Federal bill to pay for special cheese

By Frederic J. Frommer
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WASHINGTON — Wisconsin Sen. Herb Kohl has inserted $2 million into an appropriations bill to help specialty cheese makers, but a taxpayer group says the funding amounts to pork.

The provision, included in the giant omnibus spending bill awaiting final congressional passage, would establish a center to help dairy farmers market specialty and niche cheeses such as Gruyere and Camembert.

Wisconsin officials say the Dairy Business Center, to be housed at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, would provide a boon for struggling dairy farmers looking for new income sources. Wisconsin is the nation's leading producer of cheese.

"I've been working in ag development for 25 years, and this is the most major development to preserve the dairy farm structure in Wisconsin and the Upper Midwest," said Will Hughes, administrator of the state Agriculture Department's division of agriculture development.

"If they want to call that waste, that's their business.

"Citizens Against Government Waste is calling it waste.

"Everybody likes new cheese but not at our expense," said Tom Schott, the Washington advocacy group's president. He said the spending provision will be included in Citizens Against Government Waste's annual "pig book" of wasteful pork-barrel spending.

Schatz said he doesn't oppose all government assistance to business.

"If there was a niche cheese program, and Wisconsin and other states were asking for the money under a set of approved criteria, that would be different," he said. "We think this is another example of what's wrong with the Omnibus Appropriations bill and corresponding in Washington.

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Site offers option for buying books

• Place personal sale ads and buy textbooks on new Web site Campuscorkboard.com

By JoAnn Sanders
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Avoiding El Corral Bookstore and Alda's for the textbook buying season has just gotten a little easier.

The new Web site Campuscorkboard.com offers a "virtual corkboard" where students can buy and sell books and other items from college campuses nationwide, adding to the gambit of consumer-to-consumer commerce.

The Web site allows students to place and answer ads for books, cars, clothing, or anything else, which would be listed in the miscellaneous section.

First-time users are prompted to select a state for which they would like to search for items and then select a school to search. If the user wants to answer an ad or place an ad, they must set up an account. It is free to call or contact sellers, but after three free ad placements, buyers are required to pay up to $5.20 per placed, according to the Web site.

Even though it costs money to place an ad, the Web site claims the benefit of using Campus Cork Board for textbooks. Business sophomore Juliane Vallejos has posted ads on both My Cal Poly and Campus Cork Board for textbooks that she is trying to sell. When she received an e-mail to use the Web site a couple of weeks ago, she thought that using it would be a benefit to the buyer and herself as well as she said. Although she hasn't received responses from either ad, she does not regret using Campus Cork Board.

"It's worth it just to get it out there," she said.

In addition to opportunities to post ads on campus, students can also use other better-known Web sites to post ads for free.

Screwthebookstore.com is a popular Web site that offers a place to exchange textbooks. Business senior Jenae Plasse has placed ads on both Screwthebookstore.com and Campus Cork Board.

"I'm not more difficult to use... Screwthebookstore.com is easier and faster," she said.

Like Vallejos, Plasse has not received any responses for the ad she placed on Campus Cork Board. She said after she uses her third free ad she will probably not use the Web site in the future.

"I might use it for other things, but I wouldn't pay money to place an ad," she said.

The Web site currently has close to 10,000 users nationwide.

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Democrats criticize governor's budget

By Tom Chorneau
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO — Senate President Pro Tem John Burton promised Monday to fight the governor's new budget plan, arguing it provides a big tax break to car owners paid for by service cuts to the poor and disabled.

The San Francisco Democrat, who holds status as perhaps the Capitol's most influential lawmaker given his tenure and his party's majority held on the Legislature, drew a bright line between himself and Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on what might be considered the first day of budget negotiations.

"We are protecting the poor people from onslaughts of this nature — when there are other ways to get goods," Burton, D-San Francisco, said. "It is a very unwholesome society that when they are looking for money go out and look for the poorest and most vulnerable.

Burton criticized Schwarzenegger's spending plan because it relies too much on borrowing and one-time solutions and fails to address the state's core spending imbalance because new taxes are being proposed.

Schwarzenegger's $99.1 billion budget plan, released Friday, calls for another $1 billion in cuts to virtually all levels of the state bureaucracy — although the largest share, about $1.7 billion, would come from public health and welfare programs.

The governor would also take another $1.3 billion from cities and counties — cuts that are also likely to hit social service programs hardest.

Burton noted that Schwarzenegger himself helped create the state's $14 billion shortfall when he rolled back car taxes in November — a move that car revenues by $4 billion a year.

"What we have here is the poorest people in our society — the elderly, the blind and the disabled — being asked to pay for bascally the car tax cut," Burton said.

H.D. Palmer, spokesman for the governor's department of finance, said Democrats don't like Schwarzenegger's budget because it imposes discipline on spending.

"It's very understandable that some members of the Legislature may have a hard time coming to grips with this budget," Palmer said.

"The bill has finally come due for the years of overspending.

"The budget, which must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the Legislature, also calls for nearly $7 billion in borrowing and one-time solutions next year — solutions Schwarzenegger has previously criticized for causing the state's fiscal crisis.

Included in the borrowing is $3 billion that would come out of the $15 billion bond issue that will go before voters in March. There is an additional $2 billion in deferred payments to schools.

Another $1 billion is shifted to the general fund from sales tax money set aside by voters in 2002 in support of public schools.
Northridge quake scars mostly healed

By John Rogers
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Ten years later, it's hard to imagine that so many parts of Southern California lay in ruins on Jan. 17, 1994, thousands of its buildings smashed, millions of its people shaken both emotionally and physically, 72 of them killed.

The state university that became known that day as "The Earthquake School" has been reconstructed bigger and better. Thousands of residents in Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley, home to 1.3 million people, also have been rebuilt, lending a like-new quality to some neighborhoods that originally were up in the Los Angeles building boom of the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s.

But few if any people who lived through the magnitude-7.1 Northridge earthquake have forgotten those terrifying seconds that damaged an estimated 114,000 buildings, injured some 9,000 people and cost $25 billion in damage, making the event the most costly natural disaster in U.S. history.

"It's still very vivid in my mind every time I notice the time is 4:31," says Erik Pearson, recalling the early morning hour the ground beneath his third-floor apartment in Los Angeles' Northridge section began to shake.

Also killed were several people living along the San Fernando Valley's southern edge, in areas whose hilly terrain gave way to damaging "push down:" enormous forces that move buildings faster than the ground beneath them.

In a related development, one of Wall Street's biggest rating agencies downgraded $2.3 billion in bonds backed by California's share of a multimillion-dollar settlement with cigarette manufacturers to near junk bond status.

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The funding request was made by Daniel Carter, a retired Wisconsin specialty cheese company owner who sees specialty cheese products as the salvation of dairy farmers. He said the goal is to create 52 dairy farms in the Upper Midwest. Milk prices hit a 25-year low last year.

"This may be one of the best investments the government ever makes, to help maintain the dairy farms, said Carter. "Our dairy farmers around the United States need this for survival."

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HARTFORD, Conn. — Six more Republican state senators called Monday for Gov. John G. Rowland to resign, as did U.S. Rep. Christopher Shays, and a new poll indicated the governor's public support continues to erode.

In a news conference at the state Capitol complex, Shays said he had been prepared to forgive his fellow Republican for lying about accepting gifts from employees and a state contractor.

"But I am not prepared to stand by a governor, even a friend, who has done strong, lied about it and then refused to account for his actions," said Shays, who is serving his ninth term in Congress. He had called on Rowland to offer a fuller explanations of his actions.

NEW YORK — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton plans to focus this year on improving health care, beginning with a proposal designed to remediate the striking disparities in medical information that exist.

The senator, who as first lady guided a fierce effort at Health care overhaul, held a meeting of about 100 New York Gay health care leaders at a Manhattan hospital on Monday that the current system "often seems fragmented, redundant, inefficient and bureaucratic." Clinton's legislation would create a nationwide exchange, open to all unhealthy people, to share health records.

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio has been chosen over Kentucky for a $1.5 billion plant that will use updated technology to enrich uranium for power plant reactors, the company building the plant announced Monday.

The facility at the shuttered Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Piketon, which previously had been used for uranium processing, will employ 500 and be operating by the end of the decade, USEC Inc. President Nick Timbers said.

SALT LAKE CITY — A leading civil rights attorney prepared Monday to file a federal lawsuit challenging Utah's ban on polygamy, citing the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling that struck down a Texas sodomy law.

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First Amendment right to practice their religion, attorney Brian Barnard says in the suit.

MONTERREY, Mexico — President Bush and Mexican President Vicente Fox forged agreement Monday on the contentious issues of immigration and Iraq, ending two years of discord that followed the terrorist attack of Sept. 11, 2001.

Fox schwebed hastily embraced Bush's immigration proposal to grant legal status to millions of undocumented workers in the United States, most of them from Mexico.

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"Mona Lisa Smile" not standard 'chick flick' fare

By Nicole Angeloni
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Attention all "Dead Poet's Society" and "The Emperor's Club" fans: Step right up for this year's installment of a film about an out-of-the-box thinking teacher who revolutionizes the lives of her students, "Mona Lisa Smile."

Although the star-studded lineup changes each year, the underlying theme in this year's version is concurrent with its predecessors.

Set in 1953, Julia Roberts, as Katherine Watson, plays a liberal art history professor who transfers from California to New England's Wellesley College, one of the most conservative women's colleges in the nation. With her avant-garde attitude, Watson begins to preach women's liberation to her students, who are prime examples of the pervasive stereotypes of the 1950s.

Julia Stiles, as Joan Brandwyn, and Kirsten Dunst, as Betty Warren, add to the quality of performance in their roles as best friends and students influenced by Watson's advice.

Throughout the film, the students are torn between the culture they live in and the counsel of the fresh addition to the faculty. Some of the alumni and "higher-ups" don't agree with Watson's lifestyle and unorthodox methods in the classroom.

Watson's progressive tendencies clash with the goals of the Wellesley administration to craft women into good prospective wives for Ivy League men.

While this movie's basic plot is the same as "Dead Poet's Society" there are some differences that should be noted. It seems as though these reconstructions are, in fact, evolving.

The account of the cultural aspect of this film was fairly believable and accurate, save the costume design for the leading lady, Julia Roberts. It seemed the designers plucked her right out of modern day and dropped her into this film. This may have been a tool on the director's part to differentiate her physically from her female counterparts, but it's safe to say it left something to be desired. As far as other characters' costumes, the authenticity of their attire added to the movie's credibility.

Aside from costume design, cast brought an added spice to the picture. Some characters are lovable, some intolerable.

Much of the script creates similar sentiments: Historical accuracy aside, as an educated woman, it's hard to sit through this film and keep one's mouth shut. As portrayed in the film, some of the smartest women in the nation weren't encouraged to explore careers. Their paths were set, regardless of how capable they were to succeed, independent of a husband and household.

This film sets itself apart from the stereotypical "chick flick," even if it does highlight the lives of women. "Mona Lisa Smile" offers a different perspective on the lives of women and the changes that have been made in this country in a mere 50 years.

For everyone who has history classes left in their general education lineup, watching this film is an entertaining way to get into the minds of women and men who lived through that era.
By Tarrah Graves

If you recently broke off a date with that hottie from your soil science class to watch “Blue Crush” for the eighth night in a row, chances are you will like any surf movie. “Billabong Odyssey,” which documents the evolution of big-wave surfing, follows top big-wave surfers as they search oceans all over the world for waves that usually exist in their dreams.

The specially-selected group of surfers — including legends Brad Gerlach and Mike Parsons, the Santa Cruz boys, Shawn “Burney” Burton, Ken “Skindog” Collins, Daryl “Flea” Virostko and Josh Loya and Aussie women’s pro Layne Beachley — have to be prepared to fly across the world with only a few hours notice whenever they get word of a promising swell.

After being selected for Billabong’s Odyssey project, the team attended a training camp to learn about Jet Ski rescue from Brian Kaulana, who began using Jet Skis as a life-saving device. The enormous waves are impossible to paddle in to, so a Jet Ski tows the surfers in. The surfers also collaborated with the U.S. Coast Guard to learn additional ocean safety tips. The film follows the big-wave crew to the largest breaks, from Cortes Bank, a break 105 miles off the Pacific coast, to Teahupoo, Tahiti, a shallow reef break. The name translates to “broken skulls.”

Big-wave surfing is said by many to have evolved more in the last two years than in its entire history and is gaining national and world recognition. It has been featured everywhere from Vanity Fair to the front page of the Los Angeles Times. Surfers are drawing influence from other sports like kite-surfing and windsurfing to further advance big-wave surfing.

Throughout the film, Bill Sharp, the project director and narrator of “Billabong Odyssey,” informs the viewers about the surfers, information on the specific break and the history of various surfers’ social interactions. At times the narration is more distracting than informative. When the narrator finally stops talking at the end of the film, it is a welcomed silence. For some reason, many surfers in “Odyssey” (who are capable of speaking perfectly normal in real life, I’m sure) felt the need to mimic the stereotypical idea of surfers, falling just short of spouting out distant, and the colors were not nearly as explained new technology that can track and explain new technology that can track and

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Much of the footage from the action scenes in “Odyssey” left the audience feeling distant, and the colors were not nearly as vibrant as those found in other surf movies. Overall, aside from the opening and closing scenes, the footage was not very impressive.

Yet the film was very informative. It explained new technology that can track and record swell, height, direction and the period of waves all over the world. Highlights were painful wipeout segments and awesome clips of Barney showcasing his amazing aerial surfing talent.

Arguably, the best part of the movie was the closing scene, set in Maui, Maui, the location of the famous reef break Jaws and the Tow-In World Cup. Parsons and Brazilian big-wave surfer Carlos Burle battle for first place. After a few enormous waves and even bigger wipeouts, the film ends with a perfect 10 ride.

While I would not rate the film a perfect 10, it may be worth going to see for some glimpses of the beautiful locations. For surfing enthusiasts, “Odyssey” is worth seeing. It will definitely make you want to travel the world in search of new waves.

Mediocre film

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Out of state, out of luck

Imagine if students attending Cal Poly from out of state rallied together to use the university because of the higher fees incurred. That's exactly what three undergraduates are doing at University of Colorado at Boulder in an attempt to have Denver's U.S. District Court find Colorado's out-of-state tuition policy unconstitutional.

It is a logical solution to a very expensive problem. Reflect on the amount of money spent on housing, utilities, living expenses and tuition. Two years at a state university could buy a new car, a vacation or a few closers of expensive clothes. Also not to be forgotten is the inevitable yearly tuition increase that sucks money from college students' wallets faster than students taking money from their parents. For residents of the state, the cost of tuition is much cheaper than for nonresidents. At Cal Poly, out-of-state residents pay an additional $186 per quarter unit.

Commentary

The simplest way to alleviate this financial burden would be to become a resident of the state where the student attends college. Unfortunately, this is a rather easier said than done. To establish residency, not only does a student need to live in state for a minimum of one year, they must also demonstrate the intent to make the state their permanent home. These are various ways to show intent, such as registering to vote, registering cars, maintaining a driver's license, paying state income taxes and owning or continually leasing a place of residence where permanent belongings are kept.

In addition to these stipulations, non-resident students in Colorado must also demonstrate financial independence, either by being 21 or older, or by emancipating themselves from their parents.

In the case of the CU students, each is registered to vote, has a car registered and pays state income tax, yet they still are required to pay nonresident tuition simply because they cannot declare themselves financially independent.

The Board of Regents in each state designates what constitutes a resident and the universities follow the regulations accordingly. California, Indiana, Michigan, Nevada and Oregon have criteria much the same as Colorado.

Apparent equality for all is not upheld at universities. Financial equality for all who previously lived in the state is more like it. College students should be allowed easier ways to pay for their education so they may obtain knowledge and skills. If our so-called leaders cannot afford their college education, where will that leave us?

No one should be penalized for having come from a different state to obtain perhaps a better education than they would have received at their own home state. The distinction between residents and nonresidents does not need to be made.

Out-of-state students pay tuition, housing, utilities and living expenses just the same as everyone else. Why should they be charged higher prices for the same end result?

Leah Mori is a journalism sophomore and Mustang Daily staff writer.

For Mustang Daily

Media holds a racist double standard

To illustrate the hypocrisy of contemporary American media, I'd like to begin this column with a reference to Martin Luther King Jr. You know, the guy who runs the Church's Chicken in South Central Los Angeles.

OK, so you've heard that some people are currently writing letters to the editor demanding that it be fixed, and calling President Baker demanding that I face the discipline board (I believe that those people are hypocrites and hold Republicans to different standards than the American media does. How do I know this? Glad you asked.

A week ago, Hillary Rodham Clinton made virtually the same statement during a fundraiser, but instead of saying "King worked at a Church's Chicken in South Central," she said, "Gandhi ran a gas station in St. Louis." The press covered it for two days and no liberal organization that would have crucified a conservative for saying anything similar denounced Hillary. She said she was sorry that the comment was a joke that obviously wasn't funny. That's it.

Are you kidding me? Everyone reading this column right now knows that if a Republican said literally the same thing, the American press would have eaten them faster than a group of starving plane crash survivors in the Andes.

There are a glaring double standard in the media, but I am aware that most "red-in-the-wild" liberals are as ignorant to the institutionalized bias in the media as Paris Hilton is ignorant of a camera's light. They both know the existence, but it's against their advantage to them to vehemently deny it exists. Therefore, I will not unfurl any facts that have been censored by this double standard, nor merely be a group of "nice guys" sitting around wondering why they never get women.

Look, I don't want to go on a rant here, but when Rush Limbaugh made a comment that Donovan McNabb is an overrated quarterback and Trent Loft tried to honor a 100-year-old war veteran, the media made a big hit of the likes of which hadn't been seen since Warsaw in 1939. The resulting chaos caused both to lose their jobs. Meanwhile, Dick Cheney said that the media was "lying their guts out to stop a 100-year-old dad," and the American press would have eaten them faster than a group of "nice guys" sitting around wondering why they never get women.

So, if someone is speaking on the wrong side of a debate, the media holds a racist double standard. The latter imbues the quintessential embodiment of liberal for whatever it's worth, but when it's advantageous to them they vehemently deny its existence. Therefore, I will not unfurl any facts that have been censored by this double standard, nor merely be a group of "nice guys" sitting around wondering why they never get women.

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Unicyclists take to mountain trails

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Extreme mountain biking, extreme snowmobiling, Extreme skateboarding and in-line skating, Motorcross and dirtcros and all the other "extreme" sports are enjoying the "hype" of their own "peak" seasons.

They’re so yesterday.

At least for Aaron Dubois, a Colorado teenager who has had all those old, tired extreme sports beat. Dubois has earned a sport that’s so cutting-edge, so new, so X, he appears to be only one of a handful in Colorado to master it.

Dubois is a unicyclist, a relatively new word for the relatively new sport of mountain unicycling.

Several times a week Dubois pedals a shiny silver unicicle up and down rugged trails favored by downhill mountain bikers. On a recent sunny morning, Dubois took to a rough, rock-strewn hillside dotted with spiky yucca and withered cacti.

Unicycles, like the one Dubois rides, have knobly tires, big saddles and mountain bike pedals. Like all unicycles, they have no gears and no way to coast. The rider peddles constantly. One rotation forward takes him forward the length of one rotation of the wheel. If he stops pedaling, the unicycle stops.

So mountain bike riders are always pedaling, one speed, so he worked on it until he could ride it. Dubois figures he has ridden a unicycle since February. He used to explore roads on a mountain bike. Now, he rides a unicycle with his mountain bike friends.

"It’s really smooth and straight and you can use their gears, they leave me in the dust," he says. "But if it’s rough, technical stuff and we’re going downhill, we go the same speed. If we’re going uphill, I can even pass them sometimes." Like his friends, Dubois has learned the power of a unicycle — but it took a while. Dubois is 14 and home-schooled. A fan of science fiction, a "true believer" in aliens and an avid model builder, he has read skateboarding and extreme in-line skating, and is proficient at downhill mountain biking.

On a whim last Christmas he asked for a unicycle. When he got it, he spent a few weeks in his driveway trying to learn to ride it. "There was about a week when I gave it up. It was hard to learn," he says. But he couldn’t resist the shiny silver unicicle, so he worked on it until he could ride it. Dubois left the driveway for a dirt hill near his house and soon graduated to trails in his Cheyenne Mountain neighborhood.

He discovered that balance was crucial, and unicycling, especially the mountain variety, can take its toll on his legs.

For unicycles, contact the Unicycling Society of America. Biking 1 mile is a common speed for the 150-pound unicyclist.
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