AIDS has been discovered among male black students.

SAN FRANCISCO — A sudden, worrying turn in an influenza epidemic that has been discovered among male black college students in North Carolina has caught officials by surprise.

"It's a public health emergency. We don't know any other way to put it," said Dr. Peter Levine, HIV medical director at the State Health Department.

The increase was first noticed in late 2002, and officials now believe it began in mid-2003 and is still continuing.

The high rate of AIDS infection among U.S. blacks has been one of the most striking difficulties of AIDS prevention.

Blacks are 11 times more likely than white Americans to get AIDS. Even though they make up 12 percent of the population, they account for 39 percent of AIDS cases and 54 percent of AIDS-related deaths.

Among black men, like whites, the leading cause of infection is sex with other men. Experts have long lamented the high rate of risky sex among gay black men.

Poverty is often listed as a contributing factor, as the new findings are among relatively well-off college students were unexpected.

"We are very concerned about it," said Dr. Ron Valdiserri, deputy HIV chief at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Most Americans would not think about college students as a high-risk group."

Indeed, a CDC study on 10 campuses in the 1990s found a very low infection rate.

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"The concern is this is our best and brightest within the minority population who are coming down with a lifelong and potentially lethal infection," Levine said.

Newly discovered cases cross the 23 campuses of the California State University system the entrance applications have been sorted. They are in the pipeline and in approval waiting to be mailed out with acceptance letters.

Later, when high school seniors commit to one year of dorm food and four years of study, the academic sorting and comparing begins behind administrative walls.

Among California State Universities, Cal Poly came out on top.

Cal Poly had the highest percentage of proficient students in both English and math proficiency among the 23 CSU campuses.

By Anastasia Killham

After receiving word of college acceptance, students must take both the English Placement Test and Entry Level Mathematics Examination before they can register for classes. Students who have scored well on SATs, ACTs or College Board Advanced Placement Program exams can be exempt from taking the placement tests.

According to Cal Poly entrance documents, students must prove math competency before they are allowed to progress.

"Our remedial courses in math do have some flexibility. Students could move upward showing competency," said Entry Level Mathematics coordinator Sheryl Nielsen. To be bumped up, students must retake the ELM, she said.
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This allows some latitude to those who may have scored poorly on placement tests due to test anxiety. The CSU system began using assessment tests to students as early as their junior year in high school to allow students with low scores to prepare for college coursework before admission.

“There is certainly a concern about students needing non-college-level classes,” Kent Morrison, chair of the math department, said. Some would prefer that these proficiency levels were a pre-admission requirement, he said.

Throughout the CSU system, the number of first-time freshmen proficient in English and math increased from 41 percent to 33 percent, according to a CSU press release.

“Proficiency has improved significantly but is not reaching the benchmarks set by the CSU Board of Trustees,” David Spence, CSU executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer said in a CSU press release.

Two of the most common English deficiencies are a basic inability to develop a well-sustained essay and a lack of grammatical skills, said Harry Hellenbrand, dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

“The English Placement Test is given to determine grammatical fluency and the ability to write a sustained essay,” Hellenbrand said. “It also gives us a small sense of the student’s reading and analytical abilities.”

Cal Poly freshmen have the highest level of English proficiency for a few reasons. The competition generated by rigorous entrance requirement attracts students familiar with challenging curriculums. All Cal Poly applicants are required to comply with the CSU admission requirements, Hellenbrand said.

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General Counsel for the California State University.”All this does is assume that it is a student who is doing it, Cal State can take disciplinary action against the student.”

According to the 1773 Assembly Bill passed in 2002, an article presented in The Chronicle of Higher Education in Oct. 1, 1999 titled “Plagiarism’s Double Edged Sword” stated that “at least three commercial computer systems have begun to feature notes taken in classes or exams written on campus.”

Robert Gorman, a professor of law at the University of Pennsylvania, was quoted in the article as saying, “For people to come along who do not ask for permission, who do not pay for permission, and then make a profit off what is the product of another person’s mind is outrageous morally and infringement legally.”

Any student charged with this violation has the right to a notice of it and an opportunity for a hearing before discipline.

“A lot of professors might use them (lectures) as a basis for a book or article,” Hennes said. “They should have the right to know that when they publish a book or lecture, that it’s not going to be used by other people. Professors don’t make a lot of money and it cost a lot to pursue a lawsuit. This has the Cal State system backing them.”

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“You literally make back when you use the discount card once,” Damien said. “We’re glad we can sell it at a low price so students can afford to use it.”

Psychology senior Desiree Spenn said she uses her passport to get savings for herself and her friends.

“I have a mini-Schwaner-Chihuahua named Ripley. I bought him a cute collar and a really nice dog bowl set,” Spenn said. “Because I got the collar and I had the Passport card I got a free dog ID tag, too.”

Recreation administration junior Tess Greenberg said she uses her Passport mostly at clothing stores.

“In some stores you can get 15 percent off the entire sale,” Greenberg said. “The two-for-one deals at food places also come in handy when you want to get lunch with a friend.”

Increasing in usage from its first year — Passport sold 60,000 copies in 2003 — Passport is now estimating to sell more than 120,000 copies in 2004.

The San Luis Obispo County Visitors and Conference Bureau, which spends around $200,000 each year to market tourism to San Luis Obispo, has also set aside 10,000 copies to give to tourists visiting the area.

“The new 2004 edition also includes a pocket guide to the merchants showcased in Passport,” Damien said. “Customers can take the pocket guide with them and have the full size book to use at home.”

Besides saving people money, Passport donates a portion of all book sales to the American Red Cross.

Passport also works with Cal Poly sororities and fraternities and gives them up to 30 percent of any profits they make from selling the books.

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SAN DIEGO — Environmental groups asked a federal judge Tuesday to halt construction of a new border fence on the U.S.-Mexican border south of San Diego.

The Sierra Club, San Diego Audubon Society, San Diego Barkeeper and other members of the Department of Homeland Security violated the National Environmental Policy Act by failing to fully consider potential harm to the environment.

The Bush administration contends the fence and a patrol road are needed to improve security on the westernmost five-mile stretch of the U.S.-Mexico border. Environmentalists say the project would kill up to 10,531 acres of federally protected estuary that is a refuge for threatened and endangered fish, plants and birds.

PHOENIX — Catholic Bishop Thomas O'Brien conceded Tuesday that he asked about getting his car's windshield fixed even though he knew police were investigating whether the vehicle was involved in a fatal accident.

"It was important to get the windshield fixed as soon as possible," he said on his second and final day of testimony. "There is no way I would have gotten that windshield fixed that day."

A church secretary previously testified that O'Brien asked about the windshield the Monday after the weekend accident.

Prosecutors have been trying to build a case that O'Brien knew or should have known that he hit a pedestrian on the night of June 14.

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — A meeting between Wyoming's governor and the head of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Tuesday failed to resolve differences over wolf management in Wyoming, leaving in limbo efforts to remove the predator from the endangered species list.

At issue is the federal agency's rejection last month of Wyoming's plan for managing descendants of wolves introduced in Yellowstone National Park in 1995 and 1996.

Over the last nine years, wolf numbers have expanded rapidly, causing concern among ranchers and hunters because of increased attacks on livestock.

Due to the success of the wolf-recovery program, the Interior Department wants to remove federal protection and turn over management to the states surrounding Yellowstone. However, the agency wants assurances from Wyoming, Idaho and Montana that they will manage wolves to maintain a viable population.

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — A $2 billion lawsuit accusing the nation's largest beef packer of price manipulation went to the jury Tuesday.

The suit accuses Tyson Fresh Meats Inc. of using contracts with select ranchers to drive prices down. The company in closing arguments maintained instead that supply and demand drive the beef market.

Concluding a month-long trial, each side criticized the other's failure to produce concrete evidence and witnesses — even though eight years have passed since six cattlemen filed a class-action lawsuit on behalf of some 32,000 producers across the country who sell cattle to Tyson, known as IBP Inc., in the cash market between February 1994 and October 2002.

— Associated Press

SKANDARYAH, Iraq — A suicide bomber blew up a truckload of explosives Tuesday outside a police station south of Baghdad, killing up to 53 people and wounding scores — including would-be Iraqi recruits lined up to apply for jobs.

The blast in this predominantly Shi'ite Muslim city followed the disclosure Monday of a letter from an anti-American operative to al Qaeda's leadership asking for help in launching attacks against the U.S. to undermine the U.S.-run coalition and the future Iraqi government.

Many angry townsmen blamed the Americans for the blast, and Iraqi police had to fire weapons in the air to disperse dozens of Iraqis who stormed the shattered remains of the station hours after the explosion.

"This suicide attack hit from a U.S. snipers,' said Hadi Mohy Al, 60. "The Americans want to fear us, but our people are strong."

No U.S. or other coalition forces were hurt, said Lt. Col. Dan Williams, a military spokesman in Baghdad.

ALGIERS, Algeria — OPEC decided Tuesday to cut its excess production of crude immediately and lower output quotas by 1 million barrels a day effective April 1 — a surprise move that could mean prices for gasoline and oil will remain high.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries expects the combined cuts would reduce actual production by about 10 percent, or 2.5 mil­lion barrels a day.

OPEC agreed to the two-stage reduction in output to try to keep oil prices stable when warmer weather erodes demand in major importing countries.

The oil group has often urged its members to comply better with their agreed quotas, but its decision to make an additional cut in its official target of 24.5 million barrels was unexpected.

PARIS — France took a decisive step Tuesday toward banning Islamic head scarves in public schools, with lawmakers overwhelmingly endorsing a government's drive to preserve French secular traditions from Muslim fundamentalism.

The ban on religious attire in classrooms, which also includes Jewish skullcaps and large Christian crosses, was approved 494-36 despite protests from Muslim fundamentalism.

The ban was expected to take effect in September. Applying the law could be the real test: Critics say it's too vague and will inflame anti-French tensions among the nation's large Muslim minority.

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates — An Iranian plane carrying migrant workers back from a visa-renewing journey to a Gulf island crashed Tuesday while approaching the airport, killing 43 of the 46 people aboard and narrowly missing nearby homes.

Three survivors of Kish Air's Flight IR3770 were hospitalized, two in critical condition with burns and fractures.

Authorities recovered the Fokker-50's cockpit voice and data recorders and hoped they reveal why the plane — which had not reported any trou­ble on its final approach — crashed two miles from Sharjah's airport and burst into flames.

It was returning from the Iranian island of Kish, a favorite destination for foreign workers who must exit the Emirates and return to meet their visa requirements.

— Associated Press

DENVER — Already mired in a scandal that includes rape allegations, the University of Colorado suffered another blow Tuesday when an adult entertain­ment company confirmed that football players hired strippers for recruiting parties as recently as two weeks ago.

The university's president, resident of Harleys Entertainment Inc. in Denver, still denied charges that his university and others around the country have been paying women to entertain recruits.

"It's a ridiculous story," she said.

Lower School athletics director at the University of Houston Rice University, Colorado and Colorado State University also have hired his dancers.

"Yes, there have been in Houston," he said.

Penn State football coach Gary Barnett said his school has never done business with the school.

Colorado State coach Art Briles was not aware of any such parties.

Earlier this month, St. John's University suspended five basketball players for breaking curfew to go to a strip club. University of Minnesota officials are investigating whether high school football recruits visited a strip bar and a strip club during a visit in December.

According to National Collegiate Athletic Association rules, a school "may not arrange or permit excessive entertainment," though it is unclear what constitutes excessive. The NCAA is convening a panel this spring to discuss recruiting problems.

Colorado was plunged into scanda­dal last week with the disclosure of allegations that it uses sex and women to entice recruits.

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Bush adopts mingling pattern

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — The strip malls, mom-and-pop restaurants and big-box stores are usually just part of the blurred landscape President Bush sees from his limousine when he sweeps into town. For three years, he and his motorcade blew past it all.

But this election year, Bush has taken a sudden interest in the people and places in between the airport and his speech sites.

Monday marked the fourth time in 2 1/2 weeks in which Bush and the rest of his motorcade pulled over for a "spontaneous" visit with some local citizens.

This time, it was the Pro Shop Outdoor World, a sporting emporium where Bush shmooched about 100 customers in the shoes, socks and fishing supplies aisles. "Which way to the worms?" the president asked.

Last week it was Sticky Fingers restaurant in Charleston, S.C., Jan. 29, it was Swan Choccdates in Merriam, Kan., Jan. 22, it was the Nuthin' Fancy Cafe just outside Roswell, N.M.

"It’s a good opportunity to visit with Americans and get some good food," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said. Or, in Missouri, to get some worms.

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The stops do allow Bush to mingle with ordinary citizens, but they are hardly spontaneous. The Secret Service lays the groundwork days in advance, in cooperation with White House officials. The business owners know the president is coming, though the customers at Bush Pro Shops Outdoor World didn’t.

White House officials strain to recall when Bush last did such an "off-the-record" appearance before the customary brief part of his routine last month. On a couple of occasions, he has dropped by the gas and coffee joint a few miles from his Crawford, Texas, ranch.

But today, nine months before the election, these visits have become a fixture of the president’s travels, and a formula has emerged as to how they transpire.

The stops occur as Bush is heading from a speech to the airport. They are shrouded in secrecy, omitted from his schedule. Even though the pattern has become clear.

The president’s new custom comes at a time when he is shadowing the Democratic presidential primaries, dropping into states just days after Democrats voted. The new "spontaneous visit" strategy guarantees Bush a little extra news media exposure in those states, where voters have heard a steady drumbeat of criticism directed at him.

High price complicates highway bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush and some Senate conservatives are talking at the price tag of a major highway bill, championing prospects for legislation that normally is embraced by Congress because it brings money and jobs to the Crescent City.

The Senate's six-year, $315 billion highway and mass transit bill in its second week in the Senate floor, faces a Republican filibuster. White House sources have signaled that the Senate bill wouldn't include any energy package that was rejected last year.

"I do not believe we are going to get a highway bill this year," said Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle, whose party, widely supportive of the legislation, has stood the side while Republicans battle over the size of the bill and who gets the money.

The legislation would replace a six-year, $218 billion highway program that expired last year but has been extended until the end of this month. The administration, citing tough financial times, has recommended a $136 billion package, while the Senate plan calls for $247 billion for highways, $56.5 billion for mass transit and $6 billion for safety programs.

The House Transportation Committee wants $375 billion, but has proposed paying for the increase by raising the federal tax, now 18.4 cents a gallon, that drivers pay at the gas pump. That idea has led to a dead end with House GOP leaders. The House bill reduces the $337 billion figure, Majority Leader Tom Delay, R-Texas, and others have said.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., who met with the president Monday evening, said he would support slamming the House bill to $322 billion, the amount of money to be spent over the six-year period, but even that was too high for some Senate Republicans who oppose raising the gas tax.

"They’re going to say, ‘Oh, we got the deal we wanted,’" he said. "And they’re going to say, ‘We can do it.’"

Edward paid a visit to a morning polling place in northern Virginia and made plans to fly to Wisconsin later in the day in a show of determination to remain in the race. The campaign manager, Nick Palmeri, told reporters the campaign has enough money to continue through the end of the month.

Howard Dean made little effort in the day, remaining focused on his events in Wisconsin. Campaigning in Superior, Dean said Democrats would "come out strong" with a real record of change. In a day in Kentucky, where he didn’t mention his name, Dean said the democratic in himself was "a Washington figure who cleans the inside gutters.

Virginia had 82 pledged delegates at stake in the day’s primary, and Tennessee offered 69.

Kerry has won 10 of 12 Democratic primaries and caucuses to date, rolled to a huge lead in the delegate chase and is increasingly turning his attention to President Bush and the general election.

"This president has the worst job record of the last 11 presidents combined," the Massachusetts senator said Monday. "He has lost over 3 million jobs. After being battered by Democrats for months, Bush gave as good as he got. Democrats oppose his call for making tax cuts permanent really want higher taxes and bigger government, he said, without mentioning Kerry by name.

"They’re going to say, ‘Oh, we got it; we can pay down the deficit. No. They’re going to raise the hell out of the gasoline tax and increase the size of the federal government, which would be bad for the United States economy.’"

As for his own, Kerry said on Bush in a luxury car he can afford.

"I’m the underdog," the president said. "If you’ve got a good lawyer you’ve got a good lawyer.

"If you’ve got a front-runner, you’ve got a good lawyer and you’ve got an underdog. I’m the underdog.”

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Everyday Joe mixes alternative and roots rock styles in quest for a recording contract

By Amy Kocot
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While some bands on stage focus solely on instrumentation as the audience members plunge their hands into their pockets, Everyday Joe prides itself on breaking the boredom.

The Sacramento-based outfit brings together the feel of Dave Matthews Band with an alternative, progressive rock beat, and although they write their own music, they occasionally open with a Dave Matthews cover. The band plays during University Union Hour on Thursday at 11 a.m.

Lead vocalist and rhythm guitarist Joe Orlando said what sets them apart from similar bands of the genre is how they express their love for the music when they are on stage.

"People can tell that we are enjoying ourselves up there," Orlando said. "We have more stage antics and energy when we perform than most bands, so I think we have a lot of talent."

They describe themselves as jam-oriented and said they have a hard time classifying their music because of its unique vibe.

The band members said they are confident in their ability to perform and plan on taking their talent to a place where they can become recognized when they move to West Hollywood in the coming weeks.

Drummer and backup vocalist John Testa said the band has its sights set on obtaining a recording contract in Hollywood by having the "right" people listen to their music.

"Living and playing in Sacramento, we could only go so far with our music," Testa said. "But Hollywood is where the record label people are and that is where we have to go if we want to pursue a career in music."

The band is humble in its attempts to become a big name in the music industry, and Testa said they are not trying to be millionaires, but they just want give people some good music they can relax to.

At Cal Poly, the band members said they look forward to having a big crowd and seeing people sitting around and enjoying the music or even studying to its laid back nature.

"It's not 'jump around' music," Orlando said. "It's 'setting down and enjoying' music."

Everyday Joe came to Cal Poly more than a year ago and said they were pleased with the turnout, but has high expectations for what Sacramento-based Everyday Joe prides itself on its energetic, jovial stage presence. The band performs at UU Hour on Thursday.

Orlando said when they perform, they always try to change the flavor of their songs so audiences never hear a song the same way twice.

For avid fans, the band has a Web site running at www.everydayjoe.com where visitors can check out pictures, biographies and upcoming performances of the band, as well as buy the band’s CDs.

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Each team is given 72 hours to assassinate — shoot in the back with a water gun — one other team. If the team fails to assassinate all opposing team members, it is eliminated. Any assassin can shoot a disposed player, eliminating him from competition.

Safe zones include Butler quiet rooms — the bathroom, hallway and cafés are fair game — classrooms, the gym and office hours. Dan Okin, the Assassins Rules Commissioner, removed wearing a towel as a safe zone for mainstream rap artists rapping about the reasons for shooting in the back.

"People are naturally sneaky, so there will be some interesting disputes," Okin said.

Adam Goldberg, ESC vice president of internal affairs, is the Assassins' answer to James Bond's Q. Goldberg designed the game's Web site, which can be accessed from any computer.

The song features the duo imperializing several familiar hip-hop artists rapping about the reasons for their success and rapping styles. J. Lo水管 is a key lyricist, 50 Cent credits Eminem and his gunshots for making him famous and DMX describes living the "thug life" in his verse. Meanwhile, P. Diddy repeats "Bad Boys!" throughout the song and J. Lo sings the hook in an off-pitch falsetto.

Domingue and Moore also made a music video for "Generic Rap Song" featuring Princeton students dressed as the rap stars. The video makes fun of the artists and also parodies the settings and props used in rap videos.

After completing the project, Domingue and Moore posted the song and video on their Web site, www.princeton.edu/~more/punit, and sent the link to 50 of their friends. Somehow, Domingue said, "It just got all over the Internet."

They began receiving hundreds of emails raving about the song and some emails from fans of the artists they parodied.

From the Web site, "Generic Rap Song" spread to humor sites like CollegeHumor.com and Albino.com. While sifting through the emails, Domingue and Moore came across one from Q106.1, a Top 40 radio station in Missouri, which said the station was playing the song and asking for an interview with P-Unit.

Domingue and Moore appeared on Q106.1’s morning show and spoke with the DJs about their song. They also have heard that the song has been played on other radio stations in Philadelphia and across the country.

The success of their song surprised the pair. "We never expected it to blow up," said Domingue.

Domingue and Moore are in the process of joining the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers in order to get their song copyrighted and receive proper royalties when the song is played on radio stations.

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Opinion

Honors Black History Month with action

When Carter G. Woodson cre­
ated Black History Week back in 1925, it could have been imag­
ined how it would develop in the United States more than 75 years later.

Conceived during the height of American segregation, Woodson not
only meant for this one week of the year (Feb. 1, 8, 15 and 22), a

Commentary

Monologues will inform)

Editor,

I can understand how "The Vagina Monologues" might be troubling to
some people. I was just like you a few years ago. Afraid of my sexuality and the con­
tamination of my virginal purity. I recently sat in a theater with other women, who
probably only saw me as another "type" of woman. I was not sure if I would be the one to

Letters to the editor

Call to action for Poly men

Editor,

I want to call upon all Cal Poly men to speak up for themselves. I believe to believe that the deserved and hateful attitude that James Whitaker toward women is a rep­resentative of the majority of men. Men who honor and cherish women — please speak up! Send in your own opin­
ion piece to let James and us women know you exist and are alive and strong.

Anastasia Kilham is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.
States scrap unfunded No Child education mandates

Utah first state to vote against Bush legislation, blaming costs

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah House voted Tuesday to become the first state to scrap No Child Left Behind Act education mandates that would cost more than the federal government is willing to pay.

Republicans dropped a threat to abandon the Bush administration program altogether because that would have cost the state half of its annual federal education funding, or nearly $107 million. Instead, state representatives voted 64-4 Tuesday to comply with only those mandates "where there is adequate federal funding."

"What I think was a well intended effort of government has had some serious consequences," said Republican state Rep. Margaret Dayton, the measure's sponsor. "We gradually give up our state sovereignty when we accept our tax money back into the state with strings attached to it."

It was the strongest position yet taken by lawmakers in 11 states who have introduced legislation or nonbinding resolutions challenging the 2002 education act, which has state educators facing deadlines for near flawless performance in student testing and huge leaps in teacher credentials.

The bill still requires state Senate approval and the governor's signature.

It wasn't clear which — if any — of the 45 No Child provisions are fully funded, and the U.S. Education Department has warned Utah that picking and choosing mandates could affect funds for other education programs Utah wouldn't want to give up.

In a Friday letter hand-delivered to Utah's state schools superintendent, U.S. Deputy Education Secretary Eugene W. Folkestad said those could include professional help for teachers; technology grants and money for testing assessment, afterschool programs, drug-free schools and homeless children.

These are resources for our most disadvantaged children," Ron Tomalis, a senior adviser to Education Secretary Rod Paige, said at the Utah Capitol last week.

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Utah is at the lead of states challenging, questioning, appealing for more money or carefully tabulating the costs of complying with an act that requires virtually all students in the country to read and do math at grade level by 2014.

Federal officials tried to dissuade the Utah House from the action. Five administration officials held a series of closed and open meetings with Utah's top policy makers, "but didn't come out to negotiate or compromise," Dayton said.

That left many state Republicans still hurdle to what they called a federal takeover of education leaving states to pay the bill.

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State reorganization effort takes shape; Democrats back bonds

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's plans to streamline state government moved forward Tuesday with a call to state workers to begin offering their ideas and a June deadline when recommendations would be presented to the public.

Schwarzenegger promised during his State of the State speech last month to "shovel" the bureaucracy in an effort to remove waste and fraud. Administration officials announced Monday the opening of a campaign office for the California Performance Review as well as a Web site and hot line.

Chos Cutierre, currently the interim director of the Department of Motor Vehicles and 30-year state employee, will lead the effort along with the help of Billy Hamilton, deputy state comptroller of Texas, who has been involved with such reviews in the past.

Supporters say the window for change is open but voters expect results.

"We are truly at a historic point," said Paul Miner, the chief deputy cabinet secretary assigned to the program, who noted that voters called for big changes in state government through the Oct. 7 recall and Schwarzenegger believes are ready to embrace such changes.

Although many efficiency improvements have been tried and failed, Miner called this one different because it will combine state workers with private-sector experts to find ways to save money. This effort, he said, also has the support of the governor and legislative leaders.

Organizers say they will enlist support of about 150 workers from all parts of state government. A commission appointed by the governor will also evaluate the ideas and eventually make recommendations to the governor and the Legislature.

This won't duplicate any of the agencies that already exist to review efficiency, supporters said.

California already has the Little Hoover Commission, a bipartisan, independent panel started in the early 1960s to promote efficiency in state government, and the Legislative Analyst's Office, which reviews the state's spending plan for the Assembly and Senate and can suggest cutting duplicative programs.

Legislators can also request audits of state spending or programs by the comptroller's Bureau of State Audits.

Hamilton helped former President Clinton organize a National Performance Review in the early 1990s and led a prior reorganization effort in Texas. Hamilton said performance reviews in his home state created more than $12 billion in savings more than 10 years.

Miner said the new program will be paid for out of existing state funds but it doesn't have a specific budget yet.

Any good ideas could be implemented immediately, Miner said, which the governor could do by executive order. However, the Legislature may have to approve other proposals from a formal report due to Schwarzenegger by June 30.

Meanwhile, Schwarzenegger's efforts to get state workers to pass a $15 billion bond measure and a balanced budget amendment received a big boost Tuesday from Democratic leaders, who endorsed Propositions 57 and 58.

Along with the Legislature's leaders, Senate President Pro Tempore John Burton of San Francisco and Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez from Los Angeles, both U.S. senators — Democrats Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer — endorsed the two propositions.

"We think there is no alternative for this state this year," Burton said. "Deficit spending is not the best way to do things but unless you find a very big bank to rob, there's no other way to get things done in time."

The proceeds from the bonds are needed to pay off short-term loans that came due in June. There's another $35 billion from the bond sale that would also be used to help close next year's budget gap.

Until Tuesday, the only major Democrat openly supporting the governor's plan was Controller Steve Westly, who said the new endorsements are critical to getting the measures passed."
Big West: Movin’ on up

By Dan Watson

While Cal Poly slides down in the Big West Conference men's basketball standings, the conference as a whole is ranking in the cream level of the conference consciousness.

To start the season, the Big West was ranked 12th in the Associated Press Division I basketball conferences. The Mustangs, led by Associate athletic director of handling, have made the biggest commitment to the sport.

It's two wins in the preseason over Pac-10 teams USC and Cal are a case-in-point of the conference's competitive improvement.

Farrell said Cal Poly's wins had a large impact on the conference, "It's extremely big," he said. "We schedule probably about 75 percent of our (preseason) competition against other conferences in the West so we have to be successful against those teams. It's the image of our conference. The conference's commitment to preseason games has been instrumental in growth."

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