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Campaign spending reaches new Sn1 high in competitive election year sea

(AP) — Candidates for governor are shattering spending records in more than a halfdozen states, and coming close elsewhere, in one of the most competitive election years for the states' top office over the past decade.

In Texas, slick commercials come back-to-back. Phones ring off the hook in Wisconsin. Direct mail, ad campaigns, and phone banks drive expensive campaigns in Maryland, New Mexico and beyond.

Some of the spending is fueled by wealthy candidates, as in New York. Other races are inflated by huge campaign fundraising efforts; that's what's happened in California. Competitive races are driving up the costs in Florida, Illinois and more

"Money is definitely the name of the game, unfortunately," said Celia Viggo Wexler, research director for Common Cause, a nonprofit citizens group that supports public financing of elections. From pharmaceutical companies to public-employee unions, she said, "there are lots of reasons for special interests to give at the state level. And there are lots of hands out at the state level."

States where records are falling include:

- Texas: GOP Gov. Rick Perry and Democratic challenger Tony Sanchez have spent a record \$72 million between

the two of them so far, easily surpassing the 1990 record of \$53.4 million in their state.

New York: Total spending hit \$89 million earlier this month, driven partly by at least \$40 million spent by billionaire and Independence Party candidate B. Thomas Golisano, who is self-financing his third run. GOP Gov. George Pataki spent at least \$27 million, while Democrat H. Carl McCall, who complained this week that the national party hasn't provided enough financial help, spent \$11 million.

New Mexico: Democrat Bill Richardson spent more than \$5.6 million while Republican John Sanchez has shelled out \$1.9 million, breaking the 1998 record of \$5.2 million with the home stretch yet to come.

New Hampshire and Wisconsin, where competitive races smashed spending records before the primary races were concluded. More than \$10.4 million was spent by the end of August in Wisconsin, and \$9.6 million in New Hampshire by the GOP nominee alone, multimillionaire Craig Benson.

None of the races so far have surpassed the \$130.5 million spent in California on the 1998 gubernatorial race, the highest number found by the National Institute on Money in State Politics, a watchdog group in Montana. But spending in New York and

Texas is nearing \$100 million. Records are falling in many smaller states. Alabama, Iowa, Maryland and South Carolina all are seeing races far more

expensive than ever before. And while all-time highs haven't been reached in California or Florida, eye-popping fund raising has become a campaign issue. First-term Democratic Gov. Gray Davis's huge money lead - he had \$21 million on hand as the month began, after spending \$17 million over three months — has been a target of GOP candidate Bill Simon. In Florida, GOP Gov. Jeb Bush has criticized union money flowing to Democratic challenger Bill

McBride. Both major parties are also contributing heavily to statelevel elections with an eve toward the presidential race in 2004. Governors help drive national debates on many domestic issues, and four of the last five presidents served as governors at one time.

"This is off-cycle, so both parties are doing everything they can - Republicans to maintain their momentum from their presidential win, and the Democrats to turn the tide," said Ed Bender with the National Institute on Money in State Politics.

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UPD searching for driver in hit and m

University The Department (UPD) is seeking driver of a newer model gray involved in a hit-and-run acci with a bicyclist last week. The car's passenger side

ror struck the bicyclist as her heading eastbound on Routt Boulevard east of Clan Street at about 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16. The mit struck the victim's back, cat him to bounce against they cle and strike the curb, flip over his handlebars and hit the pavement as the vehic drove away.

The bicyclist suffered lace tions to his nose and injuries his hands. He reported to b

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America becomes more liberal," Hutchinson said. The threat of censorship is a viable force which helps guide the creation and production of

American films, said Katherine Kelly, an A&M English professor. Political leaders thought if viewers saw ideas

such as lust, rebellion, or anarchy in a film, they would not be able to control themselves from acting in the same way, Kelly said.

Kelly said there is no end to the development of realism, a style of art intended to depict the reality of everyday life, because realism is a forbidden topic.

"It's a style, not a direct mirroring of life," Kelly said.

Experiment

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The phorid flies have been mass produced and screened to make sure they don't target the

Worry about children has overshadowed censorship debates, causing some people to say protection of children is more important than allowing access to all arts, she said.

"We feel that children are ultimately impressionable, when we really don't know how impressionable children are or how confused they get," Kelly said.

The main goal of the MSC Literary Arts Committee is to promote literary arts on campus through programs, writers workshops, and book discussions.

"The Liberal Arts Committee provides a chance for people to explore and celebrate the literary arts on their own terms," said Kelli Hollinger, staff adviser.

> isn't efficient or affordable to treat the land more than every few years," he said. "The phorid possible for these owners to afford an annual treatment."

impact on races. In Texas, Tony Sanchez, a Laredo banker, was a

"For large land owners, it fly project will make it quite

Wisconsin South Carolina \$9.1 \$11.4

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SOURCE: Associated Press



When attacking, the fly hovers over the fire ant and "divebombs" into it, injecting an egg into the ant's thorax, Drees said.

"It is quite amazing to witness," she said.

The head of the ant falls off before the larva eventually doesn't do just that

develops into a mature fly.

"A main concern with this

release of the phorid fly has been

that it will somehow switch hosts

and attack non-target organisms,"

Drees said. "But much work has

gone in to the fly to ensure that it

At \$1 per fly, Hickman said a negative aspect of the project is the costly expense of the experiment. The fire ant causes \$1.2 billion in damages each year. Treating an area of land using insecticides costs between \$10 to \$12 per acre, Barr said.

Barr said the biological agents could possibly extend the effectiveness of bait treatment for years.

"The project does not expect to eradicate the fire ant though, but will hopefully suppress the population," Drees said.

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