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With the state facing a $42 billion budget deficit this year, this Tuesday Californians have the opportunity to decide how their tax dollars should be used to balance the state budget.

The six propositions of Tuesday's statewide special election aim to reduce the deficit, cap spending limits, provide relief to services facing drastic cuts in funding and increase the size of a "rainy day" fund for use during years of economic downturn.

However, a growing list of opponents to these measures argue that they will have little impact on services already facing severe cuts, grant the governor too much power in implementing severe cuts, grant the governor unilateral power to reduce or stop increases in state spending when we know we're going to be running a deficit, which is just common sense. In addition, those reductions on increases in spending would have to be approved by the legislature, so it's not unilateral authority. But it is important authority so we don't dig ourselves deeper into a hole that we can't afford to be in when we face a downturn."

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Schwarzenegger made one last pitch to a frustrated electorate following polls showing waning support for the five budget-related propositions.

"To fix the system, I need the people's help," the Republican governor said in a press conference Thursday. "I know that the people are sick and tired of hearing about Sacramento's dysfunction.... People are angry. People are frustrated."

He added, "But people need to know how this election will affect you."

According to the Office of the Secretary of State, Proposition 1A promises to limit state spending and increase the amount of revenues diverted into the Budget Stabilization Fund (BSF), which was approved by voters with passage of Prop. 58 in 2003. Prop. 1A will increase the size of total "rainy day" funds from 5 to 12.5 percent of the General Fund, dedicating these funds to saving for future periods of economic downturn.

Julie Soderland, communications director for Budget Reform Now, the main pro-Prop. 1A-1F coalition led by the governor, said these measures are necessary for balancing the state budget by 2013.

"These measures are crucial for California both in the short and long term," Soderland said. "Propositions 1A though 1F will provide an immediate $6 billion in much-needed revenue to the state to prevent even deeper cuts to education, health-care, public safety and transportation. In addition, Prop. 1A will put into place long-term reform so that we don't find ourselves in this type of crisis again."

Not everyone agrees. Opponents of 1A, including the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, the California Faculty Association and the California Federation of Teachers argue it is not unilateral authority. But it is important authority so we don't dig ourselves deeper into a hole that we can't afford to be in when we face a downturn."

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A Cal Poly student was arrested May 13 on drug-related charges on campus.

Philosophy freshman James Fitzpatrick was arrested on suspicion of possessing, with the intent to sell, the hallucinogenic drug dimethyltryptamine, also known as DMT. He also allegedly possessed an unspecified amount of marijuana for sale in his dorm room at Yosemite Hall.

Fitzpatrick was charged with four counts relating to possession of drugs, including possession with intent to distribute for sale.

University police said the amount of drugs were not substantial and the operation did not appear to be sophisticated. The department is investigating the case to determine if any other people may be involved.
Michelle Obama urges graduates to give back

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MERCED, Calif. (AP) — First lady Michelle Obama praised graduating students at California’s smallest, youngest public university for their determination to succeed, urging them to give back to their communities with the same fervor they showed to bring her to campus.

In her debut as a commencement speaker on Saturday, Mrs. Obama evoked the struggles of California’s founders — settlers and former slaves, trailblazers and immigrants — to encourage the 493 members of the school’s senior class to use their newfound skills to lift up those around them.

"Many of you may be considering leaving town with your diploma in hand, and it wouldn’t be unreasonable," Mrs. Obama said before a crowd of 12,000 strolling in the blazing afternoon sun. "By using what you’ve learned here you can shorten the path perhaps for kids who may not see a path at all. I was once one of those kids."

Clothed in a long black robe and academic regalia, Mrs. Obama spoke of her recognition of their dogged efforts to bring her to the fledgling campus. "Many seniors were most touched by her recognition of their determination to succeed, urging them to "do great things,"" Mayor McElhaney said.

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The president said he was aware of the passions the issue has stirred and "the hurt and the pain and the anger it can cause." "When I was your age," she said. "I remember that in exchange for those blessings, you must give something back."

"You must bend down and let someone else stand on your shoulders so they can see a brighter future."

When students arrived at UC Merced 4 years ago, there were more cows in the surrounding pastures than there were academic buildings in the outer reaches of Merced, about 140 miles southeast of San Francisco.

Today the university boasts the highest percentage of first-generation college students and financially needy students, and one of the most ethnically diverse student bodies in the 10-campus public system.

Located miles from anything urban, official scuffled to refashion unfinished facilities to accommodate their high-profile visitor. Still, with no structures to shade spectators from the sun, eight audience members were hospitalized Saturday for heat-related illness.

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- providing mental health services to Californians.
Perhaps the only initiative on the special election ballot enjoying wide support is 1F, which was introduced by State Senator Abel Maldonado (R-Calif.) and included on the ballot by the legislature in exchange for his endorsement of 1A-1E. The proposition is an attempt to encourage a balanced state budget by prohibiting the California Citizens Compromise Commission, the body responsible for adjusting salaries and benefits for members of the legislature and certain other state officials, from adopting any resolution for the increase of these officials' salaries if the Director of Finance determines there will a deficit in the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year.

Opponents contend the measure only provides the illusion of making a difference and that potential state savings are minimal at best.

For a complete listing of organizations in support of the propositions on the ballot, visit the Budget Reform Now Web site at http://www.cabudgetreformnow.com. While there is no list of all opponents of the entire ballot, information on organizations in opposition to particular propositions are available at http://ballotpedia.org/.index.php/California_2009_budget_propositions.

Regardless of whether the propositions pass, the state will continue to experience a deficit in 2010, at $15.4 billion if they pass and $22 billion if they fail, according to the governor's revised budget released last Thursday. San Luis Obispo County is already bracing itself for further cuts of $8 to $10 million to school districts and health services.

The special election is the result of a week-long special legislative session in Sacramento during the week of Feb. 16, a negotiated effor between the governor's office, the California Democratic legisla tive majority and a small group of Republican legislators.
Locally, polls will open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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Fitness instructor Alicia Swift demonstrates how one of Oregon's student recreation centers turns a conventional exercise bike into a generator that can produce enough electricity to run a laptop computer. The machines are even making their way into the student recreation centers to counteract the stigma that exercise bikes are purely for those who want to lose weight.

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the issue of abortion and 42 percent as "pro-choice." This is the first time a majority of U.S. adults have identified themselves as "pro-life," since Gallup began asking this question in 1993. Last year, Gallup found that 59 percent termed themselves "pro-choice" while 44 percent described their beliefs as "pro-life.

A Pew Research Center survey found public opinion about abortion more closely divided than it has been in several years. Pew said its latest polling found that 28 percent said abortion should be legal in most cases while 18 percent said it should not be legal in any cases.

Forty-four percent of those surveyed were opposed to abortion in most or all cases. Gallup said shifting opinions are almost entirely with Republicans or independents who lean Republican, with opposition among those groups rising over the past year from 61 percent to 70 percent.

The abortion issue also is front and center as Obama considers potential nominees to fill the vacancy left by the retirement this summer of Justice David Souter. Abortion opponents are determined to see Roe v. Wade overturned, but only four court justices out of nine have backed that position. Souter has opposed arguments for overturning the ruling.

The Catholic Church and many other Christian denominations hold that abortion and the use of embryonic stem cells are morally wrong and should be banned by law. The Catholic Church holds that women have the right to terminate a pregnancy and that unused embryos created outside the womb for couples who cannot otherwise conceive should be available for stem cell research. Such research holds the promise of finding treatments for debilitating ailments.

In recent weeks of taking office in January, Obama asked an executive order by President George W. Bush that limited research to a small number of stem-cell strains.

On the Notre Dame campus, members of an abortion rights group also protested while a plane pulling an anti-abortion banner circled above.

Dr. Michael, a former White House science adviser, who received a master's degree Saturday from the school, said she was dismayed by the turnout.

"It's not that Notre Dame was being characterized as this haven or this pacifist haven where people are following the teachings of the church. It's not that at all," she said.

"It's hard to understand how people who are calling us pro-choice are doing this," she said.

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Local artists display weaving and sculptural artwork

Jennifer Titcomb

Clay and fiber may not be similar in appearance but it's the craftsmanship and spirit that goes into each work that brings the two materials together in an exhibit at the San Luis Obispo Art Center.

Central Coast Craftsmakers, an organization formed to raise awareness for craft disciplines and as a venue to meet other craft-oriented artists, is presenting Surface and Form: Explorations in Fiber and Clay. The artwork will be showcased for the entire month of May. Four local artists were chosen by the organization to showcase their creations in the McMenin Gallery room.

Featured fiber artist Myla Coller said the weaving business isn't as profitable as it once was and has become much harder to find material.

"Back when I started doing this in the '70s weaving was very popular and people were using them as wall hangings and I had a little business and an employee," she said. "I've sold some small things but people are just not that familiar with weaving. In the '70s when everybody's brother was weaving people knew what weaving was about."

The artists chosen are known in their respective areas and bring different backgrounds and interests to the creative process of each piece.

Another featured fiber artist, Marny Cardin, said she dabbled with fiber work at an early age.

"I didn't have television when I grew up in Singapore so we read and we drew; we made puzzles and things and I always was knitting for my teddy bears," Cardin said. "I've been sewing since I was very young and I always wanted to spend more time doing it."

The exhibit features five of her hand-hooked rugs and a collection of three smaller needlework miniatures. Each rug tells a story by featuring people, animals and scenery.

"Her design ideas and quotes come from the journals she has been writing in for years. One rug in particular has: 'Listen to many, trust few, always paddle your own canoe' stitched along with an image of a woman canoeing through rapids."

"Katherine Hepburn used to say: 'paddle your own canoe' and I wrote it down in my journal only 12 years ago and thought 'one day I am going to make a rug of that.' And I made it for this show," Cardin said.

She is proud of her rugs but thinks her true talent is making miniature needle-sewn landscapes. The exhibit features a series of three that are roughly 4 inches by 3 inches.

"I am in collections and people collect my work," she said. "So I know that they know what they see Artists, page 8.

MATT FOUNTAIN

Surface and Form: Explorations in Fiber and Clay is currently on display at the San Luis Obispo Art Center. The exhibit, put on by the Central Coast Craftsmakers, will be on display through the month of May. Most of the works are sculptures (left, above) or are woven from various fibers.
Trappist monks carry on brewing tradition

Most of us couldn't find a sentence that puts the words 'monk' and 'beer' in the same sentence aside from 'Monks don't drink beer.'

But that would be wrong.

An order of monks known as Trappists have been making some of the world's best beers for hundreds of years. While most people associate monks with Buddhism — and let's face it, Buddha has quite the beer belly in his statues by the work of their hands.'' So all monks in truth, if they live goods that they sell.

Western Europe in 1664.

Trappists live by the rule of St. Benedict which says "for then are followed in order to be considered 'a Trappist beer' due to a rash of breweries taking the Trappist label years ago.

The beer must be brewed within the walls of a Trappist abbey or be brewed under control of Trappist monks and the profits from the beer must be directed towards a distance and not financial profit in order to be considered legitimate. Chimay's profits go simply to improving the conditions of their monastery and the surrounding area. With Chimay being so tasty and popular, there's obviously a limit to the amount of money necessary to improve their living situation, and so the rest of their profits go straight to charity.

So if you ever want to buy a beer and support a good cause at the same time, pick up a bottle of Chimay, It's like the reward for your charity.

Scott Silvey is a journalism senior and the Mustang Daily sports editor and beer critic.

How old are the Trappist Monk Breweries?

Brouwerij Westvleteren - 1838
Brouwerij Westmalle - 1836
Bieres de Chimay - 1863

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are doing when they buy them because they are quite expensive," she said.

Her work has been featured in the Freehand Gallery in Los Angeles, for the past nine years in several magazines.

Coller started her work at Parsons School of Design in New York but has since transitioned into hooking rugs due to its relaxing nature. "It's therapy for me," Coller said. "Other people go to analysts and I go to the hook. It is really an addiction whether you like to weave or not, and I do," Coller said.

One of her most colorful rugs on display is an image of a vibrantly colored snake. The title of the rug is "Radical Reptile."

"My son went through a period when he was 10 or 12 when every word out of his mouth was rad. Everything was rad, radical," she said. "So I decided that I would do a rad reptile."

Don Frith contributed five teapots to the exhibit. He has been crafting the clay pots for the past 60 years and has 20 to 30 different designs.

Bob Nichols, an instructor of ceramics and sculpture at Allan Hancock College, has two pieces at the exhibit that he said represent the notion of having a sense of place in the world and a reflection of life's journey.

"The art center continues to present a rich variety of arts forms not just local work; there are national exhibitions currently in place and they are well worth the time spent looking at how other people approach the creative process," Nichols said.

The exhibit is free to the public with a suggested $2 donation.

MATT FOUNTAIN MUSTANG DAILY
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Possibility of satire should be considered

This letter is in response to the going back and forth between the “bigoted” Ryan Moriarty and those Crusaders of Justice that have stood up against him. At first, I was shocked and appalled by Ryan’s original letter. But upon closer inspection, I noticed that there was a lot of irony and sarcasm in his writing. Despite the fact that he was using these tactics, he was actually making a valid point about the issue at hand.

Ryan’s writing style is one that I find amusing, but also thought-provoking. It’s easy to see how someone could find it offensive, but I think it’s important to consider the context in which it was written. Ryan’s letter was in response to the Crusaders of Justice, who are known for their extreme views and behavior. It's possible that the Crusaders of Justice may not appreciate Ryan's satirical approach to their arguments. However, I think it's important to remember that satire is a way of expressing one's views in a humorous or critical manner. It's a tool that we can use to express our ideas and opinions, and it's important to be aware of its potential to offend others.

In conclusion, I think that Ryan Moriarty's letter was a well-written example of satire, and it's important to consider the context in which it was written. It's easy to see why some people may find it offensive, but I think it's important to remember that satire is a way of expressing our views in a humorous or critical manner. It's a tool that we can use to express our ideas and opinions, and it's important to be aware of its potential to offend others.
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Small wonder. Borel spent Tuesday flying to Los Angeles to do a guest turn on “The Tonight Show With Jay Leno.” It was a long way from his birthplace in Catahoula, La., a speck of a town where Borel left school after the eighth grade. What he didn’t leave behind was a work ethic that drove him to ride three stalls, and helping out around the barn.

It’s harder still for Borel to tell his owners where to run their horses. He was the regular rider for Rachel Alexandra, even after she won the Oaks and Borel called the filly the best horse he’d ever been on, he didn’t urge her original owners to take a step up in class.

“No, sir,” Borel said. “I don’t ever do that. I don’t tell the owner what to do with the horses. They pay the bills and raise them and everything. If they might ask me, then I might, you know, give them my opinion. … I thought along she could run with the boys, but I was never approached.”

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The Belmont is still three weeks off, and both the owners and trainer Steve Asmussen were cagy about whether she would run. A win there would complete a personal Triple Crown for Borel. And if her connections ask him whether Rachel Alexandra will have trouble covering the torturous mile-and-a-half distance, they’ll get the same pointy answer Borel gave a questioner moments after climbing off his horse. “I don’t think so,” he said. “No, sir.”

When you look in the filly’s eyes, it’s unbelievable,” he added. “You win.

Borel’s ability to read his horses is considerable enough that he agreed to give his toughest enemy some pre-race advice. After deciding to switch horses, Borel honored a request from Chip Woody Jr., trainer of Mine That Bird, to counsel the gelding’s new rider. Borel talked with fellow jockey Mike Smith before Saturday’s race, but could only transfer a little of the magic.

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LOS ANGELES — All is well again in La-La Land. The real Los Angeles Lakers showed up, and in a Game 7, no less.

With Pau Gasol dominating on both ends of the court, the Lakers emphatically silenced the doubters and the Houston Rockets, winning the decisive final game of the Western Conference semifinals 89-70 on Sunday.

Playing with emotion, Gasol scored 14 points and grabbed 18 rebounds. The Lakers looked like the conference’s top-seeded team, not the maddeningly inconsistent one that was pushed to the limit by the undermanned, smaller Rockets.

Trying to reach the NBA finals for the second straight year, the Lakers host the opener of the conference finals against the Denver Nuggets on Tuesday night.

The Lakers have been so up and down in this series that coach Phil Jackson said before Game 7 that they had a little bit of Jekyll and Hyde in them. That was the night the Lakers raced to a 40-point win at home, only to follow it up two nights later with a 15-point loss, the second straight game they were blind-sided in Houston.

“There are any number of theories as to why the Lakers have had a split personality,” Jackson said. “We asked what the Lakers learned from this series, Kobe Bryant cracked: ‘That we’re bipolar.’”

Added Lamar Odom: “To make it interesting. It’s Hollywood, you know.”

It turns out that home-court advantage and a smothering defense were all it took to jump-start the Lakers, who made sure they didn’t lose the one away against the No. 5 seed.

The Lakers dominated the paint on both ends, forcing the Rockets into turnovers and bad shots. The owned the backboards, taking a 55-33 advantage, and blocked 10 shots.

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