Budgeting with billion dollar cuts

Despite possible CSU tuition increase, Armstrong says he hopes to make Cal Poly ‘thrive’

Amber Kiwan

Governor Jerry Brown presented the May Revision of the California budget May 16 at a press conference in Sacramento, where he confirmed the potential for a $1 billion reduction in the California State University (CSU) budget. The reduction could mean a 32 percent tuition increase.

The California State University system already faces a definite $500 million budget cut for the upcoming school year, and depending on the outcomes of Brown’s proposed tax systems, a second $500 million cut could be added on top of this.

“A budget cut of $1 billion will open a whole new set of really bad possibilities,” CSU media relations specialist Erik Faliis said.

While the CSU system is still preparing a contingency plan in case the additional cuts are made, Faliis said he remains optimistic.

“We are hopeful the governor will be able to find the Republican votes he needs in order to get the tax extensions put onto the ballot and only cut us by the $500 million that has already been confirmed,” Faliis said.

But if the additional cuts are made — in what the Brown administration called an “all cuts” budget — a series of negative consequences will impact students and the state of California.

The governor’s official budget summary stated, “reductions of this magnitude would significantly impair the universities’ critical role in training the state’s workforce and encouraging innovation.”

According to Faliis, the subsequent 32 percent tuition hike that would be necessary if the budget is cut further means an increase of $1,566 to student tuition at all CSU campuses.

For some students, including graphic communication junior Kristina Colelli, this could mean rebudgeting their college education and loans.

“It’s unfair that they keep raising the tuition but we aren’t seeing any benefits,” Colelli said. “It wasn’t in my budget when I started college. I may have to take out loans now.”

Cal Poly President Jeffrey Armstrong said if the additional cuts were made, Cal Poly would experience a series of negative consequences that would impact students and the state of California. Armstrong said he hopes to make Cal Poly ‘thrive’

Sexual assault: the numbers

Alicia Freeman

After three reported rapes within nine days, discussions of sexual assault have taken a forefront in the Cal Poly community, though, the real statistics and history of sexual assault at Cal Poly resembles those of other campuses.

In fact, 1 in 4 college women and 1 in 10 college men experience a sexual assault by the time they graduate, according to the Sexual Assault Free Environment Resource (SAFER) website. This translates to roughly 35 incidents of rape for every 1,000 women in attendance during an academic year, according to a 2000 U.S. Department of Justice study, “The Sexual Victimization of College Women.”

These numbers have not been apparent at Cal Poly until now though. Bill Watton, the chief of police for the University Police Department (UPD), said the amount of recent sexual assault reports have not been reflected in past Cal Poly statistics, according to the Clery Act. The act requires all university and college campuses with financial aid programs to keep public record of crimes on or
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near campus. Watton said there were only those reports in 2007, none in 2008 or 2009 and two in 2010. Yet, Watton said many sexual assaults also go unreported. Even though many sexual assaults are not reported, past sexual crimes on campus, however, influenced the formation of SAFER on campus. Christina Kaviani, coordinator of the Gender Equity Center, said the group started because of the smeared disappearance of Kristen Smart in 1996, and the sexual assaults and murders of Rachel Newhouse and Audrida Crawford by Rex Krebs in 1998 and 1999, respectively. SAFER holds an annual RedEmber Week to promote the memory of those victims and offer support to survivors.

Yet, Kaviani said she felt the SAFER program at Cal Poly is behind other schools in some ways. She said she hoped with sexual assault more prominent in the news, SAFER could become more thoroughly involved in the Cal Poly community.

For SAFER, the history has been that it started from some horrific incidents, and has not fully been supported consistently to notify what it should be doing, which is educating every student on what is consent, on bystander intervention, on red flag characteristics of perpetrators and reporting," Kaviani said. "Reporting is a very big issue obviously (because of) what’s happened: we have three reports in one week. As horrible as it is, (reports) should be happening more.”

Warren said the recent reporting of sexual assaults are due to the victims gaining courage from other reports, though he said it was “unsual” for three to be reported in such a short time span.

“We know when this happens, more than one gets reported,” Watton said. "The challenge is trying to make it a better way or easier or more comfortable way to report so that we can do something about these. From a police perspective, we always want our community to be safe.”

Watton said those looking to report can go to either UPD or the San Luis Obispo Police Department, but should go to the department that has jurisdiction over where the sexual assault occurred.

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State

PASO ROBLES (MCT) — Paso Robles police have arrested a 25-year-old man on charges that he sexually victimized three teenage girls he contacted on Facebook and other social media. Shaun Harrison, of Templeton, a registered sex offender, was arrested following a six-week investigation. Lt. Ty Lewis said Harrison is in custody on parole violations and that his department is asking the District Attorney to file charges of sexual intercourse with a minor, lewd and lascivious activities with a child and annoying or molesting a minor.

Police are working to find out if there are more victims, and they are asking the public to help. They have released photos of Harrison and his vehicle and are asking parents to talk to their children to find if Harrison contacted them.

...MARIN (MCT) — The county's parks chief outlined this week to protect state budget cuts that would shutter 70 state parks, including four in Marin County.

Tompales Bay, China Camp and Samuel P. Taylor state parks provide popular camping and day use opportunities, she noted. The state has targeted those parks and Oomolpilli State Park for closure, but not the two other state parks in Marin — Angel Island and Mount Tamalpais.

Although past proposals to save money by closing state parks in Marin have been withdrawn, the state seems serious this time and is planning to issue layoff notices to parks employees in Marin, she said. State officials have targeted parks for closure in 2012.

National

ARIZONA (MCT) — A federal judge ruled Wednesday that Jared Lee Loughner was incompetent to stand trial, all but ending for now legal proceedings in the January shooting spree that killed six people and wounded 13 others, including Arizona Democratic Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

After studying reports from two mental health experts who examined the 22-year-old defendant, Judge Larry A. Burns ordered that Loughner be kept in custody and stopped any federal trial unless Loughner were to be rehabilitated later and be able to understand the charges against him and assist in his own defense. The charges carry the potential of the death penalty.

The ruling also appears to put on hold any state trial against Loughner, as local authorities say they will not be able to try him until after he is convicted or acquitted in federal court.

EYPT (MCT) — The Egyptian government said Wednesday it would permanently open its Rafah border crossing point with Hamas-controlled Gaza, starting Saturday. The move is sure to rattle Israel, which has long raised concerns about weapons flowing into Hamas militants through tunnels along Egypt's border. The Rafah crossing has been mostly closed for the past four years.

Opening the border point is likely to ease pressure on the military government that rules Egypt, which is facing widespread criticism for failing to more aggressively break with Mubarak's policies. According to the state-owned news agency MENA, the Rafah crossing will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day except Fridays, and national holidays.

International

EGYPT (MCT) — President Barack Obama on Wednesday promised a relentless fight to help the people of Libya but reminded a European audience that there are limits to what the United States will do to help.

After a meeting with British Prime Minister David Cameron, Obama spoke of "inherent limits" on the U.S. airstrike operation, and emphasized the importance of the Libyan people fighting for their own liberty.

As Obama pushes for a continued commitment in Afghanistan, some European leaders are more focused on ending the campaign in Libya — with some officials suggesting that the U.S. should bring greater force to bear on the regime of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi.
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Democrats throw out Republican budget plan

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The Senate on Wednesday rejected the controversial Republican budget plan from the House of Representatives by 57-40, a plan that would dramatically revamp Medicare while cutting federal spending by $4.4 trillion over 10 years to reduce future federal budget deficits.

The primary purpose of the vote, engineered by the Democrats who run the Senate, was to score political points.

Democrats were giddy all day after they won an upset victory Tuesday in a special election for an upstate New York U.S. House seat in a historically Republican district. Winner Kathy Hochul had campaigned vigorously against the House GOP budget, charging that it would devastate Medicare.

Democrats seized on her victory as evidence that their intense campaign against the House Medicare plan was working.

“We served notice to the Republicans that we will fight them anywhere in America when it comes to defending and strengthening Medicare,” said House Democratic campaign Chairman Rep. Steve Israel of New York.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada carried the message to the Senate floor, calling the GOP proposal “a plan that would shatter the cornerstone of our society — the promise to the old and sick.”

Republicans protested vigorously, saying that the New York result had been badly misread, and derided the Senate vote to reject the House GOP budget as a cynical waste of time.

First, they pointed out, Hochul won with only 47 percent of the vote. Republican Jane Corwin got 43 percent, and Jack Davis, who was listed on the ballot as a “tea party” candidate, got 9 percent.

So Republicans argued that the Democrat won only because the majority conservative vote was split.

“Republicans are trying to scare seniors? That’s rich,” said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, who called the Democratic attacks on Medicare a “verbal assault” that was “deliberate and premeditated.”

Where, Republicans asked, is the Senate Democratic budget plan? None has been offered so far, and none is imminent.

“Nothing: That’s their answer to this crisis,” said the Senate Republican leader, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. “Their focus is on an election that is still almost two years away.”

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D., argued that his party is quite serious about the big budget decisions are likely to come from a bipartisan negotiating group led by Vice President Joe Biden, which has been holding regular meetings seeking a compromise.

“The only possibility for us to make progress is a bipartisan budget,” Conrad said.

The House plan, authored by Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, R-Wis., won House approval last month, 235-193.

All yes voters were Republicans, while four GOP lawmakers joined 189 Democrats in opposition.
NASA bids farewell to one of its Mars rovers

Amina Khan
LOS ANGELES TIMES

After a year of fruitlessly trying to communicate with Spirit, one of two rovers on the surface of Mars, NASA scientists have finally decided to let it rest in peace. They plan to send their last commands to the rover a little after midnight PDT Wednesday morning.

Spirit, which landed on Mars in January 2004, has been stuck in Martian sand for two years and has been silent for more than a year, despite regular attempts by NASA scientists to contact it.

Along with its twin rover Opportunity, which landed on the opposite side of the planet, it was originally sent to explore the Martian landscape for about three months. Yet despite the fact they were not built to survive the planet’s harsh winters, the two have far outlived their life expectancies and their mission has proven wildly successful, sending back strong evidence that water once shaped Mars’ surface, for example.

Spirit had it much harder than Opportunity. The beginning of the end came back in 2006, when a front wheel broke. Scientists controlling the rovers from their posts at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in La Canada Flintridge, Calif., learned to drive the vehicle backward — they even used the tracks left by the gimpy wheel to observe what materials lay right beneath the planet’s surface.

But that asset turned into a liability in 2009, when the malfunctioning wheel broke through the thin Martian crust as Spirit was moving toward a pair of volcanic features in the southern hemisphere. The rover became stuck in the sand, and attempts to maneuver it out caused another wheel to fail.

With no solar power to keep it heated during the brutal winter season, Spirit fell into hibernation. It went silent on March 22, 2010. NASA officials had hoped to make contact with it after the seasons grew favorable but have heard nothing back since then.

Opportunity continues to send back scientific data as it crosses the Martian surface toward the crater Endeavour. But things won’t be quite the same without Spirit, scientists on the mission said.

“We have developed a strong emotional attachment to both of these rovers. They are just the cutest darn things out in the solar system.”

— John Callas
Project manager, JPL rover program
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LMFAO and Shwayze to perform at Avila Beach Golf Resort

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Memorial day weekend will be taken over by LMFAO. The original party rockers will take the stage at Avila Beach Golf Resort this Friday, May 27, with Shwayze and Cisco Adler and opening acts Chris Young The Rapper and Audiobit.

The sold out concert is one of the bigger names hosted by the Avila Beach Golf Resort, but Katie Manley, the venue's director of events, said this concert is neither the first nor the last of its kind.

"All of our concerts are putting us on the map," she said. "This one should be really exciting. They're a pretty big deal."

The outdoor venue, which bridges the gap between the beach and the golf course, holds 3,000 people, most of whom are expected to be college students. With that in mind, Manley expressed some concern for alcohol among an underage crowd.

"We know it's an issue, but our plan is to stop it at the door," she said. "Even if you're of age, if you show up intoxicated, we're not going to let you in."

The venue does have a bar for of-age attendees, but no outside alcohol will be tolerated Friday evening.

However, Leonard Cohen, the president of the Avila Business Association, said he isn't concerned about alcohol or concert attendees disturbing the peaceful atmosphere of the other businesses or the beach.

"I don't think it's going to be a big deal," he said. "The younger folks can get a little obnoxious, but that's something the authorities usually take good care of."

Despite alcohol restrictions and hard-to-find tickets, Cal Poly students cleared their schedules to kick off a long weekend with the hip-hop artists who brought "Party Rock Anthem" to spring quarter.

Jenna Salah said she's most looking forward to seeing Shwayze.

"He's my absolute favorite," she said.

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"We are really trying to become the concert venue of the Central Coast," Avila Beach Golf Resort director of events Katie Manley said.

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Summer Happenings showcases local talent in Pismo Beach

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Free cheese, olive oil, pie and candy tastings will come to the Sandcastle Inn at 6 p.m. every Friday this summer, beginning May 27. While tasting food products from San Luis Obispo County, participants will have the opportunity to enjoy the works of local artists and conclude the festivities with a professional chair massage.

With the event in its third year, many local businesses plan to place a booth near the sand of Pismo Beach for the event.

Eva Castro, the event organizer and owner of A Vital Touch Massage in Shell Beach, said they wanted to have a weekly event that would support local businesses.

The main events will be held by the Sandcastle Inn, located on the shoreline.

"The goal is to highlight and showcase the businesses of Pismo Beach," said Roger Whiteman, the general manager of the Sandcastle Inn.

Summer Happenings started in 2009 as a way to promote Pismo Beach businesses for the guests of the Inn.

"I noticed people were staying in my hotel and not really doing anything," Whiteman said. "We have only ever done this event for guests of the hotel, not the general public."

The public will now have the opportunity to shop for paintings, novels, handmade jewelry and other crafts, while meeting San Luis Obispo County's most talented artists, jewelers and authors in person.

With the addition of public participation, Whiteman said this year marks a shift in focus for the event, including showcasing a wider variety of local foods.

"We've done wine tasting in the past," Whiteman said. "But we're gonna change it up a bit this year and focus on food."

One of the new additions to the event includes pie tasting provided by Marie Callender's restaurant in Pismo Beach.

Food tasting booths will have the opportunity to sell their products at the event, with most of which at discounted prices.

In an attempt to make the event affordable for everybody, Castro said all paintings for sale will cost less than $100, and the food tastings will be free.

There are no costs associated with the event; it is free for the public.

"There is no funding," Castro said. "But we use the beautiful lobby of the Sandcastle."

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"Boys blowin' up my phone"

by Krista Ayala
said. "I'm so excited. This is a great way to start the end of my time at Cal Poly."

Headliners LMFAO are stopping at Avila on a world tour that includes shows in San Francisco and London.

The Avila Beach Golf Resort is working to get itself on the map as a concert venue. Manley said the resort's events cater to every facet of the San Luis Obispo community, as well as those outside of it.

We really are trying to become the concert venue of the Central Coast for every demographic," she said. "We have events like this for college kids, and then other shows for older audiences."

Last week Sheryl Crow played at the same venue, and this weekend the Doors Experience, a cover band of the legendary group, is performing.

"We can get there really early if we have to," civil engineering freshman Alan Blevins said. "I'd just really love to get in." With more than 3,000 people "attending" the event on Facebook, tickets are few and far between.

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Bridesmaids' brings girl power to the comedy world. (New Line offered "Private Parts," which Thomas Milius wrote and directed nearly 15 years ago."

"If 'getting the ball rolling' is defined by selling out tickets, this show is really the kickoff to our summer season," Manley said. "We do about nine shows over the summer, including beerfest this weekend. (This Friday) will really get the ball rolling.

If "getting the ball rolling" is defined by selling out tickets, which are currently being sold on Craigslist and eBay for more than $100, then Manley and the resort did just that. Cal Poly students are now hoping to get one of the 150 tickets being sold at the door.

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In corporate America, it's no longer a surprise to see a woman running a giant company like eBay or Hewlett-Packard. But in Hollywood, where actresses have far shorter careers than actors do, and male stars are paid far more than leading ladies, there are still mountains to climb. That's especially true in the comedy world, which is dominated by actors such as Adam Sandler, Seth Rogen and Jack Black, men in various stages of arrested development whose films view women, with rare exception, as sex objects and holymesses. So it was quite a shock to see that the highest-grossing new film in its opening weekend was "Bridesmaids," a raucous romp starring "Saturday Night Live" comedian Kristen Wiig, that my colleague Bray Shurkey described as "an R-rated romantic comedy from the Venus point of view."

Co-written by Wiig and Annie Mumolo, "Bridesmaids" has women in all of its major roles. The film is a smash with critics, who gave it a sky-high 89 at Rotten Tomatoes; the tough-minded Manohla Dargis, who normally finds Hollywood comedies beneath contempt, praised the film as "unexpectedly funny," going "where no typical chick flick dares to go."

Even more important, in terms of having an impact in corporate Hollywood, the Universal film has been doing the kind of business that could bust open the doors for more female-oriented raunch comedy.

There's just one tiny irritating grain of sand in the film's Cinderella-story slipper. Despite all that girl power, "Bridesmaids" was, ahem, directed by a guy, Paul Feig. In fact, when it comes to R-rated comedy, female directors are basically out of sight and out of mind. When I asked several top studio executives for the filmmakers who would make their R-rated comedy director's lists, they rattled off a roster of names — including Todd Phillips, Greg Mottola, David Wain, Jake Kasdan and David Gordon Green — all men.

The only woman anyone mentioned was Anne Fletcher, who directed such comic hits as "The Proposal" and "27 Dresses." But even she was viewed as a borderline choice, since her films are good-natured romantic comedies with barely a nod to the raunch that dominates the R-rated comedy world. (New Line offered her the job of directing its upcoming R-rated comedy "Horrible Bosses," but she turned it down.)

To make matters worse, you'd have to consider this a huge step backward, since 15 or 20 years ago, there would've been more women on the list, namely Barry Thomas, Amy Heckerling and Penelope Spheeris, along with such PG-13-oriented directors as Nora Ephron, Nancy Malone and Penny Marshall.

Meyers and Ephron are the only ones of the group whose careers aren't in eclipse — and they make romantic comedies for baby boomers, not raunchy fare for the young guys who've turned r-rated movies like "The Hangover" and "Knocked Up" into financial bonanzas. The last raunch comedy to be directed by a woman was a bona-fide hit, "Private Parts," which Themos helmed nearly 15 years ago.

So what's happened? Why didn't a new generation of female filmmakers come along — or get an opportunity — to make its name in R-rated comedies? I'd have to say that the deck is stacked against women, thanks to a complicated set of gender and psychological issues.

The biggest hurdle is gender. Comedy is a man's world. The big comedy stars and producers are guys. And comedy directors aren't artists, like David Fincher. They're hired hands who execute the vision of the comic star, which is why a host of comedy directors go way back with their talents, starting out as their roommates, fellow actors or TV show pals.

It takes a top star or a powerful comedic producer like Judd Apatow to vouch for these often unqualified directors, assuring studio chiefs that they will deliver the goods. Mike Meyers got the then-unknown Jay Roach his job directing "Austin Powers." Apatow helped Ben Stiller land his directing gig on "The Cable Guy" when he was a nobody.

When Greg Mottola was in movie jail, Apatow got him the job on "Superbad." "Bridesmaids?" Feig had been laboring in television, dating back to his days working on Apatow's "Freaks and Geeks." It's not hard to imagine that there are plenty of female directors as "talented" as Den­ nis Dugan out there, but it's Dugan who gets to work, over and over, as Sandler's in-house director.

If Tina Fey had another hit movie, it's possible she could play the same godmother role for a gifted director like Beth McCarthy Miller, one of the few female directors of "Saturday Night Live," who now also works on "30 Rock." When you talk to studio chiefs, they're hip to plenty of tal­ ented female comedic writers — like Paula Pell ("SNL"), Dana Fox ("27 Dresses") or Maggie Carey ("Funny or Die"), who has a hit (and ran­ chy) script called "The Hand Job" — but they're still waiting for them to prove themselves in comedy.

That's still a tough sell. As one agent who reps female writers puts it: "If you look at the way women are portrayed in Sandler's films, it is any wonder that he's never hired a female director?"
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Throughout the summer months, the event will feature eight different artists and five different jewelers who will sell and display their works.

One of the artists who will showcase art at the event, Colleen Gnos, said she hopes to connect with members of the art community in addition to showcasing her work.

"I think it's really nice to get together with other artists in the area," she said. "I like the fact that there's actually something going on in Pismo."

Author Gordon Snider, who taught business classes at Cal Poly from 2001 to 2006, will feature his first published fiction book, "Sigmourney's Quest," at the event.

Local olive oil company, We Olive, will demonstrate and sample its oils for purchase later in the summer. Owner Ray Russell said he will sample four of the company's oils and some balsamic vinegars.

Pedicure Estate, a local Central Coast olive oil company will showcase its products, giving tourists the opportunity to experience the flavors of the coast.

Castro herself will provide some of the chair massages at $5 for 10 minutes.

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Nourish, a new San Luis Obispo company, will showcase their edible SkinFood products.

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Newt Gingrich has ‘foot in mouth’ performance

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The House Republicans’ decision to take on entitlements now, rather than wait to fight it out after winning back the presidency, was always a very risky gamble.

But who would have predicted that the Democratic position would get its biggest boost from a former Republican House speaker, Newt Gingrich?

In an astonishing political ploy, Gingrich called Paul Ryan’s Medicare reform — a plan that borrowed from an idea initially proposed by Democrats in the late 1990s — “radical,” “too big a jump” and "right-wing social engineering.” He didn’t simply offer a critique of the plan. He basked in using terms favored by “progressive” liberals.

It’s as if he woke up one morning and was struck by some sort of alien political transformation beam, compelling him to go out and cut a few political ads for the Dems.

We’re going to be hearing “radical” and “right-wing social engineering” from here to November 2012. The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee is already gleefully firing off e-mails to Gingrich quotes to media outlets in every district with a GOP member of Congress.

The real risk is that once again the Republicans will lose on an entitlement fight, and if that happens this time, then the chances will be much higher that the nation’s financial future will be blighted by higher taxes or skyrocketing interest rates triggered by a bond market revolt.

The Democrats’ line will be to call Ryan’s plan the “end of Medicare,” and they’re getting help from reporters willing to repeat this mendacity. But the Ryan plan would not “end Medicare.”

After 10 years, instead of fee-for-service payments under the current program, benefits would be delivered in the form of premium support. The money would go to an insurance company chosen by the beneficiary, with the support rising at the rate of inflation. This is a formula similar to the popular Medicare prescription drug plan, which fostered competition and resulted in costs more than 40 percent below expectations.

This is hardly radical. The federal employee benefit program is based on a similar concept, as well as plans for employees of several states.

Gingrich’s remarks have given invaluable aid and comfort to a Democratic Party that is again playing the old “throw-grandma-in-the-snow” game while the nation’s health care crumbles. President Obama has utterly abdicated on the subject of entitlement reform. Democrats in Congress have little to add, other than to repeat the word “tax” as often as possible.

Gingrich has tried to back away from his foot-in-mouth performance, but it wasn’t enough. Iowa voter Russell Fuhrman no doubt spoke for most Republicans when, on encountering the former speaker in a motel, he told him: “Get out now before you make a bigger fool of yourself.”

In a way, Gingrich’s flame-out could be a good thing. The outraged reaction among Republicans shows that the party remains committed to principled, market-based reforms to deal with the budget crisis.

And Gingrich’s stumble helps clear the way for more serious contenders.

The former speaker’s chances were slim to begin with. Now they’re nonexistent.

Meanwhile, Donald Trump has ended his Carson candidacy and Mike Huckabee has declined to run. Some see Mitt Romney as the main beneficiary of Gingrich’s ploy, but Romney is hobbled by his record — specifically the Massachusetts health plan he pushed through that served as a precursor for Obama’s health-care legislation.

Romney still has a solid following, but he would not be the best nominee: He would be unable to use the issue of the health-care legislation to full effect.

Beating Obama won’t be easy, but it is far from impossible. His “Bin Laden bounce” has all but vanished, unemployment is still high, recent numbers suggest the economy is sluggish and polls reveal that Ameri­can voters are profoundly gloomy about the future.

Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty jumped into the race last month, but Romney is the likely candidate, largely because he is perceived as more moderate than his chief rival, former House speaker Newt Gingrich. Meanwhile, House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said he wouldn’t agree with you, by your own admission as an appeal to au­ thority weakens your argument.

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Dick Polman is a columnist for the Philadelphia Inquirer.

From now on, whenever somebody tells me that the press has no business probing the private lives of politicians, I'll simply say this: "Arnold Schwarzenegger and Dominique Strauss-Kahn.

The public has the right to know whether the men who hold or aspire to public office are in the habit of treating women like dirt. The issue isn't sex. It's abuse of power. Some powerful men come to believe that they are entitled to behave as they please. If the press covers up these crucial character clots, it abets that behavior.

That message is especially aimed at the French. I'll deal with them momentarily.

In the case of Schwarzenegger, the media tried to do the right thing. In fall 2003, on the eve of his gubernatorial election, the Los Angeles Times outed him as a serial groper of women. The paper took a lot of heat for its story. Republicans said that it was a liberal hit job. But since that day, women have been armed with the requisite information to measure the gap between his rhetoric ("To me, family has always been the basic foundation of everything") and his reality. But, at minimum, it's clear that his behavior with the servant was consistent with his long-standing pattern of entitle-ment (powerful men take a female servant and then stop by and visit) and that it would have been a public service to point out that he made no distinction between "rowdy movie sets" and rowdiness at home.

Which brings us to the French. They are something special. Powerful French men have pow-er, some powerful men come to believe that they are entitled to behave as they please. They scoff at us for reporting on the private lives of public people. In 1993, when I was in Paris working on a political story, a prominent commentator named Philippe Moreau Defarges told me that he was perplexed by the '92 campaign coverage of Bill Clinton's womanizing. He started to explain "the character issue," but Defarges dismis-sively shook his head. The problem, he said, is your "feministchants.

He said, "In the U.S., it is all about sex. Here, it would never be sex."

He was right. In France, it would never be about sex — not even if a powerful man wielded sex as a weapon against women. Such is the laissez-faire culture that spawned and abetted Dominique Strauss-Kahn.

If DK (as the French call him) weren't confined to a Manhattan apartment and wearing an ankle monitor, he would have been criminally charged with sexually attacking a New York City hotel maid. He would still be the odds-on favorite to win the 2012 French presidential elec-tion. It had long been an open secret in France that DK was a notori-ously aggressive "seducer" of women, but the overwhelmingly male politi-cal class said his private life was no-body's business, and the press, cowed by tough libel laws and too late, re-ceived the code of silence. In 2009, one TV humorist dared to satirize "obsession with women" and was fired.

The French culture is rigged to protect powerful men, which is why the young French author Philippe Leroy, who wrote a book about his ex-rich parents to pay them $96,000, Ensign was deemed to be a hot presidential candidate until the story broke in the media — largely because he's powerful and has so much abuse-of-power issues. But since he is so charming and se-duuctive, he'd probably be a perfect president of France.

Dick Polman Philadelphia Inquirer columnist

This is a horrible incident and there should be no doubt in the punish-ment for this heinous crime. How-ever, those of you that voice your opinion that the official covering up the crime is an ignorant fool. You have no right to say these things, drink responsibly, and this is not legal advice. And, you say, "Where a person was prevented from resisting by any means, and who was unable to form a will, and who was not under the influence of any controlled substance, and this condition was known, or reasonably should have been known by the ac-cused." So, a drunken consent is still a consent, however, if someone be-comes too drunk to move or passes out, then it isn't consent.

Of course, I'm no lawyer and this is not legal advice. And, you say, "Where a person was prevented from resisting by any means, and who was unable to form a will, and who was not under the influence of any controlled substance, and this condition was known, or reasonably should have been known by the accused." So, a drunken consent is still a consent, however, if someone be-comes too drunk to move or passes out, then it isn't consent.

The thing is, the law (according to the link Carrie posted ...) It's actually worth reading doesn't say you can't give consent if you are intoxicated. It says, and I quote, "Where a person is prevented from resisting by any intoxicating or anesthetic substance, or any controlled substance, and this condition was known, or reasonably should have been known by the accused." So, a drunken consent is still a consent, however, if someone be-comes too drunk to move or passes out, then it isn't consent.

Don't go looking for casual sex!

End of story.

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This argument could go on and on, but the simple truth is that these things happen because people are irresponsible. If you want to avoid these situations, drink responsibly, keep your pants zipped and your clothes on!

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Orlando Magic in the 2009 Eastern Conference finals and to the Boston Celtics in the conference semifinals in 2010, Brown was fired. Brown led the Cavaliers to the NBA Finals in 2007, but Cleveland was swept by the San Antonio Spurs.

Brown coached one of the NBA's superstars in former Cavalier LeBron James.

In his radio interview Tuesday, Jerry Buss said that he expected the Lakers' core roster to return next season, with a "twist ... here or there."

Buss was interviewed by Playboy Radio's Michael Eaves and Bonnie-Jill Laffin.

Buss did say there would be changes in the Lakers' offense.

"We're not going to continue exclusively with the triangle," Buss said. "Certainly, there will be facets of the triangle incorporated into any modern offense."

Various Lakers, including Kobe Bryant, Derek Fisher and Luke Walton, have publicly endorsed Shaw to be the next coach, in part because of his familiarity with their personnel.

"We really don't consult the players on these matters," Buss said. "Of course, we have to select somebody with the三角洲."

Brown led the Cavaliers to the conference semifinals in 2009, continued from page 16

Among the many uncertainties for the NBA, however, is whether there will be a 2011-12 season. The collective-bargaining agreement between the league and the players expires June 30, and a lockout remains likely.

"I don't think we can allow it to affect our planning," Buss said of a potential lockout.

Senior Wes Feiguer said between the triangle and the number of weapons the team has, each player will continue to be a major threat on the field.

"Last year, we had a lot of different guys scoring in different games," Feiguer said. "I think we're going to get production from a lot of people. The chemistry on the team is the best I've ever seen it. With all the guys on the team you've got a lot of guys who have been playing with each other for a while now."

Senior fullback Patrick Sigler, who remained on TopDrawerSoccer.com's top 100 ranking list throughout last season, said if the team can find success on the road it would be unstoppable.

"We need to win more games on the road," Sigler said. "We consider ourselves one of the hardest teams to beat at home, but winning at UC Irvine and at Santa Barbara will be a challenge. But I think we can do it. I think with the team we have now, we're more than capable of winning the Big West."

In their 2010 campaign, the Mustangs only lost one game at home, a 4-1 loss to Loyola Marymount, while only winning three of nine games on the road.

The Mustangs' biggest road block has been UC Santa Barbara, which has beaten Cal Poly in Harder Stadium for the last 12 years. It was there that Cal Poly's 2010 season ended.

"We want to win the Big West Championship for Cal Poly and make some history for this school in the process," Holocher said. "We know we have to work hard and be fully committed to achieving this goal. Our seniors-to-be have given us a lot of motivation and inspiration and we will be playing each match with massive passion next fall."
Men's soccer back in national spotlight

Jerome Goyhenetche
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In its last game of the 2010 season, the Cal Poly men's soccer team was poised to upset UC Santa Barbara in the Big West semifinals with a 1-0 lead and less than eight minutes remaining.

But a late UC Santa Barbara goal robbed the Mustangs of their first Big West Championship appearance and dealt them their third consecutive overtime loss in the postseason.

Now, seven months after the abrupt end to their season, the team is back in the national spotlight after being named one of Goal.com's 11 Programs to Watch in 2011.

Head coach Paul Holocher said he is excited for what he knows is an improved Cal Poly soccer squad to take the field in September.

"I feel we will be stronger next fall given all that we have learned over the last two years and the maturing of the players and our system of play," Holocher said. "We have added some excellent players to an already good team."

Cal Poly has seven seniors taking the field in the fall.

Last season, the Mustangs had only seniors David Zamora and Matt LaGrassa, goalkeeper Chase Hauser and forward Steve Palacios.

CollegeSoccerNews.com gave the Mustangs four out of five stars for their new recruiting class.

In their review of the team, Goal.com praised the team for "handling prized recruit Steve Palacios, a member of the United State U-18 national team pool." Palacios was ranked No. 76 in the nation and No. 5 in Southern California in the 18 and under group by TopDrawerSoccer.com.

The Mustangs also added UCLA transfer Dakota Collins and Saint Louis University transfer Benny Etesi in the offseason.

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In its last game of the 2010 season, the Cal Poly men's soccer team went 8-7-3 (5-3-2 Big West) last season.

This may be it for the Mustangs. The Cal Poly baseball team will hit the road for its final series of the regular season this weekend with a three-game set against Cal State Bakersfield. Although the Mustangs upset Stanford 3-1 Tuesday night, it looks like they will be left out of the postseason. This weekend may mark the end for seven different players: J.J. Thompson, DJ Gatzel, Frankie Reed, Steven Fischback, Tommy Edlin, Eugene Wright and Jono Grayson.

Baseball set to close regular season against Cal State Bakersfield

Lakers go with Mike Brown as coach

Broderick Turner
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Los Angeles Lakers have put together a deal to hire former Cleveland Cavaliers coach Mike Brown as their new coach, an NBA official who was not authorized to speak publicly on the matter said late Tuesday.

If Brown agrees to the deal, he'll sign a contract worth between $4 million and $4.5 million per season, the official said. Brown would sign for three years, with a team option on the fourth season that would give him partial pay if he was not retained.

Brown, 41, became the front-runner because Jim Buss, the team's executive vice president of player personnel, was impressed with his defense-minded style.

Former Houston Rockets coach Rick Adelman also was in the mix for the job and will remain a candidate to replace Phil Jackson if Brown turns down the deal from the Lakers.

Lakers assistant coach Brian Shaw also was considered for the head position.

The Lakers had to wait until General Manager Mitch Kupchak and Buss returned from pre-draft camps in Chicago and Minnesota on Tuesday night before they could get a deal done.

Lakers owner Jerry Buss did an interview with Sirius XM Radio on Tuesday, saying the team was "very close" to filling its coaching vacancy.

It now appears as is Brown is that person, something that could be announced in the next 24 to 48 hours.

Brown was with the Cavaliers for five seasons until he was fired in 2010, leaving with a 272-138 record.

He was named the NBA's Coach of the Year in 2009 for leading the Cavaliers to a 66-16 record.

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