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Clinton crushes Bush



SHERRY GURTLE/Mustang Daily
Bill Clinton at a Costa Mesa rally late last month.

By Todd Hogan
Staff Writer

Bill Clinton was elected the nation's 42nd president on Tuesday in a Democratic landslide that swept George Bush from office and ended 12 years of divided government in Washington.

The president-elect vowed to confront problems "too long ignored," from the economy to AIDS and the environment.

Bush pledged to ensure a "smooth transition of power" to the new president. He said he had telephoned his congratulations to Clinton, and added, "I wish him well in the White House. Regardless of our differences, all Americans share the same purpose."

Independent Ross Perot said

"the people have spoken," and also offered his congratulation to Clinton.

At 3 a.m. Wednesday, with nearly all of the nation's precincts reporting, Clinton had accumulated over 42 million votes, or 43 percent of the popular vote, compared to Bush's 37 million votes, or 38 percent. Perot trailed with just over 18 million votes, or 18 percent.

Needing 270 of the 538 electoral votes to claim the presidency, Clinton captured an overwhelming 358 votes compared to Bush's 160.

Perot didn't win any states and therefore captured no electoral votes.

Clinton decisively defeated Bush in California, becoming the first Democratic presidential contender to win here since Lyn-

don Johnson's 1964 landslide over Barry Goldwater. More than 11 million Californians cast ballots.

In returns from 72 percent of state's 25,942 precincts, Clinton had 3,421,883 votes, or 46 percent, to 2,483,267 votes, or 33 percent, for President Bush. Perot trailed with 1,540,372, or 21 percent.

But Clinton did not need California's 54 electoral votes to secure victory. He won the presidential contest before the state's ballots even began being tallied.

Bush's concession speech aired just minutes after the polls closed on the West Coast.

In San Luis Obispo County, with all 155 precincts reporting, Clinton edged Bush with 38,162
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★ National ★ ELECTION RESULTS

President	Electoral Votes	Percentage of Popular Vote
George Bush	115	38
Bill Clinton	349	43
Ross Perot	0	18
76% of national precincts reporting		
61% precincts reporting on senatorial		
SENATOR (SIX-YEAR)	Percentage of VOTE	
Barbara Boxer	48	
Bruce Herschensohn	43	
SENATOR (TWO-YEAR)		
Dianne Feinstein	54	
John Seymour	39	
100% reporting		
U.S. REP. 22ND DISTRICT		
Michael Huffington	53.9	
Gloria Ochoa	35.3	
100% reporting		
ASSEMBLY		
John Ashbaugh	43.3	
Andrea Seastrand	52.1	

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59% of precincts reporting at press time, 3 a.m.
Many of the initiatives are close and absentee ballots are yet to be counted

State's all-female Senate ticket wins

By Gabe Joynt
Staff Writer

Californians made history Tuesday by sending two women to the U.S. Senate.

Democrats Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein, elected by a state that has never elected a female senator, will be the first all-female delegation ever sent to the floor of the Senate.

Feinstein got 54 percent of the vote with 62 percent of the precincts reporting, soundly defeating Republican incumbent John Seymour, who took 39 percent in the short-term race to fill the remaining two years of the office Pete Wilson vacated when he was elected governor.

Boxer, with 48 percent of the vote, edged out former conserva-

tive television commentator Bruce Herschensohn who took 43 percent of the votes for the a six-year seat currently held by the retiring Alan Cranston.

"We will be the Cagney-Lacey 1-2 punch," Feinstein said Tuesday as she concluded a campaign that stressed the need for more women in the U.S. Senate. "Washington, ready or not, here we come."

In a victory speech made with little more than one-third of the votes accounted for and a one percentage point lead, Boxer claimed victory.

She told Californians she and Feinstein would "take your hopes, your dreams, your needs, and fight for them in the U.S. Senate."

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Huffington cashes in; wins Congress race

By Kevin Dalrymple
Staff Writer

Michael Huffington, the self-proclaimed "independent Republican" who spent \$4.2 million in his campaign for the 22nd Congressional District seat, declared victory at 11:30 p.m. last night.

Huffington was maintaining a 52 percent to 36 percent lead over Democrat Gloria Ochoa —

his nearest competitor — with 98 percent of the precincts reporting.

"I ask everyone to put America first; over the Republican and Democratic parties," Huffington said.

Huffington was widely known for his massive spending on campaign advertising — spending that eclipsed all other House candidates in the United States.

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COUNCIL: Settle in front; David Romero, Brent Petersen go down to wire
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Voter participation numbers up; gender, Democratic trends develop in California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — More than 11 million Californians voted Tuesday on the historic bid of Democrats Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein to make California the first state represented by two women in the U.S. Senate.

By late afternoon, voter turnout statewide was 5 percent higher than the last presidential election in 1988, when 72.8 percent of the voters went to the polls.

If that trend continued it would mark the first reversal in a 28-year downward trend in voter participation, and could be good news for Democrats, who usually benefit most from a high turnout. The turnout surprised election officials in Yuba County, which ran out of ballots and had to use absentee and sample ballots.

Feinstein's race against Republican incumbent John Seymour and Boxer's contest with Republican Bruce Herschensohn shared the top of the ticket with the contest among President Bush, Democrat Bill Clinton and independent Ross Perot for California's 54 electoral votes.

An early exit poll of California voters also pointed to a Democratic trend.

The polling by Voter Research & Surveys found that 57 percent of the voters who cast ballots for Perot and 22 percent of those who voted for Clinton said that in 1988 they voted for Bush.

The poll also found a significant gender factor in both Senate races, with women accounting for 57 percent of Boxer's supporters and 56 percent of Feinstein's.

Polls show Perot drew votes from California Republicans; economy, jobs seen as problems

NEW YORK (AP) — Independent presidential candidate Ross Perot drew strong support from Republicans in California and voters who backed President Bush in 1988, early exit polling indicated.

The polling by Voter Research & Surveys showed Perot, whose pre-election support in California exceeded national averages, drawing strength from voters identifying themselves as Republicans.

Forty-two percent of Perot backers said they were Republicans, 29 percent identified themselves as Democrats and 30 percent said they were independent or had some other affiliation.

Fifty-seven percent of Perot backers said they voted for Bush in 1988, the polling showed, and 22 percent of Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton's supporters voted for the president four years ago.

California hasn't backed a Democratic presidential candidate since Lyndon Johnson in 1964, until this year, when Clinton carried the Golden State.

In the two Senate races, both Democratic females won tight races. Rep. Barbara Boxer beat Republican Bruce Herschensohn and Democrat Dianne Feinstein ousted Republican Sen. John Seymour.

Of Boxer's voters, 57 percent were women, as were 56 percent of Feinstein's voters, the early exit polls showed. Twelve percent of Feinstein supporters voted for Herschensohn, the poll showed.

Dissatisfaction with California's governance was apparent as 59 percent of voters said they disapproved of Republican Gov. Pete Wilson's performance, compared with 33 percent who approved.

On the economy, eight in 10 Californians surveyed after voting said the national economy was "not good" or "poor." Fully 96 percent of Clinton backers gave it that rating, compared to 56 percent of Bush supporters.

The economy and jobs was cited by 45 percent of Californians as a main issue affecting their vote, followed by the deficit, which was selected by 30 percent. Perot's voters chose those two issues in wider numbers: 55 percent cited the economy and jobs, and 48 percent named the deficit.

Two-woman team wins Senate seats

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With 74 women seeking places in the House, Senate and state Legislature, California voters decided Tuesday that the 'Year of the Woman' was history, not hype.

"California is, as always, on the cutting edge," said Jane Danowitz, executive director of the Women's Campaign Fund in Washington, D.C.

Illinois Democrat Carol Moseley Braun won her bid to become the first black woman sent to the Senate. In all, 11 women bid for Senate seats.

Most of the attention in California focused on Democrats Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, who made the Golden State the first with an all-female delegation to the U.S. Senate as they defeated Republicans John Seymour and Bruce Herschensohn.

But there was more to the gender agenda.

Nineteen women ran as major-party candidates for 17 of California's 52 seats in the U.S. House; eight, including one independent candidate, vied for seven seats in the state Senate, and 45 ran for 39 seats in the state Assembly.

California's pre-election female representation was zero in the U.S. Senate, three in the U.S. House, five in the state Senate and 17 in the Assembly.

"We do have cause to celebrate just given the number of women who have put themselves out there on the line and run," said Kate Karpilow, executive director of the Sacramento-based California Elected Women's Association for Education and Research.

Nationwide, 108 women ran as major-party nominees for the House and another 11 for the Senate.

Reasons for the surge of women candidates varied, although most pointed to last October, when the all-male Senate Judiciary Committee recommended confirming Clarence Thomas to the U.S. Supreme Court despite allegations of sexual harassment by former aide Anita Hill.

Others said anti-incumbency sentiment gave women, perennial outsiders, an advantage.

Despite all the hoopla, some cautioned that even big wins wouldn't remake the mostly male face of Congress.

"The American political system is just not going to be transformed overnight," said Lucy Baruch of the Center for the American Woman and Politics at Rutgers University in New Jersey.

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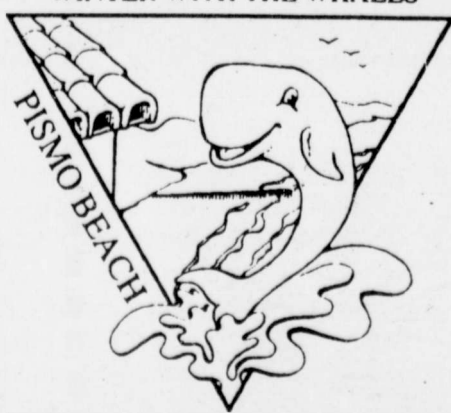
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On the eve of four new years



By David Polk

Americans tend to judge the moral quality of government by the personal morality and motives of its high officials, and to assume that when good men with good motives and good personal habits lead a government, good government results. But this is not necessarily the case.

— Jeane Kirkpatrick

Meet the new boss — same as the old boss.

— The Who

This election year is the weirdest election year I can remember. Weirder than the year Carter (the peanut farmer) beat Gerald Ford (the replacement). But, as a loyal, patriotic, God-fearing, American male, I was ready, able and willing to vote, and vote I did.

Election day thrills me. Excitement, tension and random pheromones fill the air. On no other day do I feel such patriotism. I'm glad to be American, glad to have the freedom, responsibility and faculty to cast a vote.

However, at times the electoral college seems to take all the voter's power away. H. Ross Perot conceded to Bill Clinton forty minutes before the California polls closed.

The national polls exacerbate the situation. Before California is even finished voting, the presidential winner is projected. Polls psychologically deter potential voters.

But I cast my doubts into the void, and boldly entered into the temple of freedom: the voting booth. I felt like a true patriot, following in the footsteps of all great Americans. Let freedom reign eternal in the United States of America!

When I left the booth, euphoria filled me. Voting is a metaphor for freedom. Hell, it is freedom. I felt like singing "The

Star Spangled Banner" while dropping smart-bombs on upstart Middle Eastern nations.

Nothing can beat the ecstasy of casting a vote in the free world. You can drive across the Great Plains in a Ford pickup painted red, white and blue at 120 mph while eating apple pie, a glass of Kentucky bourbon in one hand and a freshly-rolled cigarette stuffed full of California sensimilla in the other. And it still wouldn't approach the feeling of freedom I get from voting.

I felt like Jason of the Argonauts, the Norse god Thor and Dan Quayle (Dan Quayle?) all rolled into one. Feeling more than mortal, naked except for pen, notebook and dubious wit, I ventured out into the raw, uncultured election night, already seething with anticipation for newly-elected officials.

The smell of election night is a smell that one never, ever smells on any other night. The smells of fear, defeat, victory, and elation combine to smell like burning chrome.

The Republican headquarters smelled like freshly minted hundred dollar bills, gunpowder, cigars and defeat. The Democratic headquarters smelled like virgin redwood trees and burning hemp, a potpourri of random herbs and that peculiar scent that can only be described as "I can't believe we won a race."

Alternative headquarters, namely Perot's, reeked of ignorance, defeat and ear wax. Volunteers randomly moved around like inbred hillbillies without moonshine.

Local election coverage happened mainly at the 'White House' of local politics, the County Government Center.

Journalists flocked to the government center like vultures to carrion. Cal Poly media

representatives outnumbered all others by a long shot. Journalists as a whole seemed to be a confused, incestuous lot.

Robin Rauch was in attendance, wearing white sneakers and fixing her hair. Nothing like being in broadcast journalism.

While wandering around on level three, I came across a sign saying, "Authorized persons only beyond this point." Being a journalist, I ignored the signs. What was going on? Ballot counting. The people doing the counting had brought their kids, and it was difficult to figure who was really doing the counting. Maybe it was a bunch of 5-year-olds. Whoever it was, they used machines like the ones drug dealers used in movies like "Scarface."

The confusion of the government center left me feeling flaccid. I needed something to restore me to my normal, turgid self. I needed the salt-of-the-earth, the common man, the morons.

I didn't find any of those, but I did find two political analysts from Orange County, Tequila Jim and Jungle Jeff — Republicans that voted the Democratic ticket, placed large bets, and laughed all the way to the bank. The dirty swine forced me to consume shots of tequila and procure teenage women for them.

God bless the winners (and the losers). May wisdom be realized by individuals in power.

When Habitual behavior of a man or an institution is false, the next step is complete demoralization and thence to degeneracy. For it is not possible for anyone to submit to the falsification of his nature without losing his self-respect.

— Ortega y Gasset

David Polk is a journalism senior.



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It's been a long, incredible night.

Getting comprehensive election coverage overnight is a difficult, sleepless task and I feel it necessary to give credit where credit is due.

Thanks to all the candidates who took the time to meet with the editorial staff over the last two months. Everyone showed a lot of class and intelligence. With any final outcome, this city will be blessed with informed, caring representation.

Thanks to the Cal Poly journalism department for their constant support and guidance.

Thanks to the Mustang Daily editorial staff who are underpaid and overworked daily and somehow still keep coming back for more.

Thanks to Pam Voges at the City Clerk's office and other staff in the city and county for taking us seriously and getting us the facts when we needed it.

Thanks to the Mustang Daily photo staff for their time, effort and consistent quality work.

Thanks to Carolyn Nielsen's mom for sending us baked goods.

Thanks to Craig for his graphical dominance.

Thanks to Herb Kamm for having schmaltz.

Thanks to University Graphics Systems, who have to spend a later night than we do without ever getting a byline and for dealing with us when we are two or three hours later than planned.

And a special thanks to the reporting staff of Mustang Daily whose late Tuesday night was the exclamation point on a season of excellent city coverage.

Peter Hartlaub
Editor-in-Chief
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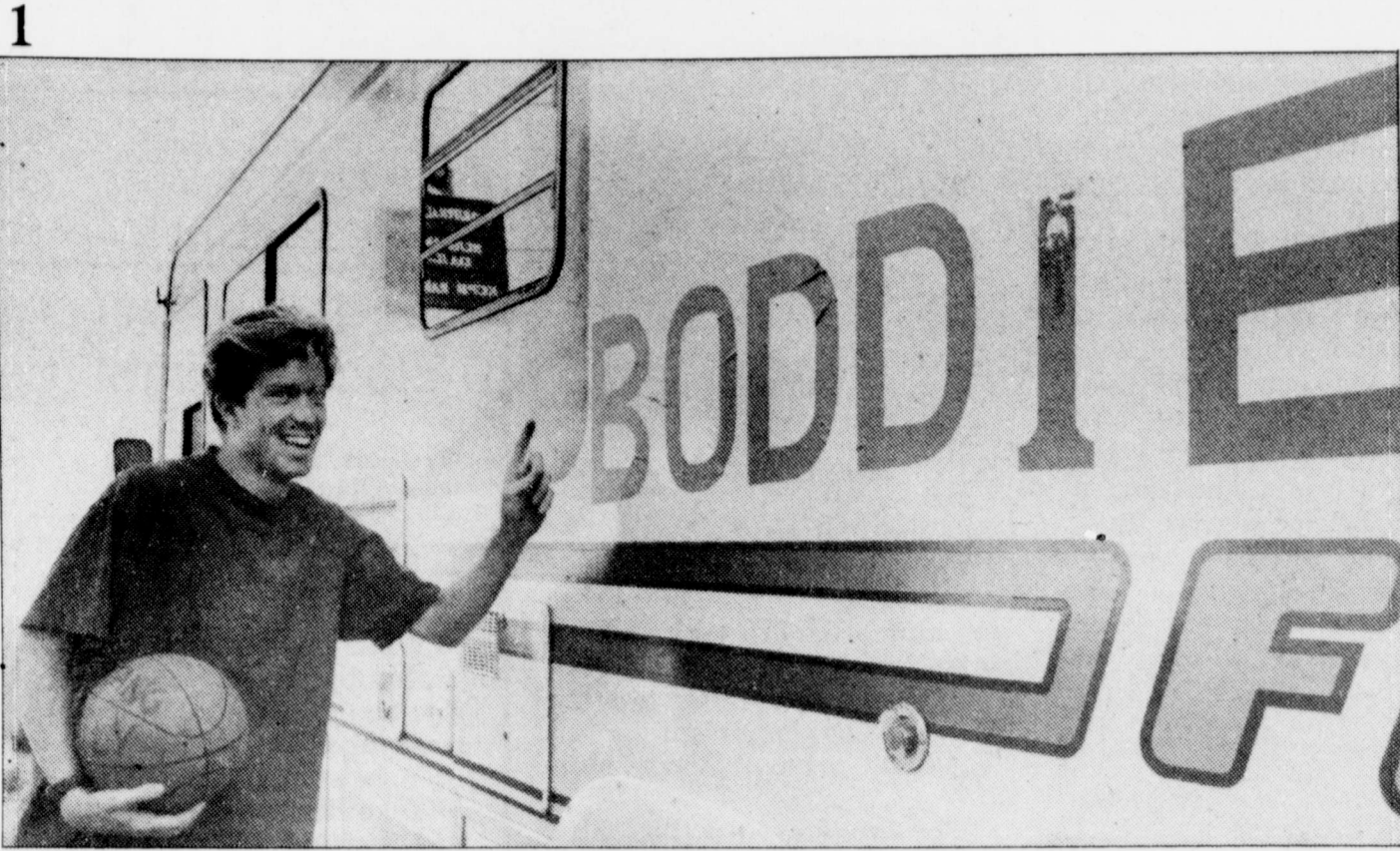
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On the campaign trail...



SHERRY GURTLE/Mustang Daily

It's been a long, arduous haul for everyone this campaign season, but it hasn't all been with our "noses to the grindstone." The staff of Mustang Daily has been hot on the trail of leading political candidates like...

1. Features Editor Edwin Bill inspects Richard Boddie's first-class coach.
2. Our industrious City Editor Carolyn Nielsen is jubilant after getting the scoop from then Presidential-hopeful Bill Clinton in Orange County...
3. ...and keeps right on plugging by interviewing Senatorial candidate Dianne Feinstein.
4. Congressional candidate Michael Huffington is probably reading the Daily for the same reason you are ("Calvin and Hobbes," of course!).
5. Editor-in-Chief Peter Hartlaub gets into the act by sharing a cup of frozen yogurt and a thought or two with Feinstein.
6. Senatorial Candidate Bruce Herschensohn and vice-presidential first lady Marilyn Quale stump for the Republican Party in San Luis Obispo during the final stretch of the campaign race.



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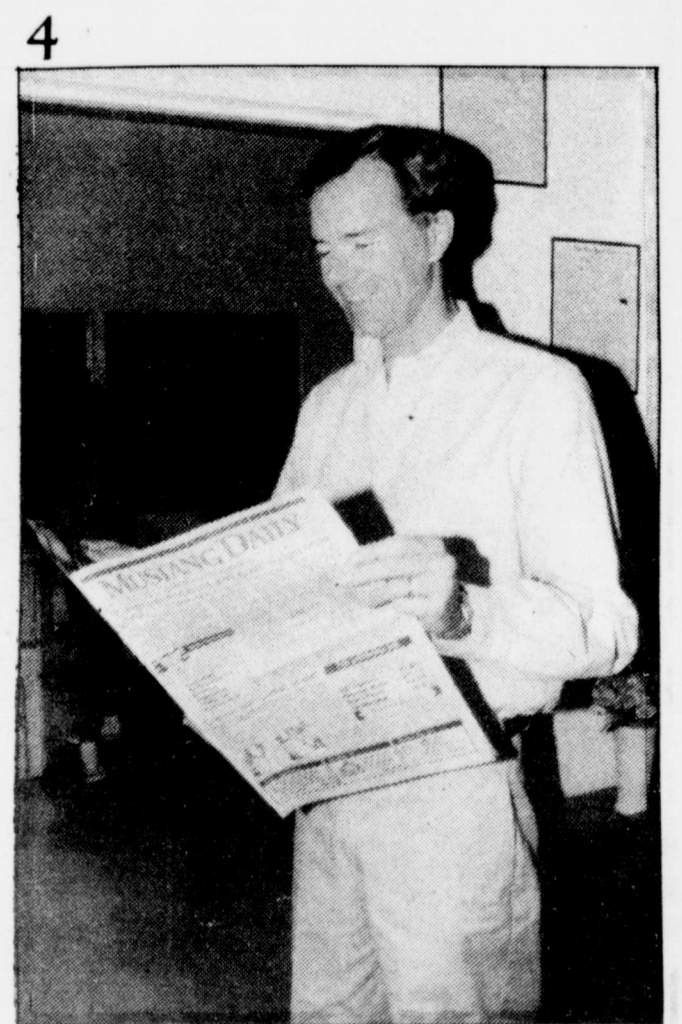
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SAN LUIS OBISPO'S FIRST PRINTED ELECTION RESULTS



Homeless keep close eye on election

By Krystn Shrieve
and Brad Hamilton
Staff Writers

Lying on bunks or sitting in folding chairs, residents at the local homeless shelter crowded around the small television set, eagerly awaiting election results.

The temporary residents of the San Luis Obispo Economic Opportunity Commission Homeless Shelter watched the results with considerable concern.

Although many residents felt their opinion would not make a difference in the election, they enjoyed discussing their views.

Adam Wagner is a 22-year-old resident who has lived at the shelter for 2 1/2 months. He said nobody has ever cared about his opinion.

Robert Martin, a 23-year resi-

dent of the city, agreed.

"Do you think any politicians would listen to a homeless person?" Martin asked. "I don't think so."

City council candidate Brent Petersen said too many people are trying to ignore the homeless. He said the problems of the homeless population should be addressed by the city.

"Not everyone is born on a level playing field," Petersen said. "Not everyone has the same advantages as everyone else, and I think we, as human beings, must level that playing field by giving more people the ability to achieve the American dream."

Mayoral candidate Jerry Reiss said he values the voice of the homeless, but he found it difficult to listen to their concerns.

"I don't know how to get in touch with the homeless unless I go door to door, but they are not around the shelter during the day," Reiss said.

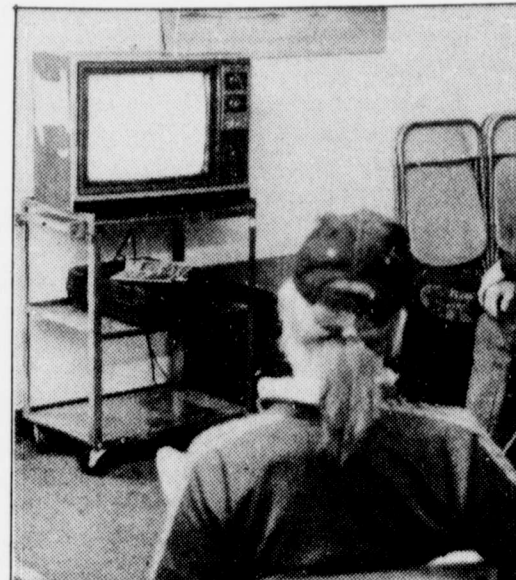
Although many residents felt their vote wouldn't make any difference, shelter administrators encouraged residents to cast their ballots.

A notice was posted to remind them about the election. Shelter staff members helped residents register to vote.

Even though the majority of the residents favored Clinton, a few supported Bush and Perot.

Les Schuler, 40, has been a shelter resident for four months.

He said he voted for Clinton because he doesn't want four more years of President Bush wasting time on covering up the



STEVE PIERCE/Mustang Daily

Iran-Contra affair.

The issues that Schuler said he would like to see addressed are national health care and improved education.

The economy was another issue deemed important by fellow shelter resident Robert Martin.

"The economy is a big thing this year," he said. "Time can only tell, but I think (Clinton) has the opportunity to step in and try to make some real good changes."

"If we can fix the economy, it will help a lot," he added. "It will put people back to work, and will give people futures."

Martin said he believes economic problems have made worse the homeless problem in the area.

Many residents said they believed Clinton would improve their situation.

As Clinton stacked up state after state, many voiced their hope for change.

"I like Clinton," Wagner said. "Democrats are for the people, not like the Republicans like Bush who are just trying to get rich."

"Whoever is for us, is who I am for."



STEVE PIERCE/Mustang Daily

Homeless shelter residents discuss their views while watching Tuesday's election results on TV.

Moods vary at downtown bars

By Craig Abernathy
and Rob Trett
Staff Writers

As the world awaited the announcement of the new president of the United States, some laughed, some cried and others just sat and drank.

Some of the best minds in San Luis Obispo could be found at local taverns Tuesday night.

The mood in McCarthy's on election night seemed to be one of disgust and disappointment. Although most were reluctant to comment, it was obvious that, in their eyes, Clinton was not the best choice for the White House.

Charlie's, on the other hand, was a bit more festive. One happy Democrat, Joel McCarthy, said, "I don't mind Clinton, I just can't stand Bush. It's time for a change."

The patrons of Bull's Tavern weren't ecstatic about the outcome, but it didn't take them by surprise.

"I had a feeling Clinton was going to win, but I'm disappointed all the same," said customer Joe Conijn. "Everyone is so disappointed with Bush, they voted Democratic right down the line."

Bartender Wade Howard remained optimistic: "I voted for Bush, but I'm keeping up my spirits about Clinton. Just because he's a Democrat doesn't make him bad."

At T.A.'s Cantina, patrons' feelings were mixed while Bush was giving his concession speech.

"Clinton kind of scares me," said customer Kevin Brazil. "I'm not really in favor of the tax increases (Clinton is proposing)."

T.A.'s Cantina bartender Jason Schwimmer said, "I just got tired of the old regime, and the old way of thinking."

With Clinton at the helm, he said he expects improvement of social programs, but at the same time, he is unsure how Clinton will attack the deficit.

Customers at F. McClintock's Saloon were stunned by the results. One bartender said he didn't know of many customers who voted for Clinton.

Customer Bob Baron voted for Perot in protest.

"Bush lost a lot of votes from disillusioned Republicans," said Baron. "Clinton sounds good. He's smooth and polished, but I don't buy his programs."

"Clinton was in the right place at the right time, just like Carter," he added. "A president alone can't turn around the economy; if Clinton can do it, God bless him."

Down the street at SLO Brewing Co., bartender Diana McCullough said even though most of the bar's customers weren't paying much attention to the election, she was neither disappointed nor excited.

"I suppose if someone had held a gun to my head, I would have voted for Bush," she said.

SLO Brew customer Alex Hardy was satisfied with the election outcome.

"I'm glad Bush is out. I like Clinton because he smokes grass, even if he doesn't inhale," he said.

Customer Nadine LaFleur wasn't so excited to see Bush leave. "I'm afraid to go back to the Carter days," she said. "I don't want to go back to major inflation again."

"I feel the country is in trouble," LaFleur added. "It's going to be a faster ride downhill with Clinton than with Bush."

Uptown at Izzy Ortega's, hostess Erica Prien said, "I like the fact Clinton is a young president. We need some fresh new ideas. It's too bad we can't have the confidence in a candidate like we've had in the past."

Izzy's bartender Toney Breault said Clinton is going to be devastating to the economy. "Even though Bush didn't do much, he had some good plans in the works," he said.

As the image of Hillary Clinton flashed across the screen above him, he replied, "There's the next president of the United States."

State water turned down, new hospital looks bleak

By John Cristofano
Staff Writer

The people have spoken, and they've decided against accepting state water and funding a new San Luis Obispo General Hospital.

Measure H, a San Luis Obispo city referendum which proposed to overturn a City Council decision to accept state water, passed 55.1 percent (10,945) to 44.9 percent (8,915).

Measure F, a county initiative designed to issue general obligation bonds to replace the aging General Hospital, was narrowly rejected 50.5 percent (47,455) to 49.5 percent (46,486).

Proponents of Measure H, which include City Councilman Bill Roalman and council candidate Brent Petersen, said passing the referendum to deny state water was the proper choice because the initiative was bad business.

Roalman, who dissented in the City Council vote to accept state water in April, said he was "ecstatic" over the outcome.

He said accepting state water would have been a "bad deal for the city."

"I think we have other reliable sources of water that are under local control," Roalman said. "The State Water Project (would have been) extremely expensive and unreliable."

Mayoral candidate Jerry Reiss, who was opposed to the initiative and supported state water, said the result "could be very costly."

"It's not the end of the world," he said. "We'll just have to look for other sources of water."

Those opposed to Measure F, which would have allowed the county to issue general obligation health care facility bonds up to \$50 million, said it would have been a waste of taxpayer money.

Reiss said he was against the initiative and pleased with the result because health care services "could be provided probably more economically by contracting

with the private sector.

"Plus, General Hospital isn't all that bad," Reiss said. "It's an old building, but the stuff inside of it isn't from 1927. They've kept (the hospital) fairly well equipped."

Petersen, who opposed Measure F, said it "hadn't been clearly stated to me that there was a need for a new hospital."

He said there was an "extreme" cost involved in building a new General Hospital.

"Instead (of Measure F), I would like to see bond issues geared towards education, mass transit or something that is in the best interest of the people," Petersen said.

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SAN LUIS OBISPO'S FIRST PRINTED ELECTION RESULTS

Democrats glad 'the nightmare is over'

By Michelle Van Der Linden
and Jodi Ross
Staff Writers

Hugs were exchanged and cheers went up at San Luis Obispo Democratic Headquarters as Bill Clinton claimed the state of Ohio.

"I think the voter turnout has helped," said Gloria Ochoa, Democratic congressional candidate for the 22nd District. "The American people are saying they want a real change."

Ochoa lost to Huffington by an 18.6 point margin.

"Change" was the buzzword at both Democratic headquarters and the party's victory celebration at Embassy Suites on Tuesday night. But everyone had their own ideas of what change would bring.

"This is a big night," said John Avina, a 29-year-old mechanical engineering graduate student. "I've waited 12 years for

this. I cried when Reagan won."

Clinton will make it easier for students to get financial aid, he said, because "we can work off student loans by going into social work."

Avina also said the President-elect will change the welfare program by placing welfare recipients with jobs.

"The nightmare is over," said Conan Gasparotti, a social science junior and a Democratic volunteer.

"We're booting out the good ol' boys. The last cold warrior is gone," he said.

Matt Fetzner, a political science senior, said "ever since I was 10, we've had Republicans in power."

He said Clinton has solid economic and educational plans and strong environmental ideas.

Laughter and jazz music were in the air as food and "bubbly" were consumed. The celebration grew stronger as the night

progressed.

"This is the best time I've had in five years," said San Luis Obispo resident June Heath. She called Clinton's presidency a "good chance to do something with our country."

"Clinton will focus on people rather than objects," she said.

Tim Newman, a Cal Poly political science junior, said the country will see "a lot of change in the first 100 days." He said Clinton will "try to jump-start the economy" and will stand for "little compromise."

If Clinton runs the country like he ran his campaign, Newman said, he will do a "really good job."

"It feels good," he said. "It's a nice change and a fresh start."

Bob McDonald, of the United States Air Force, said he is "happy with the change in the government."

But he added he has some reservations about the effects of

military cuts.

McDonald said he voted for Bush because of the president's leadership in the war. But McDonald said he was at the Democrat's party because he is a strong supporter of many Democratic candidates.

Clinton-Gore posters, balloons, streamers and confetti plastered the room and people of all ages attended the celebration.

Democratic supporter Robin Rowland was wearing a two-foot-tall "Democrats for the future: Clinton-Gore" hat.

"I'm delighted Clinton and Gore won," Rowland said, "and I'm a registered Republican."

Rowland, a health care consultant, said Clinton's health care platform is "great."

"There will be a big change toward health care, a managed sensible system of health care," he said.

He added, "(Clinton) is my kind of guy, and Gore is terrific."

Voters pick term limits, down right-to-die

By Kristie McCall
Staff Writer

California voters resoundingly approved limiting the terms of their congressional representatives, soundly defeated a right-to-die initiative and, in a narrow margin, voted against giving their governor more power.

California's Proposition 164 was one of 14 statewide term-limit measures in the country. Proponents say it reflects a nationwide sentiment against career politicians.

Beginning with time served in Congress after 1993, anyone who has served 12 of the last 17 years in the U.S. Senate will be ineligible for the Senate primary. They can, however, qualify for

the general election as a write-in candidate.

House candidates will be ineligible for the primary ballot if they have served three two-year terms within the previous 11 years. They could qualify as write-ins in the general election as well.

Proposition 161, the right-to-die initiative, was turned down by California voters. The initiative looked to legalize doctor-assisted suicide for the terminally ill.

The vote put California at the forefront of a gut-wrenching international debate that was recently intensified by Dr. Jack Kevorkian and his "suicide machine."

Catholic churches were

leaders in persuading Washington state voters to reject doctor-assisted suicide last November and they waged a similar battle in California.

The churches took up collections to oppose Proposition 161 during their services, helping opponents amass \$3 million by Oct. 22, while supporters raised about \$678,000.

Other opponents were the California Medical Association and groups representing nurses, hospitals and senior citizens. They opposed the measure on the grounds that there were not enough "safeguards" to protect patients from unscrupulous doctors.

Supporters included the Hemlock Society, Unitarian clergy

and the American Civil Liberties Union.

California currently allows terminally ill adults to request that life-support systems be shut off.

Voters narrowly defeated an initiative that would cut welfare payments and give California's governor broad new budget powers.

Republican Gov. Pete Wilson said Proposition 165 was necessary to ease the welfare burden on taxpayers and hasten the end to budget standoffs. But opponents characterized it as a political power grab and an attack on the poor.

The measure would have cut welfare payments by about 25 percent within six months.

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Perot supporters mourn

Many express fears for nation's future; raise possibility of Perot's return in '96

By Kevin Comerford
and Kelly Gregor
Staff Writers

Ruth Slocum sat staring into the television set at H. Ross Perot headquarters Tuesday night, her fingernails bitten and her eyes red from crying.

"I can't believe Perot didn't get elected," the student nurse from Grover City said.

What's in store for Slocum now that the Perot campaign is over? "I'm moving to Canada," she said.

Slocum, along with about 25 other enthusiastic Perot supporters, watched her candidate concede to president-elect Bill Clinton from the Perot headquarters in downtown San Luis Obispo.

"I just can't believe it. I prayed Bush would win over Clinton," Slocum said. "People don't realize this country is going to be bankrupt by 1995 if there are no radical changes."

Slocum said Perot was her last hope for those changes. A mother of two, Slocum said she is worried about what her children will face.

"I'm scared for the future," she said. "I was brought up to be proud of my country and I hope that they can be proud of

theirs when they grow up. I don't know if they can be."

Slocum, a lifetime Republican, had worked on the campaign since February. "It feels good to say I've been here since the beginning," she said.

Other Perot supporters didn't think the loss would affect their lives so dramatically.

"It's over. Now I need to get back to my school work and get caught up," Corey Daniel, Cal Poly representative for Perot, said.

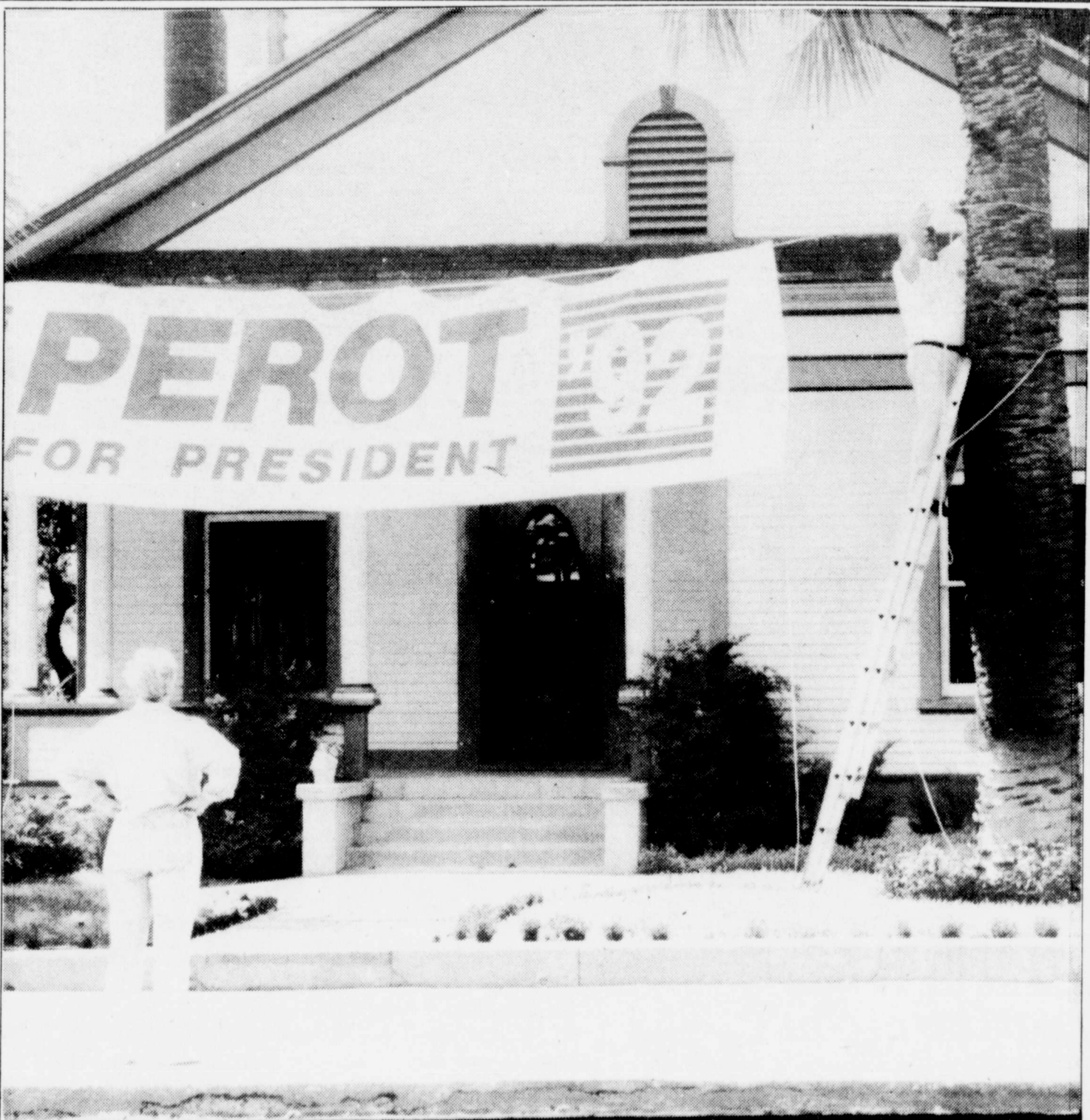
"I'm very disappointed because we are stuck with Clinton," Daniel said. "I hope the American people didn't make a mistake."

"All in all it was a very good experience for me and I am in no way sorry I did it," Daniel said of his volunteer work on the Perot campaign.

Many fans of Perot said not to count their man out just yet. Some even hinted Perot might be on the ballot again in '96.

"He started a movement that I don't think will be stopped," Joan Jenkins of Pismo Beach said.

Slocum summed up the feelings of the Perot headquarters: "We'll be back. We will be back."



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Earlier this summer, a Perot supporter sets up a banner at Perot's first downtown headquarters.



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CLINTON

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votes, or 39 percent, to 33,879, or 35 percent in this historically Republican area. Perot claimed 25,593 votes, or 26 percent of the popular vote.

"The nightmare is over," said Cal Poly social science junior Conan Gasparotti from the city Democratic headquarters last night. "We're booting out the good ol' boys. The last cold 'warrior' is gone."

San Luis Obispo resident June Heath said the president-elect's victory is a "good chance to do something with our country."

"Clinton will focus on people rather than objects," she said.

But not all San Luis Obispo voters were pleased with Tuesday's results. "I'm very disappointed," said Corey Daniel, a Cal Poly Perot supporter. "I'm sad because we're stuck with Clinton."

Paso Robles' Joan Monck,

another Perot supporter, was even less enthusiastic. "I think the American people are getting exactly what they deserve (in Bill Clinton)," she said.

Voter turnout statewide was running about 5 percent higher than the 1988 presidential election, when 72.8 percent of the voters went to the polls, reversing a 28-year downward trend in voter participation.

Exact turnout figures, however, won't be known until all absentee ballots are counted. Election officials estimate a record 20 to 22 percent of California's voters cast absentee ballots.

The 46-year-old governor will become the nation's third-youngest president when he takes office on Jan. 20. He savored his triumph in Little Rock where he appeared before a boisterous crowd of thousands gathered to cheer the first Democrat to win the White

House since Jimmy Carter in 1976.

"This election is a clarion call for our country to face the challenges of the end of the Cold War and the beginning of the next century," Clinton said. "To restore growth to our country and opportunity to our people, to empower our own people so they can take more responsibility for their own lives."

Clinton spoke on a flag-bedecked platform, joined by his wife Hillary, their daughter Chelsea and Al Gore and his family.

Throughout his campaign, Clinton called himself a "different kind of Democrat," with alternatives to old-style Democratic economics, and he emphasized his support for moving welfare recipients into jobs and more law enforcement personnel onto the streets.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

SENATE

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Locally, Herschensohn took 49.5 percent of the votes cast in San Luis Obispo County, compared to Boxer's 41.5 percent.

Feinstein led Seymour in San Luis Obispo County 47.8 percent to 44.2 percent.

The gender-based senate campaigns began with large leads in the polls for both Boxer, a Marin County congresswoman, and Feinstein, a former San Francisco mayor. But only Feinstein was able to hold on to a comfortable lead.

Boxer's campaign hit setbacks

supported deep defense cuts, a number of social programs, en- in October when Herschensohn launched a blistering TV ad campaign that sought to portray Boxer as a pampered Washington insider. The ads pointed out her 143 bounced checks on the House bank and her vote to raise her own pay.

Boxer declined to respond to the commercials for 2 1/2 weeks. When she got on the air to accuse Herschensohn of being a right-wing extremist, the race was even.

Boxer, a liberal Democrat,

environmental protection and a government-operated health care program.

Herschensohn, a proponent of a limited federal government, backed the abolition of the Environmental Protection Agency, as well as a host of regulations that he said hurt industry.

The ideological gap wasn't nearly as wide in the Feinstein-Seymour race, which matched up two moderates. The race also wasn't as close.

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PINARD

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dog and his wife to Bear Valley for a vacation.

"I told my wife (that) tomorrow we can start planning the next two years of our life," he said.

Reiss was the only candidate for mayor who spent the entire evening at the government center watching returns.

At one point he looked around the room for San Luis Obispo Mayor Ron Dunin, who had backed Reiss. "He's probably left for one of the parties," he said. "I can party anytime. I can only do this on election night."

"Losing won't be the end of the world," he said, "but I've been doing this for 15 years, so it's going to take some adjustment."

Taking an early lead with the absentee ballots, Reiss said he

thought he lost ground with the Poly vote.

"As Brent (Petersen) took a jump, so did Pinard," he said. "So it looks like it was the Poly factor."

Reiss' son Jonathan, a 24-year-old Cal Poly social science junior, said his dad loves serving the people and wants to see San Luis Obispo prosper.

"Not being in public service is going to be tougher for him than he's letting on," he said.

Reiss said he has two years to decide, but he may run again for mayor or City Council.

Huddling around a radio at the Laurel Lane Bowling Alley, Cal Massey and a group of 15 supporters displayed somber expressions as his position in the poles slipped from third to fourth.

"I thought I would do better in absentee voting, because they tend to be conservative," he said.

Massey said he had hoped Reiss would win if he did not because of their similar moral beliefs.

Back at the County Government Center, San Luis Obispo Mayor Ron Dunin said he would remain active in civic affairs after his term expires.

"My big desire as mayor — which I didn't accomplish — was to get the campus and community together so we don't have explosion points like Poly Royal and problems at parties," Dunin said.

He said he would continue to act as liaison with clubs and attend meetings to attempt to meet that goal of improved communication.

COUNCIL

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Before final tallies came in, Romero said he didn't believe Petersen could win.

"I don't think that Petersen really represents the majority of the students," Romero said. "I don't think he's able to swing that many Poly votes."

Williams, who was running fourth in the race with 14.6 per-

cent of the votes, said she was happy with her campaign.

"We ran a top-level campaign," she said. "We didn't resort to any trickery or any slurring against any other can-

didate. I feel very good about it."

Council candidate David Jeffrey said it didn't matter who was elected because the city

benefited from the "competitive" race.

"I think the city wins regardless of what individual candidate wins," he said. "There were a lot of creative ideas and plans on building the economy, preserving resources and knitting this city back together."

News editor John Hubbell contributed to this report.

PROPOSITIONS

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The cuts also would have affected about 770,000 poor families who receive Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

The measure, which Wilson sponsored in the midst of a 63-day budget impasse earlier this year, would have allowed the governor to declare a fiscal emergency whenever a state budget is

not in place by July 1.

The declaration would have allowed the governor to cut state operations and reduce the pay of state workers by 5 percent.

Wilson said the increasing cost of welfare forces the state to skimp on other services. California spends nearly \$16 billion annually on health and welfare services.

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monthly incentive for young welfare mothers to stay in school and with their families.

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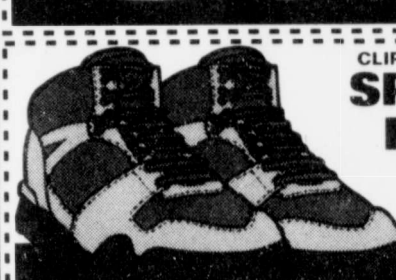
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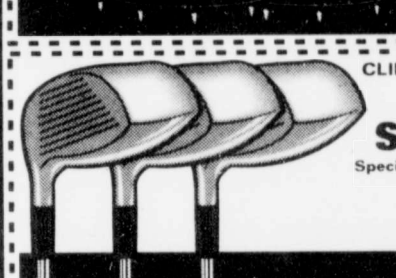
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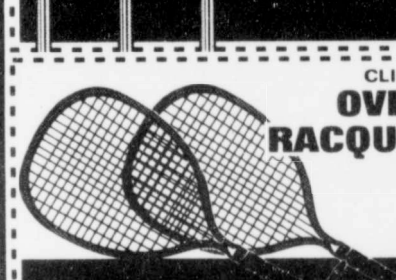
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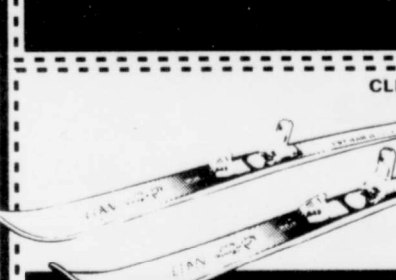
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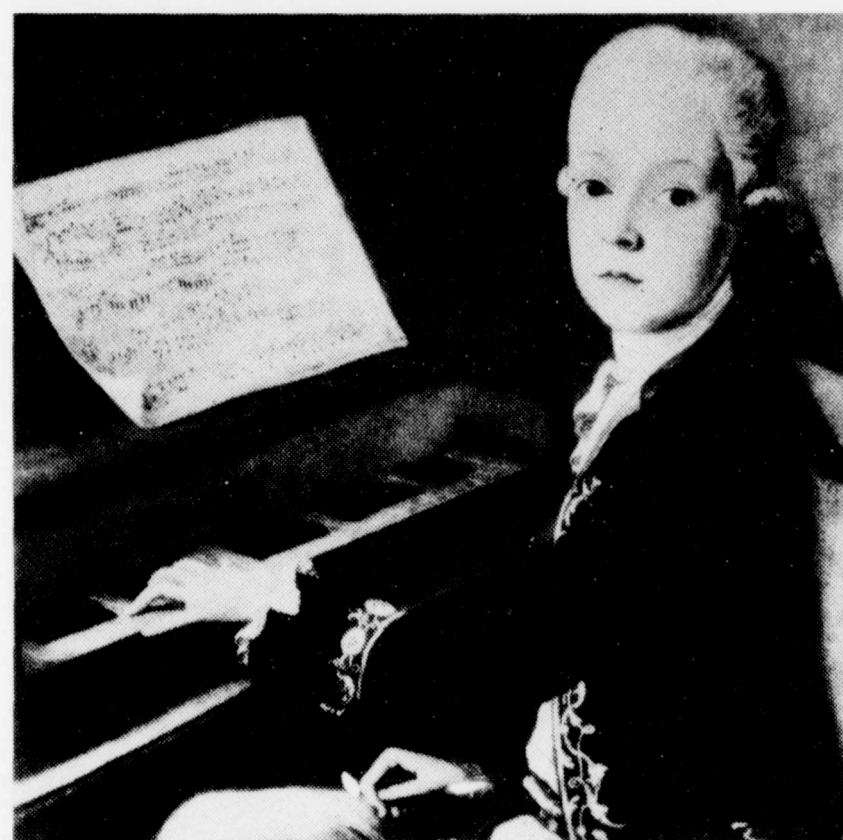
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HUFFINGTON

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Huffington said he believed he tapped into what people want.

"I've walked more precincts than anyone in Congress and I have heard the people loud and clear," he said. "They want Congress to change."

The Ochoa campaign office could not be reached for comment after Huffington declared victory from his Santa Barbara headquarters.

But Ochoa said in a television interview that "dollars don't vote, people do."

"If Huffington wins, he's bought the election," Ochoa said, adding that she won't concede defeat until every vote is counted.

At 1:15 a.m., Ochoa went on television to concede her defeat, calling Huffington "the first six-million-dollar-man" elected to Congress. Ochoa accused Huffington of underreporting his campaign spending figures.

Ochoa's campaign manager, Phil Pedlikin, said earlier in the evening that the race was too close to call going into election night.

Pedlikin said the Ochoa campaign had gained momentum in the last two weeks, due to what he believed to be a negative reaction to Huffington's spending.

"Mr. Huffington crossed the line, pushed the envelope too far with too many television ads," Pedlikin said.

"He made it blatant that he's

trying to buy this seat in Congress," he said.

But Huffington said he wished his money would stop being an issue.

"If that's the worst thing they can say about me, then I feel very good," Huffington said at his campaign headquarters in San Luis Obispo.

"I ran a very positive, issue-oriented campaign, while they

"If Huffington wins, he bought the election,"

Gloria Ochoa, minutes before conceding in the 22nd Congressional District race

ran a negative campaign," Huffington said. "That's just sour grapes."

Huffington said that while his campaign spending leads the nation, none of his money came from political action committees.

"I'm spending my own money to get my message out," he said.

Ochoa's campaign, which spent nearly \$500,000, received about 20 percent of its funds in PAC contributions, according to Pedlikin.

A lack of funding in the face of Huffington's millions was felt by another candidate as well.

"Personally I'm disheartened by the fact that Huffington bought his office," said Libertarian candidate Howard Dilbeck.

"If all the candidates had an equal amount of money, I don't feel Huffington would be ahead like he is," he said.

But a Cal Poly student came out in support for Huffington.

"I like him because he's a Republican and stands for many issues I believe in," said Biology freshman Elisa Hoffman.

The 22nd Congressional district is a newly drawn district, consisting of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties.

Huffington became the Republican candidate for the district by defeating 18-year Republican incumbent Bob Lagomarsino in the June primary.

Huffington has run his campaign claiming to be an "independent Republican," saturating local television airwaves with his message.

He embraced the conservative ideal that less government is better, but disagreed with the official Republican pro-life platform.

"It's your choice to have an abortion," Huffington said two weeks ago in a speech at Cal Poly. "It's between you, God, and the baby."

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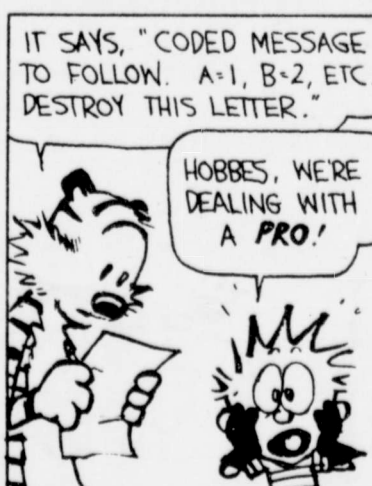
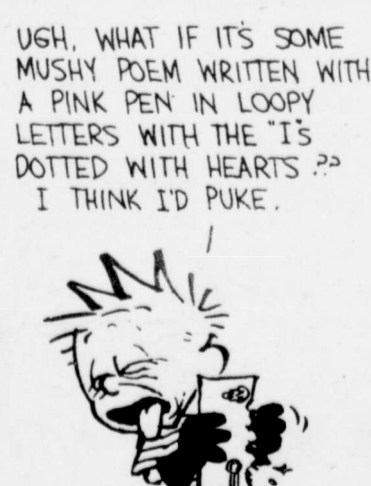
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