SLO starts domestic violence awareness week

By Shelly Evans
Staff Writer

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Another support network for victims is the Women's Shelter Program, Inc. of San Luis Obispo County. Nineteen slots are open for the center's 24-hour shelter.

"The waiting list has shortened up because we opened 10 more slots this fall," Ruehr said.

There are at least some 100 names on it. It usually takes approximately a year after you've filed the application to get in."

Priority application is given to the center for about 30 percent of the cost of providing meals to its family members.

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Letter To The Editor

Don't miss "Coverup"

Editor — Did Reagan promise Iranian arms in order to release the 52 hostages before the November 1980 elections?

Did plane loads of cocaine really land at U.S. Air Force bases in Southern Florida to finance the contra war against Nicaragua — Ollie bargs about it. But this fast-moving, well-researched documentary shows us how much more was going on.

If you ve just put off "all these conspiracy theories" and don't believe that red-blooded candidates Reagan and Bush could arrange for the 76-day delay of the candidates' release order in order to get Carter's re-election chances, check out "An Election Held Hostage" in the recent (Oct­ ber) issue of Playboy for an in-depth article on the caper.

Bear in mind that "truth really is stranger than fiction." Evidence mounts step by step in "Coverup" with testimony by Barry Switek, a Republican campaign staff­ er who dealt with the Ayatollah was cut; Bani-Sadr, the former president of Iran who claims Bush went to Paris to find is found, is cut in the deal in October of 1980; Jorge Morales, a drug runner privy to the White House staff; the investiga­t ing journalists, backed by the Christic Institute, which originally opened up this can of worms we all know as "Con­ tragula." Thanks to John Stockwell, who gives a first-hand account of "official" drug running in the war theaters during the Vietnam War... and much, much more. You'll see the price of protest, as actual footage shows a man being dragged from the Congress­ nal hearings in 1987 for repeatedly shouting, "Ask them about the cocaine smuggling!!" He got one year in prison for that.

The film ends with the impas­sioned represent­ ative Jack Brooks, elder congressman from Texas. An honest man expressing outrage. He restores the viewer's sense of pride and honor. "Coverup" will be shown, I understand, in Room 286 of the Fishing­ Ship Building on Wed­ nesday, Oct. 12 at 6 p.m.

Watch for fliers and notices, and don't miss it.

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Bush gave the answers

Editor — In response to A.J. Samberg's Sept. 28 Weekly Globe, "The debatable debate." The presidential debate strengthened opinion about both can­ didates. Mike "Dukakia" Dukakis is full of hope.

He could not be better a presid­ ent as he was at cleaning up Boston Harbor.

His response to the question about helping the homeless was very far from realistic. He feels that by increasing low cost hous­ ing to make it more affordable to the poor, mainly the homeless, it will help them.

That is not in the least bit ac­ curate. How can they afford to buy, much less rent, any type of housing?

They are jobless as well as homeless. Many of which are mentally disturbed.

George Bush thinks that the homeless can be relocated to shelters. Old government-owned Air Force bases, which are no longer in use, would be ideal. Bush also intends to keep interest rates down, as they have been for the past two terms. Low and middle income families have been and will be able to afford housing.

The question is: how will mid­ dle and low income families be able to do this under Dukakis? Did you also notice that whenever Dukakis answered, he explained how his parents were immigrants?

It's getting old, Mikey! Do you really believe that Elvis is alive? Does anyone believe that Elvis is alive? The grocery store rats apparently do, or at least they are trying their best to resuscitate him. A new/fantasy paper called "Ollie bargs" recently printed an article that said the Russians found an 8-foot Elvis statue on Mars. It was being bloated "out of All Shocked," they solemnly state.

The National Examiner says Elvis was seen a few weeks ago in Las Vegas, and have photos to prove it. Oh really.

I have long been fascinated/repulsed by this sub-culture of newspapers found in any typical grocery store. Worse than the National Enquirer, these maga­ zines muggins don't even aim at distinguishing the facts. One, called the Weekly Globe, prints the most bizarre stories about people in distant lands and places. They have pictures to go along with any of their stories. Their's the conniving adult midget who got a blind couple to adopt him as their child, and didn't you hear about the woman who had an alien baby? Who don't behind this stuff? There's usually no way to check on any of the "facts" presented in the articles.

Don't tell me for libel, I suppose, because they don't talk about real people. I can just picture a list of requirements for their potential "reporter." Must have vulgar, lewd imagination. Must be able to think up fake names under pressure. Must have total disregard for facts. Must not be bothered by ethical questions. Must put money above all else.

I do wonder if these magazines make any money. I confess, I bought one once because I had to transferred to Cal Poly and was taking a journal­ ism law class. These rag's looked promising. I had learned, yet, since the publishers apparently make up everything inside, there are no real people to suit them.

I also heard recently that the number one selling newspaper in: not, the Los Angeles Times, or the New York Times, but the National Enquirer. Our fellow Americans seem to care more about how Liz Taylor lost weight, or the new last of some playboy, or playgirl, than the pressing issues fac­ ing the nation.

As for me, I'll believe Elvis is alive when they exhume his tomb and find not his body, but a note from martians saying he has been resurrected from death and has been kidnapped by a marian fan club.

Come Bondy is opinion page editor.
My sister is five years my junior. I thought I surely would go to college by the time she completed high school. But that didn’t happen, as far as my father was concerned.

My sister was always a better student than I. I was smarter, but she was destined for a better life. I was less determined and thus destined for a different life. As a result, I thought she would continue her studies at a prestigious university like Stanford, Yale or Berkeley. Instead, she is here.

Last fall during her senior year she began to investigate universities and query people for advice: her friends, teachers, professionals and naturally her older sister.

I counseled her to apply to Stanford, Berkeley and Princeton and move on to Stanford in Berkeley. Among others. Of the schools she applied to. Yet she wanted to remain on the west coast. So I recommended Stanford and Berkeley.

She applied to Stanford, Berkeley, Stanford and Berkeley. It’s comprised of a student body from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Numerous world renowned scholars; and it generally appreciates students who are interested in thinking for the sake of thinking, not as an end to such a multitude of heady reflection and the expression you’ll be stimulated and inspired.

Her major field of interest was her choice of Cal Poly. I was delighted to have her near me. Although I’m not a student of environmental science. Yet I thought it was interesting to have her major in the environment. Her major is our environment.

As my sister and I can expect a fair amount of mediocrity and absolutes when dealing with a subject that is so vitally a part of our everyday lives. Our environment.

I am aware of the necessity of making an effort to reverse the drastic changes that are taking place within our environment. This is solely due to the ever-increasing industrial practices that have placed an enormous amount of stress on the environment.

In the past few months the environment has become the key concern of every person. The future of our environment is of great concern, and the key issue is to prevent or reverse the damage that is being done.

Environmental issues are becoming more important and more urgent every day. The consequences of our actions are becoming increasingly clear. We must take action to prevent further damage to the environment.

The adverse effects of plastics on our fragile marine environments receive some attention a few months back when the results of an autopsy on a sea turtle were revealed. The turtle had died of a plastic bag that had been stuck in its digestive system.

By Steve Puccinni

Recycling is step in right direction.
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Survivors still haunted by skyscraper blaze

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Many of the workers who survived the city's highest skyscraper fire five months ago still suffer from symptoms of stress and trauma.

The spectacular blaze at the First Interstate Bank killed one worker. Others briefly trapped by the fire suffer from symptoms including painful headaches and depression.

"When we got out of that building that night, I fell to my knees and said, 'Thank God I'm alive,'" said maintenance worker Radmila Radich, 40. "That was the last joy I felt."

Radich was honored by Mayor Tom Bradley for pulling co-worker Jose Luis Garcia to safety.

Maintenance worker Alex Handy died when he became trapped in an elevator on the burning 12th floor.

The spectacular blaze at the building has been reopened through 1989.

Five of the skyscraper's 62 floors were burned. While most of the building has been reopened to workers, the burned section will probably remain closed through 1989.

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Water Polo seeks status
By Steve Harmon
During its first year of competition, Cal Poly Pomona's water polo team has been working hard to achieve NCAA status. The team is currently competing in Division II and has its sights set on advancing to Division I.

In a half hour the match will start but for now the still pool sits like a sea of glass and reflects the world at liquid right angles. Black birds, perched at the side of the pool and making it for a lake, drink and bathe themselves. They yip and blurt out indiscernible noises. The green and yellow plastic lane ropes have been removed from the pool and sit coiled up like dead sea snakes.

A few moments pass, the blackbirds disappear unnoticed. The liquid glass is shattered by the Cal Poly water polo club as it dives in the pool and warms up for the day's match. But this is the water polo "club" team—the team does not have NCAA recognition that 17 other Cal Poly sports have.

"We want NCAA status so we can play in the NCAA championships," Mike Rowley, Cal Poly water polo coach, said. "Kids coming out of high school want to play at a NCAA school."

Rowley said he could not put a price on becoming an NCAA team. "The budget varies from year to year," Rowley said. He said that the Cal Poly athletic department and the recreation sports program have been supportive of the team.

Rowley said he could not put a timetable on when the team would get NCAA status and did not want to discuss any increases in the team's budget that it would make.

"Cal Poly has a well-liked sports program," Rowley said. "They have 17 teams in NCAA competition—more than any other in its league."

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Close contest in key states to decide White House race

WASHINGTON (AP) — George Bush commands an early autumn advantage over Michael Dukakis in the Electoral College, but the two candidates for the White House will be decided in a series of close, hard-fought contests from California to Connecticut, according to an Associated Press survey of the 50 states.

Republicans sound confident following a strong, late summer surge by Bush. Democrats project concern but say there's ample time to overtake the vice president.

"Dukakis won the primary on his Massachusetts miracle claim, but now people are remembering what government, the economy, was under Jimmy Carter," said Tony Feather, executive director of the Republican Party in Missouri, where the two candidates are rated even.

The nationwide public opinion surveys indicate a narrow advantage for Bush, although the same surveys show enough undecided and loosely committed voters to alter the outcome of the race at the last moment.

Adding to the uncertainty is a campaign calendar that includes a debate Wednesday between vice presidential candidates Dan Quayle and Lloyd Bentsen, followed by a return engagement between Dukakis and Bush in mid-October. After that comes a three-week sprint to the finish line punctuated by a barrage of television commercials.

Bush appears to be solidifying much of the traditional Republican base across the South and Rocky Mountain West, the survey showed. He is rated the solid leader in Florida with its 21 electoral votes and seems to be opening a little daylight between himself and the Democrats in Texas, although Dukakis is waging an intensive campaign in running mate Lloyd Bentsen's home state.

Dukakis is given the edge in several traditional Democratic party strongholds, including New York with its 36 electoral votes, but has not been as successful as Bush in cementing his own political base.

The AP survey of political leaders, independent analysts and public opinion polls in all 50 states turned up frequent expressions of concern among Democrats over the shape of Dukakis' campaign, tempered with hope that the Massachusetts governor may be on the rebound after suffering a political free fall earlier in the campaign.

Democrats who were worried when Bush was down in the polls last summer are smiling at their fortunes now that he is showing surprising strength in states like New York, Pennsylvania and Iowa that figured to be among his weakest.

The Electoral College lineup looks like this:

— Bush's strongest region is the South, where he leads almost everywhere. Benign presence on the ticket almost guarantees a close race in Texas, however, and Dukakis has strong support in North Carolina and border states such as Arkansas, Kentucky and Tennessee.

— California and Washington on the West Coast are rated as tossups, with Dukakis given the edge in Oregon. Bush appears to have firmed up support in traditional Republican states such as Utah, Idaho and Wyoming, but the Dukakis campaign says it has strength in New Mexico and Montana.

— Farm states such as Kansas and Nebraska are leaning to Bush, while Dukakis harbors hope for the Dakotas. Dukakis is favored in Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota in the upper Midwest.

Dukakis is given the edge in Florida and West Virginia and border states such as Oregon, Arizona and New Mexico. But Bush is favored in Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota, where he has strength in New Mexico and Montana.

— New England is a tossup, with Bush leading in Maine and New Hampshire and Dukakis ahead in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

— The entire police force rushed to Mascotte Elementary School in this small central Florida community, searching for the man who was still at large, said police dispatcher Cathy Enland.

The gunman shot the girl just before 11 a.m. as she played on the school's physical education field, said Betty Jane Coffield, secretary to the Lake County school superintendent.

No one else was hurt in the incident, and she said she did not know how many shots were fired or what kind of weapon was used.

The wounded girl was Leah Wilbanks, 9, of Mascotte, said Jean Lowe of Orlando Regional Medical Center.

Mascotte is a town of 1,100.

It was the third school shooting incident in as many weeks. Last week, two little girls were killed and nine other people wounded at a school in South Carolina, while the previous week, five people, none of them students, were killed in a shooting in and near a Chicago elementary school.
Kremlin power shake-up capped with Politburo chief appointment

MOSCOW (AP) — Politburo member Vitaly I. Vorotnikov was moved to the ceremonial job of president of the Russian republic Monday as the Kremlin capped the biggest leadership shake-up in Mikhail S. Gorbachev's three and a half years in power.

The major beneficiary of the realignment of power was Gorbachev himself. The Communist Party's general secretary was elected Soviet president by the Supreme Soviet parliament Saturday to replace Andrei A. Gromyko, 79, who retired.

Last week, Gorbachev pushed a major shake-up through the Communist Party's policy-making Central Committee. He retired two full and two candidate Politburo members, promoted four other people and streamlined the Central Committee's apparatus.

Vorotnikov, 56, worked in Gorbachev's home area of southern Russia before becoming interior minister, in charge of the uniformed police, in 1986. It appeared unlikely that he would continue to keep his job as the nation's top policeman. But a replacement would have to be named by national authorities, and not by the republican parliament that met Monday.

Vorotnikov's replacement as the Russian premier had been rumored in Moscow, and there were persistent reports that the 62-year-old leader was ill. The official news agency gave no reason for the changes.

Vorotnikov and Ukrainian Communist Party leader Vladimir V. Shcherbitsky are the only two men of the ruling 12-man party Politburo who were there before Gorbachev took power.

The decision to kick Vorotnikov upstairs could be an indication that he will be removed from the Politburo at a later date.

One Western diplomat in Moscow, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Vorotnikov was considered a "swinging" vote on the Politburo. He generally supported Gorbachev's reforms, but was not "real outspoken, cautious, not radical," the diplomat said.

Vorotnikov was first deputy prime minister of the Russian republic in 1975-1979, but ran afoul of the Kremlin leadership in the last years of President Leonid I. Brezhnev's reign and was made ambassador to Cuba.

He was summoned back to Moscow after Brezhnev's death in 1982, and became premier of the republic the following year.

Gorbachev's election Saturday by the 1,500 deputies of the Supreme Soviet unified supreme party and government power in his hands and gave him more power to force through his reform program.

Friday's hastily called meeting of the Central Committee elevated economist Vadim A. Medvedev from the committee's secretariat to full Politburo status and streamlined the Central Committee structure, giving key Gorbachev allies important responsibilities.

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Flag waves proudly at Discovery landing

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — Discovery’s five astronauts streaked out of orbit to a triumphant, flag-waving desert landing today after a remarkably smooth post-Challenger flight that “resumed the journey” of Americans into space.

“Roger Discovery, welcome back. A great ending to the new beginning,” Mission Control’s Blaine Hammond told the crew after Commander Frederick H. Hauck guided the 97-ton shuttle to a pinpoint touchdown on the centerline of a hard-packed sand runway.

Touchdown came exactly on target at 9:37 a.m. PDT, ending a 1.68 million-mile voyage that lasted four days, one hour and 57 seconds.

Two loud sonic booms cracked over the California desert as Discovery descended through blue skies to the cheers of more than 300,000 spectators, many of them waving American flags. The music of the Star-Spangled Banner played over loudspeakers.

Hauck unfurled a giant American flag himself as he and his crew left the shuttle 55 minutes later, walking down a ramp decorated with six smaller flags.

They were greeted by Vice President George Bush and senior NASA officials, and after posing for photographs they gave Bush a walk-around tour of the shuttle, which looked virtually unscathed from its fiery re-entry.

The textbook landing capped a remarkable smooth post-Challenger flight that “resumed the journey” of Americans into space.

Bush receives family view
Officials say families’ view better yet

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — The last-minute plan to have Vice President George Bush meet the Discovery space shuttle crew prompted officials on Monday to move the viewing site for relatives of the astronauts, a NASA spokesman said.

A platform usually set aside for families to meet the astronauts as they disembark from the shuttle was instead provided for the vice president. Bush took time out from his presidential campaign to attend Monday’s shuttle landing in what was described by his staff as an official function.

During early shuttle landings, the platform was reserved for President Reagan, said Ralph Jackson, a spokesman for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

“They (the astronauts’ families) are in a better viewing position,” Jackson said. “They were moved, but it was no inconvenience to them. Actually, they are closer and in a better viewing position.”

The viewing site provided for the vice president was at a tower adjoining NASA’s Dryden Flight Research Facility.

Shuttle returns with nostalgic booms

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Residents whose homes were rattled by sonic booms from the space shuttle Discovery on Monday welcomed with open arms the thundering reminders that America is back in space.

“They don’t bother me one bit,” said Wayne Roper of Ojai, a resort community 60 miles northwest of Los Angeles. “It’s just good to have them back. I love the space shuttle.”

Ojai residents have long lived under the flight path of space shuttles and are now used to the sonic booms that in the past have broken windows and knocked glassware off shelves in the largely rural, mountainous area.

But no problems were reported with the Discovery’s booms, which most treated like the return of an old friend after the skies went silent following the Challenger tragedy 32 months ago.

“It startled me for a second, and then I said to myself, ‘There’s the Discovery,’” said John Christiansen. “Then I didn’t have to wonder anymore whether everything would be all right. I knew the shuttle was here.”

The Discovery glided at super-sonic speeds over Ojai at about 9:30 a.m. PDT before safely landing on a dry lake bed in the Mojave Desert to the cheers of more than 400,000 spectators.

The touchdowns at 9:37 a.m. PDT ended a 1.68 million-mile voyage that lasted four days, one hour and 57 seconds, and marked the return of manned space flight to the site.
BERNARDSVILLE, N. J. (AP) — Police on Monday said they handled a domestic incident involving world heavyweight champion Mike Tyson and his wife, actress Robin Givens, like any other such case and, as far as they are concerned, the matter is closed.

"This is a domestic violence incident not unlike many others, except for the fact that it involves a public figure," police Chief Thomas J. Sciaretta said at a news conference.

The New York Post and the New York Daily News reported in Monday's editions that Tyson's rage was sparked by interviews Givens, a star of television's "Head of the Class," and her mother, Ruth Roper, had with Barbara Walters.

In the interviews, broadcast Friday on ABC's "20-20," the women portrayed Tyson, 22, as a scary and frightening person to live with. Tyson brandished "an instrument" from the fireplace and ran through the mansion smashing windows.

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Sciaretta said police received a call about 10 a.m. EDT Sunday about a domestic disturbance at Tyson's home. He said officers were dispatched and spoke with Givens, whom he believed placed the call, and her mother. He said the women asked police to try to calm the boxer because he had damaged the house.

Police explained to Tyson that they were on the premises to resolve the dispute, but Tyson felt the police presence was unwarranted, Sciaretta said.

Olympic drug scandals illustrate that controls work same for all

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Other Olympics have had more drug cheats, but none have had one bigger, and therein lies the legacy of Seoul. Ben Johnson's 9.79-second world record and gold medal in the 100 meters were wiped out three days later by a statement that took just about that long to read.

If the announcement one week ago that Johnson tested positive for steroids was short and bitter, the impact will be much longer lasting, and officials hope sports will end up cleaner because of it.

"That was indeed a blow," Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee, said. "But the IOC must show the sports world that we are the leader of the Olympic movement and we must set the example."

"We do what we say." For the last year, Samaranch has been saying in increasingly harsh language that drugs must be eliminated from sports.

"Doping equals death," the IOC president said in his speech three weeks ago opening the panel's annual meeting. He equated drug users to common criminals and said the coaches, trainers and doctors who helped them break the rules also should be punished.

If drug abuse was the theme of that speech, it soon became the focus of the Games.

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Majority in poll find government corruption widespread

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans believe bribe-taking is rampant in the federal government, a Media General-Associated Press poll has found.

The national survey of 1,125 adults found deep skepticism of government integrity. In the most critical finding, an overwhelming 70 percent said they thought illegal payoffs for special favors were widespread.

Fully half the respondents called the government dishonest overall and seven in 10 called it poorly managed. Even more, 82 percent, said they were not surprised to learn of recent corruption charges involving the Pentagon.

On specific cases, a plurality said former Attorney General Edwin Meese III should have been charged with crimes, and half opposed the suggestion of a presidential pardon for former national security adviser John Poindexter, the highest official charged in the Iran-Contra case.

Respondents were evenly split on a pardon for Poindexter's assistant, former Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North, who gained support through his defense of his actions at congressional hearings last year.

Aes the Reagan administration did not carry heavy blame for the overall doubt about government honesty. While 43 percent said the administration had done a bad job of enforcing ethical standards, 40 percent said it had done a good job. The split was insignificant given the poll's three-point error margin.

Poindexter, the highest official the public was asked to rate, said former Attorney General Edwin Meese III, who conducted the Iran-Contra investigation, was not blameless. The poll found 38 percent who did blame the administration for the Pentagon scandal.

Democrats predominated in the 35 percent who did blame the administration for the Pentagon case, which involves allegations of payoffs in the awarding of military contracts. But large majorities of all groups, except those 26 percent who don't take a position before the election; Bush has said he hopes North is acquitted.

Similarly, majorities of all demographic and ideological groups said they believed taking payoffs was widespread in the government — from a low of 60 percent of Republicans to a high of 82 percent of liberals. Overall, just 23 percent of the respondents did not believe payoffs were widespread.

Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis proposed tighter ethics rules and sharply criticized the administration's ethics performance last week. But the poll, conducted Sept. 6 to 14, found respondents split evenly on whether Dukakis or Republican nominee George Bush would be better at enforcing ethical standards.

In the Iran-Contra case, Poindexter and North have been charged with conspiring while in the White House to sell arms to Iran in exchange for American hostages, and to divert the proceeds to the Nicaraguan rebels.

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BOOMS

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The Discovery's sonic booms, caused by shock waves produced by the craft as it traveled faster than the speed of sound, were heard from as far north as Santa Barbara and south to suburban Valencia, about 35 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles.

Police dispatchers in Santa Barbara and Ojai said they got one call each from people asking about the noise, but no damage was reported.

"Most people here know about the sonic booms," said Ojai police Dispatcher Bonnie Bohra. "There was a big boom, all of a sudden and the windows shook," said Nancy Goodard of Ojai. "It sounded like an earthquake, only smaller."

Antonia Kobler of Ojai said she was in her house when "everything started shaking."

"I was worried there for a second that it might shake the house off its pins," she said. "But in the end it was all right.

Valencia Councilman Linda Ruhland described the sound as a "boom-boom."

"I thought it was sort of sexy," she said.

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