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Photo by CONNIE HUTTERER

John Warner, an immunology graduate student from Arizona, shaves away while his subject waits patiently.

CS plans month for saving energy

By ROBERT MCGLOHON
Staff Writer

Mayor Gary Halter has proclaimed Aug. 20 through Sept. 20 Energy Conservation Month in College Station.

The signing of that proclamation was the first order of business at College Station's regular city council meeting Thursday night. It was the first salvo in a public relations blitz designed to reduce the city's yearly peak demand for electricity.

The city's peak demand, which is reached within several days of the start of fall classes each year at Texas A&M University, determines the rate the city pays for electricity for the following 12 months.

City officials hope to reduce that rate in light of a 30-50 percent increase in power costs expected for the start of 1985.

In other business Thursday night, the council approved a request for yearly dues of \$15 for the College Station Teen Center. The council also approved "Shenanigans" as the name for the Teen Center.

The center, now under construction next to the College Station Community Center on Jersey Street, is expected to open in October. It will have a capacity of 150 people.

The request was submitted to the council by Chuck Benedict, chair-

man of the Teen Center Advisory Committee.

Also at Thursday's meeting, College Station Community Development Coordinator Michael Stevens submitted for council approval a statement of objectives and projected uses of funds for the city's Community Development Program.

The council unanimously approved the statement, which will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Stevens told the council he expects a budget of \$955,000 for the coming fiscal year, \$744,000 of which is a federal letter of credit. The remaining funds will come from unencumbered balances and program income.

The projected uses of funds breaks down as follows: \$440,000, housing assistance program; \$400,000, street construction program; \$80,000 program administration; \$35,000 Northgate revitalization.

And following an executive session, the council corrected an oversight in its budget. The council raised the salaries of both the city's municipal judge and assistant judge. Municipal Judge Claude Davis's salary was raised from \$900 a month to \$1,200 a month. Assistant Judge Phillip Banks's monthly salary was raised from \$200 to \$250.

Rabid bat scratches Austinite

United Press International

AUSTIN — A woman who was scratched by a bat that later was found to be rabid began a series of five anti-rabies shots Thursday at a local hospital.

Pam Nolley of the Health Department said a bat that scratched Austin resident Cyndi Hughes was a rabies carrier.

Hughes was scratched by the bat while leaving the Austin American-Statesman building, where she works as a features editor. The American-Statesman is located near an Austin bridge that houses hundreds of bats.

Employees of the newspaper caught the bat and it was turned over to the Health Department for testing.

Chairman makes no promises on issue

GOP platform committee opposes tax hike

United Press International

WASHINGTON — The Republican platform committee is drafting "very strong, positive language" opposing tax increases but making no flat promises on the issue, the chairman of the panel said Thursday.

"Nothing is in cement," Rep. Trent Lott, R-Miss., told a news conference four days before the 106-

member committee convenes in Dallas next week, where the party opens its national convention Aug. 20.

The Mississippi Republican said he is "convinced the president wants iron-clad language" objecting to tax hikes in the face of Democrat Walter Mondale saying he will raise taxes to reduce the budget deficit.

Lott, the House Republican whip,

said that after recent negotiations with the White House and conservatives, he feels "pretty close to having 99 percent" of the platform language on taxes drafted.

"I think it will be very strong, positive language saying we are opposed to tax increases," he said. "But nothing is in cement. I think it will be very definitive, categorical no-tax

language, but it will say first and foremost that we think that the problem of the deficit should be dealt with by reducing spending."

"As we move along, we're going to make our position very clear. It's going to be clear that Mondale really wants tax increases and that we don't."

Lott predicted party harmony on

the tax issue despite complaints from GOP conservatives demanding unconditional, no-tax language.

But Rep. Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and six other conservative House members told another news conference they were prepared to wage a fight at the Republican National Convention if the platform does not reject tax increases.

Space shuttle taken to launch pad for third try

United Press International

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The space shuttle Discovery, thwarted in its first two attempts to launch its maiden voyage, was hauled back to the launch pad Thursday for a third try — with a double payload — Aug. 29.

Mounted atop the space agency's ponderous crawler-transporter, it took about seven hours for the shuttle to complete the 3-mile trip to the elevated concrete pad after leaving the huge Vehicle Assembly Building at 10:36 p.m. Wednesday.

Workers at the Kennedy Space

Center planned to spend the rest of the day hooking up various electrical connections between the shuttle and ground facilities.

Technicians hope to complete tests over the weekend to make sure Discovery's three main engines are leak-free. A final countdown dem-

onstration test is scheduled for Aug. 15.

Discovery's payload is made up of what was to have been flown on its first two missions.

The cargo was combined for the revised flight because of the shuttle's launch abort June 26 and the subse-

quent cancellation of what would have been its second mission.

The payload — two commercial communications satellites, a military relay station and an experimental solar cell array — was delivered to the launch pad earlier this week.

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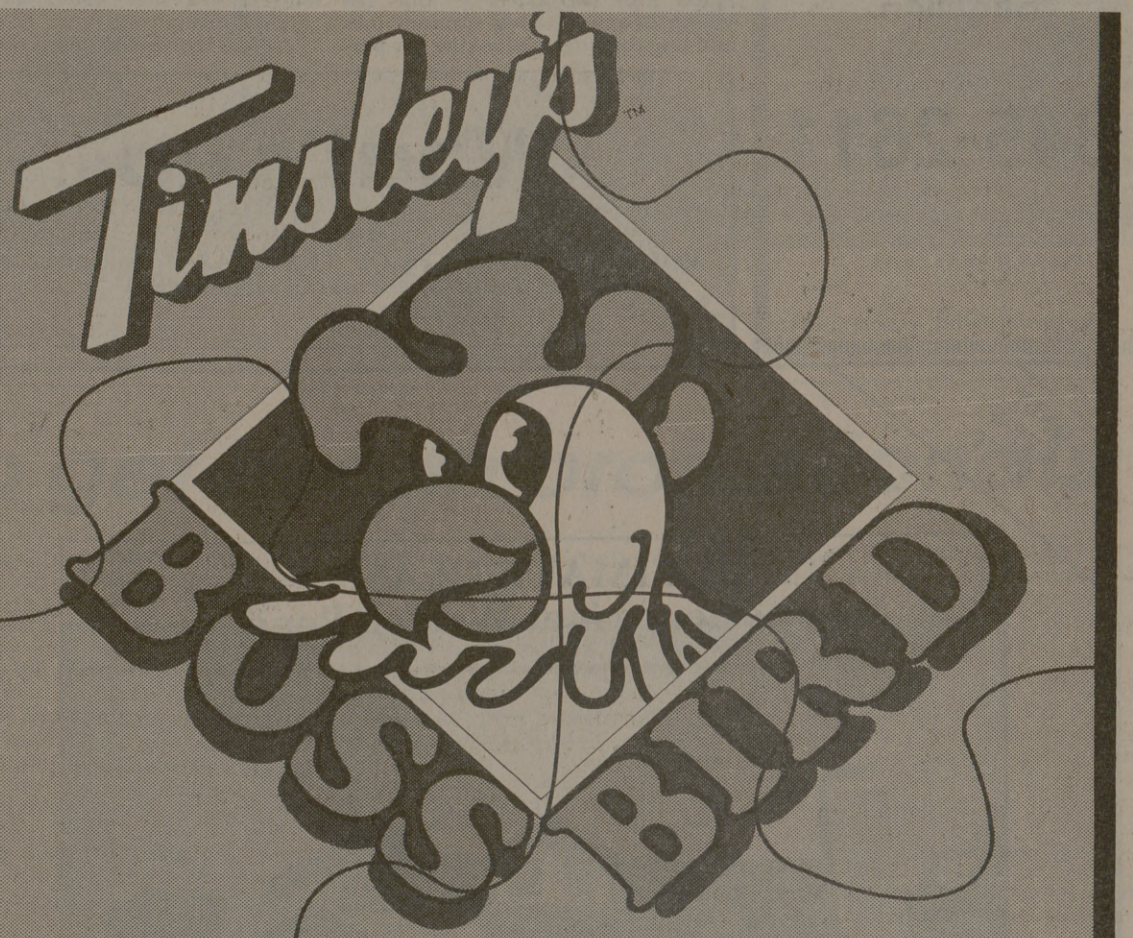


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