Residents torn over sewer future

Nick Coury

Los Osos remains 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 Gastofson, Gordon Hessley and Richard Legnos.

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 which 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 II is also up for vote, which will prohibit a sewage treatment plant from being in "close proximity" to homes and public.

Full results to come in Thursday's edition

DEADLOCKED

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To replace Stan Gastofson

Measure D
To replace Gordon Hessley

Measure E
To replace Richard Legnos

Measure B
To pass

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A Los Osos resident points at his 'vote yes' sign along Los Osos Valley road. The special election was too close to call as of 10 p.m. Tuesday.

JENNIFER GONGWATE

A way of living washed away

Wearing a navy blue Cal Poly t-shirt and beige O'Neil baseball cap, communications senior Matthew Larkin emerged from the administration building with a bag full of diapers in each hand.

Many Cal Poly professors donated the diapers along with other Hurricane Katrina survivors.

"It's 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."

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Voters had until 8 p.m. on Tuesday to vote on the issue. As of press time, the vote remained split at about 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. "I just feel that when the CSD switched the whole project back to a conventional sewer, it was deceitful in a way, I prefer to use a more environmentally friendly system in place, which uses less energy and puts more back as resources are concerned."

The effects of Katrina could be lost amid bigger issues on the horizon — but it hasn't really taken about 0.3 percent to the GDP next year.

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"Consumers are feeling better about the economy now than they were three years ago, but they're not feeling great about it and they're right," he said. "It's a pretty fragile consumer recovery."

The decline in consumer spending appears to have affected imports, which had been increasing at around 17 percent annually. Oil imports are up, but other areas have shown zero growth during the past six months," Bazdarich said.

"It looks like consumers and businesses are pulling back more on imports than domestic goods,“
Kite Runner author visits Duke

Jenna Krueger
THE CHRONICLE (PU K E)


"It's always a good sign when people start sitting on the stairs," Hosseini joked.

After hearing from students for their enthusiastic responses to his first novel, Hosseini discussed his personal history and that of his native country, Afghanistan — both of which were major influences on "The Kite Runner."

The book narrates the volatile recent history of Afghanistan through the eyes of Amir, the son of a wealthy businessman. The two escape Soviet-occupied Kabul to California, but Amir is haunted by the memory of Hassan, a friend he left behind.

Hosseini's speech focused on the process of writing the book and the parallels between his life and that of the protagonist — especially in light of the overwhelming curiosity most readers express about whether the book is autobiographical.

In his speech, Hosseini chronicled his experiences growing up in Kabul, living in Paris as a diplomat's son and later watching his parents endured the often-frustrating life of political liaisons in the United States.

Hosseini also noted the many connections and parallels between his life and Amir's. Hosseini gave special attention to the muse for Hassan. He revealed that Amir's half-brother and servant is based on Hosseini's family's cook, whom Hosseini taught to read and write.

The author was quick to add that it is impossible to measure how much of the book is about himself.

"Fiction is a jungle of the created and the experienced," he said.

Hosseini also described the eerie parallels he discovered upon returning to Kabul after the book was published. He found that his reaction to finding his father's home closely resembled the one he felt for Amir.

Hosseini also said he was surprised to hear many Afghans question parts of Afghanistan's volatile recent history to read "The Kite Runner," Hosseini said he understood some confusion against Hassan — as a metaphor for the same historical conflicts.

Hosseini's speaking appearance attracted students for different reasons.

"I'm curious to know how much the book was based on personal experience and how much of it was fictionalized," freshman Kevin Troy said.

Sophomore Liz Brady, whose attendance was also motivated by curiosity, said she read the book because she was a First-Year Advisory Counselor. But the English major said she also read it because she appreciates "all things literary.

Other students were motivated by extra credit for classes or a simple desire to take advantage of the opportunity to hear an interesting speaker.

Before heading out to sign students' copies of the book, Hosseini fielded questions and discussed the novel he is currently writing while on sabbatical from practicing medicine.

He said his second novel is set entirely in Afghanistan. "It deals a lot with Afghan women. (Although, it) is not about Afghan women any more than this book is about kites," Hosseini said.

Hosseini said he hopes to finish the novel by March.

Woodward explains journalism's 'watchdog' role

Marni Goldberg
THE STATE STUDENT (MARCH 2)

OXFORD, Ohio — The event that will do this country in is not terrorism, a war or the economy, according to Bob Woodward, renowned journalist and author.

A more serious threat to the country is a secretive government, Woodward suggested in a speech he gave Sunday night to a sold-out Hall Auditorium at Miami University.

Marked famous by his Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporting on the Watergate scandal, which the pair unraveled for The Washington Post, Woodward has spent more than 50 years pushing the limits in investigative reporting on events ranging from Watergate to the war in Iraq.

"Our job on (Watergate), or any story was to get to the bottom of it,"

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Washington Post reporter

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Israel presses forward with offensive, despite Palestinian truce pledge

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 had militants on Tuesday declared a halt to 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 blindedfolded Israeli businessman whom they kidnapped and later killed. The kidnapped agent was a spectator in the militants’ fight against Israel.

Israel launched in offensive early Saturday in response to rocket fire from Gaza. It has carried out numerous air strikes 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 truce pledge despite Palestinian political leader Shamil’s chances in a vote Monday as the ruling Fatah Party, as well as two smaller armed groups. Palestinian security officials said there were no injuries.

U. Iowa research says global warming is feeding hurricanes

Annie Hamm
THE IOWA CITY (I.A.) PRESS

IOWA CITY, Iowa — After two of the strongest storms to hit the U.S. this summer devastated the Gulf Coast within weeks of each other, some University of Iowa researchers are linking the large-scale powerhouses that were hurricanes Katrina and Rita to global climate change and its effect on the environment.

As ocean temperatures heat up at least partially because of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, storms become more frequent and intense, said Gregory Carmichael, the university College of Engineering’s associate dean for graduate programs and research. "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 also can 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, but there may be a trend as warming, Carmichael said at a press conference on Tuesday. A Massachusetts Institute of Technology study found a 50 percent increase in hurricanes since the 1950s, which potentially correlates with global warming and its effect on ocean imbalance caused by greenhouse gases trapped in the atmosphere that heat it up.

"More energy in the system is like stirring a cup more vigorously," Carmichael said. "More is going to affect the global warming and the impact of hurricanes."

"We had attacks were made on coalition forces because of the photos," she said. "I apologize to coalition forces and their families that lost their lives because of the photos." The soldier boyfriend when she took the photos.

"I was used by Private Graner," she said. "I apologize to my family, my Army, my country. I am a compliant person who took part in detainee abuse, and I should have reported it. I didn’t realize it at the time.

"I nearly beat an M1 detainee to death with a broom," she said. "I almost killed a 14-year-old boy who was interested in the same things. I was a little boy, too. I didn’t have a whole lot of experience."

England recounted how her relationship with Graner started when she was assigned to the same unit at Abu Ghraib in late 2003. In one known photo taken by U.S. guards, she was facing forward as the verdict was read, occasionally looking down. She wore some time with her 11-month-old son, Carter, before shuffling out of the courthouse with her arms and legs in shackles. Her reddened eyes stared straight ahead as she made her way to a waiting van.

"More heat and energy within the atmosphere causes it to dissipate in the form of a storm," he said. "There’s no reason to put a cap on emissions. If we don’t do something, it’s going to get worse."

"The recent hurricane phenomenon is part of a domino effect," he said. "We have observed in Russia that accumulates massive amounts of methane from agriculture and animal conditions worldwide, Betts said.

Arguments against blaming global warming on hurricanes cite various factors, such as nature’s complex and chaotic manner or the differences from year-to-year in the hurricane season that show variability and randomness, Carmichael said.

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"It seems like the junior soldiers were on their own," said Graner, who England said is the father of her child. "We had little leadership."

Graner indicated he was charged with detainee maltreatment, which he claimed he did was done by orders of military intelligence personnel. At times, he said, military intelligence officials actually were present for the abuse.

"We were very, very happy doing it and it looked to me like he was interested in the same thing. I was... He made me feel good about myself," she said. "I treated him and I loved him... Now I know it was just an act to show me I was useful."

"There were no officers who were convicted. Some were found guilty, but there were no officers who were convicted."
How Cal Poly uses thread to honor university supporters and raise money for student scholarships at the same time

Jennifer Boudевич

The Chandler Scholarship quilt is a reflection of Student Affairs' commitment to honor two of our strongest advocates for student development and diversity, Everett and Arlene Chandler. Chandler and Chandler are among the most accomplished leaders of the University ever. Chandler served as dean of students as well as chief officer of Student Affairs. Her wife, Arlene, founded Cal Poly's Week of Welcome program.

The couple has provided support and been involved with the Student Faculty and Staff Club, the Kennedy Library, the athletic department and the ethnic studies program.

"With the Chandler family's support the ethnic studies department is able to sponsor events for minors, fund speakers on various issues of diversity and provide Outreach, the ethnic studies stu-
dent publication," said Ethnic Studies Department Chair Charseh Cherry.

As a department, we are eternally grateful to the Chandlers," she said.

A foundation account has been established to facilitate distribution of the funds raised by today's raffle, and discussions to finalize a method for awarding the scholarships are currently underway.

Raffle tickets are $1 each or six tickets for $5. To purchase raffle tickets, contact the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs at 756-1521. Winner does not need to be present at the drawing.

"Making the quilt was an opportunity for the Cal Poly community to support the needs of students through a creative activity...

— DENISE CAMPBELL
associate vice president of student affairs
Biased ban on teens?

You and me baby ain't nothing but mammals

Ryan deBiase

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 want to tell you that we will proudly continue driving with our phones.

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

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The content of Federally Funded Abstinence-Only Education Programs available on www.denocration.reformi.house.gov has more than doubled its funding for Education Programs. According to the program, the Bush administration is pushing this abstinence-only campaign to further progress its own conservative agenda. Why would an educational program blatantly misinform the youth of the nation on such pertinent issues as birth control and abortion?

History dictates that when you tell a stubborn teen not to do something, he or she will strive to do just that, out of spite. This remains the most dangerous aspect of abstinence-only education. As stated before, teens will always have sex, it's just a matter of how educated they are about the act.
**Women's soccer drops to No. 23 in latest rankings**

NSCAA/ADIDAS National Rankings  
2005 NSCAA Division I Women — Sept. 27, 2005

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Also receiving votes: Yale, Illinois, Dartmouth, Georgia, Stanford, Villanova, Oklahoma State, Gonzaga
High expectations for men's cross country

Garrett Leight
MUSTANG STORY

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 Mustangs placed 13th at the Divison 1 level.

“...and the best finish in school history...”

Coach Mark Conover said that this year's team is improved and has the opportunity to perform as well or better than last year.

“We should be able to go back there (Nationals) and do the same thing or possibly place even higher.”

Cross Country

Last week: Men's team fourth at Roy Griak Invitational, women's team 15th at Stanford Invitational

Next Meet: Saturday at UC Riverside Invitational

Next home: Saturday October 15, the Cal Poly Invitational

Current Ranking: Men's team ranked 36th according to the Sept. 20 MONDO poll.

Worth Noting: The men's recruiting class was ranked No. 2 in California by DyeStatCal, two spots ahead of powerhouse Stanford.

Redshirt freshman Richard Carrick from Moraga, white shirt, and Matt Blanchard from Rancho Cotate, green shorts, stretch out before practice at the sports complex near the baseball and softball stadiums.

The C'al Poly men's cross country team is looking forward to the 2005 season in hopes of improving its results from last year.

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

“The women's team has some work to do in order to reach some of our goals,” coach Mark Conover said. “We are proceeding towards the season with a long season ahead of us, so we have some work to do,” men's coach Scott Carter said. We're playing against the top 50 in the nation.

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Report from the fairway

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Cal Poly had 55th place, 32nd, 44th and 62nd place finishes at the end of the tournament.

Bertoni said his scores from 74 and 75 in the first two rounds to 72 in the final round. He finished with a four-over par 220 to improve his position from a paltry 55th to a 25th place tie.

Sophomore JJ Scarich scored 71 and 72 in the first rounds, guiding the team to 11th after two rounds, but finished with a 77 for a 221 total and tied for 32nd place.

Sophomore Colin Peck finished in the tie for 44th place and junior Peter Moore ended in 62nd place.

Vincent Johnson of Oregon State took first place with a 67-66-69-202 total, 14 under par UC Irvine's Kenny Kim was runner up with a 69-67-68-204 total and fell short two strokes behind Johnson.

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