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Capps, Seastrand outline their views

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Is Rep. Andrea Seastrand a foot soldier for an extreme right-wing agenda, or a common-sense protector of Central Coast families?

And is Walter Capps a liberal, ivory-tower academic who triumphs tax-and-spend causes, or is he a principled man seeking to restore hope and civility in government?

For voters watching television, attending public forums or searching through newspapers, these are the types of negative charges — and positive portrayals — they might be hearing and reading. Some of the characterizations have been voiced by the candidates themselves in their quest for the highly sought-after 22nd Congressional District seat.

The Santa Barbara News-Press today attempts to shed light on what matters most to voters: Where the candidates stand on key issues. An accompanying graphic is based on extensive



NEWS-PRESS FILE

Does Andrea Seastrand follow Newt Gingrich? Do the unions control Walter Capps?

interviews with Seastrand and Capps, and coverage of a dozen forums where they outlined their views.

Also presented is a rundown of the votes cast by Seastrand over the past 18 months, the truest record of how her views have translated into action.

At those appearances, the contenders have often resorted to not-so-veiled barbs, employing political rhetoric rather than reasoned discourse.

SEE ISSUES

Capps, tax increase
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Why does Walter Capps continue to refuse to come clean on where he stands on important issues? This apparent deliberative avoidance suggests posturing with hidden agendas. He claims, for example, that he stands strongly for fiscal responsibility, but at the same time he advocates spending more on roads, highways, transportation and communication systems, education programs, environmental issues, education for illegal immigrants, subsidies for farmers and access for all to affordable high-quality health care.

I suspect Capps is positioning himself to support a tax increase to pay for all of his favored programs. Before Nov. 5, in fairness to voters, Capps should state whether he would support a tax increase, or, conversely, would he make a pledge not to do so.

Most likely he will elect to do neither and once again it will be the voters who lose.

Richard A. Johnson
Santa Barbara

ISSUES Continued

Seastrand, R-Shell Beach, charges the Democratic Capps with losing control of his campaign and being a marionette for "labor union bosses." She calls him a "liberal," and says his ideas are "dangerous."

Though he has stressed trying to run a "clean" campaign, Capps is not without his own digs. He says Seastrand takes orders from House Speaker Newt Gingrich, and doesn't stand on her own feet. He alludes to her as anti-abortion and anti-environment in her "lockstep" voting with the House's Republican majority.

Fueling the volatility is the coveted nature of the congressional seat, which has been held in Republican hands for more than 40 years. Republicans want to continue the tradition; Democrats seek to use the seat as a piece of the strategic puzzle of regaining control of Congress.

That the race has at times been long on talk, but short on substance, is a point realized by Capps. "We've talked about the issues, but there's also a lot of talk about where we're getting our support from," said Capps, a UCSB religious studies professor who lost in a close race to Seastrand in 1994. "That mostly has to do with the strategy of the campaigns."

"I've learned something by all of this. Issues are important, but even more important are the principles by which the congresswoman or congressman would make decisions. We haven't talked about that very directly. But that has come out in our discussions. People know we've done things very differently, we have differing priorities."

Seastrand decries the "distortion" of her voting record, and says she has tried to "dig my way out of the hole" she thinks has been created by special-interest groups trying to defeat her, such as the Sierra Club and the AFL-CIO.

"I try to talk to voters about what I stand for," Seastrand said. "I've worked hard these two years. I'm working around the clock. My only disappointment is I wish I had the same amount of dollars in outside money as my opponent."

On Nov. 5, the voters will get a final say, and give the candidates a message they can't miss.

LET THE RECORD SHOW

Rep. Andrea Seastrand, R-Shell Beach, has said she is running for re-election on her record. Here is a Congressional Quarterly accounting of votes she cast in the 104th Congress:

Approve fiscal 1997 omnibus spending package: Yea	Grant Wisconsin waiver to implement welfare changes: Yea	Repeal ban on certain semiautomatic weapons: Yea
Impose new rules on unionizing by Federal Express workers: Yea	Terminate the authorization for the space station: Nay	Strip language limiting legal immigration from bill: Nay
Curb U.N. designation of certain kinds: Yea	Authorize \$5.3 billion more for science programs: Nay	Require employees to verify worker immigrant status: Yea
Deny public education to illegal aliens: Yea	Minimum wage increase passes House: Nay	Express sense of Congress to defend Taiwan: Yea
Ban late-term abortions: Yea	Exempt small businesses from boost in minimum wage: Yea	Toughen anti-terrorism laws, limit death row appeals: Nay
Kill motion to release Gingrich report: Yea	Repeal 4.3-cents-per-gallon gas tax increase: Yea	Eliminate language expanding law officers' authority: Yea
Expand export promotion programs: Nay	Adopt resolution to balance budget by 2002: Yea	Eliminate one international affairs agency: Yea
Restrict placement of U.S. troops under U.N. command: Yea	Authorize \$12.4 billion for defense spending: Yea	Require states to fund rape and incest abortions: Nay
Raise the minimum wage by 90 cents an hour: Yea	Allow abortions at overseas military hospitals: Nay	Pass Republicans' omnibus spending bill: Yea
Overhaul welfare system: Yea	Provide adoption tax credit, ease adoption process: Yea	Tighten trade embargo on Cuba: Yea
Allow employers to offer comp time over overtime pay: Yea	Overhaul federal public housing policy: Yea	Reauthorize farm programs: Yea
Pass campaign finance overhaul: Yea	Require police to give information on sex offenders: Yea	Phase out the sugar price support program: Yea
Pass commerce, justice, state spending bill: Yea	Require disclosure of shipper-carrier contract terms: Nay	Overhaul telecommunications law: Yea
Adopt uniform limit on pesticides in food: Yea	Override veto of State Department authorization bill: Yea	Allow local control of waste flow: Nay
Overhaul welfare program: Yea	Adopt omnibus bill for unfunded department: Yea	Provide temporary government spending: Yea
Allow federal employee health plan to cover abortions: Nay	Overhaul National Wildlife Refuge System: Yea	Approve 1996 Defense Authorization: Yea
Freeze the salaries of members of Congress: Yea	Expand federal power to prevent and punish terrorism: Yea	Override shareholder lawsuits veto: Yea
Ban federal recognition of same-sex marriages: Yea	Take transportation trust funds off budget: Yea	Prohibit federal agency lobbying: Yea
Restore funds for AmeriCorps education grants: Nay	Modify several regulations governing tax collection: Yea	Provide temporary government spending: Yea
Deny most favored-nation trade status to China: Yea	End debate on rule on supermajority to raise taxes: Yea	Prohibit U.S. troop deployment in Bosnia: Yea
Pass \$12.1 billion interior spending bill: Yea	Adopt resolution proposing anti-tax amendment: Yea	Weakens gift ban proposal: Nay
Lift ban on environmental protections for murrelet: Nay	Limit awards to consumers injured by faulty products: Yea	Increase defense spending: Yea
Make destroying religious property a federal crime: Yea	Allow portability of health insurance coverage: Yea	Ban late-term abortions: Yea
Freeze defense spending at fiscal 1996 level: Nay	Outlaw partial-birth abortions: Yea	Approve GOP tax and spending cuts: Yea
Prohibit funding for certain tobacco programs: Yea		Reduce projected Medicare spending: Yea
Approve fiscal 1997 budget resolution: Yea		Approve telecommunications overhaul: Yea
Pass \$11.9 billion foreign operations		Oppose limits on environmental regulations: Nay
		Require compliance with ABM Treaty: Nay
		Relax Clean Water Act regulations: Yea

22ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ISSUES

Rep. Andrea Seastrand, R-Shell Beach, and her Democratic challenger, Walter Capps, have clear ideological differences on social and economic matters. Here are their stances on several key issues. The answers are culled from numerous interviews and coverage of public forums where they were participants.



ABORTION

SEASTRAND:

Seastrand calls herself a pro-life candidate who speaks of the "sanctity of life," and always explains her stance by affirming she is the mother of two adopted children. She believes in the "government protection of life, whether it is in the womb, a 100-

year-old person or a mentally disabled child." The only instance she cites where she would allow abortion is if the mother's life is threatened. Seastrand states that she has no stance on whether she would support abortion in cases of rape or incest. She supports a bill outlawing late-term abortion procedures. "I don't want taxpayer money to go for unlimited abortions or gender-selection abortions," she said.

CAPPS:

Capps thinks abortion should be a matter of conscience, to be decided by a woman in consultation with her physician and spiritual beliefs. "I am pro-choice without any restrictions," he said. "I don't want government interference with a woman's right to choose. I also think we need to reduce the number of abortions." Capps supports education, prevention and family planning and opposes a constitutional ban on abortion.



ECONOMY

SEASTRAND:

She supports a balanced budget act and tax reform. She also would seek a reduction in the capital gains tax, which she said would give people more money to expand businesses and create

jobs.

"We need to give tax relief to make sure families get more in their paychecks to spend as they see fit," she said. Seastrand has spoken in favor of eliminating the Internal Revenue Service and ending federal income taxes, to give people more control of investing or spending their own money. She said she would like to study the possibility of other tax reforms, including creating a national sales tax or a flat tax with a single tax rate, and thinks the current tax codes should be abandoned. She supports efforts to promote Vandenberg Air Force Base as a commercial spaceport.

CAPPS:

He favors targeted tax breaks, such as a \$1,500 annual tax deduction to pay for community college education and a \$10,000 annual tax deduction for families or students to spend on education or job training. He supports allowing people to use individual retirement accounts to purchase first homes or fund college educations. Capps supports tax breaks for small businesses seeking to expand, and for research and development initiatives. He'd like local, state and federal representatives to jointly examine creating business opportunities conducive to the the Central Coast, including the software industry and other new technology that would be compatible with the area's environment.



EDUCATION

SEASTRAND:

Seastrand, a former elementary school teacher, supports the elimination of the U.S. Department of Education, with funding for that department reallocated to state and local entities.

"I want to see those dollars kept at home," she said. "I don't want to send those dollars to Washington ... I want to make sure those education resources go to education and not the bureaucracy."

She supports charter schools and allowing teachers and districts to control school curriculums, not the "rules coming from the federal government 3,000 miles away."

"We will continue to streamline and consolidate 760 federal education programs and 38 agencies," she said. "I want to strengthen local control, streamline and consolidate that maze. I have a feeling there's overlapping duplication and waste. Quality education isn't an issue of spending more, it's an issue of spending smarter."

CAPPS:

A UCSB religious studies professor, Capps supports a strengthening of student loan programs and grants.

"Every dollar spent on education has an \$8 return either in invention, cre-

ativity or savings of money," he said. "Education is a real good deal. It isn't very expensive for what the returns are."

All levels of education, like all levels of government, can work cooperatively, Capps said.

He supports the availability of a college education for everyone, and would like to see tax deductions available to help parents pay for college educations. Capps also believes there should be more study to define job opportunities that don't require a college education.

Capps would also like to see classrooms updated with computer technology, and wants students to have access to lifelong retraining and skills improvement.



ENVIRONMENT

SEASTRAND:

"We tried to base things we did on common sense, flexibility and sensible approaches," she said of the Republican majority in the 104th Congress. "We need to look at new innovations and new technology."

Toxic polluters, she said, need to be held accountable, and she would like to "give people incentives to make them want to clean up their properties," such as fining polluters. She says too much of the Superfund toxic cleanup funds are paid to attorneys' fees; she wants the money spent on cleanup.

The government needs environmental standards, she said, but also "common-sense approaches so we're not tied up on rules and regulations that don't work."

She said she favored giving local entities control in meeting clean-water standards, and voted to preserve a moratorium on offshore oil drilling and maintain federal funds to protect the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary.

CAPPS:

"This (the 22nd District) used to be the environmental capital of the world," Capps said. "I'd like to reassert that reputation. It's very important for this area. I don't think that goes against business. Good environmental policy is good business policy."

Capps favors a "polluter pays" policy that would fine any industry caught fouling a stream or waterway. The industry, not the taxpayer, should pay for cleanup, he said.

He supports standards for beach water quality and a protection of wetlands. He would also like to see tax incentives to reward "environmentally sound growth."



IMMIGRATION

SEASTRAND:

She supported House Resolution 2202, a bill that would "do more to lock illegal aliens out of the United States and out of American jobs, allow states to deny schooling to illegal aliens, tighten the political asylum process and restrict public benefits for illegal

aliens."

Seastrand supports doubling the size of immigration patrols at the California-Mexico border and building of a 14-mile, triple-layer fence along the border south of San Diego.

"We cannot control our budget unless we get our borders under control," Seastrand said.

Seastrand would like to increase the penalty for people who hire illegal immigrants. She is against a national identification card, but in favor of creating an 800 number, which employers could call to voluntarily check the validity of a worker's Social Security card.

As for legal immigration, Seastrand wants to examine the use of visas, and would like to see a crackdown on people who ignore visa departure deadlines. She'd also consider revising downward the number of immigrants allowed into the country.

CAPPS:

He states he is "totally, completely, absolutely, opposed to illegal immigration."

Capps opposes denying schooling to children of illegal immigrants. He says he supports the "strong tradition" of legal immigration, and scorns the "humiliation and discrimination" some immigrants face because of the "color of their skin."

Capps favors strengthening the borders with patrols, the deportation of criminals and the creation of fraud-resistant identification papers. He also supports penalizing employers who hire illegal immigrants.

He does not support giving benefits such as welfare to illegal immigrants, but would consider allowing emergency health care in the interest of public health.

Abundant Amount of Locals Registered to Vote

By Michael Ball **UCSB Nexus**
Staff Writer **OCT. 23 1996**

Isla Vista and UCSB voters will head into the Nov. 5 election with an increased number of residents eligible to cast their ballot, thanks to local registra-



tion efforts.

Numbers recently released by the Santa Barbara County elections office show 20,108 I.V. and UCSB residents are registered to vote in the fall contest, said Ken Pettit, county clerk-recorder. The total is up from just over 17,000 voters eligible for last March's primary election.

"It's significantly higher [than usual]. Just as the whole county is higher," Pettit said.

Countywide numbers put the voter rolls at slightly more than 237,000 — a record high, he said.

According to the elections office numbers, of the total registered I.V./UCSB electorate, 8,735 are Democrats, 5,327 are

nearly 10,000 registration cards, said Associated Students External Vice President for Local Affairs Jeff Provenzano.

Day push to get students out to the polls.

With a large number of registered voters, high turnout could be crucial for local candidates. Representatives for both contestants for 3rd District county supervisor said they hope a large number of I.V. voters will cast ballots on Election Day.

High student participation could make the difference for Gail Marshall in her race against Willy Chamberlin, said Cameron Benson, Marshall I.V. campaign coordinator.

"For us it's crucial. The last election was decided by 12 votes," he said, referring to the 1992 contest between current Supervisor Bill Wallace and Chamberlin. Chamberlin held the seat for 18 months until a 1994 court decision decided Wallace actually won by 12 votes.

The 1992 election results showed that a vast majority of I.V. voters were against Willy Chamberlin, a showing which Benson said he expects to see

VOTER REGISTRATION TALLIES FOR ISLA VISTA/UCSB PRECINCTS

Total: 20,108

Democrats
8,735

Republicans
5,327

Other Parties
1,626

No Affiliation
4,420

SOURCE: SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE

NICK ROBERTSON/Daily Nexus

Republicans and minor parties are represented by 1,626 local residents. The remaining 4,420 registered voters declined to state any political affiliation.

Much of the credit for the higher numbers can go to participants in a coordinated registration effort on campus and in I.V. during the first two weeks of classes, which collected

"I thought we did really well. We basically blanketed the campus. There were so many opportunities to register," he said.

"So now we've got all those people registered, we have to get them to vote," he said.

To maximize turnout, Provenzano said A.S., in conjunction with local campaign workers, will be making a mass Election

Decency and compassion

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To the Editor:

The fact that Andrea Seastrand would continue to air her ad using Polly Klaas's name even after her father publicly aired his opposition, just shows how insensitive Seastrand is to the concerns of others.

I do not vote on party lines, I vote on issues. The issue here seems to be decency and compassion, which Seastrand seems to lack.

Sofia Hollum
Santa Maria

VOTERS

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again this year.

"Now that they've seen Chamberlin's record and what he's done ... I would expect the same kind of ratio," Benson said.

While encouraging student participation, the Chamberlin camp does

not see the I.V. vote as central to their election operations, said campaign coordinator Tom Widroe.

"We are pleased to see that so many people are registered and we hope everyone votes. We would hope that all students vote and make an educated decision on Election Day," he said.

Though the number of people eligible to cast ballots is higher than usual, it is difficult to predict how many voters will actually vote, Pettit said.

"It is a presidential year and people tend to get out there ... but high registration does not necessarily correlate to high voter turnout," he said.

Seastrand not viable representative of 22nd District

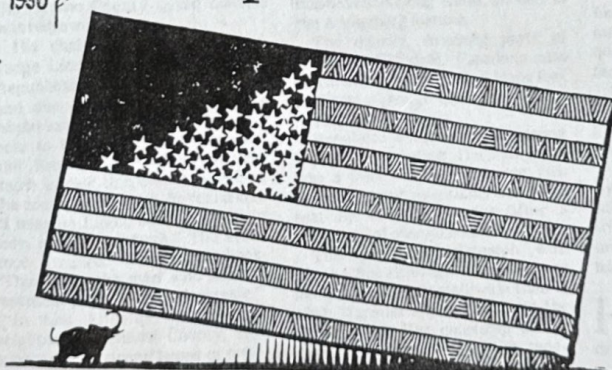
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I read with interest the many letters about Andrea Seastrand. Some applaud Andrea's pro-business legislation, while others cry foul over Andrea's environmental voting record. What I like to see is a representative who can balance both the environmental and development needs and concerns of the district. So I decided to follow Seastrand's voting record over the last year. Here is what I found:

Andrea voted to set limitations on the designation of a critical habitat for the marbled murrelet.

The marbled murrelet is a bird that likes to nest in old-growth forests. If murrelet habitat is designated as critical habitat then logging would not be allowed or severely limited in these areas. Seastrand's vote indicates support for two ideas: Andrea supports logging at the expense of endangered species; and Andrea believes politicians are better qualified than field biologists to designate critical habitat for endangered species.

I can understand the first idea. Loggers can vote and the marbled murrelet cannot. Logging companies contribute



JOHN MacDONALD

money to one's reelection campaign and the marbled murrelet can not. Does anyone believe we should let politicians decide which species should survive or not on our planet?

Andrea also voted against a Kennedy amendment that would have reduced Forest Service road construction funding by \$42 million.

Taxpayer groups supported the amendment, and many Republican members voted for the amendment because it would have reduced the deficit. Environmental groups supported the amendment be-

cause there are already three hundred 79,000 miles of roads through the National Forest System (eight times the size of the Interstate Highway System) and new roads will further damage land, water and wildlife.

Andrea also voted against a bipartisan amendment that would have prevented the Forest Service from funding any of the timber sales under the 1995 salvage rider. The 1995 salvage logging rider was legislation that allowed timber interests to log areas without concern for environmental laws.

It seems Andrea supports logging even though it is not economically viable and it will increase the deficit. Andrea supports corporate but not social welfare.

I could talk about Andrea's support for more destruction of wetlands in the Clean Water Bill. She decided the definition of wetlands from the National Academy of Sciences was too liberal! I could talk about Andrea's zero percent voting record on environmental issues according to the League of Conservation Voters; or I could note her various awards from the Chamber of Commerce. Where is the balance?

In following Seastrand's voting record it becomes readily apparent she can find no midpoint between environmental and business concerns. She consistently chooses corporate welfare over fundamental economics. Her environmental record is not "common sense" as she alleges but should be more accurately described as "nonsense." I do not believe she is a viable representative of the district.

Robert Cooney
Goleta

California May Tip Balance in U.S. House

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By FAYE FIORE
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TIMES STAFF WRITERS

With little more than a week to go before the election, at least 10 California congressional districts are up for grabs—a collection of hotly contested races that is the largest in the nation and that may well leave partisan control of the House of Representatives in the hands of the state's voters.

The close races include at least three in Los Angeles County and one each in San Bernardino, Orange County and the Santa Barbara area.

Given the tightness of many of the races—and the enormous stakes riding on the decision here—both parties are preparing to pour massive resources into a final battle waged on the state's airwaves and in its mailboxes over the next several days. Political professionals of both parties predict that \$4 million will be spent by the two parties to sway the congressional races in this final week.

Outside groups will be active as well. The Christian Coalition plans to distribute a record 5 million voter guides in California—almost twice the number handed out two years ago—primarily in hopes of supporting Republican candidates. On the other side, groups including

the Sierra Club, the AFL-CIO and abortion-rights activists are spending millions in support of their favored candidates—mostly Democrats.

In the fight for control of the House, "California has become the real battleground," says Allan Hoffenblum, a Los Angeles-based longtime Republican political consultant.

Officials of both parties are, as one would expect, predicting victory. But "if there is a strong Democratic wave in California, which there well could be, that puts the Democrats a long way toward taking over the House," said Larry Sabato, professor of government at the University of Virginia.

That prospect is making Hoffenblum and other Republican strategists nervous, given the prospect of a large statewide victory for President Clinton at the top of the ticket.

In the past, Hoffenblum notes, Republican candidates for Congress and the state Legislature have often benefited from strong showings by GOP candidates further up the ballot. In 1992, when then-President George Bush stopped campaigning in the state early on and Clinton carried the state with a 13-point margin, Republican candidates suffered badly.

"Can we convince these independents and Republicans who are

victory, and Clinton is planning to visit the district this week in hopes of giving her a boost.

In hot water on the other side of the aisle is Brown, the dean of the California congressional Democrats. Being a premier Republican target is nothing new to the 76-year-old cigar-chomping liberal. The GOP has predicted his downfall for years as Brown's margins of victory dipped below 55% when his San Bernardino County-based district was redrawn.

His challenger, Superior Court Judge Linda M. Wilde, is the first Republican woman to face Brown and one of his most outspokenly conservative challengers. They appear to be running neck and neck, and Brown did not help matters much earlier this month when, in the course of a debate, he remarked: "I imagine Linda, because she is a lady, is afraid of math." The audience groaned. Wilde shot back: "This is not the man who used to represent you. . . . He's desperate." In Los Angeles County and neighboring Ventura County, Republicans had strong hopes of picking up a seat when Beilenson, a Woodland Hills Democrat, called it quits. But the race to succeed him now appears to be a tossup.

Rich Sybert, a toy company executive and former member of Gov. Pete Wilson's administration, came within a whisker of beating Beilenson two years ago. His prospects seemed rosy this time around until a couple of miscues—and energetic campaigning by Democrat Brad Sherman—tightened the match.

Casting himself as a moderate in a district where Democrats outnumber Republicans, Sybert's political mail featured retired Gen. Colin Powell as his key supporter—until Powell disavowed any endorsement.

Sherman immediately pounced on the issue, dispatching a brochure to more than 100,000 voters: "If Rich Sybert will lie to you about Gen. Powell, he will lie to you about anything."

Sherman has also managed to

voting for Bill Clinton to come over and vote for a Republican for Congress or the Legislature?" he asks.

"There is no historic data whether they will or not. This is something that is brand new—now we're dealing with Clinton Republicans."

While several California seats are in play, the most closely watched races are in districts held by one veteran Democrat, George E. Brown of San Bernardino, and three Republicans—freshman Rep. Andrea Seastrand, who represents the Santa Barbara area, two-term Rep. Frank Riggs of Windsor in the state's far north, and two-term Rep. Bill Baker in the East Bay.

In addition, strategists from both parties are eyeing three Los Angeles County races—the rematch between Rep. Jane Harman (D) and Susan Brooks (R) in a South Bay district that was the closest contest in the nation in 1994, the battle for a seat in the San Fernando Valley and Ventura County left vacant by the retirement of Rep. Anthony Beilenson (D), and the contest between Rep. Steve Horn (R) and attorney Rick Zbur (D) in a Long Beach-centered district that Democrats hope they can recapture. A fourth contest, in the Glendale-area district left open by the retirement of Rep. Carlos Moorhead (R), seems likely to remain Republican.

keep pace with Sybert's fundraising, in part by dumping \$300,000 of his own money into the race. And he has reserved four times as much cash as Sybert to woo voters in the final weeks of the close contest.

The outcome appears slightly more certain in Moorhead's old district, where the Republican, former municipal judge and current Assemblyman James Rogan, has a modest edge over the Democrat, millionaire businessman Doug Kahn, an heir to the Annenberg fortune.

The district, covering parts of Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena and surrounding communities, leans Republican, although Clinton carried it in 1992.

Republicans also once had strong hopes of unseating Harman, who was a loser on election night two years ago and eventually held her seat by only 812 votes after a tabulation of absentee ballots.

This year is a rematch with Brooks, but although Democrats are likely to do better statewide than in 1994, Harman appears to have the upper hand. Her courtship of the district's defense contractors, moderate voting record and considerable personal wealth have elevated her prospects from a tossup to favorable, although her edge in this quirky battleground is hardly commanding.

Democrats, meantime, continue to hope for an upset of Horn, a former Cal State Long Beach president. He has managed to survive in a Democratic district by purveying a set of moderate Republican views somewhat to the left of Speaker Newt Gingrich's edgy conservatism. Something of a surprise when he won in 1992, Horn has forged a thoughtful, professorial political persona that seems to play well.

His challenger is Rick Zbur, an environmental attorney, who, should he win, would be the first gay House member from any state to declare his sexual orientation before his first election. The issue has not loomed large in the campaign. Zbur has concentrated on trying to link Horn with Gingrich, arguing that the incumbent talks

In Orange County, Republican Rep. Robert K. Dornan appears to be in a tight contest with his challenger, Democratic businesswoman Loretta Sanchez. Dornan spent most of his treasure chest on a quixotic bid for the GOP presidential nomination, giving his challenger a leg up.

Sanchez has drawn the support of Dornan's political enemies, including environmentalists, gay activists and Clinton, who recently campaigned in his district.

The district has a nominal Democratic edge, but Democratic hopes of unseating Dornan in the past have never been realized. This time, Dornan says, it "could be the fight of my life."

That Riggs is threatened at all by neophyte challenger Michele Alioto is a sign of hard times for the GOP, experts said.

"It's a perfect example of how had this cycle is for Republicans," said independent political analyst Stuart Rothenberg. "A 28-year-old woman who knows nothing about issues and just moved to the district should not beat Frank Riggs, an incumbent congressman who has a geographic advantage and more familiarity with the issues."

Alioto, granddaughter of former San Francisco Mayor Joseph Alioto, has been an energetic campaigner and there is no clear favor-

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moderation in California, but votes the party line in Washington.

Republicans believe Zbur will come across as too liberal in a district that is well stocked with conservative, blue-collar Democrats, but at least some Democratic strategists believe a strong Democratic turnout, and antipathy to Gingrich, could help pull Zbur over the top.

Two remaining districts are likely to stay with the incumbent, but the fact that both remain question marks indicates how close the overall election remains.

One is the seat held by veteran Rep. Vic Fazio, the most endangered senior Democrat in Congress.

Fazio has been accustomed to living in the GOP cross-hairs since his West Sacramento Valley district was redrawn, trading liberal urbanites for conservative suburban and rural voters.

His rematch against 35-year-old Realtor Tim LeFever has drawn national attention. Recent polls show Fazio pulling ahead, but Republicans are expected to continue pushing for LeFever because a Fazio defeat would be a major blow to the Democrats.

The other is Rep. Brian P. Bilbray's 49th District in San Diego, where UC Irvine economics professor Peter Navarro is doing well enough to make the freshman incumbent nervous. Bilbray started the year on Democratic hit lists and remains vulnerable, although Navarro is hardly considered a strong candidate, having lost a bid for San Diego mayor in 1992.

Bilbray, a vocal supporter of the "contract with America," has an advantage. "He's the superior candidate," Rothenberg said. "He's the favorite. He should win. If he doesn't, it's a terrible year for Republicans."

Times staff writers Janet Hook and Gebo Martinez in Washington, Dave Lesher and Bill Stall in Sacramento and Kenneth R. Weiss in Ventura contributed to this story.

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ite in the race. History is not working in Riggs' favor; the district has not returned an incumbent to Washington since 1988. (Riggs was first elected to Congress in 1990, defeated in 1992, and then returned to the House in 1994.)

Seastrand seems to be in worse shape than Riggs. Her rematch against Democratic religion professor Walter Capps has become the symbol of her party's greater struggle to hold the House.

Labor alone is estimated to be spending \$900,000 on anti-Seastrand ads. A car accident set Capps back for much of the year, but not enough to decide the race—a trouble sign for the GOP. And Clinton recently began airing advertisements in the Santa Barbara media market, hoping to boost Democratic turnout and assist Capps.

Baker's race could also be a bellwether. He is the lone conservative from the San Francisco Bay area, with a district covering East Bay towns such as Livermore and Walnut Creek.

Wealthy former Wall Street investment banker Ellen Tauscher has run an aggressive campaign that is giving Baker the toughest race of his career. Some observers say Baker's conservative votes on social issues may be out of step with his more moderate constituents. He opposes abortion rights and the assault weapons ban; she backs them.

Baker has represented parts of the district for almost 16 years—12 in the state Legislature and the last four in Congress, and the area leans his way. But Democrats hope a strong tide could sweep Tauscher to

No matter how much we wish it weren't so, politics has an ugly face

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By Wickson Woolpert OCT. 18 1996

It's the season for political hyperbole. Here are a few examples:

Frequent letters to the Telegram-Tribune: "Your paper is so one-sided I am canceling my subscription."

A response: "And read what?"
To Congresswoman Andrea: "Your Capps-Davis ad shocked me."

A good response: "You seem to have forgotten Voltaire's appeal to democrats: 'I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.'"

Advice to Dole-Kemp: "If you want to win, get more personal."

My response: "We don't need to be reminded of the character issue. For most of us, it takes more than a presidential character problem to change our political minds. Some of us still think Nixon was a good president."

To some Pismo and Atascadero leaders: Whatever the question, it seems the answer simply is: "Be the first to get a lawyer and sue. We have a nice city, but..."

To that Republican candidate for state office whose advertising denounces the California Supreme

Court for its Three Strikes decision: "Get real. All but one of the justices were appointed by Republican governors."

To non-voters who have no interest "in politics": "Is there something more important?"

Enough of this. My wordfinder defines "politics" as "the art and science of government." That's what I was taught in Political Science 1A at U.C. Berkeley. Now, after half a century of working in the political world, I disagree: It is neither art nor science; at times it is an abomination.

Yet, lousy as our "politics" may be, the alternatives aren't all that great. That's what the wiseacres always remind us. So be it. Maybe the answer is on the Internet. One day I'll try "http://www.goodpolitics.net/."

My point, if any, is that we should not lose interest just because we disagree with so much of what is said and done. I love quotes from the stars of the past. For instance, on this point, in 1866 a judge wrote: "No man's life, liberty, or property are safe while the Legislature is in session." I suppose he wanted judges to make the law.

VIEWPOINT

The classy political observer Will Rogers in 1922 thought of the place where Seastrand and Capps want to go as, "The Capitol Comedy Company of Washington." Well, dear Will, like making hot dogs, most of the time the results are fairly good. We don't send them there to be robots. A mix of thought and compromise — with a load of conscience — whether by a Seastrand or a Capps, will keep our Ship of State cruising.

Another senior citizen observation: A host of issues, such as Abortion, Three Strikes, Gay Rights, Affirmative Action, and Gun Control, are making us very uncomfortable because so often dressed in political hyperbole. Because they involve legal rights, they are legitimate subjects of political discussion. But — how far can one go?

For example, did Ms. Seastrand go too far in her ad associating killer Davis and candidate Capps while raising a death penalty

question? A respected lawyer and others reacted by Letters to the Editor.

They were shocked, as no doubt other Capps supporters were. Yet, Ms. Seastrand's ad was making a legitimate point: Professor Capps at one time took a position of conscience — he was against the death penalty. Recently, apparently because of the gross nature of Davis and his crime, the candidate for public office says he supports death in Davis' case. Was that because the overwhelming public wanted Davis put to death, or has his position of conscience changed?

As a Congressman, would Professor Capps oppose the ever-increasing death penalty provisions of the federal law?

What some observers missed in their shocked reaction is that Professor Capps' position is a political one because, if elected, he can change federal death penalty law. In California, a conscientious

position on the death penalty is an all or nothing matter. On one side, without exception you believe it to be wrong for the government to take life as a form of punishment. On the other side, you approve of our death penalty law which is a discreet one and far from automatic.

The California law permitted the Davis case result, but only after satisfying at least three safeguards. The District Attorney exercised the first discretion in choosing what to seek. Then, after a full trial, the jury had the choice to make. Also, throughout the case the judge could make rulings changing the result. Appeals panels and the governor may yet have some part in the result.

Possibly the professor spoke too soon or without knowing enough about the issue. Perhaps he was misinterpreted. In any event, his stated position was a proper subject for a political ad. To object because of the use of the Polly Klaas example, misses two points. Opponents of the death penalty can be tested by what we call "hard cases." A position of strong conscience doesn't have exceptions from case to case.

Secondly, although the Klaas killing was a great tragedy to a family, it was the most politicized killing in California history. It was used without restraint and resulted in the Three Strikes Law and increasing demands for death penalties.

This is not to say that the design of the particular ad was unobjectionable. Obviously, it did not clearly make the death penalty point. It too closely associated the professor's character with that of Davis. The pictures were grim. It was a knee jerk reaction by Ms. Seastrand's people to all the negative hyperbole being so loosely thrown at her.

Did the ad change any opinions? Perhaps, but most of us are so stuck with our political biases that as to major candidates, we see what we want to see and vote accordingly, if we vote at all.

So, as President Truman reminded us, the political kitchen can get pretty hot.

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Third-party hopefuls speak up at Hancock

By Ken Miller Santa Maria Times
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Third-party candidates who don't have the money, name recognition or political clout of their Democratic or Republican opponents got a chance to espouse their views at a forum Tuesday.

Independent Steve Wheeler, Natural Law Party candidate Dawn Tomastik and Libertarian candidate David Bersohn, who are vying for the 22nd Congressional District seat, spent more than an hour discussing the issues while avoiding attacks on one another at the Hancock Community College cafeteria.

The event, sponsored by the college, did not see Republican incumbent Andrea Seastrand or Democratic challenger Walter Capps attend. Also missing was Richard

Forum hosted congressional candidates out of the limelight

Porter of the Reform Party.

All candidates divided sharply on education.

Bersohn, whose party favors doing away with as much government as Constitutionally conceivable, supported 100 percent tax credits for any educational expenditures, no taxes on private schools, tax credits for child care and no compulsory attendance laws.

Tomastik said education is her party's top priority, and supports Pell grants and student loans.

Wheeler worked his way through college and urged the students in attendance to not rely on student loans.

"Go out and get a job," Wheeler said.



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"You'll be more efficient."

He went on to call Hancock's \$13 a unit cost "reasonable" and President Clinton's proposal to hook up schools with the Internet "a waste of money."

One member of the audience said they felt Congress had "broken its contract" with legal immigrants by voting for welfare reform, which denies them food stamps or aid to families with dependent children (AFDC) unless they meet very specific criteria.

Bersohn said, "America should keep its contractual obligations," and that "xenophobia has hardly grown prettier over the years."

Tomastik agreed, stating, "I'd like to find out why the contract wasn't kept," but adding she feels the country is "full."

Wheeler said he feels there was not a broken contract, adding, "If you've been here five years or more, you can apply for citizenship. It (welfare reform) was a step in the right direction."

Proposition 215, the marijuana initiative, brought out diverse responses as well.

Wheeler, whose mother died of cancer in 1977, said she was given marijuana-laced brownies to ease her pain by Wheeler's sis-

ter, and he supports its use by medical patients.

"It's not as harmful as a lot of the over-the-counter drugs out there," he said. "It's (Proposition 215) not perfect but it's a step in the right direction."

Tomastik said legalizing drugs in general "could increase costs" and "send the wrong signal to youth that drug use is not harmful."

Bersohn, whose party calls for the legalization of drugs, said, "You own yourself. What you wish to ingest is your choice, not the government's, as long as you don't initiate violence against another person."

All candidates said they are pro-choice, although some like Bersohn said taxpayers, some of which oppose abortion, should not be paying for abortion clinics.

Mrs. Dole takes tour of Bethel House

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By PAMELA LOPEZ-JOINSON
NEWS-PRESS STAFF WRITER

Christie Wiborg, a Santa Barbara recovery-home resident, walked out of a private meeting with Elizabeth Dole on Saturday feeling that the first lady hopeful truly cared about her future.

"She's compassionate, caring and very loving," said a moist-eyed Wiborg, 39. "She loves the Lord, she definitely loves Jesus."

During her short tour of the Bethel House, Dole, wife of Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole, spoke in private with three residents of the women's home and adjacent Santa Barbara Rescue Mission for men.

Dole's religious conviction emerged most strongly during the intimate chat, they said.

"She said she hoped that after we got out of here, we would be witnesses for the Lord," Wiborg said.

While speaking briefly to reporters, Dole emphasized her role as the president of the American Red Cross, apparently hoping to show a commonality between herself and the people at Bethel House. She would not take questions from the small group of media representatives.

"My office is one minute from the White House," she said. "I can walk there for lunch."

Should her husband — who is trailing Pres-



GERRY MEINDEZ/NEWS-PRESS

Elizabeth Dole meets Bethel House volunteer Alexandria Yeargan, seated, before accompanying Rescue Mission President Joe Gossett, left, and Rep. Andrea Seastrand, behind Dole, on a tour of the facility.

ident Clinton by 20 percentage points in some polls — be elected on Nov. 5, Dole said she would push for increased government funding for recovery homes such as the Bethel House.

But she also said the public needs to share in the financial responsibility.

Dole said Americans on average donate 2 percent of their incomes to non-profit agencies per year. Increasing donations by 1 percent from each family would raise an extra \$62 billion, she said.

"Wouldn't that be fantastic?" she asked. "We need to really go all out on this. If people can't give more money, then maybe they can volunteer their time."

Joe Gossett, president of the Rescue Mission and Bethel House, was ecstatic that Dole chose his recovery home to visit. In all, there are 793 non-profit organizations in Santa Barbara County, he said.

By visiting Bethel House, he believed Dole hoped to emphasize that private non-prof-

it organizations such as his, which do not receive federal funding, can be successful. The Rescue Mission and Bethel House rely solely on private donations.

"Other organizations that receive government funding are downsizing," he said. "And here we are doubling our size and we don't accept government funding. We represent what can be done with private contributions."

The Rescue Mission is also one of the only long-term recovery homes in the South Coast with a strong Christian emphasis. "And Mrs. Dole is a committed Christian herself," he said.

During her tour, however, Dole seemed surprised when Gossett told her the organization relies only on private donations.

"Aren't you supported by United Way?" she asked him.

"Oh no," Gossett replied.

"Interesting," Dole commented, nodding her head.

At the end of the visit, Dole was given several Santa Barbara Rescue Mission sweatshirts to take back to Washington, D.C. Afterward, she immediately left for the airport to travel to her next scheduled appearance in Monterey. Saturday's Santa Barbara visit was the fourth for Dole in eight months.

"You are truly doing the Lord's work," she told Gossett before she left. "It's a beautiful thing you're doing here. And I look forward to wearing these shirts."

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By now, voters in the 22nd Congressional District have had their fill of nasty campaign ads. For many, that point probably was reached several weeks or even months ago.

The campaigns surrounding Republican incumbent Andrea Seastrand and Democratic challenger Walter Capps have not been a credit to the political process. For example, to distort Capps' views on the death penalty, Seastrand's campaign exploited the killing of Polly Klaas while mischaracterizing the challenger as being sympathetic to notorious murderer Richard Allen Davis. The AFL-CIO, to benefit Capps' chances of success, has disingenuously described Seastrand's votes to slow Medicare's growth as cutbacks that threaten its survival.

We won't dwell on the exceedingly disappointing tenor of this campaign. Instead, we'll move directly to our reasons for recommending you vote for Walter Capps.

In a phrase, we are confident Capps will follow his principles and beliefs in the value of a democracy, even if it means bucking the party line. We are just as confident Capps will vote his conscience, not be identified by his solidarity with his party's leader.

Seastrand sees Washington as a place that has usurped control from local authorities. She believes it must be whittled down to be brought back under control. Capps feels the 22nd

District needs an even stronger tie to the federal government, especially in regard to environmental protections and help for public education. Rather than viewing the federal government as a threat to those living here, Capps sees a need for establishing a strong common ground between Washington and local constituents.

Seastrand's actions in Congress have not represented the views of a majority of those who live in the district. She sided with her party on the issue of repealing the ban on assault weapons; she is part of the GOP machinery that would essentially dismantle the work done to protect the environment; given the chance, she would reverse federal law protecting a woman's reproductive rights.

Capps is on the other side of those questions, which we view as more prudent public policy. In fact, in Capps' platform statement, there are few issues with which we disagree.

There are four other candidates in this race: Steve Wheeler, an independent who fought his way onto the ballot with a signature drive; David Bersohn, Libertarian Party; Dawn Tomastik, Natural Law Party; and Dick Porter, Reform Party. Each has brought something to the debate.

But, in our view, Capps is the only candidate who brings a full menu of issues that best serve the interests of the 22nd District. We recommend you vote for Walter Capps.

Seastrand not alone in effort to connect child killer with foe

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BERKELEY (AP) — Weeks have passed since the man who killed Polly Klaas was sent to death row. But Richard Allen Davis continues to make news — this time in political campaign ads invoking his infamous name.

At least three Republican congressional candidates — Tim LeFever, Frank Riggs and San Luis Obispo County's Andrea Seastrand — are running ads using public revulsion towards Davis to attack their opponents' stands on the death penalty.

"It's a good strategy because support for the death penalty has been at the 70 percent level and above since 1978," said Bruce Cain, a political science professor at the University of California-Berkeley. "It's an issue that has hung many a liberal Democratic candidate."

Davis is one of the most loathed criminals in California. He was paroled from the California Men's Colony.

People in suburban and rural areas were terrified after Polly was snatched from her bedroom during a slumber party in 1993.

The day he was found guilty, Davis extended both middle fingers to a courtroom camera. At his sentencing, he shocked the courtroom with the unfounded accusation that Polly's own father had molested her.

One of the new ads, from the campaign of Seastrand, R-Shell Beach, tells viewers two people were disappointed when Davis was sentenced to die — Davis and Seastrand's opponent, Democrat Walter Capps.

"It's about as outrageous as you can imagine," said Doug Capps, Walter Capps' brother and campaign manager.

'This hasn't all happened so that individual politicians can use it to pursue their own political ends.'

— Marc Klaas,

father of Polly Klaas, unhappy about Richard Allen Davis ads

Capps claims the ad is wrong. He says he supports execution for egregious crimes such as Polly's murder.

But the Seastrand campaign says Capps is flip-flopping and they question his heinous crime exception.

"What does ... Capps think the death penalty's given for?" asked Seastrand spokesman Will Bos. "You don't get the death penalty for parking violations."

Bos defended the ad as legitimate discussion of an important issue.

"Crime is going to be a central issue in our campaign and the ad serves to further define the difference between Rep. Seastrand and Walter Capps," he said.

The Seastrand ad also includes

side-by-side pictures of Davis and Capps, one labeled, "The Murderer," the other labeled, "The Liberal."

LeFever, running against Rep. Vic Fazio, D-West Sacramento, has an ad that quotes Fazio as calling LeFever an extremist "because he believes that killers like Richard Allen Davis deserve the death penalty." It ends with a shot of Davis slowly transforming into Fazio's face.

In the Riggs vs. Democrat Michela Alioto race, the ad opens with footage of Davis, then switches to a shot of Riggs, describing him as death penalty supporter.

Alioto is then shown with a red question mark superimposed on her face, and she's heard saying, "I am not in favor of the death penalty." The narrator asks where viewers stand, with Riggs and the "vast majority of those of us on the North Coast, or Michela Alioto and her San Francisco friends."

Polly's father, Marc Klaas, is unhappy about the ads.

"This hasn't all happened so that individual politicians can use it to pursue their own political ends," he said.

Klaas issued a statement to the Alioto campaign decrying Riggs' ad. That quote, written in white letters against a black screen, begins the Alioto campaign's counterattack ad that goes on to charge that Riggs has "gone too far."

But Klaas said although he felt compelled to make a response, he would rather not be involved in campaigning.

"I'm not endorsing anybody," he said.

Klaas has become an outspoken advocate on children's issues. But he said the family learned to stay out of partisan politics two years ago. That was when they allowed Democratic candidate Tom Unger to use Polly's case in an ad attacking his opponent, Attorney General Dan Lungren. The ad turned out to be in "terrible taste," Klaas said.

Candidates understood Klaas' distress, but defended their ads.

"We're talking about the death penalty. We're talking about Vic Fazio's record on the death penalty and we're talking about what we are going to do with the Richard Allen Davises of this world," said LeFever, noting that his ads do not mention Polly's name.

"Congressman Riggs, as someone who has worked closely with many crime victims, has the greatest sympathy for Marc Klaas and his family, but this case has come to symbolize the urgent need for death penalty appeal reform," said Riggs' spokesman, Beau Phillips.

Like Capps, Fazio and Alioto claim they are not as anti-death penalty as they are portrayed. Alioto's campaign said she would not use it as a litmus test for legislation; Fazio has not voted against it in Congress because voters in his district support it, his staff said.

Cain said the ads reflect the intensity of the races.

"It's not surprising that there are hard-hitting ads going in there," he said.

Here's what those ads are showing

BERKELEY (AP) — A brief description of campaign ads featuring Richard Allen Davis, sentenced to die for the kidnap-murder of 12-year-old Polly Klaas.

LEFEVER CAMPAIGN

The ad opens with pictures of Democratic incumbent Vic Fazio and Republican challenger Tim LeFever. Above the pictures are the words "Death Penalty," below the pictures are labels saying "Fazio Opposes," "LeFever Supports."

Narrator says, "Vic Fazio says that Tim LeFever is an extremist because he believes that killers like Richard Allen Davis deserve the death penalty." At that point the word "Extremist," in red appears below Fazio's picture.

The final shot is a picture of Davis slowly fading out as Fazio's face fades in.

SEASTRAND CAMPAIGN

The ad opens with children in a playground.

Narrator says, "When the murderer of Polly Klaas got the death penalty he deserved, two people were disappointed: Richard Allen Davis, the murderer, and Walter Capps."

On the screen two pictures appear, one of Davis, labeled, "The Murderer," the other of Capps, labeled, "The Liberal."

The ad goes on to say that Capps would "rather see Richard Allen Davis spend 20 years in jail watching cable TV than get the punishment he deserves."

The ad ends with Seastrand talking to a little girl. Then the camera switches to a shot of two boys on the swings, one of the boys fades out of the picture, leaving an empty swing dangling ominously.

RIGGS CAMPAIGN

Opens with footage of Davis.

A narrator says, "The unspeakable murder of Polly Klaas has again raised the death penalty issue."

Switches to shot of Riggs, describing him as a former police officer who supports the death penalty, "always has; always will."

Narrator asks, "But what about Michela Alioto?" whose picture is shown with a red question mark superimposed over her face. Alioto, who apparently was being asked questions at the time the footage was shot, says, "Do I support the death penalty for Richard Allen Davis? Is that what you asked?" She answers, "I am not in favor of the death penalty."

Add concludes with pictures of both candidates, narrator asks, "Where do you stand? With Frank Riggs and the vast majority of those of us on the North Coast, or Michela Alioto and her San Francisco friends."

ALIOTO CAMPAIGN RESPONSE AD

Opens with words "Marc

Klaas," on screen.

Narrator asks, "What did Marc Klaas say about Frank Riggs' negative ad?"

Klaas quote appears on screen: "Frank Riggs should stop exploiting my daughter Polly's death to further his own political ambitions."

A picture of Riggs appears with a narrator saying, "Congressman Riggs has gone too far."

The ad then says Alioto is different and switches to shots of her talking to people while a narrator declares she is running to "protect Medicare, to improve education," among other things.

No quota value

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I want to thank the Democratic Party, the AFL-CIO, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton and many others for finally clearing things up on the truth of affirmative action. Let's not forget our own champion of truth, Mr. Walter Capps.

I am a Hispanic and for many years a supporter of affirmative action. I want to thank all these people for feeling my pain all these years. My question to all these people is, what are they gaining by keeping Hispanics and other minorities under affirmative action quotas?

A little-known report by UC-Santa Barbara reported that affirmative action quotas were directly responsible for the number of minority students at UCSB. It appears, by these reports, that, without affirmative action quotas, the number of minority students could have been higher.

What I would like to know from the supporters of quotas, especially our local politicians, is why are quotas being used to keep minorities out of UCSB, in particular Hispanic students. It has been the argument of these do-gooder politicians that has finally shed some light on the truth. Affirmative action quotas are working against minorities. For example, if affirmative action states that 20 percent of all new students should be Hispanics and 40 percent are qualified to enroll, which figure is used for enrollment?

It seems very clear to me that, in Santa Barbara County with its large Hispanic population, our population representation at institutions such as UCSB, is being kept low because of Affirmative Action Program quotas.

So, who really does benefit from Affirmative Action Program quotas? Definitely not the people that it was intended to help.

Hector Merced
Lompoc

LA News Press

Keep Seastrand

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She is worthy of your vote! That's what I say about Andrea Seastrand. She represents Santa Barbarans well.

Vote for her for good commonsense government. She is hard working and does her job well. Keep her on the job.

Victor P. Kinnaird
Santa Barbara

Seastrand spending far ahead of Capps

Lompoc Record OCT. 23 1996
Costs to exceed those of 1994 race

CAMPAIGN RECORDS

■ Together, the two candidates for the 22nd Congressional District have spent almost \$1 million.

By Clyde Weiss
Record Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Spending in the 22nd Congressional District race between Rep. Andrea Seastrand, R-Shell Beach, and Democrat Walter Capps is on track to exceed the cost of their 1994 encounter, campaign records filed Tuesday show.

Reports filed by the candidates with the Federal Election Commission, disclosing fund raising and spending through Sept. 30, show Seastrand and Capps have spent a total \$997,992. That includes ex-

penses from last year when their campaigns began.

Through Sept. 30 — with 36 days remaining until the Nov. 5 election — the candidates needed to spend only \$130,526 more to equal the \$1.12 million spent in their earlier contest.

Seastrand won that race by a razor-thin 1,563 votes out of 204,411 cast for both candidates. The 22nd Congressional District covers Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties, and includes the Lompoc Valley.

While spending on the race appears large, it is nowhere near the record spent by multi-millionaire Republican Michael Huffington during his successful 1992 campaign: \$5.4 million. Huffington defeated a Republican incumbent and

a relatively unknown Democrat to win the seat, which he gave up two years later to run unsuccessfully for the Senate against Dianne Feinstein.

Campaign reports show Seastrand spent \$632,869 since last year to retain her seat — nearly twice as much as the \$365,123 spent by Capps during that period.

Seastrand collected a total \$869,555 since last year and still had \$230,281 remaining in her war chest on Sept. 30.

Capps raised \$574,583 during that same period and had \$209,404 remaining in his account at the end of September.

Political action committees, or PACs, contributed nearly 38 percent of Seastrand's funds since January, a total of \$223,428.

PACs set up by GOP lawmakers, House Republican leaders and other party organizations contributed the most, \$30,000.

Other PAC groups supporting Seastrand during the latest reporting period (which covers three months through Sept. 30) included the construction industry (\$6,000), tobacco (\$2,000), oil and gas (\$2,000), agriculture (\$3,750), utilities (\$4,500), defense and aerospace (\$3,500), transportation (\$7,250), and banking and financial firms (\$5,300).

Seastrand also received at least \$10,000 from a variety of interest group PACs, including National Right to Life and the Republican National Coalition for Life, two anti-abortion groups.

Capps, a religious studies professor at UC-Santa Barbara, collected \$137,160 from PACs through Sept. 30 — about 26 percent of his total contributions this year. Democratic Party organizations and lawmakers' PACs added another \$13,200 to Capps' coffers this year.

Labor unions were Capps' largest PAC benefactors during the last three months, contributing \$32,000. Other interest groups, including Voters for Choice, a pro-abortion PAC, and the Committee for an Effective Congress, which supports liberal Democratic candidates, gave at least \$15,000.

Among individual contributors, Capps received \$1,000 from television producer Norman Lear and \$2,000 from two members of the Pulitzer publishing family.

Capps had \$209,404 in the bank on Sept. 30, with an unpaid debt of \$19,500 from a personal loan during his last race. Seastrand reported a debt of \$14,838.

Capps, Clinton are liberals

Santa Maria Times OCT. 24 1996
To the Editor:

Don't let the Walter Capps-Bill Clinton team fool you with their rhetoric. Capps lacks intellectual integrity and honesty by failing to denounce left-wing liberal organizations like the AFL-CIO, the Sierra Club, gay and lesbian organizations, supporters of Planned Parenthood and other pro-abortion lobbying groups who have campaigned in his interest.

He knows he needs the support of these radical leftist groups to hope to win and does not dare alienate them. Has anyone heard Capps denounce Clinton's veto of the ban on partial birth abortions (infanticide for those who are intellectually honest)?

Has Capps spoken out against the massive special interest money spent on his behalf by the labor unions and the Sierra Club? No, he's too desperate of a politician to do so. Do the readers of this letter realize that 40 percent of union membership is government employees and would have their jobs threatened by an Andrea Seastrand-Bob Dole team that would work to reduce the bureaucracy we now have as a government?

This is the Walter Capps that says he wants to improve education and yet he accepts the support of the National Education Association which has destroyed our public schools and student achievement while making sure that jobs are preserved for educational administrators.

Has Capps spoken out against the discrimination perpetuated by so-called affirmative action programs? No.

Does Capps intellectually agree with the Clinton's bogus definition of "cuts" to welfare, school lunch programs, Medicare, etc.? Walter Capps and Bill Clinton are left-wing liberals in sheep's clothing. They'll say and do anything to fool you!

Scott Trees
Nipomo

Clinton will stop in Santa Barbara

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Just four days before the Nov. 5 election, President Clinton will visit Santa Barbara as part of a last-minute stump through California.

The Clinton-Gore '96 campaign office confirmed Saturday that the president will come to Santa Barbara on Friday. Campaign officials will not release any details about the visit until Monday or Tuesday. However, Clinton is expected to speak at a rally in the city sometime Friday.

Clinton is the latest in a line of major political figures to visit Santa Barbara this election season. Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole came here with his wife, Elizabeth, to vacation after the GOP con-

vention; she also made separate trips, the latest coming Saturday.

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Republican House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., have also come to Santa Barbara to boost the respective candidacies of 22nd Congressional District contenders, Andrea Seastrand and Walter Capps.

"We've been pushing to get him here," said Doug Capps of Clinton, who is acting as his brother's campaign manager. He noted that Clinton/Gore officials have "had to decide for their swing through California which congressional campaign they could help the most."

House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., will be the key figure at a Capps event Tuesday in Hope Ranch.

Outrageous AFL-CIO ads

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Disinfect best describes

Walter Capps' dissimulation about his far-left liberalism and his so-called independence. Repugnant best describes his lifetime of feeding at the public trough instead of holding down a real job. But what I find most outrageous are the AFL-CIO attack ads on Andrea Seastrand he has countenanced.

While he pretends to be a friend of rank and file union workers, he is in reality their enemy, because he accepts the union bosses' non-reportable campaign aid, most of it seized involuntarily from workers' paychecks through union dues.

I also find it galling that the

fat, cigar-smoking union bosses continue to get their huge paychecks, perks and limousines while workers are out on strike. Labor reform and campaign financing reform are sorely needed, and should be legislated simultaneously. I therefore call upon Seastrand, when she returns to Washington, to introduce the following legislation: when workers are out on strike, union bosses' salaries and perks must also stop; all political ads now paid out of involuntary union dues shall instead come out of union bosses' huge paychecks.

Maybe this will rein in Big Labor's shameless attempts to smear decent candidates like Seastrand.

David Engle
Santa Barbara

HUD chief backs Capps at local rally

S.B. News-Press OCT. 26 1996

By NORA K. WALLACE
NEWS-PRESS STAFF WRITER

Henry Cisneros, U.S. secretary of Housing and Urban Development, stood in the shadow of one of Santa Barbara's most familiar landmarks Friday and urged a throng of Democrats to stand up for their beliefs and reject divisive politics.

In a rally held in the Courthouse Sunken

Garden, Cisneros proffered Democratic congressional candidate Walter Capps as the politician best able to help them do that.

Cisneros came to the South Coast for a quick campaign fund-raiser for Capps, who faces Rep. Andrea Seastrand, R-Shell Beach, in the race for the 22nd Congressional District. Seastrand will welcome Elizabeth Dole today to Santa Barbara in a campaign appearance.

Leaders from Santa Barbara's civic and multicultural community shared the stage with Cisneros, who in 1981 became the first Hispanic mayor of a major U.S. city when he was elected to lead San Antonio, Texas.

About 100 other people stood in a chilly wind that more than once changed the focus of Cisneros' message from the Demo-

SEE CISNEROS

National figures to stump

S.B. News-Press

NEWS-PRESS STAFF REPORT

OCT. 25 1996

A handful of political luminaries will appear in the 22nd Congressional District to campaign for Republican Rep. Andrea Seastrand, R-Shell Beach, or Democratic challenger Walter Capps.

Henry Cisneros, secretary of Housing and Urban Development, will visit Santa Barbara today in a campaign stop for Capps. Cisneros will address a public rally at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse Sunken Garden.

On Saturday, Elizabeth Dole, wife of Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole, will visit Santa Barbara.



Cisneros



Dole

She is scheduled to take a private tour of Bethel House, a shelter for homeless women and children at 535 E. Yanonali St., at about 1:30 p.m.

Several other national political figures are expected to visit next week. Locations and times have not yet been announced.

Former Vice President Dan Quayle is expected to visit Avila Beach on Monday while Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Missouri, is scheduled to visit the South Coast on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, former GOP presidential candidate Steve Forbes is slated to visit Montecito.

CISNEROS

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crat's vision for the future to jokes about "Hurricane Henry," and jests about California's weather welcome.

As Cisneros challenged the crowd to work toward renewing the commitment to ideals such as family, education and the environment, he used every opportunity to remind the listeners to vote for Clinton and Capps.

"Nowadays in politics people think about the business of politics as running ads, attacking people," said Cisneros, his voice emphatic with enthusiasm. "Politics is much more than campaigns. Politics with a small 'p' is about the art of living together."

Americans, he said, need "well-intentioned, good-spirited and wise people to help us make our way." In his view, he said, Capps is such a person.

In an expectedly pro-Democratic speech, Cisneros said the November election will come down to a difference in issues between Re-

publicans and Democrats. Chief among the "great themes facing America," Cisneros said, are "children and families; jobs and prosperity; schools and our educational future; safety of community; the environment and stewardship of the Earth and America's place in the world of nations."

In a press conference after the rally, Cisneros said that "every race matters" in an election year, but that "this one matters more than most. The choices are so clear. She (Seastrand) brags about eliminating the Department of Education and about being part of the (House Speaker Newt) Gingrich team. It's as if this district has relinquished its vote to the Newt Gingrich agenda."

Cisneros also confirmed speculation among local Democrats that President Clinton will likely visit Santa Barbara late next week in a show of support for Capps.

However, such scheduling has yet to be determined. The president's West Coast travel secretary could not be reached Friday.

Seastrand-Capps debate a good idea

TO the editor OCT. 21 1996

While watching the KCOY evening news last night (Oct. 3), I learned that KEYT-TV will be broadcasting a debate between the congressional candidates ... which I feel is a very good idea.

However, KCOY stated that Walter Capps was trying to keep other candidates from joining in on the debate because he feels the race is between him and Andrea Seastrand.

The biased polls that were published a few weeks ago still indicate that the congressional race is very much undetermined and that Steve Wheeler has a chance at making a huge difference in its outcome.

I am very much in favor of seeing him included in the upcoming KEYT debate. He has 13,000 signatures of constituents who feel the same way. KEYT should not buy into Walter Capps' threats — regardless of their personal options. The voters have the right to see all sides of the big picture, not just the "front runners."

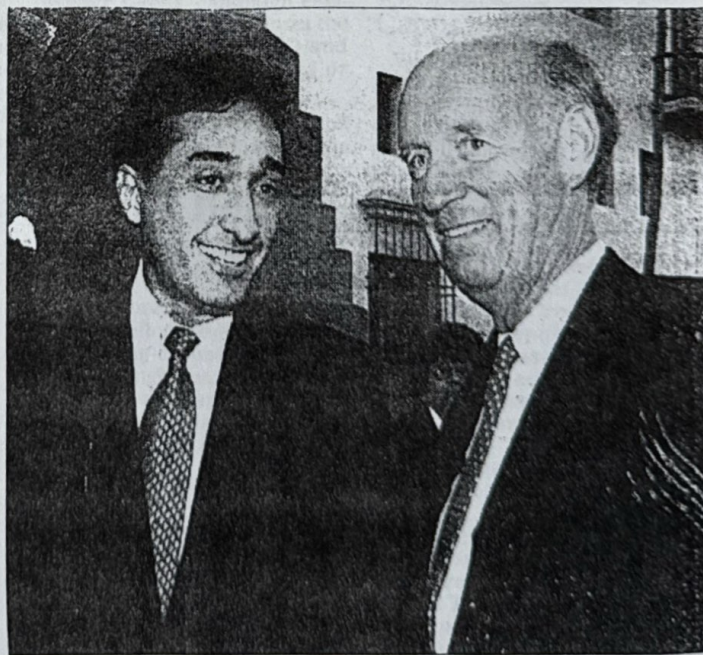
I am hoping KEYT will consider my request very seriously and not censor the voters' right to information about their choice to elect the best candidate for this office.

We have had enough misinformation and propaganda via TV commercials. It is time to get to the bottom line and allow the voters to make educated decisions about who we elect to support us in office.

I urge KEYT to consider Steve Wheeler and the other candidates as viable, and allow them to participate in this debate. It is apparent by the way Walter Capps cancels half of the scheduled debates throughout our community, shows up late to those he agrees to attend, and doesn't stand firm on the issues when directly confronted, that he is scared of confrontation and Steve Wheeler is seen as a direct threat.

Please consider voters' rights to available information and urge KEYT to allow all the candidates a chance to express themselves in an open forum without using negative media propaganda against each other.

Nancy Soelberg
San Luis Obispo



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Henry Cisneros, left, the U.S. Housing and Urban Development director, visited Santa Barbara to support Democrat Walter Capps' campaign for Congress. Cisneros has confirmed speculation that President Clinton will likely visit Santa Barbara next week on Capps' behalf.

A call to mighty, silent majority to vote Republican

Anti-Seastrand crowd should be ashamed

To the editor

It is a disservice to the voters of our community, and an outrage that big money special interests from outside our congressional district are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in an effort to defeat Congresswoman Andrea Seastrand.

Their misleading, untrue, and often scurrilous TV ads epitomize everything that is wrong with our current political system. What makes these outsiders think that the voters of this district cannot make up our own mind about our congressional representative without outside interference?

The members of AFL-CIO, Sierra Club, and League of Conservation Voters and all the rest of the anti-Seastrand crowd should be ashamed that their leaders are allowed to spend dues and contributions in such a blatant partisan fashion and that existing law permits them to do so.

There is plenty of blame/shame to go around because no one is forcing cable and TV stations to accept these disgusting misrepresentations. The voters will not forget!

I am not a Republican and have never met Mrs. Seastrand, but it must be said that it has been a very long time since anyone from this district has been more attuned to the concerns of our citizens than Congresswoman Seastrand.

She has been a breath of fresh air in an otherwise sordid political season. The lady deserves the support of all thinking voters, and the rest of you outsiders fold your tents and quietly steal away, as Longfellow would say.

F.R. Dumas
Shell Beach

Capps must apologize

When TV ads supposedly paid by men and women of the AFL-CIO appeared against Andrea Seastrand you didn't hear a word from Walter Capps. The labor bosses used untruths in their TV ads such as "wither on the vine," a topic completely unrelated to Medicare.

Capps, like the good Democrat that he is, uses the word "cut" instead of "reduction in spending." Republicans intend to increase Medicare each year but not as much as the president would like. Democrats use fear tactics such as "to reduce taxes for the wealthy" to get what they want.

Note that Seastrand is biting back and Capps yells foul. Seastrand has no one to apologize to. Capps should apologize to Seastrand for letting the untruthful TV ads air in the first place and for having his campaign bills paid by someone else.

Edo Tonello
Santa Barbara

create capital, but private enterprise can and does create capital and jobs when government doesn't tax it to death.

This is a call to the mighty, silent majority to get out and vote Republican. Maybe you think the election is lost and it isn't worthwhile. Maybe you are disappointed with the Republican candidates on some issues. Think instead of the long-term goals and the collective issues rather than a single pet deficiency. The stakes are too high to let this opportunity pass us by. Now is a rare chance to continue the changes needed to perpetuate a government of and for a free people into the next century. Get out and vote Republican. Maybe you like ideas of one of the minor parties, but please don't squander your precious vote at this crucially important time in history. Instead, make your vote count for what can be gained now; vote the Republican ticket.

Roy J. Washburn
Santa Barbara

In the debates, the Democrats have been "on message" like automatons, but that message is deceptive and misleading to say it kindly. A pertinent example is the claim to have created 10.5 million jobs during the past four years. How many jobs were lost during the same period? We are not given this number, but an educated guess would be at least four times as many. Of the new jobs created, how many are of the same caliber and pay as the jobs lost? Part-time and minimum-wage jobs are indeed a vital step for those entering or re-entering the job market; but high-caliber, good-paying jobs are required for individual advancement and for meaningful economic growth. To create such jobs, private enterprise capital is essential. The government cannot

Fed up with malicious anti-Seastrand ads

I'm fed up with watching malicious and misleading TV commercials blasting Andrea Seastrand, paid for by the carpetbagging Eastern union bosses.

It is no secret that a good part of these TV spots are paid for from back East by Big Labor. The statement "Paid for by AFL-CIO" appears on the bottom of the screen as the ad is in progress. It is also no secret that the AFL-CIO headquarters set aside \$35 million to target selected members of the Republican freshmen in Congress, and that Seastrand is at the top of their hit list with \$900,000 allocated to the 22nd District race. What is their motive?

According to press reports, 43 percent of the delegates to the Democratic Convention were representatives of Big Labor. That may be fair enough, but the rub is that most of them report-

edly represented government workers' unions. Understandably, this group has a lively interest in higher taxes and big spending, which pay their salaries and perks.

Another of the Washington-based big spenders working to unseat Republican freshmen is the NEA, the huge national teachers' union. As their dismal failure in the education of American schoolchildren has come to light in recent years, they are increasingly apprehensive that a conservative majority in Congress will bring an end to the NEA's stranglehold on our public school system.

A week before the election the candidates are required to disclose the source of their campaign contributions. If all contributions were to be revealed this would be useful to the vot-

ers in learning who is supporting whom with how much, and letting the voters speculate on their motives. Unfortunately, it doesn't work this way with some of the largest contributions from the outside political action committees. According to the Federal Election Committee, if bills for the TV ads are paid for directly by a PAC without being channeled through the candidate's campaign fund, it is considered to be an "independent expenditure expressing advocacy of a candidate," and need not be disclosed by the candidate.

It will be interesting to see if Walter Capps' campaign committee voluntarily discloses the amount of the AFL-CIO and other PAC contributions or elects to conceal them.

Geonine Scott
Montecito

Ad shows desperation on Seastrand's behalf

The recent media hype on the controversial ad concerning Polly Klaas' killer, Richard Allen Davis, illustrated an act of sheer desperation on Andrea Seastrand's behalf. The issue isn't who started malicious advertisements or whose ads are worse. The issue is that Polly Klaas' name is being exploited for political purposes.

Seastrand had a choice in the matter of whether or not to run the ad. A spokesman from the Polly Klaas Foundation asks all candidates to "refrain from taking advantage of the kidnap

murder of a 12-year-old girl for political purposes." Her decision to go with the ad makes one question if Seastrand herself really "cares about victims," as she states in the ad.

Walter Capps feels that those "who break the law should be punished, and those who commit violent crimes should be punished severely." In his platform he also enforces strengthening the Brady Bill, upholding the ban on military-style assault weapons, background checks for gun ownership, zero tolerance for weapons in school, and

the three-strikes legislation all as ways to prevent crime.

Therefore one can realize that this is a reflection of Seastrand's increasing desperation as the election tightens, to appeal to the fears and anxieties of the general population. It's a simple act of desperation.

I do hope, as Capps said, that if the candidate "tells the truth, the voters will perceive it, and they will recognize it."

Nicole Witheiler
Isla Vista

Capps, Seastrand in million-dollar fight

S.B. News-Press OCT. 26 1996

By NORA K. WALLACE
NEWS-PRESS STAFF WRITER

The two top contenders in the hotly contested 22nd Congressional District race have jointly raised more than \$1.1 million in contributions, the latest financial forms show.

Rep. Andrea Seastrand, the Republican seeking a second term, has raised \$594,198 this year, according to the Federal Elections Commission filing. Seastrand's Democratic challenger, UCSB religious studies professor Wal-

ter Capps, raised \$521,454 in the same period.

The report includes donations and expenses from the start of this year through Sept. 30. Candidates next week must submit an updated compilation covering October contributions.

In their previous encounter in 1994, the duo spent a combined \$1.2 million, with Seastrand winning that election by a scant 1,563 votes out of 204,411 ballots cast.

The race isn't likely to break the

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Send Seastrand back home

Santa Maria Times OCT. 23 1996
To the Editor:

Unions-Schmunions! All the ranting and raving about the union ads against Rep. Andrea Seastrand are but a blatant smokescreen attempting to gloss over her abysmal voting record.

That record includes her votes to overturn the Brady Bill, repeal the assault weapons ban, against an increase in the minimum wage, and, of course, her complicity in the two shutdowns of the government. These, with many others, are proof enough of her right-wing Christian Coalition, NRA connections. She is in no way capable or worthy of being called "representative." Send that carpetbagger back to Salinas where she came from.

Sandra Weed
Santa Maria

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spending record set by millionaire Michael Huffington in his successful 1992 congressional campaign. Using a war chest of \$5.4 million — \$5.1 million of which was his own money — the former Montecito resident unseated longtime Republican Rep. Robert J. Lagomarsino in the primary, then beat Democrat Gloria Ochoa for the post.

Seastrand said last summer that she expected to spend \$1 million on the campaign, but so far she has spent \$450,189.

Capps' expenses thus far have totaled \$324,798.

The funds detailed in the FEC statements do not include the more than \$1 million spent in the 22nd District for television and radio ads and mailers by special interest groups, such as the AFL-CIO, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Sierra Club.

The district has been targeted by both political parties as a key race in the Nov. 5 general election.

According to her statements, Seastrand has received \$223,427, or 37 percent of her contributions, from political action committees, or PACs, during the calendar year.

Capps, who has been accused by Seastrand of having his campaign run by organized labor and special interests, received \$137,160, or 26 percent, from PACs.

Among Seastrand's larger PAC donations, the freshman Republican

received \$5,000 from the Harrah's Entertainment Employees; \$4,000 from the National Republican Congressional group; \$2,000 from Exxon; \$1,000 each from the California Right to Life Council and the Republican National Coalition for Life; and \$1,000 each from groups representing Brown and Williamson Tobacco Corp. and Philip Morris Co.

Capps' larger PAC contributions include a total of \$10,000 from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees; \$9,000 from the National Committee for an Effective Congress; \$8,000 from GreenVote, an environmental group; \$7,500 from the Hollywood Women's Political Committee, and \$5,000 from Voters for Choice.

National political party committees also funded their candidates — Seastrand received \$528 from Republicans and Capps logged \$13,200 from Democratic committees.

Former race car owner and Montecito resident Anthony Granatelli gave Seastrand \$1,750 this year, and she also received \$1,000 each from Fidelity National Title Chief Executive Officer William P. Foley and his wife, Carol, who are Santa Barbara residents.

The congresswoman was the recipient of \$1,000 from Santa Barbara Republican activist Marian Koonce, and she received \$600 from Lagomarsino.

Among his individual contributors, Capps cites \$1,000 from television producer Norman Lear, a little more than \$2,000 from two members of the

Pulitzer publishing family, \$1,000 from Santa Barbara developer Jack Theimer and \$850 from former Santa Barbara mayor Shella Lodge.

"Media buys," purchases typically made to pay for television advertisements, cost Seastrand a total of \$147,773, and she also spent \$17,589 in consulting fees with the Eddie Mahe Co. in Washington, D.C.

She spent a total of \$8,000 on surveys through the Tarrance Group in Alexandria, Va., and an additional \$19,170 with Starboard Response in San Luis Obispo for consulting.

The Capps campaign also spent \$54,600 on advertising, and \$10,000 for polling by Peter D. Hart Research of Washington, D.C.

While Seastrand and Capps are considered the race's top contenders, there are four other people seeking the post.

Steve Wheeler, running as an independent, lists total contributions of \$35,629, including \$4,673 from individuals.

He lists operating expenditures of \$54,758, and has received no contributions from political action committees or political parties.

Reform Party candidate Dick Porter, an educational consultant in San Simeon, has loaned himself about \$100,000 for his campaign.

Libertarian David Bersohn said he plans to spend about \$500 on his campaign, while Natural Law Party candidate Dawn Tomastik has not raised any funds.

Capps failed to stand up for his conviction:

SLO Telegram Tribune OCT. 22 1996

To the editor: On Oct. 11, I was listening to a national talk radio program hosted by Gary Nolan and my interest peaked when it was announced that Professor Capps would be a guest during the 8 a.m. hour.

Professor Capps was introduced as a "liberal Democrat," which Professor Capps denies, saying that he was an "independent thinker." I thought that Steve Wheeler was the independent.

Professor Capps would not answer the first question asked of him and then hung up on the host when asked about the tremendous amount of AFL-CIO funds spent in our district, on his behalf, to defeat Seastrand.

With a national audience listening, it seemed too bad that Professor Capps would not stand up for his convictions. What are Professor Capps' convictions?

Those of us who believe in a woman's right to choose would be better served by Steve Wheeler. I have yet to hear him duck the issues or questions.

Greg Brown
Grover Beach

Seastrand's commercial establishes a new low

S.B. News-Press OCT. 27 1996

Those of us watching the national news before the last presidential debate were amazed to see Ted Koppel conclude his broadcast with a reference to Santa Barbara. Koppel regretted the low level of campaign advertising and that he had picked the sleaziest of the season. It was, not surprisingly, Andrea Seastrand's "Polly Klaas" attack on Capps.

When Republican strategist Lee Atwater was in the hospital dying of cancer, he apologized for his infamous Willy Horton attack ad. Atwater called it as "malignant" as the tumor destroying his body.

Those of us who honor the political process hope that Atwater's deathbed conversion signaled a turning point, that the level of vileness in cam-

paigns would diminish. Now, comes Seastrand's commercial, establishing a new low.

Seastrand's roll in the muck is disgusting on two counts. First, it is untrue, and she knows it is untrue. It is a complete misrepresentation of Walter Capps' position, and he has told her this publicly. Despite this, she continues to run it and libel the name of this good and honorable man.

But even more reprehensible is Seastrand's exploitation

of the personal tragedy of the Klaas family for her private gain. Has Seastrand never loved a child? Has her win-at-any-cost mentality completely blinded her to the needless pain she's inflicting? Is she so desperate to retain political office that she'll trade on the memory of this poor little girl?

Seastrand owes Capps an apology. She also needs to examine her conscience and beg forgiveness from Polly Klaas' family.

Robert Hamilton
Santa Barbara

Capps supports community/school partnerships

S.B. News-Press

Oct. 28 1996

If there is one thing our congressional candidates can agree upon it is that in November there will be a clear-cut choice to make. This is most evident in the issues of education.

One of the candidates, Walter Capps, is an educator. He has taught at UCSB since 1964 and is a former chair of the Department of Religious Studies. He innovated a course about the Vietnam War, giving voice and support to veterans while simultaneously providing students with a personal look at Vietnam and its aftermath. Its feature on "60 Minutes" brought national recognition to Dr. Capps' effort and sparked similar courses throughout the nation. This is hardly the work of an ivory tower intellectual, as his opponent likes to pigeonhole him. It is the creative thinking of an involved and dedicated individual who actively works in our community.

Capps supports Head Start and early childhood development programs to boost young children toward an initial positive learning experience. He supports the School Lunch program and the Safe And Drug Free Schools effort. How-



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ever, the support of these programs does not indicate that Capps wishes to rob our children of their education in order to school illegal aliens, as his opponent states. In truth, he speaks out strongly in favor of the reform bill, but believes that teachers should not be made to police, rather that employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens are to be held accountable and penalized accordingly.

A good beginning is not enough to insure opportunity and excellence in our commu-

nity. Capps desires that a college education be available to everyone willing to work for it. He believes that work-study opportunities and student loans should be increased and that significant tax deductions be given to families putting their children through college. With this kind of consideration, families can effectively prepare their children to achieve their goals and meet the need for the knowledge based jobs of the future.

Finally, Capps wants local governments, school districts

and businesses to work together to improve our education system. He supports partnerships between the community and schools, so a good education means a good job. He insists that these solutions transcend partisan politics and encourages the diverse opinions and ideas of all who wish to participate in this crucial endeavor.

Claiming to be a proponent of excellence in our educational system, Andrea Seastrand's voting record does not support it. She has voted to make huge cuts in the Head Start program and repeal the federal School Lunch program. Seastrand voted to cut the Student Loan program by \$10.2 billion. Last but not least, Seastrand cast a vote to eliminate the Department of Education, as well as approximately 130 education programs. Though we must be fiscally responsible, making these cuts is shortsighted. Without an educated people, our communities will deteriorate, leaving our expectations far from great. Indeed, we are stealing from our children's future and our own.

Nora A. Taugher
Santa Barbara

Gray Panthers mailer has it all wrong

To the editor: OCT. 22 1996

Just received a mailer, from the Gray Panthers of Santa Barbara, concerning Congresswoman Andrea Seastrand's voting for the Republican Medicare Plan. This is my reply to the Gray Panthers, in a letter dated Sept. 28:

There are no Medicare cuts. There are only increases. Get the facts.

Seastrand wouldn't sell a vote to any campaign contributors; she is too smart and politically wise.

AARP is run, in my opinion, "by liberals!" AARP even endorsed the Clinton health care plan. They were wrong then as they are now about Seastrand cuts of \$270 billion out of Medicare. Wake up Gray Panthers and smell the coffee. Medicare is going broke faster than any of you can count.

Big tax cuts for the wealthy! Wrong again! Just to make a point, when was the last time any of you Gray Panthers were hired by anyone that couldn't meet (or pay) employees payroll?

You don't overtax the people that can meet a payroll. That's where the jobs come from. Where did the high-paying jobs go after Clinton's tax on the wealthy? Overseas: Asia and Mexico. Think about the point, taxes kill jobs. Again I say to you Gray Panthers, "wake up and smell the coffee."

I usually don't respond to dumb notifications like this, but this is a classic example of misinformation.

Ron Lyman
Los Osos

Candidate forums continue from now until the election

LOMPOC RECORD

By Cindy Utter OCT. 22 1996
Record Staff Writer

LOMPOC — It's election season and candidate forums abound as voters close in on the Nov. 5 ballot decision.

Forums currently scheduled include the following:

■ SANTA MARIA — The Coalition of Labor, Agriculture and Business of Santa Barbara County (COLAB) will sponsor a debate featuring candidates for the 22nd Congressional District.

The forum is noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Santa Maria Elks Lodge, 1309 North Bradley Road. Rep. Andrea Seastrand, R-Shell Beach, Democratic candidate Walter Capps and Independent candidate Steve Wheeler are expected to participate. The event will also present Santa Maria's mayoral candidates.

Andy Caldwell of COLAB will query the candidates. Topics to be covered include same sex marriages; endangered species; tax cuts, for whom and how much?; Medicare cuts; state water banking; and affirmative action.

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The public is invited. Cost is \$15 and includes lunch. For reservations or more information, call 1-800-303-7224.

■ SANTA MARIA — The Vandenberg Section of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) will hold a forum also featuring Rep. Andrea Seastrand and Walter Capps, candidates for the 22nd Congressional District.

The event is 6 p.m. Wednesday at Mariann's Italian Villa, 800 South Broadway.

The forum's theme is titled "Vandenberg 2000." Discussion will focus on aerospace issues.

"This debate is a way to make informed decisions about which candidate we should elect to move us forward into the coming years," said Section Chairman Capt. Lisa Loucks.

Cost is \$12.50 for AIAA members and \$15 for non-members. The dinner selection includes either baked lasagna or veggie primavera.

For reservations or more information, call Eleanor Potts at 733-4700.

Despicable ad

S.B. News-Press

OCT. 26 1996

The Andrea Seastrand political commercial linking Walter Capps to the killer of Polly Klaas as birds of a feather is despicable and low. I don't know Capps' position on the death penalty but even if he were against it, I doubt whether it will be an issue for the next Congress. I hope you, the voter, think about this cheap shot when you cast your vote.

Do we want a representative who uses the name of a murder victim to further her own political goals? I hope not.

Ian Bernard
Santa Ynez

Seastrand, ex-campaign worker settle

SLO Telegram Tribune
SAN LUIS OBISPO

By Dave Wilcox

Telegram-Tribune

OCT. 21 1996

Congresswoman Andrea Seastrand and her former campaign manager have agreed to settle his lawsuit alleging Seastrand reneged on her promise to give him a job if she won the 1994 election.

Attorneys for Seastrand and Brad Kyle both said this week that the dispute's resolution was satisfactory for both sides. Neither would reveal the terms of the settlement.

"It was a personnel matter between an employee and it was resolved amicably," said Seastrand's lawyer, Matthew Kennedy.

Kyle did not return a call seeking comment.

Kyle alleged in the suit, filed in July, that Seastrand promised him during the campaign he would be named a district director and be

paid between \$45,000 and \$50,000 annually. Instead, he contended, Seastrand's newly installed chief-of-staff offered him a less responsible job at \$38,000 per year.

He had demanded \$90,000 in the Superior Court suit, plus about \$10,700 in out-of-pocket expenses he piled up during the campaign. Kyle also sought \$16,000 in benefits he claimed were lost during the year-long leave of absence he took from his job with the county.

Kyle again is working in the county's Victim-Witness Office.

Seastrand's lawyer wrote in a letter to Kyle's attorney, Eric J. Parkinson, that no promise of a job was ever made.

"It is Congresswoman Andrea Seastrand's position that no other employment relationship other than the pre-election campaign manager position has ever existed between Mr. Kyle and the Congresswoman," wrote John A. Ronca Jr., Kennedy's law partner, in an Oct. 25, 1995, letter to Parkinson.

S.B. News Press

Math error, votes

OCT. 25 1996

In the Oct. 16 column, "County Democrats nab voter registration lead," the News-Press quotes but did not verify figures. The column has a combined mathematical error of 4,078. The published tables say Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo voters total 237,211. This total is correct per my adding machine tape. But registered voters in both counties is published as 138,144. My adding machine tape tells me the total is 136,866. A math error of 1,278.

The column also states "...in the 22nd Congressional District, Democrats have taken the lead with 152,351 voters compared to 150,044 Republicans." In the table published under the column, the tables state Santa Barbara County Republicans total 91,555 and SLO Republicans total 61,298. These two figures total 152,853 registered Republicans for the two counties, not 150,044 Republicans. A math error of 2,809.

The 1996 Almanac of American Politics published the following numbers after the 1992 election: In the 22nd District, 259,890 people voted the presidential race while 209,008 people voted the 22nd District Congressional race. The News-Press states: "In the 1992 presidential election, 209,998 people were eligible to vote." Based on these figures, more people than were eligible

voted in the 1992 presidential election in the 22nd Congressional District. If the News-Press uses the Santa Barbara and SLO county elections office figures as correct, perhaps they all need to work together to get their math and figures correct before publishing as fact.

Arlette Swanson
Santa Barbara

The settlement of Kyle's suit is the third dispute resolved between Seastrand and top-level members of her 1994 campaign staff.

One of those disputes involved David Vaporean, who said he was hired to head up Seastrand's fundraising efforts during the latter part of the 1994 race. Vaporean was subpoenaed by Kyle's lawyer and said he was deposed Oct. 2 for about seven hours.

He told the Telegram-Tribune he and Seastrand reached a settlement after he claimed he was owed for expenses incurred during the 1994 campaign.

Vaporean said he testified during his deposition that Kyle was indeed promised a job by Seastrand if she was elected.

Ralph Wunder, an adviser and principal spokesman for Seastrand during the race, also threatened a lawsuit against the congresswoman after he claimed he wasn't paid approximately \$10,000 in salary he agreed to defer until after November.

Seastrand keeps her
word on legislation

OCT. 19 1996

To the editor: Ever since I joined the armed forces in 1940, I have been promised lifetime health care if I would serve on active duty for 20 years or more. I completed my part of the contract but Congress has never provided for our care on a sound basis, only on a space-available basis.

A few weeks ago I wrote the same letter to Senators Boxer and Feinstein and Congresswoman Seastrand concerning the bills that were pending pertaining to health care for military retirees.

Senator Boxer has never even given me the courtesy of a reply. Senator Feinstein wrote a nice letter referring to the sacrifices of those who serve their country for extended periods of time and how they have earned the benefits provided for them by a grateful nation. However, when I checked her voting record I found out that she and Boxer voted against every bill that would provide the promised health care.

Congresswoman Seastrand wrote a nice letter similar to Feinstein's but when I checked Andrea's voting record on these bills, I found that she kept her word and voted in favor of these bills.

At election time I will vote for honesty and integrity, not some smooth-talking party that is scandal-ridden, hypocritical and believes that taxes should go ever higher and higher to satisfy their programs that have failed time and time again over the past 40 years that they have had control over Congress.

I believe that we must return Congress to Republican control or we may never again have a chance to put our country on a sound fiscal basis without another huge increase in our income taxes.

John Enos
San Luis Obispo

Seastrand has kept
her promises

OCT. 22 1996

To the editor: I am deeply upset, as I am sure many county residents are, about how the local congressional race is being run.

The targeting of Andrea Seastrand by the national AFL-CIO and Sierra Club with thousands of dollars in negative TV commercials is unbelievable. These attack ads have been going on for months prior to the election, with a barrage reaching fever pitch the evening of the first presidential debates.

However, I was relieved to see the Democratic Party had finally turned to humor to attack Congresswoman Seastrand. You know the commercial I mean, the one with Walter Capps and the tag line saying "independent, fiscally conservative, mainstream." Mr. Capps is so embarrassed that the word Democrat does not appear on his own TV ad.

There is even a new fake committee called "clean campaigns" that is distributing leaflets saying the congresswoman refused to sign on with their manifesto. How can you sign up for something that doesn't exist?

The reason we should re-elect Andrea Seastrand is simple. Congresswoman Seastrand told everyone in this county what she intended to do and then did it. This refreshing attitude is called telling the truth.

The second reason is clearly experience. Seastrand served in the state Legislature, was the prime mover behind rebirth of the space port at Vandenberg, has a seat on the Congressional Transportation, Infrastructure & Science Committee and will deliver head of household jobs that are desperately needed in this area.

I keep hearing about how our neighborhoods in the city are failing because of the high number of rental units. If we had even a modest increase in our head of household job base, instead of minimum wage positions, families would once again return.

Doug Roberts
San Luis Obispo

Seastrand insults
voters' intelligence

OCT. 19 1996

To the editor: Why does the Seastrand campaign insist on insulting the intelligence of her constituents with advertising that is completely false? We are bombarded, both on radio and television, with an ad that states her opponent wants to give 2,000,000 illegal aliens welfare.

Nobody can really believe that. Challenging Proposition 187 cannot be interpreted as anything but taking the moral high ground against an obvious unconstitutional act.

Illegal immigrants are supposed to be stopped at the border by U.S. government agents. If they are not, then it is a U.S. government duty to remedy the situation and recompense a state for what emergency care it must provide.

This care not only benefits an immigrant but also safeguards the health and welfare of citizens that come into contact with their problem.

As far as illegal immigrants receiving welfare, they put themselves right into harm's way. In order to receive benefits, documents must be presented. No documents, no services. No documents invites the INS to catch up and deport an illegal immigrant. So, an illegal immigrant, except in an emergency, will probably stay off the dole and find work from citizens who are willing to break the law by hiring undocumented people.

Ms. Seastrand, tell it like it is!

Charlie Bove
Atascadero

Capps would invest in future, continue student loan program

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I am a product of 13 years of public school education, and am a second-year student at the University of California at Santa Barbara. Without the aid of government loans, I would not be able to afford to attend college.

I hope to become a history teacher, and the student loan program has made that option possible. I know many other capable, motivated university students who would have been forced into the working world directly out of high school if it hadn't been for student loans. Thousands of brilliant professors and scientists, lawyers and surgeons are where they are today because of student loans. Andrea Seastrand has

voted to weaken these loan programs by \$10.2 billion.

What kind of democracy do we live in when the person who is supposed to be our representative, our voice, votes to abolish our path to success in life? I understand that we must cut the expense of unnecessary programs, but giving every intelligent mind the chance to become a doctor, lawyer, etc., and not limiting future professionals to people whose parents are independently wealthy, is necessary. Everyone in our society will reap the benefits of making it possible for our future leaders to become as such, based on merit and intelligence, not on the weight of their parents' bank

account.

Walter Capps believes that we should invest in our society's future by continuing the student loan program. Investing our money in this is not only a good idea, but it is necessary for now and future generations.

Tiffany Maguire
Isla Vista

Seastrand campaign is a real charade

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To the editor:
As I was driving home the other day from teaching school, I listened to a political endorsement for Andrea Seastrand. I must say, it made me feel I had been locked up in George Orwell's room 101 and was forced to listen to doublethink, where one is forced to believe that black is white, two plus two equals five, evil is good, and where half-truths are used as total truths.

Andrea Seastrand would love to have the public believe her message is coming directly from the Ministry of Truth. But all one needs to do is review Dr. Walter Capps' distinguished record as an educator, look at the organizations and individuals who support him, and soon you will see the charade the Seastrand campaign is putting before the public. Andrea Seastrand and her political strategist are using the newspeak technique from Orwell's "1984" novel, substituting one thought in place of another. In this case, they have substituted fear for truth. They portray Dr. Capps as a supporter of illegal immigrants. Even though this is absolutely not true, the Seastrand political strategists figure it to be a seven-to-one ratio. If you hear someone say a lie seven times and hear a truth once, whom will you be more likely to remember?

In a recent quote from Dr. Capps regarding the Immigration Reform Bill (HB2202), he stated, "Improved control measures against illegal immigration such as increasing border patrols, instituting anti-smuggling efforts, deporting criminals, and creating fraud-resistant identification documents are long overdue. We must enact even stronger measures than this bill contains to deal with employment verification and employers who hire illegal immigrants."

Craig Kelso
Paso Robles

Don't miss chance to put Capps in office

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To the editor:
Seeing letters in your paper which characterize congressional candidate Walter Capps as an "ultra liberal" or irresponsible spender indicates the writer knows very little about the man.

When I hear him quoted out of context on television in one of Andrea Seastrand's negative ads, I become outraged. I have known Walter Capps for 30 years, first as a graduate student at UC Santa Barbara and later as a professional colleague.

When I first encountered Walter Capps in the '60s, he seemed to be a "conservative guy from the Midwest," who attempted every task with honesty, care, and concern.

He has retained those characteristics to this day, being fiscally conservative and not wanting to spend more than is earned, but also not desiring to cut essential services and showing a compassion for minorities and their situation.

This is a difficult task to balance, but Capps is his own person in attempting it. He cannot be bought by special interests, nor is he a professional politician. He has a job he loves to which he can return.

His views on education, preserving the environment, reproductive choice, and equal consideration for women and minorities regarding jobs and services represent very much the mainstream of this district's voters.

We cannot afford to miss the chance to have him as our representative in Congress.

Judy D. Saltzman-Saveker
Los Osos

T-T is not leaning toward the left

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To the editor:
I often read letters addressed to the editor claiming the Telegram-Tribune has a liberal bias.

On Sunday, Oct. 13, a largely attended political fund-raiser was held in Avila Beach for the benefit of the Walter Capps campaign. For some reason this event was only mentioned by the Telegram-Tribune in one paragraph tagged onto a story about a considerably smaller event held for Andrea Seastrand.

If your paper has a bias, and I don't know that it does, it certainly isn't the left.

Terry Turney
San Luis Obispo

Is Capps above telling it like it is?

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To the editor:
President Clinton applauded Boris Yeltsin's decision to go public with his heart surgery as "a bold stroke that proved how important it is to be open about these sorts of situations."

I find it very interesting that to be open and truthful with the general public is only for Republicans and people who are part of the Kremlin.

Apparently liberal Democrats, like Bill Clinton and Professor Walter Capps, feel that they do not have to lower themselves to such a level as to give such critical information to us, the voters, of the United States.

It certainly is nice when they can be above us all.

Peter Reimer
Pismo Beach

control since the Kennedy administration, when the brag on Capitol Hill was that a Republican president's budget was "dead on arrival."

It took two years of Andrea Seastrand's hard work with the 104th Congress to begin to cut down the big government of Bill Clinton and the liberals who had just lost the war of taking one-seventh of the economy, health care, and making it a "smaller" governmental agency.

Professor Capps seems to think that pushing health care is cutting down on the size of that gorilla in Washington. Will he please explain how come the reductions in the size of the Washington monster did not start until Andrea Seastrand and her freshman Republicans were elected over his tired body?

Dorothy Diedrichsen
Arroyo Grande

Give GOP full credit for a smaller gorilla

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To the editor:
Professor Capps stated last week that "I believe a responsible government lives within its means by eliminating programs that are not working. The Clinton administration has already done a lot of that. In fact, today's government has not been this small since John F. Kennedy's administration."

Of course, he does not mention that the way the government has shrunk has been in defense and a Republican Congress.

Professor Capps, when he was running just two years ago, was not even thinking of a smaller, lower-cost government. He was saying that he backed the Democratic policies that had been in