

# Energy plans generating big response

WASHINGTON — Some are concerned over the proposed dismantling of the Department of Energy, but Energy Secretary James Edwards insists the move would eventually help them.

"DOE has never produced much oil or done much to keep us from wasting energy," Edwards told the U.S. Conference of Mayors Thursday. He said Energy Department budget cutbacks should save government \$9.5 billion by the end of the year when compared to the projections of the Carter administration.

But Edwards conceded that dismantling his agency only is expected to result in actual savings of a little under \$300 million annually.

A conference staff official said the administration's 1983 fiscal budget plan includes phasing out remaining Energy Department support to the cities for solar, energy conservation, basic energy research and technology and other energy programs.

The administration will recommend that those go down to about zero-level or just about enough money to close them out," the conference official said.

On the environmental front, Colorado Springs, Colo. Mayor Bob Isaac said he is concerned

revisions in the Clean Air Act on carbon monoxide automobile exhaust levels might create pollution problems for his high altitude city.

Port Arthur Mayor Bernis Sadler said he thought the Clean Water Act standards would have to be reduced because money isn't available to carry out the federally subsidized construction of sewage treatment plants. "The Clean Water Act is fundamentally sound as it stands without the need for extensive revision at this time," said EPA Administrator Anne Gorsuch, a speaker at the conference.

She said her agency will file its final legislative recommendations on the Clean Water Act and be reviewed by congress soon.

Gorsuch has endorsed a new bi-partisan House bill that would amend the Clean Air Act. But environmental groups have denounced the measure as a sell-out to polluting industries.

Edwards told the mayors the administration remains committed to the decontrol of natural gas.

"Under accelerated deregulation, the price to consumers will be less than it would under present policy," said Edwards.

Under the current congressional timetable for partial decontrol, price constraints will be lifted from only half the country's gas supply by Jan. 1, 1985.



Beauties stun shoppers

Photo by Laura Larson

Attracting attention western-style are Tara Short, a sophomore from Phoenix, Arizona; Lisa Vincent, a freshman from Houston; Corinne Sloan, a sophomore from McGregor; and Dawn Rollins, a

junior from Houston. They are four of 20 finalists for the title of Miss Texas A&M. The 20 contestants put on a promotional fashion show Saturday afternoon at Manor East Mall.

# Senator slips, trial delayed

WASHINGTON — Majority Leader Howard Baker postponed the Senate expulsion trial of Sen. Harrison Williams, D-N.J., until Feb. 23. Williams was convicted in the Abscam scandal.

The delay was forced after Williams underwent a hernia operation in New York Tuesday. The senator's aides said the operation was ordered by his doctors after he slipped on the ice and fell last Sunday.

The Senate trial had been set to start Thursday. In announc-

ing the new date, Baker said: "I'm advised he should be available then."

Williams was convicted last May of bribery, conspiracy and other charges in an influence peddling scheme involving a titanium mine.

FBI investigators secretly taped his meetings with a federal agent posing as an Arab sheik.

Last month, a federal judge upheld Williams' conviction, and Williams plans an appeal. The Senate will consider whether Williams should be expelled for ethics violations.

# Jobless promised more funds

WASHINGTON — Speaker Thomas O'Neill said the House will probably act this week to provide more than \$1 billion in additional unemployment funds for states that are running low because of high jobless rates.

O'Neill expressed disgruntlement that the request for the funds came from "a minor official" rather than President Reagan, but said "we will take the initiative ourselves" and expedite the legislation.

O'Neill said the unemployment funds of some states would

be exhausted during February.

He said he would meet with Appropriations Committee Chairman Jamie Whitten, D-Miss., to work out a legislative schedule for a supplemental appropriations bill. He said he hoped for House floor action next week.

O'Neill released a letter from Donald Moran, executive associate director for budget of the Office of Management and Budget, asking for \$1.1 billion to cover anticipated extra unemployment expenses through

March 31.

This would come on top of an extra \$2.3 billion provided in December to states that had exhausted their unemployment funds, and it is likely that more will be needed after March 31 in

view of high unemployment rates.

Unemployment in December was 8.9 percent of the work force. It is generally expected to rise in coming months as the recession deepens.

The Beta Rho Chapter of Phi Sigma, a recognized biological honor society at Texas A&M University, is currently screening applicants for initiation during the Spring Session of 1982. The following is a list of qualifications for membership:

- 1) All faculty members with research interest in the biological sciences,
- 2) A minimum of two outstanding undergraduate students,
- 3) Graduate students with more than twelve credit hours, A) Must be in the upper 25% of their department with at least a GPR of 3.5,
- 4) All students must have a minimum of 25% of their course work in the biological sciences.
- 5) And students must have a marker interest in the biological sciences.

If you are interested, send your qualifications for consideration by February 5, to:

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# Girl plays dead to stay alive

POWELL — A 4-year-old girl rolled into a ball and played dead to survive an attack by two stray dogs, officials said.

Alisa Baccus was discharged from Children's Hospital in Knoxville after recovering from bite wounds to her legs, chest, stomach and buttocks. It took 31 stitches to close the wounds.

"She was walking home from her next-door neighbor's after playing with some friends," said

Pat Kelly, a hospital spokeswoman. "These two dogs came up and started pulling at her. They pulled her coat off of her and evidently started attacking her."

"Her father is a scout leader, and he had told her if she was ever attacked by a bear to roll into a ball and play like she was dead. She just rolled up and covered up her head and played dead and the dogs left."

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