

Bills would restrict immigration

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Members of the U.S. House and Senate are considering modifying or even eliminating immigration requests from thousands of people while working to reunify immediate family of immigrants and provide more jobs for Americans.

The Senate's Immigration Reform Act of 1995 and the House's Immigration in the National Interest Act would enforce stricter rules against both legal and illegal immigration.

Entrance priority

1. Parents with the most children
2. Immediate family
3. Less-skilled immigrants

The House bill proposed by Lamar Smith, R-Texas, would reduce illegal immigration by 50 percent in the next five years, advocates say.

"What Lamar wants is to stop illegal aliens in the workplace," said his spokesperson, Allen Kay.

His bill combines legal and illegal immigration; the Senate Judiciary Committee plans to

vote on whether the proposed laws should be separated into two bills.

Kay said the reason for combining the two in the House bill is because 40 to 50 percent of illegal immigrants in America did not cross illegally over the border. Rather, they were once legal students or visitors who let their visas expire, becoming illegal immigrants.

To add to that, Kay said 20 percent of all legal immigrants now receive welfare.

"We have a choice," Kay said. "We don't need to choose people (to enter the country) who are going to be on welfare."

At the same time, Kay said the bill would

admit 700,000 legal immigrants to enter the country, the "highest sustained levels of immigration over the last 70 years" with the exception of the late 1980s.

But while allowing more immigrants to enter the country who have the capability to provide American citizens with more jobs, including outstanding professors and researchers, the entrance priority of less skilled immigrants will be lowered and permanent visas to unskilled immigrants will be eliminated.

Before entering the country, the Senate bill would require immigrants to have at least three years experience outside the country,

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up their mind," Caires said. "We'll emphasize our track record and the accomplishments of both Karen and I. We want to tell students, 'Hey. Look at what we already have done, and look at what we can do for you in the future.'"

Meanwhile, Burgmaier refuses to believe his ticket has become the underdog.

"I don't think anyone's pulled ahead yet, and until Wednesday night we won't know who's ahead," Burgmaier said. "All we're trying to do is get our message out, meet more people, and make sure we get the undecided people our way."

All three presidential candidates were exuberant about their performances at the Cable 8 Debate and their chances of being elected Wednesday.

Multicultural:

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school, to increase awareness and communication between different races. A rough written summary of the event was distributed.

Karen Carlson, Caires's running mate, said her ticket would like to expand current programs such as the Dialogue program and the Peer Mentor program, to increase recruitment and retention at WSU. They said they believe these programs have been underused.

Burgmaier wants to see existing programs receive more funding next year, but didn't say how he plans to accomplish that.

There were also numerous questions concerning the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Association, and homosexual issues in general.

All three of the tickets supported same-sex marriages, a topic of controversy in the state Legislature.

Each ticket also was asked what it will do to improve the environment for gay and lesbian students.

Caires again said he wants to expand existing programs such as Dialogue and the GLBA to improve education around campus.

Wixson wants to see grants given to teachers who implement diverse curriculum into their teaching plans, but didn't say how she planned to get the money for this program.

Burgmaier said awareness is the key, but didn't expand on how he plans to raise awareness.

One of the more challenging questions of the night came from an audience member who wanted to know out of the 50-75 committee and executive staff appointments the president makes, how many will be minorities.

Wixson said she will appoint "as many as possible." She said she believes they can provide a fresh perspective, and wants to have a number which is more than representative of the student population.

Caires pledged to have an equal and fair amount, and Burgmaier committed to around half.

George Burns dies after 100 years

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Fans gathered Sunday at the celebrity-inscribed courtyard outside Mann's Chinese Theatre, where George Burns left imprints of his hands, feet and cigar and wrote: "I'm 'Going in Style.'"

"I feel sad," said Connie Eck of Prospect, Pa. "My kids won't grow up to know him."

"He's one of the constants. Everybody knows George Burns," said her friend, Cathi Crifaci of Butler, Pa. "I'm glad he made it to 100."

Burns died at his Beverly Hills home on Saturday, seven weeks past his 100th birthday.

Family members and close friends will attend a private funeral scheduled for Tuesday at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, where Burns will be buried beside Gracie Allen, his wife and longtime partner who died in 1964.

"There will be no celebrities," said Irving Fein, Burns' manager. "We hope to have a (public) memorial service in a month or two and then all the celebrities can come."

Sunday's remembrances were as low-key as Burns' dry wit.

At his neat, flower-bordered home, a passing jogger left a handful of red flowers Sunday. The day before, someone had left a pot of white daisies, along with a cigar and a note: "George - One for the road. We'll miss you."

A guttering memorial candle was left at the house Sunday by a Jewish group to honor the man born Nathan Birnbaum on Jan. 20, 1896, on New York's impoverished Lower East Side.

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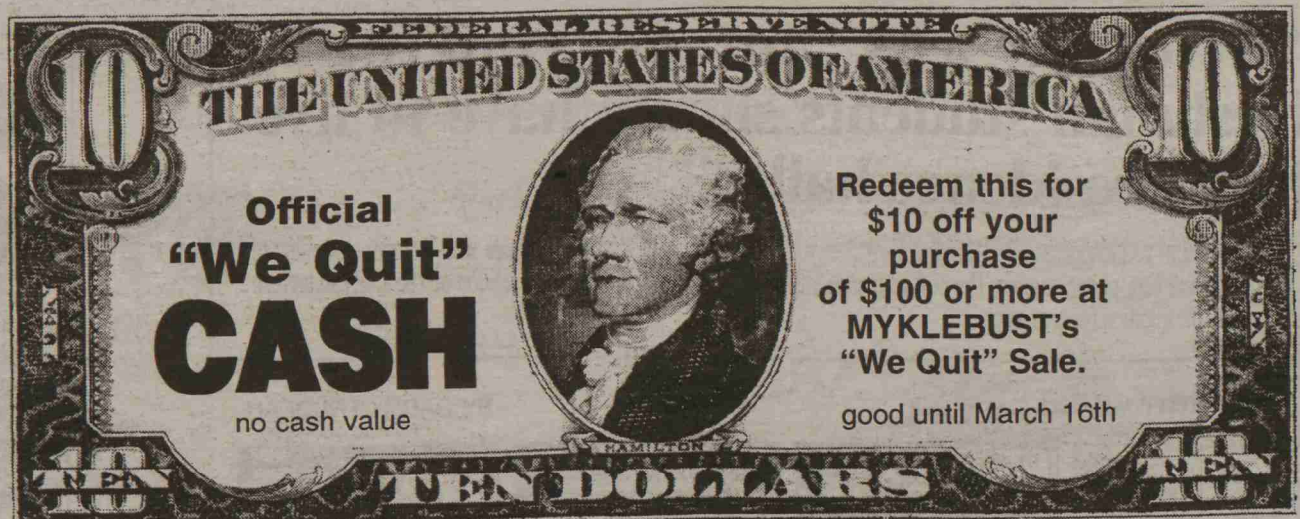
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