

Cheney criticizes price caps

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WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney is offering few encouraging words for Democrats seeking immediate relief for California's energy crisis.

"They got into trouble in California over a period of years, and it's going to take two or three years to get out of it," Cheney said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation." "There are going to be blackouts this summer."

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., said she was appalled that President Bush is not considering price caps or investigating companies she said are charging exorbitant prices for electricity. She noted that both Cheney and Bush are former oil industry executives.

"It's really rather stunning because those of us who are living through this have suggested many things," Boxer said on CBS. "So the vice president... really sounds like an oilman, not a vice president charged with helping the people."

If dairy farmers sought as much profit as oil companies — in some

cases, 1,600 percent — a gallon of milk would cost \$190, she said.

But Cheney, chief architect of the administration energy plan released last week, said capping prices would not increase energy supplies or reduce demand.

"We get politicians who want to go out and blame somebody and allege there is some kind of conspiracy, whether it's the oil companies or whoever it might be, instead of dealing with the real issues," Cheney told NBC's "Meet the Press."

He criticized California Gov. Gray Davis, a Democrat, for what he called a "harebrained scheme" to use the state's budget surplus to buy power.

For the short term, the administration has approved Davis' request to expedite permits for new power plants and has ordered federal facilities in California to reduce energy consumption this summer by 10 percent.

Cheney said the answer to long-term price stability lies in building more oil refineries in the United States and in reviewing a system whereby different states require dif-

ferent blends of fuel — some mixed with the corn additive ethanol, for example — to meet clean air standards.

Describing himself as a "pretty good environmentalist," Cheney also responded to criticism by some environmental groups that he did not meet with them before issuing the energy plan because he is beholden to energy producers who gave millions of dollars to the Bush election campaign.

Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham said on "Fox News Sunday" that price caps would only hurt California in the long run.

"There are peak problems right now because California hasn't brought any new supply into place in 10 years, no new facilities, and so they've got an imbalance, but the way to solve it isn't price caps. That'll only make matters worse," Abraham said.

He also said instability in the Middle East should motivate the United States to increase domestic production, including exploring for fuel in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska.



R. Ashley Smith Emerald

A sign like this one at the entrance of Sacred Heart Medical Center may eventually grace a new location on Crescent Avenue, where PeaceHealth intends to move the hospital.

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Terrett said it will be two years before architectural drawings are completed and ground is broken for construction of the new hospital.

The two-year design process may give the Eugene City Council time to work with the corporation to keep Sacred Heart at its current location. The City Council has said its goal is to work with the company.

Council President Betty Taylor has publicly opposed the hospital's move.

"It is not good for the neighborhood, not good for downtown, not

good for transportation," she said.

Terrett said the corporation has had a strong working relationship with the Lane Transit District, and it will continue to work on the transportation plans.

Taylor said that Councilors Bonny Bettman and David Kelly, whose wards encompass the current and proposed future site of Sacred Heart, have been asked to work on the issue with the city manager and PeaceHealth officials.

In the local area, PeaceHealth operates Sacred Heart Hospital, PeaceHealth Medical Group, Cottage Grove Community Hospital and South Lane Medical Group. PeaceHealth also owns hospitals and clinics in Alaska and Washington.

Bucks

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year. This summer, Eisenberg and Gates plan to work with corporations, which they hope will match the \$100,000 grant with private funds. They added that in the long run, they hope to cover the roof with additional panels, which would ideally produce more power than is consumed.

Gates said the project has been a "vision for students" for several years, and that students from the Ecological Design Center had brought the idea to the ASUO prior to the campaign. But the contest seemed to be the most viable way to find help implementing the plan, he said.

"There have been specific students that have been very apt on the idea," he said. "We as students are saying there is a solution to the energy crisis."

The Eugene Water and Electric Board has worked with students to find outside funds for expanding the project in the future. It will also pay a premium for any electricity the panels produce. EWEB representatives attended the press conference to show their support and commend students for their future vision.

"They're saying that they value clean, sustainable and renewable energy," said Brian Hawley, EWEB energy engineer. "We value and appreciate this commitment."

The University is EWEB's third-

largest customer, Hawley said, right after Weyerhaeuser and Hyundai. Gerlitz said the project will save about 79,000 watts of electricity per year.

Eisenberg said her biggest concerns lie in the Bush administration's lack of support for clean energy sources and its plans to use nuclear energy as a solution to the nation's energy crisis. She added that this project puts the University on the map as a true "green" campus, and that it serves as a symbol of commitment to environmental justice.

"This will hopefully speak out to other campuses and the nation," she said. "And will hopefully really get folks looking at better solutions."

Awards

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Maurice Harold Hunter Leadership Scholarship award Saturday. In addition to his academic achievement, Streed has played an active leadership role in the community, on campus and within the Greek System. Among other accomplishments, he has served as the president of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, as an ASUO intern and as a community volunteer.

"Our efforts have accomplished something and haven't been for naught," Streed said.

Highlights of All-University Awards:

Student recipients:

Vernon Barkhurst Award: Jackie Reed, Oscar Arana
Bess Templeton Cristman Award: Amy Biggs
Frohnmayr Recognition Award: Bryan Orthel
Gerlinger Cup: Serene Khader
Ray Hawk Award: Mitra Anoushiravani
Mary Hudzikiewicz Award: Jessica Lurie
Maurice Harold Hunter Leadership Scholarship: Devon Streed

Koyle Cup: Austin Hayes

Paul Olum Award: Marian Fowler and Takashi Takeuchi

Wilson Cup: Jamila Singleton

AAUW Senior Recognition Award: Deana Dartt

Emerald Athletic Award: Jerilyn White

Doyle Higdon Memorial Trophy: Santiago Lorenzo

Jackson Award: Lindsey Dion

Faculty and administration recipients:

Doug Untalan and Brian Sandy Award: Linda Liu and Magid Shirzadegan

2001 OMA Awards and Graduation Ceremony:

Student recipients:

Jewel Hairston Bell Awards: Michael Callier, Alma Estrada, Yvonne Stubbs and Daniel Valle
Accenture Scholarship: Erin Schneider
OMA Excellence Awards: Greg Bae, Lorraine Brundige, Sugie Hong, Kawezya Hutchinson, Kim Hutchinson, Melissa Swartz, Xing Yuan Wu, Tonya

Lomasi Thorsteinsson, Darlene Dadras, Mario Sifuentes, Oscar Arana, Michelle Chin, Khaleelah Raasaan, Andrea Rodriguez, Shruti Shah, Jamila Singleton, Deana Dartt, Diane Teeman, Annie Lo

Faculty and administration recipients:

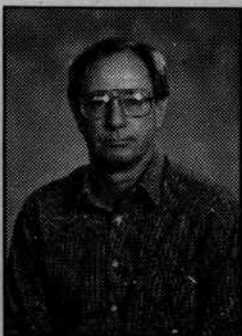
Director's Award: Robin Holmes, Toby Deemer, Gwendolyn Jansen

Outstanding Faculty Awards: Jon Erlanson, Benedict McWhirter, James Tarter

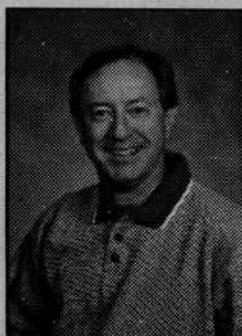
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