Congress votes on budget alternatives

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Democratic-controlled House approved a budget blueprint drawn to President Barack Obama’s specifications Thursday and the Senate hastened to follow suit after administration aides rejected alternatives from liberals and conservatives alike.

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The country warns “real change, and we have come here to make a difference,” House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said at both chambers worked on plans to boost spending on domestic programs, raise taxes on the wealthy in two years’ time and clear the way for action later in the year on Obama’s priority items of health care, energy and education.

Republicans in both houses accused Democrats of drafting plans that would hurt the recession-ravaged economy in the long run, rather than help it, and saddle future generations with too much debt.

“The administration’s budget simply taxes too much, spends too much and borrows too much at a moment when we can least afford it,” said the Senate Republican leader, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky.

Despite the rhetoric, there was no suspense as lawmakers engaged in an annual budget ritual destined to end in approval of the blueprints drafted by Obama’s supporters and supported by the White House.

In the House, that meant voting first on doomed alternatives drafted by progressives, the Congressional Black Caucus, Republicans and a splinter group of conservatives. In the Senate, it meant a day of sifting through nonbinding proposals often meant to score political points.

The House plan called for spending $3.6 trillion in the budget year that begins Oct. 1, according to the Congressional Budget Office, compared with $3.5 trillion for the Senate version and $3.6 trillion for Obama’s original plan.

The House plan envisioned a deficit of $1.2 trillion in 2014, falling to a projected $598 billion after five years. The comparable Senate estimates were $1.2 trillion in 2010 and $508 billion in 2014.

Obama’s budget would leave a deficit of $749 billion in five years’ time, according to congressional estimates — too high for his Democratic allies.

To reduce the red ink, Democrats reduced Obama’s proposed spending, ignored his call for another $250 billion in bailouts for the financial industry and assumed that his signature tax cut of $400 for individuals and $800 for couples would expire in 2011.

The day’s events capped a busy three months for the Democratic-controlled Congress that took office in January.

Moving with unusual speed, lawmakers see Budget, page 2
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Chopper

operated, but it has the capability to autonomously, which means it could function independently on missions, according to Poly aero

top engineering professor Frank McDonold. He said he hopes nu

merous engineering disciplines will take part in the project, including aerospace, mechanical and electri

cal and computer science as part of sensor and materials projects.

Computer and electrical engi

neering professor Lynn Shivosky wants to enable the helicopter to perform search and rescue missions in the mountains for lost hikers us

ing video telepresence or virtual reality software.

The helicopter was originally used as a test helicopter. "We used it in risk reduction, to fly different payloads as a bed test for the Fire Scout," said Northern Gannan engineerin

techician Victor Sie

bold. The MQ-8 Fire Scout is an unmanned autonomous helicopter

developed by Northrop Grum

man and currently used by the U.S. armed forces.

By donating this helicopter, one of three donated to California State Polytechnic University, researchers continue its relationship with Cal Poly, which includes serving on the fleet. Researchers said they are providing grants and scholarships for research and hiring many Poly alums.

When asked why Northrop Grumman recruits Cal Poly stu

dents, Frank Flores said it comes down to the campus philosophy.

"San Luis Obispo students come ready to work," he said. "They've had so much hands-on experience already and are really well-prepared right out of school.

Though plans to turn the heli

copter autonomous are in the works, Flores said it may be years before researchers develop this helicopter are "only limited by imagination and possibly the courage of the engineers.

Budget

have enacted a $707 billion econom

ic stimulus measure, cleared the way for release of $350 billion in financial industry bailout funds, approved an expansion of children's health care and sent Obama legislation setting aside more than $2 mega

loans in nine states as protected wilderness.

When they represented candidates for the administration, the budget merely cleared the way for work later in the year on key presidential priori

ties — expansion and overhaul of the nation's health care system, creation of a new energy policy and sweeping changes in education.

Major battles lie ahead, particu

larly over health care and energy. And while Obama made a series of specific proposals to fund his initia

tives, congressional budget-writers already have been convicted of federal crimes and are awaiting sentencing.

Thursday's indictment said that in 2003 — the former governor's first year in office — Blagojevich, Monk, Kelly and Rerkzo agreed to direct big-mo

ney state business involving in refinancing billions of dollars in pension bonds as part of a deal with a lobbyist who promised a massive kickback in re

turn. The lobbyist wasn't identified.

Rerkzo raised more than $1 million in campaign contributions for Blagojevich and also was a major Obama fundraiser.

former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich leaves his house through an alley entrance in a December 2008 file photo. A federal grand jury handed down a 19-count indictment against Blagojevich on Thursday, on charges he engaged in a "wide-ranging scheme to deprive the people of Illinois of honest government." The 19-count indictment against Blagojevich, his brother, two former aides and two businessmen, accuses Blagojevich of corruption involving billions of dollars in state pension bonds

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Critics assail Afghan law that 'legalizes rape'

A new Afghan law makes it legal for men to rape their wives, human rights groups and some lawmakers criticized Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Thursday for signing the legislation after the fall of the Taliban regime.

Critics worry the legislation undermines hard-won rights for women enacted after the fall of the Taliban in 2001. Some lawmakers, however, say the law is intended to regulate family life and is not intended to regulate family life on a large scale for the regime.

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State

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (AP) — A dead California gray whale washed up near the Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf drifted to shore after being towed out to sea.

The 25-foot whale, discovered early Wednesday and moved off shore, drifted to shore later in the day and was on the north side of the Santa Cruz Wharf by nightfall.

The whale will be examined by experts.

National

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International

CUERNAVACA, Mexico (AP) — The U.S. and Mexico are creating a cross-border group to develop strategies for stopping the flow of arms and drugs between the two countries, officials said Thursday.

Emerging from a conference with U.S. officials, Mexican Attorney General Eduardo Medina-Mora said more meetings are needed to develop plans to bring drug cartels under control along the border.

Medina-Mora said Mexico plans to begin checking 10 percent of the vehicles entering the country from the U.S. for illegal weapons and will more closely check outgoing vehicles for drugs and money.

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fourth, "Article 132 of the law says, "Unless the wife is ill or has any kind of illness that intercourse could aggravate, the wife is bound to give a positive response to the sexual desires of her husband."

One provision also appears to protect the woman's right to sex inside marriage saying the "man should not avoid having sexual relations with his wife longer than once every four months."

The law's critics say Karzai signed the legislation in the past month only for political gains several months before the country's presidential election.

The United Nations Development Fund for Women, or UNIFEM, said the law "legalizes the rape of a wife by her husband." "The law violates women's rights and human rights in numerous ways," a UNIFEM statement said.

The U.S. is "very concerned" about the law, said State Department spokesman Robert Wood. "We urge President Karzai to review the law's legal status to correct provisions of the law that limit or restrict women's rights."

Wood added that U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton had met with female Afghan lawmakers in The Hague and had assured them that "women's rights are going to be paramount in this administration's foreign policy, not an afterthought."

Canada's Defense Minister Peter MacKay said he will use this week's NATO summit to put "direct" pressure on his Afghan counterparts to abandon the legislation.

The issue of women's rights is a continuous source of tension between the country's conservative establishment and more liberal members of society. The Taliban government that ruled Afghanistan from 1996 to 2001 banned women from appearing in public without a body-covering burqa and a male escort from her family.

Much has improved since then. Millions of girls now attend school and many women own businesses. Of 351 parliamentarians, 89 are women.

"All the efforts that were made in the last seven years to enhance women's rights will be undermined," Kufi said.

Karzai has not commented on the law. A spokesman, Waheed Omar, said the president is "aware of the discussions surrounding the law, and is looking into the matter."

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"Do you think public streaking should be allowed?"

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Caroline Reeves, mechanical engineering freshman

"No, not at all. No (streaking) all the time but every once and awhile it would be okay."

Max Becker, computer science engineering senior

"It's something our parents did. I guess it's a call for the community to make. If a community doesn't like it, it shouldn't be done."

Bobby Kitzner, computer science engineering junior

Deliberations begin in fired Colo. prof's lawsuit

Ward Churchill, who was a tenured professor of ethnic studies at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colo., steps to the microphone to talk to reporters after a jury ruled that the professor was wrongly fired by school administrators, Thursday, in Denver.

Ivan Moreno

Churchill's attorney, David Lane, told jurors in closing arguments that Churchill was fired for criticizing the "master narrative" of history. University attorney Patrick O'Rourke said Churchill's firing was fair and that he is using a free speech argument to excuse his fraud.
Churchill's essay called the World Trade Center victims "little Emichmans." It was written in 2001 but attracted little attention until 2005, when critics publicized it after Churchill was invited to speak at Hamilton College in upstate NewYork.
Performer energizes crowd with poems of humanity

Zach Lantz

Drugs, originality, fear and politics were just a few of the topics covered by Slam Poet Ike Torres when he came to Cal Poly Wednesday night.

Torres, a two-time member of the Sacramento Slam Team and the champion of the Sacramento Slam in 2009, entertained students at the Chumash Auditorium during Another Type of Groove.

“They’re lending me their ears and their thought processes,” Torres said. “I love being able to speak in front of a group that’s trying to do something with their lives and change the world.”

While discussing hot-button issues, Torres wasn’t afraid to voice his opinion and wished others to do the same.

“I wish people would have come up to me and called me out,” he said. “I think that’s what we need, that communication. We need to be able to listen to the next man’s perspective and derive from that our own thoughts.”

The main issue Torres tackled was race, particularly how it is portrayed in society today. He touched on specific aspects such as equality and immigration, recalling some of his personal experiences with a minority family in his message of inclusiveness.

“We’re all human beings when it comes down to it,” Torres said.

Torres’ energy and powerful lyrics made him a hit with the audience. “I really liked his energy and delivery,” industrial engineering junior Pat Brennan said.

“The is the sickest poet, and his lyrics are crazy concepts,” said architectural engineering senior and Another Type of Groove coordinator Josue Urrutia. “Just the way he puts things together with radical ideas, it’s just something you don’t think about every day.”

Those in attendance were treated to high-octane lyricism. Torres, who works with the nonprofit group With Our Words, performed many of his verses loudly, emphasizing his passion for the subject at hand. At the end of his performance Torres received a standing ovation.

“He came out the first poem screaming to the top of his lungs and everybody was ecstatic,” Urrutia said.

Those who enjoy Another Type of Groove, including Urrutia, said it adds something unique to the college experience.

“It brings in diversity and other points of view,” Urrutia said. “If everyone was exposed to that then people could maybe change their points of view and understand each other better.”

“Social interaction is something that has become obsolete and we need these social gatherings or we’re all just going to end up in pods,” Torres said. “We all just need to come together and keep humanity alive.”

Another Type of Groove is a free event and open to the public. It is hosted by Cal Poly’s Multicultural Center and Student Life and Leadership and features a highlighted poet as well as an open-mic session. It meets the first Wednesday night of every month in Chumash Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

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Slam poet Ike Torres entertained Cal Poly students Wednesday as a part of Another Type of Groove.

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Offensive video game consistent with Japan's subway assaults

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Until recently, games and a concerned public had seen it all. "JRF Rekindled," released on the 41st anniversary of Kennedy's death, allows players to re-enact his assassination. "Super Civil War" is a perverted play in particular, it appears the characterRapel-Lay", the title summarizing the distressing premise of this Japanese game.

Games play a wealthy man who was "raped" as a "public perspect, after raping a young girl. As revenge, the man has to terrorize the victim, her sister and her mother by raping them.

Consider the game a product of culture. As Slate.com author L. J. Alexander writes, public transporation in Japan has become a "threatening combination of sex, minogogy and lasciviousness, FinReaper", a monthly magazine, contains timetables and flow of trains lines intended for "December 2009: further divorced into this issue, detailing the publications and programs that have grown from a culture consumed by a frightening combination of sex, minogogy and lasciviousness, "Finger Press", a monthly magazine, contains timetables and flow of trains lines intended for time-saving. The frequency of sexual assault throughout Japan's public transportation is disturbing enough; more troubling is the escalation of these crimes because a course to take, a lesson to learn and a skill to master. Worst of all, the gaming industry in Japan decided to profit from this reprehensible societal ill.

In addition to the obvious problems inherent in and the rightful criticism directed at such a game, there still exist deeper commentary about the implications of "Rapel-Lay" and the capability of a society that has first imagined through incontrovertible perversion, then created through each chilling frame and, through its hours of play, continually supported the program. As a video game, it depicts the violation of human sexuality as normal, consequence-free entertainment, a hobbit a potter, while also propagating the sickening thought that victims enjoy their abuse. As a role-playing game in particular, it represents the character of the perpetrator as desirous, worthy, goal-oriented and amiable, while first justifying the perpetrator's rape of an entire family as revenge and then glorifying those actions as steps toward an ultimate victory. As an interactive story whose plot is to commit a crime of a personal nature in a public that never once challenges the abuse, moreover the perpetrator's non-repressive, oppressive the transparent according to public unconcern and leaves victims with no network of support or sympathy. Seen in Alexander's article, that stunning image of transparent, about nonconsenting bystanders — all witnesses to the violations that unfolded in the subways is said with meaning.

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SPORTS

**Cal Poly to hire Seattle's Callero as new head coach**

**MUSTANG DAILY SPORTS**

As first reported by the Seattle Times, Seattle University men's basketball head coach Joe Callero will take over as head coach at Cal Poly today.

A press conference has been set for 4 p.m. in Mustang Hall to announce the school's hiring.

CalPoly guided the Redhawks in their first year back at the Division I level to a 21-8 overall record and a 13-8 record against Division I foes.

Ironically, Callero also guided Seattle past Cal Poly 60-59 on a last-second shot by Drew Harris last December in MontGym.

Cal Poly athletic director Alison Schneider during the 2009-10 season.

Callero comes to Cal Poly having led the Redhawks to a 117-105 record in his eight years at the program, guiding them up from the Division II ranks.

Callero was unavailable for comment but Seattle University sports information director Jason Behenna said that the coach was taking care of personal business before departing for San Luis Obispo.

Olympic gold medalist returns to Cal Poly track this weekend

**MUSTANG DAILY SPORTS REPORT**

Stephanie Brown Trafton has competed on some of the world's largest stages and been successful. The only Olympic gold medalist in Cal Poly history returns to her alma mater for the first time since winning the women's discuss in Beijing last summer to compete in the Cal Poly Invitational on Saturday afternoon.

But she's not the only Olympian to have donned the green and gold. Former Cal Poly high jumper ShaRon Day will also participate. Day competed in the high jump in Beijing.

Among the teams competing in the invitational are Fresno State, UC Santa Barbara and nearby Cuesta College. The Bulldogs are familiar with the field having been defeated by Cal Poly in a dual earlier this year.

"Fresno went home a couple weeks ago with dejected feelings so we expect them to come out here and turn it up another notch," track and field director Terry Crawford explained. "In early May we have a huge dual meet with Santa Barbara and it just happens that it's our turn to go down there. To be competing at home at the beginning of our season leaves us a little bit frustrated in terms that we can't just put on some of our best marks as we go into the end of the season."

While Crawford would like to have a later home event, she said she was happy with the outcome for the weekend and said that she would have several options for different players.

"The nice thing about this weekend is we're going to have the flexibility to put some people in different events and try some different things," she said. "We're just coming off pre-season and we're happy to open our spring quarter with a home meet and another chance to test ourselves against our Central Coast rivals."

**Sports Weekly Staff Photos**

Former Cal Poly athlete Stephanie Brown Trafton celebrates after winning an Olympic gold medal in Beijing last summer.