A recount of Florida’s ballots has been called, delaying the official Presidential results.

(AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush fought Al Gore in an astonishingly close presidential election Tuesday that came down to one state, and a few thousand votes. Gore called Bush with congratulations, then called back to say he wasn’t ready to concede.

It was an incredible political spectacle by any standard. “There’s never been a night like this one,” said Gore campaign chairman William Daley, after his boss retired for the night — unsure whether he had won or not.

“Until the results in Florida become official our campaign continues,” Daley said to cheering supporters in Nashville.

Florida had been the epicenter of the campaign and Tuesday night was beyond chaotic. At midevening news organizations said Gore was the winner, but they backtracked as more votes were counted and Bush eased ahead.

Republicans maintained precinct control of Congress in the GOP bid to hold the House, Senate and presidency for the first time in 46 years.

In New York, Hillary Rodham Clinton made history, becoming the nation’s first first lady to win a Senate seat. “You taught me, you tested me,” Mrs. Clinton told her adopted New Yorkers. “I am determined to make a difference for all of you.”

TV networks projected Bush the winner, sparking GOP celebrations in Austin. An hour later, the conclusive vote they cited in Florida had tightened. The Associated Press did not declare a presidential winner, citing the ongoing tally.

Supporters in Nashville chanted, “Recount!” and indeed state law made it certain that whoever wins Florida, officials will review the vote.

In the most dramatic election in decades, it all came down to Florida. AP’s analysis showed the narrowest of margins with final votes still being tallied in several Democratic counties. The networks projected a Bush victory that would put him over the top and that sparked gloom in the Gore camp in Nashville and triumphant cheers in Texas.

The election offers voters a choice of four more years of Democratic rule or a Republican “fresh start.”

Bush victory would give America its second father-son president after John Adams (1797-1801) and John Quincy Adams (1825-29).

Bush would give Bush 212 votes in the Electoral College, one over the majority needed to claim the presidency. Just thousands of votes separated the two candidates in Florida out of almost 6 million cast, and the margin was sure to require a recount.

Four states were still too close to call: Florida, Oregon, Wisconsin and New Mexico. Gore won Iowa, see BUSH, page 6

Congress race close; Capps retains seat

By Victoria Walsh
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

After an extremely close race with competitor Mike Stoker, Lois Capps will retain her congressional seat for the 22nd district.

As of midnight, Capps declared victory with 52.8 percent of the votes, while Stoker trailed with 47.7 percent. The latest vote count showed Capps with 113,636 votes in the district and Stoker behind with 96,103 votes.

Capps’ daughter, Laura, introduced her mother to a very excited and supportive crowd at the Maritime Museum in Santa Barbara on Tuesday after the results were released.

“I’m very proud of my mother, and I know everyone else here is, too,” Laura Capps said.

With grandchild in hand, Lois Capps took the stage to thank her supporters.

“It’s over now, right?” the congresswoman said. “Or shall I say, it’s just beginning.”

Stacie Paxton, campaign manager for Capps, said the race was very close, but they pulled through in the end.

“The congresswoman is looking forward to representing the 22nd district again,” Paxton said.

Capps will return next Monday to Congress, which will now have a Republican majority. Paxton said that the congresswoman is important to the people, like health care, education and the ecology.

Paxton said Capps was very pleased to see the large voter turnout among the college population.

“It’s exciting to see the college students exercise their right to vote, and see CAPP5, page 2

Measure M denied, say SLO voters

By Matt Smart
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

San Luis Obispo County Measure M, widely known as the SOAR initiative, failed with a vote of 50.3 percent to 49.7 percent with all precincts reporting on Tuesday night.

Opponents of Measure M celebrated their victory at The Madonna Inn while supporters of the measure met at Pete’s Southside Cafe where they voiced their frustration.

Cal Poly assistant professor Johanna Ribe was one of many SOAR supporters at Pete’s.

“I think the opposition ran a very successful campaign,” Ribe said.

Settle keeps mayoral seat with seven percent lead

By Sonia Slutzki
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Allen Settle, current mayor for the city of San Luis Obispo and a Cal Poly political science professor, was re-elected Monday night with 53.53 percent of the vote. It was a close race that had initially set Councilman David Romero as an early winner when results started rolling in at 8 p.m.

By 10:50 p.m. Settle walked into the County Government Center with a 7.41 percent lead.

“In 1992, when I first ran for city council, I was behind until the absentee ballots came in,” said Romero while waiting for the last results.

Earlier that evening Romero had gathered at the Sands Hotel with family and supporters.

“Either way it comes out, I’m a winner. I’m in a very fine place in my life, I would prefer to continue serving the city … but if I’m not elected it’s not going to be a catastrophe for me. I have lots of other neat things to do with my life,” Romero said.

Settle chose to stay at home to watch the presidential race before heading down to the County Government Center, saying that he did not want to miss anything about Tuesday night after election results were announced.

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On their toes

Firefighters watch as results pour into the County Government Center Tuesday night. The Police and Firefighters Association strongly campaigned in favor of local Measure S.

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Bush win in question; too close to call
Voter turnout highest in 40 years

By Christine Powell

The stream of students in line at the University Union voting booths on Tuesday was a clear indication of voter’s attitudes nationwide: voter apathy has decreased for the 2000 presidential election.

San Luis Obispo County has traditionally turned out comparatively high numbers in terms of voter participation, said Trudy Jarratt, developmental director for the League of Women Voters. National numbers have mirrored these results, with a projection of an 80 percent voter turnout.

“This voter turnout is the highest in 40 years,” Jarratt said.

As of 9 p.m. Tuesday, of 1,42,632 registered voters in San Luis Obispo County in 195 precincts, 78,885 people had voted, equaling 55.31 percent.

At Cal Poly polls, Mickie Lynch, who worked as a clerk on Election Day 2000 and in 1992, said the number of voters had increased dramatically in comparison to the election eight years ago.

“At 9 a.m., the total number of students who had voted was already 270. In 1992, the total at the end of the day was only about 350. "It’s been too much,” said Leslie Stanley, a clerk who worked in the UU on Tuesday. “It’s amazing. We’re overwhelmingly.”

Widespread voter involvement is always higher during a presidential election year, but the nature of the 2000 election may also be a key to the heavy traffic at the polls.

Nationally, Jarratt credits the large voter turnout to the amount of local issues across the country, which compels voters to take an interest in issues that could affect their daily lives.

“Turnout across the country was outrageously high,” said Jarratt, who stated that the goal of the League of Women Voters during an election year is to educate the public in a non-partisan way, and to hold forums in order to allow candidates to share their views with the voting public.

For the Nov. 7 election, there were 36 forums hosted by the League.

Although it wasn’t a resounding complaint heard in the 2000 election, some voters just didn’t take the time to vote.

Kate Monsoof, a mechanical engineering freshman, voted on campus.

“I know a lot of people that aren’t voting out of laziness, not because they didn’t have a particular candidate that they wanted to vote for,” he said.

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dirty campaign,” Rubba said. “There was huge amounts of money that came from outside the county to support the opposition and I hope people will be happy with sprat, because that is what they will get.” Rubba went on to say that if SOAR passed she would not be able to afford a house, but that she still supported it.

Don Warden, a farmer from Los Osos Valley and mayor opponent of the initiative, responded to Rubba’s frustration by explaining the problems his side had with the initiative.

“The SOAR initiative represented a loss of local control because it took away control from locals and gave it to voters in the county who are uninformed,” he said.

He explained this by citing the possibility that there might be a growth project in Paso Robles that would be brought before the entire county on the ballot, even if people in San County do not have any interest in it. Citizens uninterested in the project would not research it and could possibly vote against it without knowing the particulars of the project.

While Rubba stated that money was coming from outside the country for the SOAR campaign, Warden said that this was not the case. Some citizens are members of organizations that have headquarters outside the country and when the SOAR initiative came about, these organizations provided money to help the cause.

Warden also said that many farmers, including his neighbor, live outside the county. When they donate money it is recorded as a donation from outside the country.

“The initiative was flawed with ambiguity in the implementation process,” Warden said. “The language (on the ballot) was very ambiguous. I am really pleased with the outcome. It represents a lot of hard work from a broad section of the community, from farmers to business owners and students.”

Herman Schwartz, a Paso Robles grape grower, voiced his concerns on the ballot measure.

“You have to find a way to accommodate the people (SOAR) is an elitist initiative,” he said. “I think that going to voters for every building project is disastrous.”

Alex Madonna owner of the Madonna Inn and prominent local land holder, had strong feelings against the initiative.

“Many people against the initiative are farmers that have had to go outside their farms, to keep their farms,” he said.

“|am trying to benefit the community. It is like taking something from people that does not belong to them, the population might not have for the next 30 years.”

Capps really appreciates the support from the college community.

The race was even closer for the congressman in San Luis Obispo County. Capps walked away with 48.66 percent of the votes, only 2 percent more than Stoker’s 48.46 percent.

Stoker’s supporters at the Santa Maria Airport Regency all agreed that he ran a very good campaign.

Stoker’s consultant, Matt Higbee, said it is always tough to run against an incumbent.

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Capps campaigned on the issues, Higbee said. “He didn’t get negative, but we knew it was going to be tough.”

Capps took over the seat in March 1998 to succeed her late husband, Congressman Walter Capps. In November 1998, she was elected to her first full term of two years.

Winning this race gives Capps a seat in the 107th U.S. Congress.

While serving in Congress, Capps has pushed for reform in education, the environment and health care. As a former nurse, the congresswoman served as co-chair of the House Democratic Task Force on Medicare Reform.

“It’s a PRETTY simple law, really. If you’re caught with alcohol and you’re under 21, you lose your driver’s license for a year. Period.

In the 1998 election, Congressman Capps lost his seat to Stoker.

“If I don’t have a license, forget about getting one for a year.”

You want to burn rides from friends for a year?"
Pap smears are a necessary precaution

By Victoria Walsh

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Although the usual fears still exist when women come in for the exam, it’s the health educator’s job to help alleviate these fears.

“When the women don’t relax, that’s what causes any pain,” Downing said.

Dr. Androo Brauninger, a health center physician, said the process is very routine. First, the patient gives her medical history and any form of contraception she may be using. The test begins with a mini-physical where the patient places her feet in the stirrups. Then comes the touchy part, she said. “A yearly Pap exam allows for the doctors to check for any infections,” she said. “Although it’s not a test for Sexually Transmitted Infections, we can check for some kind of bacterial infection, yeast infection or an abnormal cell growth.”

Brauninger said cancer among college-age students is very unusual. By taking Pap exams, however, cervical cancer could be prevented 10 to 20 years in advance.

She added that the Health Center conducts 2,000 Pap smear exams a year, a small number in comparison to the 8,000 women at Cal Poly. She explained that many women take tests with a private doctor at home or at the Economic Opportunity Commission, where the tests are free.

It costs $10 at the Health Center.

“She said the process is not painful and that women usually put more pressure on themselves than is necessary.”

“Usually her pulse is fast and blood pressure level is high, too,” said Brauninger, speaking of the patient. “But the health educators do a good job of informing women of what the process is. We also let them bring in a female friend that will help them relax.”

Downing said the recommended time for having an exam is about two weeks after a woman’s period. She also said that a normal hygiene schedule should be maintained. Women should wait about a day after having sex to have a Pap exam because an abnormal cell count could be taken.

“Women should try to mentally prepare themselves that this isn’t the worst thing in the world,” Downing said.

Keeping food portions reasonable is oftentimes a task easier said than done. With the Food Guide Pyramid, what counts as a “serving” may not always be a typical “helping” of what you eat.

The Food Guide Pyramid is a graphic representation of the dietary guidelines for Americans. Released in 1992, it illustrates the key concepts of variety, moderation and balance.

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Entertainment should provoke thought, ideas

This last weekend I went and saw a movie with some friends. Afterwards, while we were having dinner together, I wanted to see what their general opinion was about the movie. I like usual, everyone liked it except for me.

Some of my friends actually refuse to rent movies with me because they say that I don't like anything which, by the way, is completely untrue. In fact, I think I have pretty good taste in movies — unlike the general American public.

Angela Barley

The movies that most people flock to remind me of the bad sitcoms I would see on NBC after "Friends." We come from a TV-oriented generation; we are used to sitting down in front of the glowing box in our living room and vegging for several hours. We aren't looking for content, just something to keep our minds busy.

Hollywood has picked up on this, and now they have started spitting out movies like bad popcorn kernels you find at the bottom of your medium-sized tub. They are basically selling us crap and are trying to make us buy it. Wake up America. Don't you realize that you are missing out? Don't you realize that you have the power to demand something better for your $8.50?

Now, I'm not saying that there are no good movies. I have seen plenty of good ones. The movie that I saw this weekend had a lot of redeeming qualities. In fact, the only part I didn't like was the ending.

The type of movies that I like are those that stick with you, ones that you can't help talk about for weeks to come, that bring up issues having to do with life, love and religion, that really make you think. The movies I don't care for are those that have a cookie cutter plot line or no plot at all. They barely even touch the idea of character development and the only redeeming parts are the stupid silly lines that you end up quoting with your friends. Why spend so much money just to make you feel good?

But after my movie on Sunday, I ended up having a great conversation about the idea of grace, and how the movie was a great reflection of our society and the needs it has. That conversation, to me, was what made the movie worth it. You are missing out. You are missing out on the opportunity to have your ideas expanded, to imagine things you never thought possible and to have your heart touched and changed. I know that is a lot for something to live up to, but shouldn't we demand the best?

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It starts in sixth grade with voting for class president. A couple students, mostly coached by their parents, use felt pens, glitter and elbow macrame to make big "campaign" posters. One day at the end of the work, after recess, the teachers circulate a simple ballot. Everyone dutifully checks the box next to their friend's name and moves on to studying long division and the 50 state capitals.

In other words, from the beginning, we are immersed in an environment that turns election into popularity contests sandwiched between more important activities. This process doesn't make for a particularly enthusiastic voting group, which is why I was pleasantly surprised by the number of students I saw proudly wearing their "I Voted" stickers. I have no official percentage count for student voter turnout, but by my estimation, Cal Poly Sanders America.

Something about voting triggered a heightened sense of patriotism within me. As I returned to the Mustang Daily newsroom, I prepared for a long, exciting night of election coverage and poll watching.

Maybe I was just excited because, after years of missed deadlines and trouble with absentee ballots, I was voting in my first election. Maybe I had read so many commentaries that chastised our age group for being lazy voters, I had expected to see waves of apathetic faces and empty polling booths. Maybe I simply finally felt like a grown-up, like I had progressed beyond the幼稚grade popularity contests and was actually making what I hoped were informed decisions on my own.

For whatever reason, when I saw a friend of mine also wearing his voting sticker, I gleaned him with a hearty, "Hello, fellow brother of justice and democracy!"

I was only half joking.

I don't mean to trivialize the importance of this institution, but the opportunity to vote for president obviously doesn't come around every day.

I tuned in eagerly to NBC's Decision 2000. I watched the transparent map of the United States slowly fill up with red and blue, state by state. People fiddled in and out of the newscast where I was cheering or groaning as they saw that their favorite candidates were projected to take or lose key areas.

Bush took an early lead. Then Gore took Florida. Numbers and names leapt across the screen while Tim Russert drew and erased deeply written figures on his whiteboard. News agencies around the nation weighed in on how they thought the election would ultimately turn out. Bush remained confident that he would take some states, Florida in particular, regardless of what national media or Gore supporters were saying.

By 7 p.m., Bush and Gore were practically even, then Bush pulled Ahead. All major news agencies withheld their prediction that Gore would take Florida. Another friend of mine went to get dinner and came back talking about how all the conversations in the restaurant were focused on the election. News reports stated that this year's voter turnout was higher than normal.

The mood in the newsroom was busy and charged with unusual energy. We watched continuous coverage and waited for election results from around the city. When the pizza came, we dug in and watched the map continue to fill up. The evening took on an unusual quality for me. Was history being made? Yes. With a race this close, the hope was well deserved.

The entire room gaped as results showed George W. Bush at 49 percent, Al Gore at 48 percent. "Do you see this?" was a common question throughout the night. No one could believe the tight race.

This was journalism at its best: national issues being reported on deadlines into the night. This was truly a night to be remembered as a voter and journalist.

Gore took California and moved to the lead again. "I can't take this kind of pressure," someone said.

Then the results really started pouring in. Phones rang off the hook, each one a call from a reporter on location somewhere in San Luis Obispo. Local election information blended with national coverage.

At 9 p.m., the numbers had led even. I couldn't even begin to imagine how Bush and Gore felt as their aides informed them of their rock-and-roll-night-sending.

To make a long night's story short, as everybody knows, Bush ultimately won. And he did it all without macrame.

Ryan Miller is the Mustang Daily opinion editor.

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## Opinion

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**Special to the Daily**

"Here I was bruised, physically and emotionally. A stranger was taking my children and me to a hosue where I didn't know anyone. I didn't know what the future held if I didn't know that it would be better than where I came from," said Jane, a 33-year-old mother of three. (To respect her confidentiality her real name is not being used.)

Jane was married for nine years to a man who abused her physically and emotionally. Two years ago she fled the battleground and started her uphill fight to build a safer life for herself and her children. With the support of the Women's Shelter Program of San Luis Obispo, Jane has been living in a violent-free environment.

But, due to her husband's continual threats to kill her and the children, Jane still fears for her life.

According to the Department of Justice, domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women - more than muggings, stranger rape and car accidents combined. You might try to convince yourself this might be true in the big city but not in our safe San Luis Obispo backyard. You are wrong.

Last year, 57 women and 66 children found safety in the San Luis Obispo women's shelter. Counseling was provided to 443 people and restraining orders protected over 200 survivors of physical and emotional abuse. These survivors are our friends, neighbors and fellow students at Cal Poly. On the heels of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, this past October, I feel it is important that we all have an understanding of what it is like for a woman and her children to struggle to build a safe life after suffering injuries from the hand of someone they love.

Prior to coming into the shelter, Jane was a housewife. She lived with her husband and children in a middle-class neighborhood, owned a home and the children attended private school.

After what was to be the last violent episode, Jane found herself being communally in the shelter. "I was really frightened. I didn't know what was going to happen to us, but the shelter staff worked on building my confidence and making me realize I deserved a safe and happy life," she said.

Many of us are unaware of how difficult it is to build a new life out of nothing.

"The more people that can back survivors up, the more likely they will succeed," said Ahsa Crothers, a case manager for the women's shelter. "The biggest obstacle for battered women is the fear of failure and the unknown. When domestic violence occurs in a relationship, it takes away any sense of self-esteem. We work on empowering our clients so they can make healthy choices for themselves."

Jane was forced to join the many women in the same situation on welfare. "I had always had a bad view of welfare moms and here I was asking for assistance," she said. She found signing up for welfare a humbling experience. Jane felt the case manager helped prepare her for asking for assistance and obtaining resources.

"In violent situations there is economic abuse, in case management we work on budgeting skills and career goals with the clients," Crothers said. "The program finances are limited, so we provide assistance to as many as we can, we must limit the stay at the shelter to eight weeks. This isn't much time to get a job or find housing."

Jane felt her biggest obstacle was obtaining housing. "I had owned my home, now I was looking for someone who would take section eight. It was embarrassing, but I so badly wanted a safe place for us to live," she said.

Section eight is a governmental program that assists low-income families with affordable housing. Today, two years after she made the decision to leave, Jane is working part time in the clerical field and attends Cuesta College with hopes of transferring to Cal Poly. Financially, she struggles each month to make ends meet. She and her children receive counseling weekly and she meets with her case manager twice a month. Since her basic life needs have been met (food, clothing and shelter) Jane is looking for a building that economically and healthily lifestyle for the children and herself.

"I am learning; I must be a model for my children," she said. "I want to make sure my son is not abusive. I want him to know abuse is not OK and they have rights they need to assert. I feel I must be a survivor and be a mentor for my children."

Violence occurs in over 50 percent of all marriages. You don't need to have statistics to know that most of us will either be a friend or relative of a victim as well as a perpetrator. If you or someone else needs more information on domestic violence or you would like to volunteer time to the San Luis Obispo Women's Shelter at 781-6400 or contact the police at 781-5559. Domestic violence is not just a shame, it's a crime. It's not acceptable. Get involved.

Sarah Galett is a sociology professor and a new participant in an ongoing series on societal issues.

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**Special to the Daily**

"Isn't it extremely unsettling to know that the airlines can sell a bag that supposedly can't find its owner?"

We have a special deal going on. I see the store as a high class thrift shopping center. Instead of purchasing a person's old clothing, they purchase it relatively new, for half the price. Would you want someone purchasing the new jeans that you bought for your European vacation?

Some of the items you can purchase on the Web site include an inflatable kids swimming pool for $4, White Shoulders and Navy perfume for under $20, a Sea and Motor Marine 35 mm. underwater cameras for $187.50 and, oddly enough, luggage. Anyone can buy clothes and make up, as well as jewelry. The largest number of items for sale are in the Music and Video category. You can pick from 36 selections, ranging from "Mozart in the Morning" to jars of Clash.

How dare the airlines sell my bag. It shows the poor service some airlines give their customers. If they can't find an owner for it, they should hold a special baggage pick up every two months.

You should be informed that all lost bags will be held somewhere in Los Angeles and the airlines will pay for your plane ticket to pick it up.

Why do people need to buy other's lost luggage? To me it's similar to the black market. The airlines keep the bags for 90 days and then sell them at a good price. The buyer then sells the goods for profit.

It's all about the bargains. We can't keep ourselves away from them. Even when we don't need the item we buy it because the bargain is just too good to be passed up. Look at Ross Dress for Less. There are always people in the back line waiting in excitement in the voices of people finding that great deal.

"OK, I'm just going to sound a Kate Spade purse for $12.50. Who would want to buy someone else's purse that had been lost? You know those items meant a lot to someone. As a matter of fact, they probably were panic-stricken for at least two weeks. Imagine an airline losing your bag, never to see any of those belongings again."

The big bargain doesn't seem so hot anymore.

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Maldonado to stay in Assembly

By Keri Christoffels
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The 33rd California Assembly seat will remain in the hands of Republican incumbent Abel Maldonado. Winning with 64.3 percent of the vote, Maldonado was the favorite in the race against Cal Poly philosophy professor Larry Houliate.

"I think that he did a good job," said Tom Bordman, chairman for the San Luis Obispo Republican Party and former Republican assemblyman for the 33rd district. "He worked hard and it paid off. It takes so long to mount a grassroots campaign. It takes lots of funds to win the seat."

Bordman said that Maldonado's win was not a surprise, and that the 33rd district is strongly Republican.

"You don't change horses in the middle of the race," Bordman added.

In a statement issued by his campaign, Maldonado said that he appreciated the good fight, and it was a good race. He respects Mr. Houliate's positions, and it's good to see the support from San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties. He's looking forward to another two years in the assembly.

Maldonado joined president-elect George W. Bush in Austin, Texas, yesterday evening for the Republicans' victory party. Maldonado lost the seat with 35.7 percent of the vote. He ran a grass roots campaign with volunteer help from supporters and friends, and he received virtually no funding from the Democratic Party.

Although he did not gain the assembly seat, Houliate and his supporters consider this a victory because they feel that Houliate's campaign brought many ignored issues to the forefront.

"He's run a great race," said Houliate's wife, Terry Houliate-West, at his election gathering last night. "He's given a voice to a lot of people who had no voice."

Houliate thanked his supporters who gathered at Spike's Place to cheer him on and watch the election results. Houliate expressed that he was glad to have run and felt that his campaign brought attention to underserved populations in the 33rd district, such as fixed-income seniors and a large portion of the Latino population.

"In one sense, we won," Houliate said. "We forced him (Maldonado) to change some of his votes in the assembly. He voted for the first time in his life for hanging control."

Houliate said that it was a difficult task running against an incumbent who has received such national attention. Maldonado was nationally recognized for his political successes as mayor of Santa Maria. He has also received much attention during his tenure in state assemblyman and as a speaker at the Republican National Convention this year.

Maldonado, 31, is a Santa Maria native and graduated from Cal Poly with a degree in agriculture. He is president and partner of his family's business, Agro-Jal Farming Enterprises, which he runs while holding office. Maldonado served on Santa Maria's City Council from 1994 to 1996, served as mayor of Santa Maria from 1996 to 1998 and held the 33rd district's assembly seat for the last two years.

Houliate, 62, grew up in Pasadena, and received his bachelor's degree from Cal State Los Angeles and his master's and Ph.D. from UCLA. He taught at several universities before joining Cal Poly's staff in 1979. Houliate co-founded the San Luis Obispo chapter of Amnesty International and is involved in many local civic and political organizations, including the local Democratic Central Committee and the San Luis Obispo SOAR committee.

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Democratic bastion that nearly went to Bush.

With Florida officials confirming their tally, the New York Times said Bush had won and congratulated him on "the amazing political feat of hanging on to the White House after only six years in public office."

Republicans returned control of the Senate — if narrowly — and looked likely to keep a small majority in the House as well. Bush or Gore, the next president will be submitting his first-year agenda to a deeply divided Congress.

Green Party candidate Ralph Nader had just 3 percent of the national vote, but did well enough in to potentially require several states to Bush.

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Gore, awaiting returns in Nashville, wasn't heard from until his calls to Bush.

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Voucher initiative fails

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California voters Tuesday overwhelmingly rejected an initiative pushed by a Silicon Valley millionaire that would have created the nation’s largest school voucher program.

A second education-related initiative to make it easier for public schools and community colleges to use local school bonds to build new classrooms was winning narrow approval.

The voucher initiative, Proposition 38, had 70 percent no to 30 percent yes, with 65 percent of precincts counted.

The school bond measure, Proposition 39, had 53 percent yes to 47 percent no.

Gov. Gray Davis, who opposed vouchers and supported the school bond measure, said voters were saying “the answer to improving public schools is staying on the path that we are on.”

Voucher author Tim Draper said he would try again, despite the defeat Tuesday of both his measure and another in Michigan.

“We will continue to come back and come back until we get school vouchers to be a reality,” he said.

Despite efforts by voucher backers to appeal to minority voters whose children are more likely to be in low-performing schools, neither blacks nor Hispanics supported it, according to an exit poll by Voter News Service, a cooperative of The Associated Press and television networks.

Proposition 38 would have given parents a $4,000 state voucher per child to pay for tuition at private schools, including religious schools.

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