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Money set for bike paths
Supervisors allocate $170,000 for bikeways budget

By Liz Weber
Staff Writer
The Sierra Club's battle for bike lanes in San Luis Obispo County gained a small victory — and $175,000 — at last Tuesday's County Board of Supervisors meeting.

"What they approved tonight was quite a bit less than what we had asked for, but it's still quite a bit more than what we had before," said Randy Knight, ATTF member.

The board allocated 5 percent of the county's $6.6 million discretionary roads budget to the bikeways budget, for a total of $340,000 annually.

About half of that money will be available this year, since the decision comes halfway through the fiscal year.

Randy Knight, from the Sierra Club's Alternative Transportation Task Force, said the 10-member Bicycle Advisory Committee — which gained approval Oct. 13 — will decide how to spend the money. Most of it will go toward constructing bike lanes, but it will also fund education programs and other programs the BAC approves.

Although the ATTF did not receive the original 10 percent allotment from the county's $9.8 million total roads budget, Knight said the group is satisfied.

"What they approved tonight was quite a bit less than what we had asked for, but it's still quite a bit more than what we had before," Knight said. "It's better than nothing."

Money generated through various grants and Proposition 116, totaling approximately $1.3 million over the next four years, will be separate from, and in addition to, the $340,000 granted by the board.

County staff indicated that they felt the county local budget allocation, in conjunction with the state grant money, was sufficient such that the county would not, "ignore the ATTF's interest."

With the new funding, officials said the time to build the county-wide bike plan will be reduced.

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"If we don't get three votes, then there's not going to be any change in the engineering department's recommended roads budget, and I think half a loaf is better than no loaf at all," Supervisor Harry Ovitt said. "Forty years of building-out the bike plan is better than not getting it built-out at all, so I'm going to support the motion, even though it's not what I would like to see happen. I think it's what we can agree with to get three votes," Ovitt said.

Merkel said bike lanes cost approximately $900,000 per mile due to a wide variety of complications, such as removing obstacles.

Drunken drivers still swerving onto local roadways

By Carissa Wreden
Staff Writer
Just how many people are out driving drunk at the end of the week? "In reality, from all the bars in town, there are 400 to 500 people driving drunk every night on the weekends," said Izzy Ortega's manager David Austin. The Monterey Street restaurants, he said.

Ironically, college students have several alternatives to driving drunk in San Luis Obispo. Some Cal Poly fraternities and sororities offer safe rides home for drunken members.

As the vice president in charge of standards at Alpha Phi, Fox oversees safety issues there. She said installing the beeper system was "the best thing we've ever done for safety management."

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Another safe ride option — "Tipsy Taxi" — has been in effect since 1989. Run through ASI, the program is sponsored by local alcohol distributors and French Hospital.

Co-chairman Morty Frey said the service is available at almost every downtown bar.

"If a person's had too much to drink," Frey said, all they need to do is "ask for a Tipsy Taxi ticket."

The ticket and a phone call will give the intoxicated person a ride home in a cab.

Frey said between 50 and 75 people used the service last month. "It kept 50 people from dying," Frey said. "I do think it is effective."

The cab company takes the tickets and redeems them quarterly through ASI for $6.50 each, $2 of which goes to the driver as a tip.

Currently, ride tickets are only available from the bars to any home within city limits. But Frey is trying to change that.

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“They just don't have the money to pay for it (tax cut for middle incomes).”

Michael Ettinger, Citizens for Tax Justice

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When Bush sent his budget to Congress in February, he advocated a $500 increase in the personal exemption for each child under 18.

But he put the proposal on the back burner after Republican allies in Congress balked at the spending reductions he proposed to pay for it.

Members of Congress, their advisors, lobbyists and others who closely watch tax legislation disagree on the desirability of a general tax cut when the government is taking in about $300 billion a year less than it is spending.

Next year will:

- Restore, at least temporarily, the investment tax credit, under which the construction of machinery and equipment bought by businesses:
- Raise taxes on the 2.5 percent to 3 percent of couples and individuals with the highest incomes.

This probably would be restricted to single people with total income above $140,000 and couples over $170,000.

A new, 36 percent top tax rate would be created for these people, who now pay a maximum 31 percent on part of their earnings.

In addition, a surtax of up to 10 percent would apply to taxable incomes over $1 million.

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The assailants escaped, and police announced a massive manhunt and offered a $17,000 reward for information leading to arrests.
Mayor race could be L.A.'s most expensive ever

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The 1993 mayoral race is expected to be the most costly in city history, with candidates spending up to $12 million despite new campaign contribution limits, officials said.

With Mayor Tom Bradley's decision to step down, a crowded field of contenders is expected to push spending levels up to record levels by the April 20 primary. A runoff election, if needed, will be held in June.

"It will easily be a record," said Bob Stem, co-director of the California Commission on Campaign Financing. "It will be a record because you have a record number of major candidates running." The spending predictions dwarf the less than $2.5 million spent by Bradley and challenger Nate Holden in 1989.

Several major candidates in the race — Councilman Michael Woo, Joel Wachs and Holden, State Assemblyman Richard Katz, D-Panorama City, city commissioner J. Stanley Sanders and former Board of Education member Julian Nava — have said they expect to spend between $1 million and $2 million each in the primary.

Millionaire attorney Richard Riordan said he will spend up to $2.5 million in the primary and about $1.6 million in the general election. In 1985 voters limited contributions from individuals and corporations to mayoral candidates to $1,000 per contributor.

"That's the question... where is that money going to come from and to whom will the winning candidate be indebted?" said Kim Alexander of Californian Cause.

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OPINION

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A season that was dying down the stretch was finally laid to rest Sunday evening. The name of Cal Poly's women's volleyball team was never mentioned as NCAA official field for this year's Division I playoffs.

Disappointed, Mustang head coach Craig Cummings also expressed criticism of the selection process. Cal Poly, which plays in the Northwest Region as an independent, finished with a 22-11 record.

 Losing four of its last five matches was a factor considered by the selection committee.

"We were in the driver's seat," Cummings said. "It was in our control and our losses at the end put it in the hands of other people." 

A season-ending loss to Pepperdine and a three-game defeat at the hands of San Jose State hurt Cal Poly most, Cummings said.

Of the eight teams selected to compete in the Northwest Region playoffs, only four were truly West Coast teams. Others selected in the region include Arkansas State, Illinois State, Houston and Louisville.

"Ransacking our region like they did also hurts," added the Mustangs' second-year coach. "It's not good respect for all the hard work done out here.

"If they did that (putting Ball State into the West Region), it meant they had to do a lot of moving, including coming into our (region) and clean house," he said.

Four of the teams selected belong to the Mustangs this season. Cummings was able to find a positive after the 15-minute teleconference call which announced the selections.

"Last year at this time, there wasn't even a glimmer of hope," Cummings said, who posted a 13-23 record in his first season. "We're still closer.

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Shawn Kirkby and his 6-9, 280-pound frame return for senior year.

By Cam Inman
Sports Editor

FILE PHOTO

Expect fast action from Poly cagers

By John Cristofano
Staff Writer

If you don't like any of the above ideas, send money. Unlike those million-dollar athletes they have to interview, a sports writer's wage is about six zeros less than that of Michael Jordan.

Kirby, 6-9, 280 pounds, averaged 17.3 points per game last year, while pulling down an average of 8.9 rebounds a game. He also paced a 68.5 field goal shooting percentage, which landed him among the Division II leaders.

If they have a weakness, it is a lack of depth on the front line, he said.

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