SLO residents to vote on sales tax in November ballot

Sara Hamilton

The San Luis Obispo City Council unanimously approved the placement of a half-cent sales tax increase measure on the November 7 ballot. If adopted by voters, the general purpose half-cent sales tax would provide approximately $4.5 million for San Luis Obispo. This additional revenue would be put toward community services such as neighborhood street paving, police protection, fire and paramedic services, traffic congestion relief and creek flood protection.

People are talking about this," Councilman Paul Brown said. "I'm not going to view the voters as children. I think that they've taken the time to educate themselves, so I don't feel that we as a council need to protect them. I respect the voters."


Departing CSU execs secretly paid millions

The California State University system secretly paid millions of dollars to outgoing campus presidents and top executives, in some cases keeping them on the payroll up to five years after leaving office.

Neither the chancellor nor trustees at the nation's largest public university system publicly disclosed the "trans­sition pay," lucrative consulting contracts and tenured teaching positions, the San Francisco Chronicle reported July 17.

Chancellor Charles B. Reed said his office spent as much as $4 million over the past decade for "special assignments" and paid leave for former campus presidents and vice chancellors.

Reed said in a June 23 e-mail to trustees that none of the deals violated university public disclosure policies or those giving executive compensa­tion authority to the governing Board of Trustees.

But some of the perpetrators appeared to have been awarded without trustee approval. And in cases where the chancellor notified the chairmen of the board through private correspondence, there was no record of a public review.

Some trustees and faculty union representatives said they were outraged about the secret deals at a time of rising tuition and academic cutbacks.

The trustees met in a closed meeting on Tuesday to discuss personnel matters.

Cal Poly's tree collection no longer overlooked

Nicole Small

Walking to classes, it's not often students have time to notice the trees, but maybe that'll change thanks to Matt Ritter, the Cal Poly plant conservatory director, and student volunteers. Ritter guided nearly 40 people around Cal Poly's rare collection of trees on July 15.

The Cal Poly Plant Conservatory, located in the middle of the campus, is responsible for the curation of all the trees on campus and has an abundant selection of plants in its greenhouses to look at or purchase. This was the second tour put on by the conservatory.

A total of 40 trees are covered on the tour. There are over 200 trees and shrubs identified all over campus with a little black place stating the plants' common name, botanical name, family and what region they're from. "Once you focus on it, you see it, and when you don't, you feel cheated," Ritter said about plant life not yet labeled. "... The signage adds so much value to the campus. It's hard to cut a tree down when you know something about it.

From the endangered Chilean Wine Palm to a Macadamia Nut Tree, Cal Poly has it all.

Judy Juri, 61, said that the tour was enjoyable and allowed her to view trees that she's never seen anywhere else.

Cal Poly alumna Kay Webster, 60, said she can't believe the attention given to buildings, but not the plants. She said people forget.
CSU students benefit from funding increase

Jandy Jones
HoCCH COLLEGE, 1992

Students can breathe a sigh of relief this fall. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has signed a budget that will provide $226 million in new revenue for the California State University (CSU) system.

The money will be used to fill the void left when the state could not pass on an increase for fall 2007. Students who are California residents will continue to pay the current fee for this year.

CSU students are currently paying $2,950 for the teaching credentials and $3,300 at the graduate level. The budget will protect students from a fee increase for fall of 2006 but doesn't guarantee protection for the 2007 academic year, said Paul Browning, a media relations specialist at the Chancellor's office.

"Included (in) this amount is $14.4 million above the state's General Fund commitment under the Higher Education Compact to eliminate the proposed fee increase of 8 percent for undergraduate and 10 percent for graduate students," Browning said in an e-mail to the Mustang Daily.

The Higher Education Compact was signed in 2004 to guarantee students a fee increase of no more than 2.5 percent of annual enrollment. This increased funding allows the CSU system to avoid a decrease in enrollment because of the state budget crisis.

The money comes from the State General Fund. Browning said the CSU Board of Trustees assumed that the fees would increase, but Gov. Schwarzenegger proposed using the extra funds and the legislature agreed, he said.

Students in all or entering the CSU system benefit from the decision but middle class students will probably profit the most.

"It will enable them to spend more time meeting the books and less time working to pay for (college)," Browning said.

Students who are already in the CSU system will see an increase in grant funding, which will allow more students to receive money.

About 11,000 students are estimated to enroll in the CSU system this fall, and the money will cover those students completely," Browning said. It may also help students who have thought about enrolling in school this fall.

"The elimination of a fee increase could result in even more students enrolling in CSU this fall if the fear of a fee increase was originally keeping them away," Browning said.

Other areas that will receive a fund increase are nursing programs, math and science teacher recruitment at the kindergarten through high school level and Academic Preparation and Student Outreach programs. The Capitol Fellows Program will also receive some money.

The Student Financial Aid Grants will increase by $6.4 million and funding will go to all 23 CSU campuses with more students might see more funding than others, he added.

So far there are no tax-increase considerations in order to compensate for the funding and there are no known downsfalls, he said.

Library was to save the Queensland Lacebark Tree, located nearest to the steps coming from the stop sign from North Perimeter Street.

Many types of trees from the genus Eucalyptus are found in abundance on campus and in San Luis Obispo. Ritter joked, "Who thinks that Koalas should be brought to Montana De Oro?" The group had a good laugh. Ritter said that would be nice, but the park doesn't have the eucalyptus trees Koalas like to eat.

Every tree had a story to it, such as the Cape Chestnut, native to Coastal South Africa, that only blooms in the summer or The Floss Silk Tree with its prickly, thorn- like objects covering its trunk, most likely for protection against animals that plan to eat the bark sweetened by photosynthesis.

"I've been a planet person forever, I didn't know these were here," Joan Field, 59, said after the tour was completed.

To learn more about plant life on campus, trees on the Cal Poly Plant Conservatory, check out its Web site at www.plantconservatory.calpoly.edu.

Are YOU Screaming for Cream?
Cal Poly ice cream is back and mustangdaily.net has the scoop!

With training and calibration of the Portable Evidential Breath Test Units still in the works, they are not expected to be used in law enforcement vehicles until September in time for Labor Day. Larsen said she said the largest increases in DUI arrests come between July 4 and Labor Day and then again between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Hansen said he hopes the new devices will not only take unsafe drivers off the streets, but will also work to get help for those who do drink and drive.

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LOS ANGELES AP — Flights to and from Southern California were back on time Wednesday after a power blackout early Tuesday evening knocked out 1,000 Americans sailing out of Beirut's port. U.S. Ambassador Jeffrey Feltman waved back from the dock below.

UNITED NATIONS AP — Nearly 60,000 civilians were slain across Iraq in May and June, a spike in deaths that coincided with a wave of sectarian attacks across the country, the United Nations said Tuesday.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush cast the first veto of his 5 1/2-year presidency Wednesday, saying legislation easing limits on federal funding for embryonic stem cell research "crosses a moral boundary" and is wrong. "This bill would support the taking of innocent human life in the hope of finding medical benefits for others," Bush said at a White House event where he was surrounded by 18 families who "adopted" donated embryos not used by parents, and then used those leftover embryos to have children.

CHICAGO (AP) — Thousands of supporters of more lenient treatment of illegal immigrants marched through downtown Chicago to a lakeshore park Wednesday, calling for a moratorium on deportations. Some carried signs reading "We are America," "Stop family separations now," and "Dear Bush: Stop all raids deporting families.

Organizers say they want the government to stop deporting illegal immigrants and put a moratorium on sanctioning businesses that employ them while Congress debates immigration legislation.

International Briefs

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — An eight-deck cruise liner carrying more than 1,000 Americans sailed out of Beirut's port Wednesday, the first mass U.S. evacuation from Lebanon since Israeli airstrikes started more than a week ago. Dozens of Americans waved from the top decks of the Orient Queen as the luxury ship blew its horn. U.S. Ambassador Jeffrey Feltman waved back from the deck below.

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Help, I can't hear you now

Jandy Jones, Mustang Daily

I feel naked. I don't mean that in the sense that I am standing in the middle of the University Union wearing no clothes, but I feel like something is missing. My cell phone. My phone decided to take a vacation because, apparently, I used it too much.

OK, the truth is I left my cell phone in my husband's truck. He works out of town and, well, my phone went with him.

I knew it sounds like I use my phone all the time and everyone calls me. But that's not the case. The only person that seems to use my phone is the editor in chief of the Mustang Daily, and she just calls to ask questions about my stories.

Really, I don't use my phone all that much. I occasionally call my husband and mom; but most conversations do not last more than 10 minutes. So why do I miss my phone so much?

Well, I do miss being able to make calls and receive, haha, calls. But I think there is more to the problem.

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Central Coast offers perfect summer escapes

Jemma Wilson, Mustang Daily

The Central Coast makes it almost irresistible to stay indoors during the great summer weather. Luckily, this area also offers many spots perfect for an afternoon escape.

Just check out the details and directions online for the following almost irresistible to stay indoors during the great summer weather.

The Mid-state Fair is coming to town! Head up to Paso Robles July 26 to August 6 for music, fun and fair food.

Get San Diego Comic-Con coverage of movies, games and comics on mustangdaily.net

The 36th annual Mozart Festival is going on until July 23. For more information visit www.mozartfestival.com.

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Dine out this summer without money bummers

Tyler Wise
MUSTANG DAILY

With summer in full force, it’s time to indulge in the three “B’s” of Barbecues, Babes, and Budgets. But for those short on cash, let me clue you in on some of the most excellent and affordable establishments to find the best that San Luis Obispo has to offer (and perhaps to bring that babe).

Now, I’m no Rachael Ray, but I am a connoisseur of all things cheap and tasty, so to kick off the season of summer indulgence, I proudly present my very own version of “$40 a day” Cal Poly-style.

Foster’s Freeze — Old Fashioned Burger Bliss

Located on the corner of Marip and Nipomo Streets, Foster’s Freeze has got to be the best burger joint in town simply because it serves up some mean all-beef patty burgers coupled with large steak fries and the best shakes and ice cream, period.

For those not familiar with the place, Foster’s has the nostalgic look of a 1950’s-style beachside burger shack with indoor and outdoor seating. They also feature “Twisters,” which are a blend of ice cream and your favorite candy bars. Aude from the diverse menu, what really makes this joint so killer for burgers can be summed up in two words: “Big Boss.”

The Big Boss is the best burger on the menu at Foster’s, and for good reason. We’re talking about a quarter-pound, all-beef patty smothered in both cheddar and Monterey jack cheese, topped with two slices of bacon, two onion rings, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, and thousand island or barbecue sauce, all tucked into an old-fashioned bun.

This thing is a monster, and you better make sure that you have nothing to do for the next hour after eating it, because this burger will hit the stomach like an anvil of burger bliss sending you into a coma of satisfaction.

The best part is that you can get this burger with a large Coke and steak fries for less than $7.

Other notable burgers to try at Foster’s include the Double Decker and the classic Old-Fashioned.

The Original Spike’s Bar and Grill — For the Beer Aficionado

This little joint nestled in the SLO Creamery on Higuera Street just south of Nipomo Street has been serving up some of the best-tasting, rare and obscure domestic and imported beers for over 25 years.

My folks used to tell me stories about this place when they came to San Luis Obispo in the 1980s, so I had to check this place out when I became a legal boomer. The place has since become my pressure spot for good brew and finger foods.

With anywhere from 50 to 60 beers on hand, Spike’s has something for everyone. There’s a library list of ales, lagers, wheat beers, and Belgian specialties with the name spelled out in hand-printed Belgian beer in only $6 and provides a good enough excuse for a trip to Spike’s.

This is the bar of a Second Lieutenant. You earn it by taking ROTC in college. It means Officer, a leader of the United States Army. To wear it is to put an entire team on your shoulders.

COURTESY PHOTO

Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory (left), offers a variety of desserts from sour candy to fudge. Spike’s Bar and Grill (above), offers more than 50 different types of beer served in pint glasses to enhance the flavor and reduce the foam.

For those not familiar with the place, Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory is your No. 1 supplier. Located at 848 Higuera St., Rocky Mountain has the feel of an old-fashioned candy shack, complete with a menu of the best-tasting, rare and imported beers for less than $7.

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The Original Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory — A Sugar Connoisseur’s Delight

After you’ve washed down a Big Boss burger with some Pranqster, it’s time to indulge the sweet tooth.

If you’re looking for any variety of chocolate, fudge, ice cream, tarts, sours, and any other sweet of your heart’s desire, Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory is your No. 1 supplier. Rocky Mountain has the feel of an old-fashioned candy shack, complete with freshly made candied apples, and fudge presented in wooden displays. If you have $10 to spare, I recommend trying a bunch of freshly-made sweets, especially a candy cluster so good it might as well be a sin to eat:

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LETTERS
TO THE EDITOR

Israel must look at the big picture

Israel's current campaign to crush Hezbollah in Lebanon is certainly understandable, but it is not crucial when it comes to Israel's national security and the security of the entire region.

I am not trying to disparage Israel's efforts to send a strong message to its enemies, but the fact remains that it is Iran, not Hezbollah, that poses the real threat to Israel's existence on this planet. Everyone knows that Iran is quickly developing a nuclear program, which can always be tinkered with to create nuclear weapons. That fact coupled with Iran's hatred for Israel makes for a very serious threat to Israel's existence.

However, the problem is that the longer Israel engages in this Lebanon offensive the more they are taking the spotlight off of Iran, allowing them to complete their own Manhattan Project undeservedly. Every time Lebanon is used to wipe Hezbollah from the earth, quite unlikely, I can picture a few angry Lebanese citizens willing to step in and fill that terrorist vacuum. As difficult as it is, Israel must step back from its current offensive to address the more serious concern of Iran. Israel must understand that terrorist groups such as Hezbollah are plentiful in the Middle East, but nuclear weapons aren't — yet.

Patrick Mohr
Business administration sophomore

STAFF COMMENTARY

Wal-Mart changes policies

Logan Branson
Deputy News Editor (Ball State U.)

Sam Walton, founder of Wal-Mart, once said: "Each Wal-Mart store should reflect the values of its customers and support the vision they hold for their community."

Now, Wal-Mart has decided to stop prosecuting first-time shoplifters if they meet certain criteria. Sam must be rolling in his grave.

According to The New York Times, Wal-Mart "will no longer prosecute first-time thieves unless they are 18 and 65 and steal merchandise worth at least $25."

While the policy is a whole absurd, the part I have the hardest time understanding is why age is a factor. Why does it matter if the shoplifter is 12 or 90? There is no reason anyone — regardless of age or how many DVDs he has in his own personal pocket — should be allowed to shoplift without some kind of punishment.

So, if you've been a responsible citizen in the past and happen to be overcome by an uncontrollable bout of kleptomania, Wal-Mart is the place for you. Be sure you don't "accidentally" walk out with anything worth more than $25, there shouldn't be any problem with the law. In the land of low prices and even lower wages, this situation is now a ridiculous reality.

According to Wal-Mart, the new policy will allow stores to keep a closer eye on bigger problems like professional shoplifters and theft from employees.

Wal-Mart is taking the stance that the little problems won't matter if all of the big problems are solved. I've got news for Wal-Mart. When little problems are ignored, they don't just magically disappear on their own.

Wal-Mart officials also said prosecuting petty shoplifters has become too inefficient to continue. When Wal-Mart talks about being more efficient, it's really just about making more money. In this case, it seems like Wal-Mart is giving some people off the hook because it would cost too much give them the punishment they deserve.

I can imagine this idea backfiring on Wal-Mart if the right people find out they can try to steal low-price items without fear of retribution. I'm ready to record a new version of my rap, "I'll think twice next time before I'll think twice next time before I'll think twice next time before I'll think twice next time before..."

Commentary should aim at solving problems, not creating them. If Wal-Mart is going to do this, it will quickly become a target for other retailers to do the same. What a shame for retail.

ATTENTION all Wal-Mart shoppers — if you haven't stolen anything illegal and appropriate, why would you and why would you want to try your luck, please feel free as long as you purchase don't total more than $25. Here at Wal-Mart, we're dedicated to offering you the lowest prices possible, as well as the opportunity to shoplift without any consequences. So yes, go ahead — let me have it.

ELEANOR MILL-NEWARTY

Commentary
Sports movies are made to capture what makes sports great: teamwork, dedication, perseverance and pride. With such challenges to work with, there is no shortage of excellent sports movies. Granted, there has been no drought of films that have seen "Rocky V" or any of the "Major League" sequels come around.

Come to think of it, sequels are usually a bad idea in general. However, I can't wait for "Major League 4: Back to Little League." I think Gary Coleman is replacing Rob Lowe as a slugger with a bat he can't control. Billy Crystal is sure to bring a laugh out of any who can't believe the (now) former Hippie turned Iowa corn farmer Ray Kinsella is minding his own business in his field of maize when a voice whispers, "If you build it, he will come."

Ray does what any former hippie would, chop down the better part of his crop to build a baseball field. Ray also kicks Terrance Mann, (actually J.D. Salinger in the book) played by James Earl Jones, for "shoeless Joe" Jackson, the 1919,"Black Sox" and a slew of other baseball greats emerge from the corn to play a pick-up game. The movie captures the wonder, passion and heritage of baseball.

4. "Major League"

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Spanso Stadium delayed until further notice

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Although Cal Poly expected the Alex G. Spanos Stadium to be completed by Sept. 2 for the first football game, officials confirmed that rev- olutions to the stadium will be delayed until further notice.

Progress on west bleachers near California Boulevard, an estimated $21.5 million project, was held back due to heavy rain throughout the winter, but officials promise that the construction efforts have increased substantially since then.

"The contractor is working six-days (week) a considerable amount of overtime," the project manager, Perry Judd said. "The building itself is not quite there."

Judd said many of the parties involved in the project met on Aug. 1 to discuss the progress and determined it would not be complete in time for the Sept. 2 football game. The group will recon- vene on Aug. 11 to set a precise completion date.

However, all home football games will still take place in the Spanos Stadium and Judd said the set-up will be "pretty much just like it was last year," in which all fans sit on the east side of the stadium near the entrance.

Andy Gayder, Cal Poly wide receivers coach, said this will have little impact on the game.

"We went undefeated last year (at home) with basically no one behind us," he said. "We're excited about the stadium, but we did pretty well with nobody on that side last year."

"I think it's a little more fun with people on both sides, but it'll get there," said Alison Cone, direc- tor of athletics. "People see it taking shape and it's exciting."

But upon completion, Judd said that comprise the third level. Additionally, the stadium recently received new lighting, which Judd described as "neighborhood friendly."

"It's the newest technology in stadium lighting," he said. "People are going to see a tremendous dif- ference."

Plans are also being finalized for the Memorial Plaza in dedication to the 18 Cal Poly football players who lost their lives in a plane crash on Oct. 29, 1969. Individual murals will be constructed to the exact height of each player and will be adorned with a commemorative plaque.

Alex G. Spanos Stadium, which will host Cal Poly soccer and football, is expected to be delayed due to rain earlier in the year. The stadium will affect the start of the soccer season.

"If all the big projects I've been involved in...it's probably the finest thing I've been involved in," Judd said.

The plaza will be located next to the stadium and will be accessible from California Boulevard. A dedic- ation ceremony will take place on Sept. 29.

A dedication ceremony for the stadium will occur on Oct. 21 during the homecoming game against South Dakota State, according to a Cal Poly press release. The field itself will be dedicated at the Sept. 30 game against Cal Poly.

"It's going to be gorgeous when it's done," Judd said. "It's going to be the nicest facility on the Central Coast when it's done."

But through- out all the talk of football, the soccer team hasn't been left out. "It's going to be a tremendous soccer games will be played on the lower level," Judd said.

The first soccer game will take place on Sept. 8 against Navy.

American Landis falls to 11th after Alpine climb

Cory Harris
MUSTANG SPORTS

After being on hiatus since 2001, ASI has decided to open up intramu- rals to all summer student club members.

"ASI is always looking to try new things, so we thought we would try running a summer season of intramu- rals again," said ASI Program Coordinator, Greg Avakian.

While Season One has begun, registration for Season Two started on Monday, July 17 and continues to July 28. Season Two will consist of a 3-week basketball tournament that runs for three weeks. The first tip-off for the basket- ball season begins on August 2.

Players are guaranteed six games, and all games will be double headers.

"I would love to play basketball this summer for the intramural league," said Matt Falstrom, a nutrition, and culinary science and manage- ment senior. "I just wish I didn't have to work as much so I could play though."

Intramural sports are open to all Cal Poly students, alumni, faculty and staff who are currently members of the Recreation Center. Students who graduated in June are also able to play for the summer intramural sports complex where a field will be fenced off, said assistant soccer coach Mark Jones.

"Obviously we're not too happy about it," Jones said. "We would like to get our own field."

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With about eight miles to go up La Tousiure, Spain's Carlos Sastre burst out of a small group of would-be favorites that included Landis, and Peresino and several other contenders gained.

The American simply couldn't keep up, losing the the 10-second lead he started the day with.

"Sometimes you don't feel well, and sometimes it's on the wrong leg. What can I say?" asked Landis, who is riding with an injured hip.

And with that, Landis went in search of something cold and soothing.

"Drink some beer...that's all I'm thinking about now," added: "I would be lying if I said I was not disappointed."

So it goes in this topsy-turvy Tour, the first in the post-Armstrong era.

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