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The historic Powerhouse, once threatened by demolition, has been saved from the wrath of the bulldozer. The Utilidor project was originally going to run through the land on which it sits. Thanks to a compromise struck to re-route the utilities project, the Powerhouse will be transformed into a multi-use facility. Rumors are that it will also house a coffee shop. Summer photo by Shoshana Hebshi

### Politicians take shots in debate

**By Otto Moe Beal**  
*Summer Staff Writer*

Last week's debate between the four candidates for the 22nd Congressional District highlighted both their differences and similarities. A boisterous crowd made up largely of senior citizens clapped and booed as the candidates answered questions posed by an independent mediator. Incumbent Andrea Seastrand faced-off against Democratic challenger Walter Capps, Reform Party candidate Richard "Dick" Porter and independent runner Steve Wheeler.

The event was held last Thursday at the San Luis Obispo Senior Center under the auspices of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). About 100 citizens and members of the media attended the event. Capps began by distinguishing himself from Seastrand claiming she voted against bills aimed at curbing child molestation—a claim later denied by Seastrand. He also aligned himself with Constitution framer Thomas Jefferson.

Independent candidate Wheeler countered by suggesting he has demonstrated a certain naiveté in his attempt to run on a nonpartisan platform claiming his underdog status as a candidate untainted by PACs and special interests. Dick Porter, running on Perot's Reform Party, raised the specter of gridlock partisan politics claiming the Republican's and Democrat's inability to compromise has resulted in an ineffective federal government. He also stated he backed Reform Party presidential hopeful Richard D. Lamm, the former Governor of Colorado.

Lamm lost his bid for the Reform Party nomination to Perot last weekend, days after the local debate. Seastrand highlighted her congressional voting record, noting that much of the legislation she backed was later vetoed by President Clinton.

The heart of the debate began... See DEBATE page 3

### Seastrand sued over false promises made in '94 race

**By Otto Moe Beal**  
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Congresswoman Andrea Seastrand was recently sued by her 1994 campaign manager who claimed the Congresswoman reneged on her promise of a high-paying job for him if she was elected to the House of Representatives. Brad Kyle's lawsuit claims that on several occasions Seastrand promised him $45,000 to $50,000 per year if she won the election. According to Kyle, and confirmed by a letter written by Seastrand's lawyer of record in October of '95, Seastrand's chief of staff instead offered him a less attractive $38,000 per year job. See LAWSUIT page 2

### Yom Kippur, fall classes will collide

No penalties for students observing Jewish holy day

**By Michael Knudsen**  
*Summer Staff Writer*

University policies on the observance of religious holy days will save many Cal Poly students from being dropped from the first day of classes.

On September 23, the first day of the fall quarter, some students and faculty will be observing the Jewish high-holy day of Yom Kippur. It is custom for professors to drop students who fail to attend first class sessions to allow spaces for those who wish to add. This fall though, an exception to the rule will be adhered to on the request of Provost Paul Zingg.

Academic Senate Chair Harvey Greenwald said that a letter by Zingg is being drafted to inform faculty of the problem. The letter will encourage faculty See YOM KIPPUR page 2

### CIA funneled crack profits to Nicaraguan rebels, newspaper says

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Authorities were slow to react to halt the flow of crack cocaine into Los Angeles black neighborhoods, where a U.S. informant says he sold thousands of kilograms of the drug to local dealers over 10 years, the San Jose Mercury News reported Tuesday.

The newspaper's yearlong investigation showed how the drug ring, with ties to the San Francisco Bay area, sold tons of cocaine to Los Angeles gangs throughout the 1980s and funneled the profits to a Nicaraguan guerrilla army run by the CIA.

In a 1990 taped interview with U.S. drug agents, Nicaraguan drug dealer Danilo Blandon told authorities about how he began selling cocaine to black drug dealers a decade earlier.

"These people have been working with me 10 years," Blandon said. "I've sold them about 2,000 or 4,000 (kilos). I don't know. I don't remember how many."

Blandon told the agents that he was selling to black drug dealers who "control LA."
The newspaper's research focused on recently declassified federal reports, court testimony and interviews to reveal the unlikely alliance between area drug dealers, the Fuera Democrática Nicaragüense (Nicaraguan Democratic Force) and the notorious Los Angeles gangs, the Crips and Bloods.

The report raises many questions about the government's failure to prosecute the drug ring's kingpins. It also alleges that the drug network was partially responsible for crack cocaine's invasion of Los Angeles, a problem that continues to plague the city and has made entire city blocks into gangland war zones.

Blandon worked for Juan Néstor Meneses Cantarero, an internationally-known drug dealer and smuggler who ran the FDN operation out of his home in Burlingame and Pacifica. Meneses is currently serving time in a Nicaraguan prison on drug charges and has never served time in a U.S. jail.

But it was Blandon who told Drug Enforcement Administration agents that he met Rick Ross, a well-known Los Angeles drug dealer, and began a long-term business relationship.

Blandon, who later became an informant for U.S. authorities, is free in Nicaragua. Ross has been convicted of conspiracy to sell drugs and is scheduled to be sentenced in San Diego on Friday. A former Los Angeles nar-
**Fate of Wildlife Center put on hold**

By Katrina Rhind
Summe Staff Writer

The San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors postponed a decision on whether or not to grant the North County Wildlife Center in Pismo Beach a county minor user permit on Tuesday.

A tentative vote is set for the next board meeting on September 24. The Wildlife Center rescues, rehabilitates and then re-releases animals into their natural habitats, and has been owned and operated by Jeff and Kathy Johannes since 1982.

In April, neighbors of the Wildlife Center filed suit against the Johannes demanding the closure of the center saying that the Johannes did not have a county minor use permit, even though the center necie federal, state and local requirements.

During the five hour hearing, the board heard from lawyers representing the Johannes and their neighbors and public testimony from the near capacity crowd.

Kathy Johannes announced at the hearing that the two Bengal tigers who had lived at the Wildlife Center, over the last four years were removed on Saturday and sent to actress Kathy Johannes since 1982.

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LAWSUIT: Kyle is seeking $93,195 in damages

The answer was repeated when Kenneth was asked to explain the letter incorrectly stated Seastrand’s comments and intentions. Calls to Seastrand’s office were not returned.

"I never say my intention for this to go so far," Kyle said. "I’m clearly trying to move forward in a legal manner. In my opinion she votes right— she supports the right legislation. But this issue had become personal, and I think Democrats and Republicans alike have a right to know what kind of person she is. Despite what President Clinton thinks, she is an obstructionist. She was incredibly dishonest to me," he continued. "This was a total breach of contract. I thought she was a friend."

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Greenwald noted that it would be too difficult to change the starting date of the quarter and urged students to contact their professors to tell them of their absence.
DEBATE: Seniors boo, cheer candidates

with the question of campaign reform. Each candidate attacked the other to give specific examples of what types of reform they would back.

Both Capps and Seastrand stated they wanted the majority of campaign funds to be raised within a candidate’s district.

“Our goal is to raise 60 to 70 percent of our funds from individuals and contributions and support from the 22nd District,” Capps said. “Look at our ledgers. You’ll find we’re in conformity with that.”

Capps also pledged that he

know the letters you receive from

know that. He suggested leaving

it to the professionals.

Porter came to her defense, reiterating that this is a privilege of

office.

In closing, Wheeler said he’s not “blasting” government, rather he’s “...blasting a two-party sys­tem that has failed this country.” Wheeler claimed that Seastrand was influenced by special interest tobacco and oil concerns, while Capps was influenced by unions and environmentalists. “I’m try­ing to offer you an alternative to this nonsense,” he concluded.

Capps responded by saying that other than the two and a half

which cause the gridlock we see.”

“What kind of America do I want? The kind where dreams are fulfilled for families and chil­dren.”

Wildfires continue to scorch Western states

By Kayla Hart
Associated Press

A group of historic homestead­er cabins, a grove of ancient sequoias and a condor habitat in California were all threatened Wednesday as this year’s hefty fire season continued to rage across the Western states.

A stubborn, 73,600-acre wild­fire eating its way around Clear Lake, a popular vacation spot in Northern California, still threat­ened at least one community and was just 30 percent contained.

Firefighters eliminated the danger to homes and other struc­tures in seven of eight communi­ties located in the path of the 11­day-old Fork fire by starving it of fuel between its front flanks and most of the buildings.

But the human-caused flames continued to move in other direc­tions. And if the winds picked up in the afternoon, as they often do, one last stand of homes could be in trouble, Mendocino National Forest spokeswoman LaVon Perez said.

Many of the estimated 200 or 300 people evacuated from Clear Lake, 100 miles north of San Francisco, were allowed to return home Tuesday night. But some were told their houses are still in too much danger.

“Hopefully, if we have a good day today, we’ll be able to let some of those other folks back in,” Perez said.

More than 4,000 firefighters from as far away as Alaska and Alabama — including 600 3rd Brigade combat soldiers from Colorado — worked mostly on the perimeter, clearing lines around the flames to prevent them from moving forward.

They couldn’t do much about the burning inside because the terrain is too steep and danger­ous. Attempts to douse the interi­or fell to the 20 helicopters and eight air tankers.

The weather was cooperating. Tuesday’s and Wednesday’s tem­peratures were lower and winds were calmer than over the week­end, when the fire flared out of control and more than tripled in size. It has burned one vacant home and an historic cabin.

Meanwhile, 200 miles south—
When everyone at the party found out Todd was a proctor, they all came to him with their little problems.
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By Justin MacKnight

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Jack Schlesinger munches on a burrito at SLO Wraps Tuesday on his lunch break. / Photo by Shoshana Hohokum

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San Luis Obispo wraps up another alternative for lunch and dinner. This time it's not just fast food, it's gourmet and healthy. SLO Wraps' burritos and smoothies are making the business a strong success since its June 10 opening.

"I get nothing but raves and raves about the place," owner and chef, Jerry Wold said.

The food is burritos, but it's not Mexican. An extra step has been taken to offer the common burrito to customers with an international flavor.

There are over 15 food selections on the menu, ranging from Thai Chicken or Mango Snapper to Teriyaki Tofu and Bombay Curry. Each is wrapped with either a whole wheat, spinach or tomato tortilla.

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**Crowd unites at feel-good performance**

By Justin MacKnight

Together under one roof, the young and old, the old. Songs, dances, hugs and sign language were spread through the crowd under the guidance of Karl and Jeanne Anthony.

Through the sponsorship of the SLO Unity Church, singer-songwriter-musician Karl Anthony returned to San Luis Obispo August 19 to perform his characteristically different and group oriented music.

His musical philosophy, "I'm the solution...and so are you," look hold among the all-ages crowd of nearly 100.

"He tries to pass along the philosophy that we try to pass along, "Sharon Mesker, Unity Church Administrator said. "The answer is for all of us to work together."

During the two hour performance Anthony did much more than just play acoustic guitar and sing. He demanded participation and the audience was more than happy to oblige him.

Volunteers using solo acts, created hand gestures to the words of some of his songs, and the audience sang-along throughout most of the show.

During the song "Bear Hug," there were no less than 50 hugs given throughout the audience.

"Life is a Dance," get the crowd to lock arms or hold hands and sway with the music.

The songs that reached the audience the deepest were, "We... See REVIEW page 6

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**Bike swap offers chance to recycle your bicycle**

By Paul Rand

Summer Staff Writer

When the word recycling is mentioned environment friendly thoughts probably come to mind, but this Sunday recycling means trading bicycles with Art's Cyclery.

Bicycles brought into the SLO Cyclery on Santa Barbara St. between August 17 and August 24 will be sold for in-store credit or cash.

If bikes are sold recyclers will receive 100 percent in-store credit or may receive cash for 75 percent of the selling price.

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Justice Department asked to investigate Microsoft

By Evan Ramstad
Associated Press

NEW YORK—Netscape Communications Corp. wants the Justice Department to investigate whether Microsoft Corp. is violating an agreement with the government by trying to push out Internet software competitors. A letter to antitrust regulators, Netscape detailed a litany of potential violations by Microsoft to its 1994 agreement. The govern­ment has not formally responded to the Aug. 12 letter, which was provided to news organ­izations Tuesday by Netscape.

Netscape said Microsoft is using its dominance in personal computer operating systems to influence computer makers, Internet service companies and others into giving Microsoft Internet software greater prominence than competitors like Netscape.

"For instance, the letter said, Microsoft is charging less money for its Windows 95 operating sys­tem to PC makers who agree to make other Web browser programs less accessible to computer users.

"The tactic prompted Hitachi to drop a program from a new laptop computer because the software included Netscape's Navigator Web browser, the letter said.

"If estimates are correct that Windows 95 is selling at a rate of 40 million copies a year, it will cost companies more than $100 million a year to offer their cus­tomers non-Microsoft Internet software on an equal footing with that of Microsoft," the letter said.

The rivalry between Netscape and Microsoft has become the most intense in the software industry, due to the increasing popularity of the World Wide Web.

Microsoft dominated the busi­ness for its MS-DOS and Windows operating programs became popular for running basic operations of a PC. That allowed it to influence how other software programs were written and data was orga­nized.

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In 1994, Microsoft settled antitrust charges by agreeing to halt a discrimination plan that discouraged PC makers from installing operating systems of other software companies on their machines.

"The government has not made any specific allegations, as far as any­one can tell, as to them," Brad Chase, vice president of developer relations in Microsoft's Internet platform group.

"The general tone and the spe­cific allegations, as far as any­thing I can tell, are very general," Chase said.

Netscape attorney Gary Reback, who wrote the letter, said he has not heard from the Justice Department.

"They've had it for a week," Reback said. "It's a very detailed letter. Is this the kind of behavior they would ignore?"

A Justice Department spokesman said it had no com­ment on the letter.

"We get along so well that we decided to open up two restau­rants in town here together," Wold said. First came Mustache Pete's Express followed by SLO Wrapps.

"There is more to come," Wold said. "I think price means a lot. I'm real cheap, I'm too cheap," Wold said. "But I figure that's what going to bring them in." But customers are a better judge of price and quality. "I'm pretty impressed with the price and what you get," Jim Eggen, a Cuesta College student said.

Wold is not new to the restaur­ant business. For 50 years he has been involved with serving food to the public. He served as General Manager at a barbecue restaur­ant for 13 years before owning his own steakhouse in L.A. for 10 years. San Luis Obispo was to be the town of his retirement, but he got bored.

Four years ago Wold began again as a general manager. This time at Mustache Pete's in Cambria. His position was again a stepping stone for his own busi­ness, which landed him in San Simeon as the owner of Castle Cafe. With the ball rolling and a friendship established, Wold and Blume moved their food south.

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percent of Web surfers — worries Microsoft because the Internet is prompting software developers and computer system designers to rethink how data is organized and used. Eventually, their ideas and products may rely less on Windows as a design standard.

To catch up, Microsoft has publicly forged deals with a number of online companies, including CompuServe and America Online, to feature Microsoft's Explorer browser instead of Netscape's. In return, Microsoft plans eventual discounting practices, it came too late to change the competitive landscape in PC operating systems.

NETSCAPE is worried the antitrust division doesn't have enough people or resources to look into Microsoft's actions in a timely fashion and suggested the Federal Trade Commission might be better equipped to investigate.

CIA: Crack-cocaine spread to several major U.S. cities in January 1987

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a police detective told the Mercury News that he and other officers noticed more cocaine deals on the streets in the early 1980s, but top brass ignored the signs.

"These guys are doing ounces," they were doing keys," said former narcotics detective Stephen W. Polak.

The department's anti-drug unit "was saying, basically, ahh, South-Central, how much could they be dealing," Polak said. "Well they (black dealers) went virtually untouched for a long time."

It wasn't until January 1987, after crack cocaine had spread to several major U.S. cities, that the Los Angeles police department formed the "Freeway Rick Task Force." It was aimed at finding Ross and putting him behind bars.

Around that time, Ross, in Cincinnati, and Blandón, in Miami, decided to lay low. But Ross didn't stay still for long. He eventually cornered the Midwest cocaine market, authorities said.

Meanwhile, Blandón was constantly dogged by police. He later landed in jail on charges of conspiracy to distribute cocaine but was released after agreeing to be a fulltime U.S. informant.

The pair met up again in San Diego, after Blandón, saying he was broke, told Ross that he needed someone to buy 100 kilograms of cocaine. Ross, also saying he didn't have any money, agreed to help find some one to purchase the load.

On March 2, 1995, Ross went to inspect the shipment in a Chevy Blazer parked in a shopping center lot in National City, near San Diego.

Ross tried to flee, but was caught after the truck he was riding in crashed.

U.S. authorities paid Blandón $45,500 for his efforts, the Mercury News said.

Blandón declined to be interviewed for the newspaper's series, which ended Tuesday. But friends told the paper that he is often seen in Managua's better restaurants, drinking and telling people of his "escape" from U.S. authorities.

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By Traci Rech
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Marijuana supporters and advocates gathered for the California Activists’ “Get out the Vote” conference and workshop last weekend at San Luis Obispo’s Monday Club.

The attendees and speakers discussed why medical marijuana use is important and how they can pass Proposition 215, the Medical Marijuana Initiative.

“This is not a substance abuse issue,” Michelle Aldrich of Friends of Proposition 215 said. “It is a patient issue; a medical issue.”

Four hundred thirty-three thousand petition signatures put Proposition 215 on the ballot. If seven million voters pass it in November then the state could put the Medical Marijuana Initiative on the ballot.

Physicians who recommend marijuana use would also be exempt from the law. According to Aldrich and other panel speakers, marijuana is a medical necessity.

“We definitely need drug treatment in the United States for people who want it,” Aldrich said.

This was the first statewide workshop. Participants included Californians for Medical Rights, Friends of the Medical Marijuana Initiative, cannabis buyers clubs, California NORML, Hemp for Victory, and others.

Their purpose was to plan campaign strategies and foster endorsement for the up-and-coming election. “We’re running on a shoestring budget,” Aldrich said.

Californians for Medical Rights, which formulated in February, is running the entire statewide campaign. Their sole purpose is to help pass the Medical Marijuana Initiative.

CMR Communications Director David Fratello said that by holding the regional workshop in a college town with five million registered voters, they are more likely to reach young voters and boost their support level.

According to Fratello, 25 to 30 percent of registered voters support marijuana legalization and 70 percent support marijuana for medical use.

The initiative is only for medical access and patients’ rights. Fratello said.

Activists openly told stories of their experience with marijuana as a reliever for symptoms of AIDS, glaucoma, cancer and other diseases.

Evy Musikka currently receives medical marijuana treatment for glaucoma. She said that she has been using marijuana for 20 years. “Although I lost one eye, marijuana worked on treating my symptoms,” Musikka said.

She was arrested illegally for 12 years until she was brought before a court of law. However, in 1988 Musikka was acquitted because she had total medical justification and no criminal intent.

“Tens of millions of patients are using daily,” Musikka said. “I traveled the U.S. several times and nowhere are there people not using. We are not criminals...we have not broken any other laws.”

Other workshop activities included voter registration, collecting endorsements, handling the media, local medical use stories, patient panels and marijuana expert speakers.

NOW celebrates Women’s Equality day, anniversary

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The San Luis Obispo County chapter of the National Organization for Women will be celebrating Women’s Equality Day and the anniversary of the inception of 19th Amendment to the Constitution.

The 1920 Amendment guaranteed women the right to vote. On Monday, Aug. 26, NOW will host a silent auction, speeches from leading women within the community and an open forum discussion period.

“We will be focusing on women in nontraditional jobs,” Chapter Coordinator Angie King said.

The event will be held at the San Luis Obispo County Library and will begin at 9 a.m.

The auction will be held as a fund-raiser to generate funds for the local chapter and is free of charge and open to the public.

“The fund-raiser is to allow us to take action to put women into the mainstream of American society,” King said.

Taking the platform will be former mayor Peg Plinar, city councilwoman Kathy Smith and Judge Teresa Estrada Mullaney. See NOW page 6.