State budget approved minutes before deadline

Sacramento (AP) — California’s long fiscal deadlock ended Tuesday as Gov. Pete Wilson signed a $55 billion state budget minutes after the Legislature approved a $2.3 billion income tax increase on the state’s wealthiest taxpayers.

The tax vote came shortly after the state Senate and Assembly gave final approval to a compromise restructuring of the state workers’ compensation law, which Wilson had demanded to offset part of the impact of the tax increases on the state’s business climate.

The income tax hike was the final piece of the revenue package needed to balance a $14.3 billion deficit. It passed the Assembly and the Senate by the minimum margins needed in each house.

“It was a difficult budget, which understates it by a lot — one of unprecedented challenge, but I think under the circumstances a fair and wise budget,” the Republican governor said as he signed the budget bill at 20 minutes to midnight.

The income tax bill will raise $2.3 billion annually, in large part by increasing taxes for the wealthy.

Wilson had already signed $5 billion in new sales, alcohol and motor vehicle taxes increases and enacted over $7 billion in cuts in welfare, Medi-Cal, education and other state programs.

Conservative Republicans bitterly condemned the package.

“This is a small fig leaf to cover a very large tax increase,” said Assemblyman Tom McClintock, R-Thousand Oaks, while Republican Assemblyman Gil Ferguson of Newport Beach described the workers’ compensation measure as “a watered down piece of trash.”

Democrats were no more enthusiastic.

“Like it or not, this is the best we can do, we ought to pass it,” said Senate Democratic floor leader Barry Keene of Vallejo.

Wilson had refused to sign the main $55 billion budget bill until all of the measures needed to balance it reached his desk, including the workers’ compensation measure.

The governor had until midnight Tuesday to sign or veto the budget. He received the tax bill at 11:30 p.m. and signed the budget moments later, ending

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Assistant basketball coach won’t return

By Yolanda Fisher

Cal Poly’s men’s basketball program will not see the return of top Assistant Coach Gary Howard for the 1991-92 season.

Howard, the only full-time paid assistant, has not been released by Head Coach Steve Beason.

Howard has been with the program since the 1987-88 season. During that stretch, the Mustangs posted a 66-47 record.

As the top assistant for the past three seasons, the 28-year-old handled many of the recruiting chores at Cal Poly.

Beason said his decision not to rehire Howard was made because he believes the program needs a change.

“I think we need some different things in the program,” said Beason, who would not comment any further on his decision.

Howard, whose contract expired on June 15, said he believes the real reason he will not be returning is a conflict in personalities between Beason and himself.

“T’m disappointed in the way it was handled,” Howard said.

“I did my job. I did everything I was supposed to do.”

Beason said there needed to be a change. He said nothing about his performance, good or bad. At least someone could

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Poly sorority, fraternity try to relocate in local motels

By Ted Holz

One Cal Poly fraternity and one sorority have negotiated with a developer to move into two motels on Monterey Street.

Residents of houses and apartments near the two motels off Monterey Street have registered complaints with the City Planning Board over the proposal, said City Planner Judy Lautner.

The letters and calls we have received have been in opposition to the request,” Lautner said.

The complaints have centered on concerns about potential noise and traffic problems, she added.

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Italian avalanche kills seven schoolchildren

TURIN, Italy (AP) — An avalanche triggered by a thunderstorm buried a group of schoolchildren under snow, mud and stones on Thursday. Seven were dead and nine injured.

The sudden thunderstorm also spawned at least one tornado that injured six people and caused some damage to campgrounds and buildings in Lake Garda. Italian media said the dead included six of the 38 children in the group from the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Piacenza and one adult guide. Six of the injured were children, and three were adult members of the Parish.

Alpine rescue teams, police and firemen dug 10 people out alive, but one reportedly died later in the hospital.

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Fake IDs continue to exist despite new driver licenses

By Cam Inman  
Staff Writer

Her 21st birthday is less than a month away, but Cal Poly senior Kristen Hance wants a fake ID while she is still considered a minor.

Hance had her second fake ID taken away on July 6 by a doorman at a Tahoma bar and now she sits at home during nights her friends go to bars and swash down cocktails.

"This is the biggest deal not having an ID up here," said Hance, who is working as a hostess in a Tahoma City restaurant for the summer.

Hance is one of many Cal Poly students who have had or threated for a driver license which will blend them into the "21-year-old and over crowd" and thus allow minors to illegally enter bars and buy liquor.

Why is it so important for "under age" students to have a fake ID?

"There's not enough for minors to do in this town. The only thing is to go to the bars," said Bryan Smith, a natural resource management senior who also works as a clerk at Sands Liquor and Deli.

Jeff Harger, a 26-year-old crop science senior, remembered when he was a minor and had a fake ID.

"If you're gonna party, you either have to go to the bars or get beers," Harger said. "When I had my ID, I always went to the bars and barely ever got questioned about it." The new credit card-like driver licenses the Department of Motor Vehicles has been issuing since January supposedly make it more difficult to produce fake IDs. But many bogus ID cards made from old licenses remain in circulation.

"So few people have the new licenses that it hasn't really affected the number of fake IDs," Harger said.

Despite protests, police still stinging retailers who sell alcohol to minors

By Cam Inman  
Staff Writer

It may be illegal for a minor to attempt to buy alcohol, but it's not against the law if that minor is being used by police to bust liquor retailers who are selling alcohol to minors.

The San Luis Obispo Police Department has been practicing such a sting operation to stop the selling of alcohol to minors in this town.

"The sting operations have been in practice on and off for a long time, but we've streamlined the program and it's become more serious in the last year," said Officer John Paulding.

The sting entails using an 18-year-old volunteer to buy alcohol from local establishments.

"It's the most efficient way to see which establishments are selling liquor to minors," said Paulding.

Four restaurants — Golden China, Henrickson's, Pope Deli and Sands Liquor and Deli — have received citations for selling alcohol to minors.

The stings, however, have raised ethical questions by one local liquor retailer.

"I don't think they (the stings) are a good idea because it puts the brunt of everything onto the retailer," said John Martin, owner of Campus Bottle Shoppe.

Martin argued that the minors used by police are not taking the same chances a regular minor would since they are not breaking the law.

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It's the world according to Joe

By Joe Cohen

What's happenin' dudes? So nice to see you again. How's the kids? Good ... Good ...

I am writing this column assuming that most of you reading this did not burn your eyeballs out looking up at the eclipse. If you did burn them out, have someone else read the column to you at a more convenient time.

Okay. The 4th of July is over and America has put away their flags until next year or the next war, whatever comes first. By now you've already flunked your first quiz and now you're sitting in a classroom wondering why, at the end of spring quarter, that voice in your mind said, "Hey, I've got three months off. Why not go to school?"

Could it be the fear of spending another summer at home, where the night life is Denny's and the days are filled watching "Supermarket Sweep"? This definitely has something to do with it, but the fact is that television, in general, sucks these days.

It's funny how in my hometown people don't even have clocks. If they want to know what time it is they just flip on the tube. Oprah means 9:30 p.m., Oprah Huwar means 9:00 p.m., Oprah mean between noon and 2 p.m., and Parker Lewis means that absolutely nothing else is on, therefore making time stand still anyway.

I am convinced that watching too much television in the spring somehow warped my brain and tricked me into going to summer school. I probably watched one too many episodes of "Harley and the Class" and snapped.

Anyway, since I've been up at school this quarter, I refuse to pay Sonic Cable the $75 to turn my idiot box back on. As a result, lately I've been renting a lot of movies, and can advise you on exactly which flicks not to rent this summer.

After paying three dollars to see "Spaced Invaders" last year, I never thought it was possible to see anything that bad again. Then I rented "Harley," starring Lou Diamond Phillips. This movie did not receive a lot of press attention when it came out, and now I know why. It really sucks. I'd tell you the plot if there was one. For now, trust me to tell you that "Harley" bites.

The next day something in my mind said maybe I should rent "Look Who's Talking Too." This was mistake number two.

It's the world according to Joe. Although this movie, unlike "Harley," has a plot. Well ... it sort of has a plot. The plot is Roseanne Barr doing a voice over for a little baby girl, Ha ... Ha ... Ha ...

I did rent a few cool things though. "Good Fellas" is great; "Jacob's Ladder" is the scariest film I've ever watched; and "Kindergarten Cop" was totally enjoyable. I'd tell you about them, but believe it or not, I'm not a critic. I'm a columnist and therefore my columns always have some kind of message, and here it is.

Don't be a couch potato this summer. Go for walks, go to the movies, write real long commentaries for the school paper, but don't become a slave to Sonic Cable.

The newspaper and magazine industry should not be taxed any further.

In a time when newspapers are financially struggling to make ends meet, additional taxes only make it more difficult to provide the public with a publication.

It seems that the government is making a conscious effort to make it harder for newspapers to operate. Taxing newspapers could be the first step in reducing the function of the press — to give the public free and timely access to information.

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The Stamp Act of 1765 taxed documents including newspapers. As a result, the American Revolution was prompted in part because people saw the danger of putting a tax on free speech.

Gov. Pete Wilson publicized the tax cuts as "tax cuts." Newspapers do not belong in this category.

Taxes on newspapers could decrease dissemination of information to public.
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FAKE ID

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goin around," said Mark Blethen, bartender at Spenny McClintocks Saloon on Higuera Street. "When they're completely out of new fake IDs in the area, you can see the problem (of fake IDs circulating)."

 spots new fake IDs come from people giving fake birth certificates to someone else's birth certificate and the new license still won't present, that said Helen Brooks, a manager in the driver license division at the San Luis Obispo DMV.

The San Luis Obispo Police Department has put part of that blame on technology to hamper its effort to stop the spread of phony IDs. "(It production of fake IDs is happening because of the reproduction capabilities on modern computers," said off- John Paulding.

A simple typewriter is all one Cal Poly student needs to make a decent duplicate. "If you have a fake ID with fake info, take it down to Kinko's and reduplicate the page and then you scratch/cut the old info off a license and cut and paste the new info," said a student who makes some fake IDs while living in the dorms.

That same student, who was interviewed about the $20 and $30 per ID, stopped making phony IDs after his employees take away an ID, Martin didn't hesitate with his answer. "Absolutely not because they (minors with fake IDs) are putting themselves in a black hole," Martin said. "It's not a matter of how many IDs we can get tonight, it's a matter of keeping the store in business," added Durand.

In his days and nights behind the bars, Blethen has become acustomed to the lack of reactions of people who are caught with a fake.

"There are usually two to three types," said Blethen. "One, the person gets really angry and defensive. Two, they'll be logical and don't want to argue. 'Well, they're real.'" said Blethen.

Hance said her reaction was one of embarrassment when she had her second ID swiped from her hands. "I've never been so embarrassed in my life," said Hance. "There was a line of people waiting to get in behind me and I just walked away.

The Consequences of Possessing a Fake ID

Hance couldn't just walk away after she was caught with a fake ID. She was covered by Cal Poly Public Safety.

"I bought a fake birth certificate when I was in high school to the DMV and got an identification card, used the ID for four years and then I lost my purse at school one day. I then got a phone call from the campus police saying they found my purse and since I had my fake ID in it, I would then be hearing from the district attorney," said Hance.

Local liquor stores do not train their employees how to detect fake IDs, but instruct clerks to call a manager who can notify the police when they get a phony, said Lucky local district manager Jerry Baltzer.

A month later, the district attorney dropped the charge to a misdemeanor, Baltzer said. The way students like Hance and Harger talk about the importance of having an ID, it seemed like they wouldn't be complete without one.

"Yeah, it's worth the risk," said Hance. "It's so much fun to go bars. If you want to meet people — not even to drink, but to dance or just socialize — you need one.

So while Hance is sitting at a bar while her friends are out at the bars, Hance said she can't help but think about getting another ID.

"If I could get another one tomorrow, I would," she said. "It's like speeding tickets, I don't care and I don't learn."
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A MOUTHFUL OF MOJO

By Peter Hartlaub

"I want some 15-year-old to hear my songs. I want some 25-year-old to go to my concerts and be eligible for a reward. This is how I make a living," Mojo Nixon said. "I want to know that I've got some people listening to my songs." Nixon is a musician who has made a career out of his self-deprecating, often hilarious lyrics. His latest album, "Otis," is his most honest effort yet.

Nixon's music is a mix of country, rock, and blues, and he always delivers a high-energy performance. He is known for his off-the-cuff humor and his willingness to poke fun at himself. Nixon is also a fan of old-time country music, and he often incorporates classics into his sets.

Nixon's most recent release, "Otis," was recorded in his hometown of Central California. It features a mix of new and old material, including a cover of the classic "Penny Mason of Love." The album has received mixed reviews, with some critics praising Nixon's songwriting and others criticizing his lack of originality.

Nixon is currently on tour, playing shows throughout the United States. He is scheduled to perform at the Summer Renaissance Fair in San Luis Obispo this weekend. The fair is the largest festival of its kind in the West, and it features food, games, and live music.

"I love the Central Coast," Nixon said. "It's a great place to live and work. I'm looking forward to playing at the Renaissance Fair."

Nixon is a controversial figure, and he is often in the news for his outrageous behavior. In the past, he has been known to punch people and throw objects in the audience. Despite this, Nixon has a loyal following of fans who appreciate his raw honesty and his willingness to push boundaries.

Nixon is also a successful entrepreneur, with his own record label and clothing line. He has written several books and has appeared on TV shows and in movies.

Nixon is currently working on his next album, which he says will be his most personal yet. He is excited to share his new music with his fans and to see where this journey takes him.

"I'm really looking forward to playing at the Renaissance Fair," Nixon said. "I always have a good time there. I can't wait to see what the crowd is like this year."
LEGALITIES

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Retainer fee: The tenant must keep records of contracts and claims. These are stored in the California state library. For more information, contact the Housing Office or an attorney.

All of the following is state law under the statute that sets the rights and duties for landlords and tenants. The California Civil Code 1950.5.

Return of Deposit: Deposits must be returned to tenants within two weeks of the tenant moving out. If any portion of the deposit is retained for cleaning or repair of damages, the tenant must be given an itemized report within the two-week period. Landlords who violate these practices can be sued.

Amount of Deposit Returned: All deposits held by landlords in residential areas are refundable, provided that the tenant leaves the premises clean minus normal wear and tear. Deposits can be held only to:

1. Take the place of unpaid rent.
2. Repair damages caused by the tenant.
3. Clean the premises which are not left in a reasonably clean condition, allowing for normal wear and tear.

Eviction: Eviction must occur with a 30-day noticeunless the eviction is because of past-due rent. In this case, the renter has three days after receiving the notice to pay or leave the premises.

A 30-day notice can be served at any time for any reason except those breaking discrimination laws.

If a tenant has a problem with a landlord, they may take the matter to Small Claims Court. Small claims court action costs $12 and no attorneys are involved.

The literature at the Housing Office recommends making an itemized sheet of damages upon moving in to a new place, and all promises made by the landlord should be in writing.

RENTERS

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Authority building is not by any means the best place to go. The Housing Authority handles federal programs, families, disabled citizens and senior citizens. Maylan said that in most cases they do not deal with students.

For rental disputes, Maylan recommends students read documents about legal rights and find an attorney. Both these options are available on the Cal Poly campus.

The Cal Poly Housing Office carries pamphlets that tell the state laws concerning deposits, rental agreements, eviction and other legal problems that could confront a frustrated tenant.

Housing Office Manager Terry Lanzone says the agency is limited in what they can do for students confronted with legal problems, but other help is available on campus.

“We help as much as we can, and then we suggest contacting an attorney,” Lanzone said.

Lanzone, who worked at the Housing Office for eight years, says the agency holds a seminar each spring in the dorms about owner-tenant relationships. She said this has been very successful.

Cal Poly has two off-campus

condition, allowing for normal wear and tear.

Amount of Deposit Requested: The maximum security deposit a landlord may demand is equal to two months rent for unfurnished units and three months rent for furnished units.

Rental Agreements: Signed written agreements are for the protection of the tenant as well as the landlord. To be legal, any other tenant-landlord agreements must be written in the lease and initiated by both parties.

Month-to-Month Agreements: With month-to-month agreements, raises in rent or eviction must be given with a 30-day written notice. Likewise, vacating the premises without a 30-day written notice can cause a forfeit of the last month’s rent or security deposit.

Privacy: While a place may be rented, the tenant must have the right to enter a rented dwelling under certain extreme circumstances including:

1. To make repairs or inspections agreed upon with the renter.
2. To show the dwelling to prospective tenants.
3. In a police or medical emergency.

With the permission of a court order.

Evictions: The Housing Office recently released a comprehensive study that showed that in both apartment and houses, rent price averages have dropped in the last year. Average rents have decreased five to ten percent for the average Cal Poly student since December 1990, the study said.

While Lanzone says complaints about rental disagreements have become more frequent in the past eight years, she does not attribute these complaints to a falling rental housing market.