room 407 of Rudder. There is no sitting fee required to be photographed for the yearbook; resits are \$10. To make an appointment, call Thornton Studio at 1-800-883-9449.

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