Residents torn over sewer future

Los Osos residents are deadlocked over a debate that has raged on for close to 30 years. As of 10 p.m. Tuesday, the vote count remained split for the four measures that will decide the future of the Los Osos sewer system. Tuesday marked the vote concerning the Los Osos recall and sewer initiative election, with nearly one-third of voters in the affected district sending in absentee ballots.

The controversial recall is asking residents if three Community Service District (CSD) members should be removed from the five-member Los Osos board. The members on the ballot are Stan Gostafson, Gordon Hirsley and Richard Legros. Regardless of each side’s statements, the recall has brought about a lot of heat.

The three members of the ballot support a new sewer system that has been opposed by many residents who question the financial and aesthetic aspects of the project. If the measures pass, the CSD members will be replaced with project opponents. "I think that this (the issue) has really fostered a lot of very strong opinion on both sides," said Frank Hutchinson, 53, a resident of Los Osos. "I'm a little bit concerned that the side opposing the recall has a pretty strong advantage because of all the money that was pumped in on their side."

Initiative B is also up for vote, which will prohibit a sewage treatment plant from being in "close proximity" to homes and public vote yes, page 2

DEADLOCKED

| Measure C | To replace Stan Gostafson |
| Measure D | To replace Gordon Hirsley |
| Measure E | To replace Richard Legros |
| Measure B | To pass Measure B-05 |

* Full results to come in Thursday's edition

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Larkin said, "When we saw it was a category five, it was not good news," Larkin said. "It was like, let's pack our clothes into the car, which he planned would last the weeklong journey out of New Orleans was closed to one lane in each direction and the wait to fill up on gas was nine hours, Larkin said. He spent his savings for college on their voyage out to California. "It's just sad because everything that's familiar to you, the places you grew up are washed away," Larkin said.

Larkin, a 21-year-old New Orleans native, attended the University of New Orleans for two and a half years. He expected to receive his bachelor’s degree three weeks ago from UNO, but now the degree will most likely be from Poly. And come much later. "It just sucks to work so hard for something and come so far, but be set back because of something like this," Larkin said. "I should have my degree in my hand and now it will take one and a half more years."

Two days before Hurricane Katrina reached land, Larkin and his pregnant wife evacuated the city. "This wasn't a matter of if it was going to happen, but when it was going to happen," Larkin said.

Growing up in Louisiana, Larkin had heard hurricane warnings before. In the past, he would glance at the newscast just to get an idea of how bad it was and where it was going. "When we saw it was a category five, it was not good news," Larkin said. "It was like, let's pack up and get the hell out of here."

Larkin first packed two bags of clothes into the car, which he planned would last the weeklong venture to California for his and his wife. Next came sentimental items, "anything that really had a memory." The rest of the room went to expensive items, like his laptop, and a briefcase containing his unofficial transcripts, birth certificates and social security cards. The traffic-filled freeway lead-
Vote continued from page 1

buildings. If passed, the initiative would also require local voters of how sewage is treated, and where a treatment facility might be constructed. Note: 50-50.

"I was in favor of the alternative plans that they originally were going after when the CSD was originally voted in," Hutchinson said. "Just feel that when the CSD switched the whole project back to a conventional sewer, it was deceitful in a way, I prefer to see a more environmentally friendly system in place, which uses less energy and puts more back as resources are concerned."

Voters had until 8 p.m. on Tuesday to vote on the issue. As of press time, the vote remained 50-50.

"Good things are either digging a new sewer or we're digging a hole for ourselves," said Loni LaRose, the administrative coordinator for the College of Science and Mathematics at Cal Poly and a Los Osos resident.

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Katrina's negative economic impact will be short-term

Alex Veiga
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — The devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina along the Gulf Coast will depress U.S. economic growth this year, but spending on new home construction and other infrastructure projects should boost the economy slightly in 2006 and 2007, a new forecast suggests.

"I don't want to underemphasize the tragedy — it's a horrible tragedy — but it hasn't really taken out a lot of production from the U.S. economy," said Christopher Thornberg, who co-authored the quarterly University of California, Los Angeles, Anderson Forecast to be released Wednesday.

Thornberg noted that Gulf Coast oil production is back on track and spending on rebuilding is expected to ramp up in the coming weeks.

The forecast estimates that Katrina will have 0.5 percent this year from the nation's gross domestic product — a measure of the economy's output — and spending on construction will add about 0.3 percent to the GDP next year.

The effects of Katrina could be lost amid bigger issues on the horizon — a likely slowdown in the housing market and indications that consumer and business spending have declined this year, the forecast says.

"We're looking at a housing market that looks like it basically peaked," Thornberg said.

The UCLA economists have sounded warnings in previous forecasts that the national housing market is due to slow because prices have become unsustainably high in key regions like the Southeast, Northeast and Southeast.

They also contend the pace of housing construction, now at more than 2 million units annually, is beginning to exceed demand.

They point out that vacancy rates are increasing nationwide for rental and owner-occupied housing amid declining adult population growth.

The annual rate of growth for residential construction has slowed from about 20 percent in late 2003 to about 5 percent in the second quarter of this year, according to the forecast. It doesn't project a collapse in the housing market but does warn that even a gradual decline works a ripple through the U.S. economy.

The U.S. is not going to be able to sustain 2 million (new) houses per year, and therefore, that's a big downside potential for the U.S. economy," said Michael Bazdarich, co-author of the report.

"Housing has been the only star of this expansion and it looks like it's out of gas," he said.

The forecast estimates that reconstruction in areas struck by Katrina will require about $50 billion in new homes being built — not enough to keep the housing market from an inevitable slowdown.

"We see nothing on the horizon that will resurrect growth in housing construction from here," Bazdarich said.

A six-month decline in consumer spending is also cause for concern in the forecast.

Consumers — many of them homeowners buoyed by rising real estate values — helped drive the economy out of the 2001 recession by continued spending on big-ticket items. Tax cuts, low interest rates and other incentives helped maintain the pace, even as businesses initially held back on hiring and making capital investments.

"I finally found a Cajun restaurant that is great and authentic," Larkin said. "I was so excited and trying to talk to the employees about my experience but my mouth was stuffed full of food."

Cal Poly accepted Larkin as a visiting student for the fall and winter quarters, meaning he will have to reapply to Cal Poly for the following quarters.

"Hopefully, I will get to stay," Larkin said. "I am going to try my hardest to graduate from Cal Poly."
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Jennifer Krueger
THE CHRONICLE (PUKE)

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son and later watching his parents
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the Unites States.
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special attention to the m兹re for
Hossein. He revealed that Amr's
half-brother and servant is based on
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Marni Goldberg
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**Israel presses forward with offensive, despite Palestinian truce pledge**

Ibrahim Barzak

Israel Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz said the army would attack Palestinian militants relentlessly to force them to stop firing rockets at Israeli towns.

The fifth straight day of airstrikes came hours after Hamas and Islamic Jihad militants on Tuesday declared a pact to halt their recent rocket attacks, and armed Palestinian groups pledged to honor a targeted cease-fire, seeking to end the Israeli offensive.

Tensions were further inflamed when Hamas militants released a video showing a bound and blindfolded Israeli businessman whom they kidnapped and later killed. The kidnapping appeared to signal a tactic in the militants’ fight against Israel.

Israel launched its offensive early Saturday in response to rocket fire from Gaza. It has carried out numerous airstrikes in Gaza and arrested hundreds of Palestinians in the West Bank, saying the operation will continue until the rocket attacks stop.

Israeli security officials welcomed the cease-fire declaration but said they wanted to see concrete results before halting the offensive. As the airstrikes were mounting, a rocket landed in the southern Israeli town of Sderot, causing no damage or injuries.

Israel had previously refrained from retaliating against Palestinian attacks with artillery because it is more imprecise than missiles and could cause many casualties in densely populated Gaza.

The cease-fire came hours after a blast Friday at a Hamas rally in Gaza’s Jebaliya refugee camp killed 21 people, including a 4-year-old boy who died of his wounds Tuesday.

Hamas said Israeli aircraft had fired missiles into the tent where the boy died.

The Palestinian Authority has said the blast was caused when Hamas militants mishandled explosives.

In the vote Monday, widely seen as a referendum on Sharon’s leadership and the Gaza withdrawal, the prime minister prevailed with a slim margin.

**U. Iowa research says global warming is feeding hurricanes**

Annie Hamm

The controversy is that there is emerging information that as the climate warms, then the frequency of severe storms will increase,” Carmichael said, adding that climate changes and alterations can also intensify snowstorms.

But data from the National Hurricane Center do not indicate a steady trend in either direction. Rather, the numbers fluctuate from year to year, and from 1941-50 to a low of 12 storms from 1971-80.

So far in the 2001-04 period, there have been nine hurricanes that have hit the United States, according to the center.

Meanwhile, the Earth’s surface temperature has increased by 1 degree Fahrenheit over the past century, according to a study by the National Academy of Sciences. As a result, the 10 warmest years in the 20th century occurred in the past 15 years.

A Massachusetts Institute of Technology study found a 50 percent increase in severe storms since the 1950s, which potentially correlates with global warming and the imbalance caused by greenhouse gases trapped in the atmosphere that heat it up.

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**Lyndie England sentenced to 10 years in Abu Ghraib scandal**

T.A. Badger

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — Lyndie England, who said she was only trying to please her superior, was sentenced Tuesday to 10 years in prison for her role in the Abu Ghraib scandal, which severely damaged America’s image in the Muslim world.

England’s sentencing wrapped up the last of nine courts-martial of low-level soldiers charged in the scandal, which severely damaged America’s image in the Muslim world and tarnished the U.S. military at home and abroad.

The jury of five Army officers needed about 90 minutes to determine their sentence for England, the 22-year-old from West Virginia who was the most recognizable of the reserves charged after photos of naked detainees in degrading poses became public.

The charges carried up to nine years, but the prosecution had asked for the maximum. England, who has pleaded guilty, was sentenced for no time.

None of the lawyers would speak with reporters after the sentence was announced.

England, who was convicted Monday on six of seven counts involving prisoner maltreatment, said she was only trying to please her superior when she took part in detainee abuse at Abu Ghraib.

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England’s defense contended she was a compliant person who took part in the maltreatment to please her superior. Prosecutors said she was a leader among the guards.

England, speaking in response to a defense witness that interrupted his testimony, said she was only trying to please her superior.

“Just an act to lure me in.”

Col. James Pohl, the judge, interrupted his testimony.

“Very funny,” he said before continuing. “A poisonous environment” that existed at Abu Ghraib.

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No officers have gone to trial, though several received administrative punishments.

Grater on Tuesday supported testimony from a defense witness that officers failed to control the guards at the Baghdad prison, creating stressful conditions that disoriented England and led her to take part in the maltreatment.

Grater testified that he, England and others who worked the overnight shift in a high-security section of Abu Ghraib had scant supervision.

“Something like the junior soldiers were on their own,” said Grater, who England has said is the father of her infant. “We had little leadership.”

Grater said he told officers about detainee maltreatment, which he claimed was done by order of military intelligence personnel. At times, he said, military intelligence agents actually were present for the abuse.

“I nearly beat an MI detainee to death with an M16,” he said before Col. James Pohl, the judge, interrupted his testimony.

A sociology professor at Texas A&M University was called as an expert witness by the defense, testified that England should be punished lightly because of the “poisonous environment” that existed at Abu Ghraib.

“She was caught up in this chaotic situation like everyone else,” said Menoski.
Blocks of cloth work two-fold

How Cal Poly uses thread to
honor university supporters
and raise money for student
scholarships at the same time

Jennifer Boudreuil

A raffle will be held tomorrow
to decide the future home of the
Chandler Scholarship quilt, a piece
crafted by a team of Cal Poly
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Themed “Textures of Our
Community,” the project will
feature 500 entries from students
in the arts, humanities, and
humanities departments for the
needs of students through a
creative activity that
enriches our history and the learning
environment,” said Denise
Campbell, associate vice president
for Student Affairs.

Campbell is completing her
thesis on African-American
quilt aesthetics and cultural
representation and worked with
quilting teams of employees to
create the work.

To create the quilt, the staff
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KENT, Ohio — Teenagers will have sex. It’s a given, it’s in their blood, or, rather, their genital. To compensate, the hyper-conservative Bush administration has more than doubled in funding for “abstinence-only” sex-education curriculum to be taught to adolescents.

A House report for Representative Henry A Waxman titled "The Content of Federally Funded Abstinence-Only Education Programs" available on www.denocate.enform.house.gov outlines the numerous, blaring misconceptions thrust upon the sexually budding minds of adolescents. To promote saving intercourse until marriage is a noble endeavor, decidedly, but to misconstrue facts about contraception is a gross injustice not only to our youth, but also to our education system in general. The discrepancies highlighted by the Waxman report are glaring to say the least — “over 80 percent of the abstinence-only curricula ... contain false, misleading or distorted information about reproductive health.”

For instance, the curricula downplay the effectiveness of condoms, decreeing the "popular claim that ‘condoms help prevent the spread of STDs,’ saying that it’s ‘not supported by the data.’ The program does not stop at merely red-flagging prophylactics, either.

The curriculum also presents misleading information about the risks of abortion, blur the line between religion and promotes gender stereotypes. To deal in abstractions like, "Conception occurs when one sperm unites with one egg... This is when life begins," does little to quell the insatiable curiosity associated with puberty.

Upon further investigation, it becomes apparent that this abstinence-only program promotes the conservative lifestyle that was so effective in promoting gender stereotypes outlining a woman’s need for "financial support" (i.e. from a man), and a man’s need for "admiration" (i.e. from a woman) will only lead to ignorance among diversity issues, such as homosexuality, and remains distant from any relevant reproductive topic as to call the whole program’s narrowness seriously into question.

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Biased ban on teens?

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KENT, Ohio — Last week, The Associated Press reported that the National Transportation Safety Board recommended banning teenagers from using cell phones while driving. The board’s recommendation is just another example to add to the many attempts government has made to ban cell phone use while driving.

If any Ohio official out there considering banning cell phones is reading this, we just wanted to tell you that we will proudly continue driving with our phones.

Also in the news last week, Connecticut implemented a statewide ban Tuesday, adding it to the list of places that have banned cell phone driving.

(New York, New Jersey and Washington, D.C., are the others). Violators in places such as Connecticut can now face up to a $100 fine. The rhetoric in the for and against arguments on "jiving and driving" is nothing new. Both arguments are flooded with hypothetical scenarios, shady statistics and a lack of sensible and unbiased data. Then again, that’s what political columns are all about.

First off, the NTSB should not be making federal recommendations to ban cell phone driving for terms nationwide. Traffic conditions vary by state.

But more importantly, any government shouldn’t regulate, cell phone use at all. We can understand the concern state governments have with automobile safety. But when does regulation go too far? Many accidents have occurred from drivers switching CDs or fiddling with the radio. Should the government ban people from using CD players and radios in the car too?

On top of that, how do government authorities enforce these laws? It seems that crime statistics are always high and the amount of police officers is always low in the United States. Do we really want our cops (at least what’s left of them) to be spending their time sowing if drivers are chatting with their friends instead of keeping our streets safe?

Second, the NTSB is targeting teens with their recommendations. By e-mail: mustangdaily@gmail.com

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If that’s so, ban senior citizens from using cell phones. They’re just as bad drivers.

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can't imagine how much of the team's success has been driven by the men's basketball program. On the court, the Mustangs are 4-2 and tied for first place in the conference.

On the road, the team has struggled, losing their last two games. The Mustangs are 0-2 away from home, with losses to San Diego and Cal State Fullerton. However, there is hope on the horizon as the team prepares for their next home game against CSU Fullerton.

Despite the recent setbacks, the Mustangs remain optimistic and focused on their goals. "We're looking forward to our next game," said Coach Johnson. "We know we have the talent and the ability to compete at a high level."
Garrett Laight

The Cal Poly men's cross country team is optimistic that the 2005 season will be a success. Last year's team won its second consecutive Big West Championship, placed 3rd at the NCAA West Regional and finished 10th at the NCAA Nationals.

The 11th-place finish in Terry Hutt Invitational at the NCAA Nationals running for Biola University.

"The addition of new athletes in the lineup with some of our veterans from last year make the outlook for the team very exciting," Conover said.

In the Mustangs first major race last weekend in Falcon Heights, Minn., the team placed fourth behind BYU, Wisconsin, and Iowa, respectively.

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"I think everybody on the team played below average," senior Travis Bertoni said. "We fell short of what we wanted to do." The Mustangs (4-4) are looking for work to do in order to reach some of our goals," coach Mark Conover said. "We are proceeding towards the end of the season." Cal Poly finished 5th at the NAIA Nationals running for Biola University.

The women's team is coming off a season in which they finished 4th in the Big West Championship and 9th at the NCAA Western Regional.

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