OFICIALS RAGE ABOUT LOSING TAX BASE

BY PHEBE FLETCHER Staff Writer

San Luis Obispo government officials are still fuming about the city's tax base being eroded by the State of California as a result of the recent state budget battle.

The city lost $360,000 in taxes this state year, down from a proposed $890,000. The state will keep city and local agency assistance funds and keeping $360,000 in motor vehicle registration fees.

"Beloved, No." It's like after you hit your head against a stone wall. Although you are snarled, you are not relieved because it doesn't stop hounding," said Muravez.

Funds absorbed San Luis was prepared to absorb the pinch of the lower tax revenues, however. Officials have told the state the state would not pass a balanced budget this July. This would have activated the AB-4 bail-out program which mandates the AB-4 bail-out program be eliminated should the state run-out of funds. Material said the deflator would devastate the city three times more than it is doing off the state now. But by this time the state managed to balance its budget in July. City department in San Luis Obispo had already made contingency plans in the form of a 4 percent emergency budget cutback. Out of a city budget of $18 million, "we could have lost $360,000," said Muravez. Fortunately the city had some unexpected surpluses from last year's budget. Other cities were not so lucky.

Reverse bail out The reverse bail out occurred because the state now lacks a fund surplus. After Proposition 13 reduced property tax revenues, the state realigned the cities with the budget surplus. But now that the surplus is gone the "state has been looking to cities, counties and schools for more money. Proposition 13 is not adversely affecting the state," said Paul Floyd, deputy county auditor-controller. "The state is doing this on its own."

Though no cuts were made in city services, San Luis Obispo Finance Director Rudy Muravez wasn't relieved.

He is angered the state is withholdng $50,000 in city and local agency assistance funds and keeping $360,000 in motor vehicle registration fees.

"We could have lost $890,000. Instead we lost $360,000," said Muravez. Fortunately the city had some unexpected surpluses from last year's budget. Other cities were not so lucky.

Reverse revenue sharing In addition to the tax takeovers, the state has "combined licenses with taxing," said Muravez. It has done this by increasing its role in general revenue sharing. Under revenue sharing, the government asks for money in the form of tax collections and then redistributes it to other localities. The state did this when it kept more of the motor vehicle fees to be used to maintain and construct roadways.

"We are starting to be taxed for services we get," said Muravez. He added that a few nights' thoughtfully before answering a barrage of questions about the city's financial status, Nixon assured he would be back in the White House soon. If you can imagine, "once my house is in order, I'm going to do it all by myself!"—all in the patient, kindly voice which characterizes Reagan.

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Rich Little gives hell to the chief

BY TOM JOHNSON Staff Writer

it was a scenario which had been repeated often. As a scratchy rendition of "Hail to the Chief" squawked from a portable phonograph, two Secret Service agents stalked into the press conference room, scaring the gallery of journalists for weapons. They were followed by a man whose slow, bouncy gait and glittering eyes immediately betrayed his identity: President Ronald Reagan.

President Reagan stepped spritely up to the lectern and adjusted the microphone. A reporter stood up and fired a question. What will you do to stem the economy?

President stared perplexingly down at the lectern then answered in a soft, grandmotherly voice.

"Well, I'll put a nude picture of Bob Dukakis on the 20 dollar bill!"

Little captured the voice, the mannerisms and subtle nuances of Ronald Reagan. Little is Reagan, like the genuine article, hobbed his head and stared down thoughtfully before answering a barrage of questions with Reagan's familiar "Well..."

Reagan (a La Little) fielded questions of how to solve the energy shortage, Develop a gasoline from animal waste guaranteed to eliminate roadway to assessing his term as president. "Jimmy Carter had Bill to make him look like an ass. I'm going to do it all by myself!"—all in the patient, kindly voice which characterizes Reagan.

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Dietary 'wonder drug' receives mixed reviews

BY ANNE FRENCH

The new weight loss wonder drug may not be as wonderful as its supporters claim, according to many researchers and nutritionists.

The current dieting sensation is the Legume Protein Concentrate, otherwise known as the Alpha Amylase inhibitor or "starch blocker." "Starch blocker," sold under numerous brand names, recently began appearing in health food stores and pharmacies to quickly become the latest diet mania.

The blockers contain extract of kidney bean or other beans that inhibit production of intestinal enzymes that aid starch digestion. Therefore, much of the consumed starch passes through the body unab­ sorbed. Due to lack of clinical investigation, the effects could be catastrophic.

The Health Center's director of nursing voiced apprehension concerning the drug's safety. "We don't know the long-term effects," said, Louanna Corey, Health Center pharmacist. Dayl Bennett shared her sentiments. "I think the stuff is dangerous. To someone with a certain condition, the effects could be catastrophic.

Cal Poly nutritionist Mary Pedersen said people react in one of two ways when they take the drug. Some feel no change while others spend half the day in the bathroom due to resulting gas, cramping, and diarrhea. Health care practitioners agreed the product may induce harmful side effects such as ketosis (fat oxidized for energy) or acidosis (high blood acidity). They expressed concern that residual toxins could be created during processing of the drug.

Nutritionist Richard Pritchard said the pills increase the risk of any disease because altered intake of the prostate can affect blood clotting. "It's a noose," said F3 worker Shelly Stevens. "I think the stuff is dangerous. To someone with a certain condition, the effects could be catastrophic.

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Aromas lure noses into Ye Olde Candy Shoppe

BY VALERIE BRICKMAN

It happens to you everywhere you are anywhere near Higuera Street. A sweet aroma overwhelms you as your nose guides you to the doorway of Ye Olde Candy Shoppe where the intoxicating smell of the caramel corn lures you in.

Ye Olde Candy Shoppe, located at 856 Higuera St. in San Luis Obispo, is not simply child's paradise. The store has something for both young and old, girl or guy, candy lover or dieter.

The store, owned by Moll and Norma McMichael, started 20 years ago as part of a franchise which was called Karamd Kom. After the chain disbanded 10 years later, it was given its present name. The McMichaels have been the proud owners for the last three years. Though it originally sold nothing but caramel corn, the McMichaels can now boast their own brand name which has expanded significantly since then.

Friendly Habit

The store's owner Norma McMichael always attracts a flock of noses when she brews a batch of peanut corn.

The McMichaels have some customers who have made the store a habit for years. "We have a two-way communication with our customers; they tell us what they like and what they don't like which gives us an idea of how we are doing," Norma said.

Ye Olde Candy Shoppe has something for every sweet tooth. The store features a line of Shaw's chocolates, the favorite being caramel, according to Norma. There are several kinds of chewy candies such as gummy cinnamon bears and jelly bellies (Reagan's treats) which range in flavors from watermelon to strawberry daiquiri and everyone's favorite; candy corn and licorice. There are different kinds of peanuts and a selection of coffee cordials.

Not all the candy is bought through distributors. Ye Olde Candy Shoppe also specializes in four homemade treats. In addition to the original caramel corn, the McMichaels have added peanut corn which is made with more butter, vanilla and peanuts to enhance its flavor. The second specialty is the nutty corn which is made from three mixes: almonds, pecans and cashews. The shop also specializes in peanut brittle which is guaranteed to be the best you have ever tasted, said Norma. Lastly, the store is known for its English toffee.

Hot Seller

The caramel corn sells so fast there is always a fresh batch brewing, said Norma. The confection smells so good that Norma has been tempted to bring in a tape recorder to record the comments of the customers.

"They (the customers) say it smells so good in here, they ask if you can get fat just by sniffing," Norma said. "People are always asking how we can work in here and not get fat..." said employee Kathy Kahn.

The McMichaels introduced the chocolate and oatmeal chip cookies, which are made fresh everyday and come in two sizes. Real butter and eggs are included in the recipe to give them a distinct flavor which keeps bringing the customers back for more.

There is also sugarless hard and chocolate candies for those who want that sweet taste but not the calories. New this summer is a line of trail mixes.

Aside from the sweets, there are hot dogs, chips, and both cold and hot drinks. Please see page 6.

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Space age copter

The helicopter is 100 feet in diameter and weighs 205 pounds with the pilot. It is constructed primarily of aluminum, fiberglass, wood, plastic, and what Johnson calls "space age materials" such as teflon, carbon graphite and kevlar, which is used in bullet proof vests.

Peter Kuykendall, a bicyclist, was chosen the "pilot" for the invention because of his "superhuman strength," according to Johnson. He said a number of students were tested for horse power, and Kuykendall was picked for the job.

If all goes well, the helicopter should work the next time it is tested, which will be in a few weeks, according to Barry.

"We've tried three times already without success, but each time we learn more," said Johnson. "We keep working out bugs. It's like a refining process; something breaks each time, but we have continued to be optimistic about it."

The students are quite confident their helicopter will fly. Johnson said the entire crew probably could have a "big bash" when the project is completed. He said he is happy he has had the experience of working with other students toward a common goal, communicating ideas, and meeting deadlines.

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Friday, August 6
3:00 p.m., Chamber Concert by members of the Mozart Festival Singers and Orchestra, Cal Poly Theater.

9:00 p.m., Ear Opener, Kronos Quartet. Cal Poly Theater.

Saturday, August 7
3:00 p.m., Chamber Concert, Cal Poly Theater.

The Ear Opener will boast a variety of musical presentations in which Lomprecht will suggest what the audience should be aware of when listening to a classical concert. Tickets for the performance are $2.00.

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Little claims Nixon will return, Carter still lusts

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Reagan not alone

But Reagan wasn’t the only chief of state to be lampooned by Little’s mimicry. The impersonator broke out his Jimmy Carter face stretching and assured that he still listed after women in his heart. His sunny smile then turned to a dark scowl and his bright eyes became menacing as he warned in Nancian tenor that in three years he’ll be back in the White House or in China as ambassador.

Little then shed the Carter smile and the Nixon scowl and answered questions in the character voice he does best—Rich Little.

Little said the lure of show business sparked his interest in impressionism. By age 14 he could imitate his high school teachers—giving them the wrong answers in their voices.

Through studying his subjects in detail, listening to recordings and watching videotapes, Little has developed a repertoire of 200 character voices. Though Little does some obscure American and British character actors, Little primarily mimics famous politicians and entertainers.

“You have to go with the ones well known. Politicians are still the best to do. We put them on a pedestal,” Little said. He claimed that the impressionist’s job is to knock politicians and celebrities off their pedestals, but to do it in a funny way.

Who does he imitate the best?

The people I do best are those I respect most,” Little then rattled off enough celebrity names to entertainers. For example, Little impersonated him. In fact, Richard Nixon so much that he did his own impersonations—Jimmy Stewart and Capote.

The president, apparently, does a great Capote.

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Students who complain that the workload is too heavy in high schools and colleges should think twice about attending school in either Taiwan or Japan.

Cal Poly President Warren Baker, who recently returned from a month long cultural and educational mission to Japan and the Republic Of China, said Japanese and Taiwanese students must pass a rigorous exam before they can be considered for college.

The actual trip taken by the President and his wife Carly was a combination of two separate invitations to the Far East. Baker was one of five college presidents in the United States to be invited to head up an educational mission to Japan through the Republic of China by the American Association of Universities to Cal Poly and other universities to study the "Some of the science and math courses taken in high school are considered for college."

According to Baker, this Japanese-Taiwanese approach to education involves a "heavy rigorous course of study" for high school students and for these students "more time is involved in studies." This is due to the fact that the high school students must choose the university they wish to attend and also their course of study through competition. Once the student has entered a university, it is practically impossible to change majors or to transfer schools.

However, the use of these competitive exams has caused some problems. It has been found that students don't work extremely hard the first two years or more at the university, a fact attributed to burn out.

The students have exhausted themselves in rigorous high school courses," said Baker. "Some of the science and math courses taken in high school are equal to one to two years of college level prep in some areas of study in the United States."

Baker went on to explain that these Japanese high school students have taken rigorous courses and taken additional classes on Saturdays in order to be successful in the competitive exams.

"The key step is being admitted to the university of one's choice," commented Baker. "Then it is assumed that success will be guaranteed from there. However, it is at this point that school burn out is often experienced."

"As far as bringing any of these educational techniques to Cal Poly," said Baker. "Our system is so different from the Japanese and Taiwanese systems that there's nothing much that can be applied to high education in the United States."

While traveling, the Baker stayed in both hotels and in the homes of students or faculty who had been at Cal Poly. The only sightseeing done while coming and going between appointments.

As far as the language barrier, President Baker explained, "We could converse with everyone we met. My Japanese is not very good but I picked up enough of it to get by with a conversation. I realized most people understood some English."

I was extremely touched by the personal friendliness and generosity of the Japanese people. They are very charming and delightful," Baker commented.

Japanese dance show today

The Spanish style Mission Plans will take on a festive Oriental atmosphere tonight as visiting Japanese students will present a show featuring native dances.

Three hundred Japanese students, dressed in kimonos and other Japanese garb, will demonstrate native dances from 7 to 9 p.m. All admission will be charged and proceeds will go to the educational mission.

The invited culminations in the President's trip which began on June 19 and typically usually began before 8 a.m. and would generally finish with dinners and receptions until 10 p.m. Much of the days were spent visiting universities and business schools, and not to mention the time spent traveling.

During his travels, President Baker found that the Japanese and Taiwanese universities shared a similar approach to education.

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The 300 students are part of the Educational Development International and the Pacific English Language Institute, a program which brings Japanese students to Cal Poly and other universities to study the English language.

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After a year of trying to convert the wilderness areas he was sworn to protect into industrial playgrounds, Secretary of the Interior James Watt has simply proven the old adage that it is lonely at the top. But recent oil gas leasing decision may have put Watt beyond lonely simply to alone.

From the man who brought his promises to streamline "cumbrous" strip mining regulations and to turn over pristine forests to timber interests, comes a plan to open up nearly the entire U.S. coastline—including all of California—to oil spills and exploratory drilling. Predictably, the decision has caused more people to call for Watt's hide then call his name in praise.

Conservationists, not surprisingly, have deplored the decision. They mourn the inevitable damage oil spills will cause to the fragile marine environment they shutter at the image of once majestic ducks being washed up dead on beaches, their bodies defiled by the deadly black goo, and the thought of rare species being eliminated completely. The decision has also drawn the ire of politicians who fear what offshore oil drilling could do to their state's fishing and tourist industries.

Thus California and Alaska have joined a collection of environmental groups in filing suit against Watt's exploration schedule.

The preservationists and politicians may find they have a most unlikely ally—the oil companies themselves. The oil companies do not object to the music Watt is playing on his jazz box, but say the speed he is playing them; the records should be played at 33 rpm and not 78. Watt is proposing that 1 billion acres be leased to oil companies for exploration during the next five years. Expanding that much in such a short period of time would severely tax the oil company's ability to provide data to make bids on the tracts, drilling rigs, manpower and, more importantly, capital. Atlantic Richfield told a reporter at Business Week last year that "drastic changes (in lease site drillings) can upset capital, equipment and manpower planning efforts of many firms including our own."

Even many oil companies, then, prefer that offshore drilling tracts be leased at a slower rate then Watt proposes.

Watt also picked a peculiar time to issue his exploration schedule. Demand for petroleum has been reduced because the country is being eliminated completely. Watt has claimed that more offshore sites must be opened if this country can ever expect to become energy self-sufficient. Statistics count Watt's claims. The Energy Action tracts be leased at a slow rate studied 30 oil companies and found that from 1976-1980 these organizations had stacked claims to 43 percent more undeveloped oil and gas tracts than they had in the preceding years. Yet the amount of acreage which had been developed over that same four-year period had increased only 2.5 percent. The oil companies, then, don't need to comb new areas along the coastline for new oil deposits; they haven't explored their own backyards yet.

James Watt is asking the American Public to peacefully accept the drilling of this nation's resources. 'The public must show Watt how much we love our country,' claims Watt. Watt's friends have described Watt as "honest, a man of the people—" and those who know Watt best will feel that it is not idle praise to call Watt the most unlikeliest of foul mouths in the history of the United States government. Watt has proven this by his initial support for the proposal to build the Mulberry Dam near Palm Springs.

Two women I know of went to work at Atascadero State Hospital a few years ago with the opinion that the death penalty was evil. A friend tells me that after a year or so of dealing with two, three, even four-time murderers—people who committed unapologetically violent sex crimes upon their victims—the two women changed their minds about the death penalty.

Watt has come to form the opinion that for some criminals, death was the only fair—indeed, merciful—punishment. Of course, I support the death penalty. My reasons are cold and calculated, and are offensive to most people who claim humanitarian principles. It is one of those cruel wonders of nature that wild animals will often kill or leave to die sick members of their species, humans abhor this idea, a cat who has a litter of diseased kittens will abandon them. I can just see the indignant gloom in my "humanitarian" opponent's eye, who nobly says, "But we are human beings, not animals." That's true to a point—an idealistic point at that. But when we're dealing with social aberrants such as the ones who are being "rehabilitated," "treated" and "released" at the Atascadero State Hospital, it is obvious their illnesses are not really—if ever—cured.

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How many innocent people fall victim to the gruesome acts of these few of­ fenders who the hospital must, by reasons of space alone, eventually declare well enough to deal normally with society? Humanitarianism is a fine thing, but in this case it lacks a realistic appraisal of the situation—which is that the return rate of such sex offenders and murderers, shows that nothing short of life imprisonment (see sentence punishment in itself) or death will suffice to keep society safe from these people.

What if an innocent man is convicted and put to death?, the humanitarian asks. My answer is two-fold. First, life is obviously a gamble. Even the most dull, inactive person takes a chance with his life every day. Second, the chances of convincing an innocent man are minimal compared to the probability that a two-time murderer pronounced "fit to deal with society" and released will map his psychological landscape and murder someone else. Frankly, I think it's worth the chance.

We need the death penalty. It's time we accepted the fact, unchanged since the beginning of history, that life is expendable.

To waste a life is a sin. But to save a worthless and dangerous life at the expense of several valuable, useful lives is a worse sin.

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