



GOOD MORNING

Sunny, breezy and warm. Highs 70s, lows 40s. WEATHER B10

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Motel blast victim dies of injuries

SANTA BARBARA A woman injured in a gas explosion at the Modoc Motel died of her injuries. Police said the woman admitted to igniting the blast in a suicide attempt. **B1**

Gunman opens fire in Milpas restaurant

SANTA BARBARA Two people were wounded when a man opened fire in a Milpas Street restaurant. **B1**

STATE & REGION

Judge won't stay food stamp ruling

SACRAMENTO A judge ruled that the state Department of Social Services cannot deny food stamps to illegal aliens while it appeals his preliminary injunction. **A5**

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Mississippi governor shows improvement

MISSISSIPPI Gov. Kirk Fordice's condition was upgraded to serious a day after a fiery accident in which the vehicle he was driving flipped over on a rural stretch of highway. **A7**

Certain cancer gene may lessen risk

BOSTON Researchers studying a gene that causes breast and ovarian cancer discovered that increased risk of cancer may be accompanied by slower progress of the disease when a person actually develops cancer. **A7**

Yeltsin back in control after heart surgery

MOSCOW Boris N. Yeltsin reclaimed his presidential powers as he continued to make a vigorous recovery from quintuple bypass surgery. **A10**

Defiant Bhutto lashes out at foes

PAKISTAN A day after her dismissal as prime minister, a defiant Benazir Bhutto condemned her opponents and warned them to prepare for a fight. **A7**



Peace effort wins backing from Zaire

ZAIRE Still reeling from the loss of several key cities to Rwandan-backed rebels, the government set stringent conditions for any Western-led intervention on its soil. **A8**

BUSINESS

Goleta Valley hospital to lay off 28 workers

GOLETA In an effort to cut costs by \$1.2 million, Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital announced the layoffs of 28 employees and reduced hours for 30 more. **C7**

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Democrats regain Assembly in close races

A 44-36 majority looks possible as Republicans fail to fend off challenges. Senate remains under Democratic control.

By JENNIFER KERR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO—Willie Brown is on the cover of Newsweek magazine and the post-Brown Assembly Democrats have reclaimed his speaker's crown.

All in one week

"The Assembly Democratic caucus did

a phenomenal job in a year when people didn't expect us to," said Minority Leader Richard Katz, D-Sylmar, who engineered the effort.

"You don't have to be a surfer to know you've been hit by a big wave," lamented short-term Speaker Curt Pringle, R-Garden Grove. "This was not a good year for Republican candidates."

Jubilant Assembly Democrats appeared Wednesday to have won a possible 44-36 majority, knocking off one GOP incumbent and picking up four open seats held by Republicans.

Now comes the difficult, if pleasant, task for Democrats of deciding who will wear the speaker's crown when the new Legislature convenes Dec. 2. Katz, a term-limit victim, cannot seek the job. At least a half-dozen other Assembly Democrats began talking with their colleagues Wednesday to feel out support.

"It's an inordinately fluid situation," said Assemblyman Kevin Murray, D-Los Angeles, himself a potential speaker candidate.

The potential candidates include Murray; Assembly members Cruz Bustamante of Fresno, the Democratic Caucus chairman; Sheila Kuehl of Santa Monica; Wally Knox of Los Angeles; Antonio Villaraigosa of Los Angeles; Carole Migden of San Francisco; and newcomer Don Perata of Oakland.

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Rabbit in Marshall's hat: Goleta, I.V. voters

By CHUCK SCHULTZ
NEWS-PRESS STAFF WRITER

Drawing on heavy support in Isla Vista and western Goleta, Gail Marshall emerged Wednesday the unofficial winner in the race for 3rd District county supervisor.

Her double-digit margin of victory surprised many, including her opponent, Willy Chamberlin.

"It was just kind of a shocker," Chamberlin said Wednesday afternoon. He voiced no hope of overcoming Marshall's 4,974-vote lead, once all remaining absentee and "provisional" ballots are counted by the elections office later this month.

"It's over," Chamberlin conceded. "We ran what we felt was a very effective campaign and voters made their choice. I wish Supervisor-elect Gail Marshall well."

When votes from the last of 98 precincts in the 3rd District were totaled about 1 a.m. Wednesday, Marshall supporters at the Court House cheered loudly and chanted: "We want Gail, we want Gail."

Totals showed her receiving 50 percent of the votes counted on election night, compared to 41 percent for Chamberlin, a Santa Ynez Valley rancher-businessman.

Incumbent Bill Wallace did not seek re-election but actively supported Marshall.

Exhausted but elated, Marshall said she had presented a "clear, straightforward message to voters" that they liked.

"Our message was to bring government back to the people and that's what we're going to do," added the environmentalist and nurserywoman seeking her first public office. "I'm a fresh voice."

Chamberlin refused to offer reasons for the outcome. But others had



RAFAEL MAISONADO/NEWS-PRESS

With his victory, Walter Capps becomes Santa Barbara County's first Democratic congressman since 1946. Republican Rep. Andrea Seastrand failed to win re-election by a 49.3 percent to 43.3 percent margin.



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Capps credits 'middle' for win

Seastrand blames loss on special interests who painted her as an "extremist."

By NORA K. WALLACE
NEWS-PRESS STAFF WRITER

When voters of the 22nd Congressional District chose Democrat Walter Capps to be their next representative, he believes they sent a message: They want "middle-of-the-road, not extremes."

By about a 10 percent margin, voters Tuesday rejected the re-election bid of Rep. Andrea Seastrand, a freshman Republican from Shell Beach who had embraced the GOP's "Contract with America" in 1994. Instead, Capps, a UCSB religious studies professor, will in January become the first Democratic congressman to represent Santa Barbara County since 1946, when George Elmer Outland had the seat.

"Our position on most issues is a moderate one," Capps told a Wednesday afternoon news conference. "It's one the people in the 22nd District want. My opponent was far more extreme than the people in this district prefer."

With all precincts reporting in the 22nd District, covering all of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties except southern

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Clinton Cabinet in sweeping shake-up

By JULIA MALONE
OUR NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON—President Clinton may have won re-election, but there will still be a new administration in Washington.

With the campaign behind him and his second term taking form, Clinton made a triumphant return to the White House Wednesday and was offered a rapid-fire series of resignations by key Cabinet officials, all of them expected, including that of Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher and Defense Secretary William J. Perry.

Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary and Commerce Secretary Mickey Kantor also will be leaving, according to a White House official, in what will be just the first step toward wholesale personnel changes in the administration. None were effective immediately, according to White House officials.



Kantor

O'Leary

Cisneros

Peña

Reno

Christopher

Perry

By the end of the week, chief of staff Leon E. Panetta, widely credited with bringing discipline to a sometimes chaotic White House, will tender his resignation, according to a well-placed White House official.

Although Clinton has yet to pick a replacement, Clinton friend and former deputy chief of staff Erskine J. Bowles is the likely successor, according to the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Wednesday's talk of departures came on a day when Clinton flew back to Washington on Air Force One, replayed the high points of his campaign and victory for reporters and greeted his staff in a warm, sometimes giddy celebration on the South Lawn.

"Sometimes I don't say thank you enough," Clinton told the group, which ranged from office secretaries to Cabinet secretaries, the latter wearing "Welcome Home" T-shirts under their suits and over

dress.

"Sometimes I'm too hard on myself and by omission, sometimes I'm too hard on the people who work here. You have accomplished an enormous amount over these past four years."

With his re-election still less than a day old, Clinton began laying the groundwork for a second term. Despite his resignation, Christopher attended the White House party, only to be ribbed by his boss.

"If a picture of Warren Christo-

pher in that T-shirt gets out, he'll be on Letterman and Leno within 48 hours," Clinton said.

Clinton also took congratulatory calls from Saudi Prince Abdullah, Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien, German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, French President Jacques Chirac and British Prime Minister John Major.

"They congratulated him on his re-election and wished him well," said White House spokesman Michael D. McCurry.

Clinton also was contacting congressional leaders, McCurry said, but put off heavy decisions on his next Cabinet until later in the week, apparently torn by loyalties to current aides.

"The president obviously wants the flexibility to bring together a team that will serve him and serve the nation well," McCurry said. "The

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TODAY IN HISTORY

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT On Nov. 7, 1917, Russia's Bolshevik Revolution took place as forced led by Vladimir I. Lenin overthrow the provisional government of Aleksandr Kerensky.

1874 The Republican Party was symbolized as an elephant in a Thomas Nast cartoon in Harper's Weekly.

1916 Republican Jeannette Rankin of Montana became the first woman elected to Congress.

1940 The middle section of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge in Washington collapsed during a windstorm.

1972 President Richard M. Nixon was re-elected in a landslide over Democrat George S. McGovern.

1987 Then-Sen. Al Gore, D-Tenn., acknowledged he had "experimented" with marijuana while in college, in Vietnam and as a newspaper reporter.

BIRTHDAYS Evangelist Billy Graham, 78. Jazz musician Al Hirt, 74. Opera singer Dame Joan Sutherland, 70. Singer Mary Travers, 59. Actor Barry Newman, 58. Singer Johnny Rivers, 54. Singer-songwriter Joni Mitchell, 53.

CALIFORNIA LOTTERY

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11-15-19-29-39-47

Wednesday's DAILY 3

4-9-8

Wednesday's DECCO

WK-6-6-6-7

Wednesday's FANTASY 5

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Capps beats Seastrand in 22nd District rematch

CONGRESS

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Carpenteria, Capps held the edge at 49.3 percent to Seastrand's 43.3 percent. He won 102,924 votes to her 90,395.

A total of 35,000 absentee ballots must still be counted in both counties. Election officials don't expect a final count until the end of next week. It is considered virtually impossible for those ballots to change the outcome, however, because Seastrand would have to claim roughly two-thirds of the votes to overtake Capps.

In 1994, Seastrand beat Capps by 1,563 votes, less than 1 percent of the total cast. But Wednesday, with the gap much larger this time, Seastrand conceded defeat.

Seastrand rejected the label of "extremism" Wednesday, calling it a "distortion" of her record.

"They made me so negative that people would just look at me and say, 'You know, anybody but Seastrand,'" she told a San Luis Obispo news conference Wednesday.

She also placed much of the blame for her loss on the efforts of special-interest groups, such as the Sierra Club, the AFL-CIO, the Planned Parenthood Action Fund and others, which flooded the district with advertisements and field organizers to defeat her.

"Despite all our efforts, success and

hard work, I was never able to overcome the 18 months of negative advertising that was orchestrated by the Washington labor bosses and all the other special-interest groups," she said in a statement. "It proved relief for working families and a balanced budget for future generations because we were constantly forced to rebut false charges from various special interest groups."

Rene Bravo, GOP county chairman in San Luis Obispo, agreed.

"You absolutely cannot overlook the fact that millions of dollars of outside special-interest money was constantly bombarding the airwaves with their message," Bravo said. "They demonized her... People were fatigued by the constant barrage in both directions."

The "extreme propaganda machine of the Democratic Party took every thing and painted it as extreme," Bravo said. "Andrea kidnapped the Lindbergh baby. They were blaming everything in the world on her. I think they were successful in portraying that, but inaccurate in doing that."

Seastrand, however, had her own advertising campaign, which painted Capps as "liberal" with "dangerous" ideas. Her efforts were aided by another host of special-interest groups, particularly those leaning toward conservative political outlooks and taxpayers' organizations. But Ken Owen, a Santa Barbara Democratic activist, thinks the loss

comes from Seastrand's loyalty to House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga. Seastrand voted with the controversial speaker about 96 percent of the time.

"It has to come down to this—people want a good representative, and they did not have that in Andrea Seastrand," Owen said. "Even if you're a Republican, you can see that Andrea Seastrand is representing an ideology, not her constituents."

John Culver, chairman of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo's political science department, credited some of the loss to a belief that Seastrand was "perceived as too rigid, that she's not her own person. It wasn't that she espouses conservative views, but that there is an intolerance to her views."

Voters, Culver said, "agree with her about smaller government, a more efficient government, any number of things. It's not that they wanted her to simply be a robot to do what Newt wanted."

While Seastrand cast her liberal opponents as the villains in her defeat, representatives of those groups scurried to claim victory Wednesday.

The Sierra Club asserted Seastrand's environmental stances were a main reason people voted against her, said Randy Levine, a field organizer based in Santa Barbara.

The organization, which has 6,000 members on the Central Coast, spent approximately \$75,000 in radio, television and mail advertising, said

Daniel J. Weiss, Sierra Club political director.

The National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League, as well as the Planned Parenthood Action Fund, also ran campaigns to inform voters of Seastrand's anti-abortion stance. The action fund distributed thousands of voter guides detailing politicians' record on the issue.

"NARAL was in eight races, and we won all of them," said Evelyn Jerome, a field organizer. "We knew this would be winnable, but we knew it would be close."

The most reviled group in Seastrand's view was the AFL-CIO, which she continually referred to as her main opponent. The organization ran an "education" campaign, meant to spotlight her votes on minimum wage and other worker's issues. There are an estimated 23,000 labor members in the district.

"Everything we did was worth it," said Art Pulaski, head of California AFL-CIO.

Pulaski said the group spent about \$300,000 in efforts to defeat Seastrand, although Republicans place the number much closer to \$1 million. Nationwide, the organization spent at least \$31 million to target dozens of congressional seats. Democrats lost 18 of 30 targeted races, with three undecided.

"It was critical," Pulaski said of the efforts. "Seastrand has been such a horrible vote for the working people."

"I think the independent groups

helped a lot," Capps said. "They wouldn't have been so active if people hadn't been incensed by the voting record of the congresswoman."

Much of the debate on why the race went as it did settled on San Luis Obispo County.

In 1994, Seastrand won her home turf by a 53 percent to 44 percent margin, while Capps won Santa Barbara County by 51 percent to 47 percent.

As the counting now stands, Capps is the leader in San Luis Obispo County by about 400 votes. And Capps' advantage in Santa Barbara County is 51.6 percent to 41.9 percent.

Capps campaigned hard in San Luis Obispo County.

"Capps ran a much smarter campaign this time than he did last time," Culver said. "He was listening to more people. Last time, he didn't listen to anyone. This time he brought on people with practical experience."

Culver faulted what he called Seastrand's "poor strategy" of not holding any events on the Cal Poly campus, possibly because she thought it would be unfriendly territory. Many at the college—students and staff—would have been open to her message, he said, and "for her not to milk something like that, I can't explain it. It's a no-brainer."

San Luis Obispo Telegram-Tribune staff writer Dave Wilcox contributed to this report.

A day after their victory, Hillary Rodham Clinton, President Clinton, Vice President Al Gore and his wife, Tipper, were looking forward to four more years.



KNIGHT RIDER/TRIBUNE

Clinton greeted by Cabinet defections

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President also has a lot of loyalty."

Clinton did engage in some presidential duties. He expanded the President's Council on Counter-Narcotics to include six Cabinet secretaries as members, and changed the panel's name to the President's Drug Policy Council.

Just being re-elected put Clinton in unique company, Vice President Al Gore said, ticking off other repeat Democrats: Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson and Woodrow Wilson.

Of course, Gore added, that means he, as Clinton's second, has made history of his own.

"Now my name, Al Gore, will be added to a list that includes Thomas Marshall, Daniel Tompkins, John Garner and George Clinton," Gore deadpanned of the four vice presidents, while the crowd laughed.

After a campaign in which Clinton officials seemed to strive not to create news, the day exploded with developments, all of them tinged with Clinton's obvious joy at being the first Democratic president re-elected since Franklin D. Roosevelt.

While flying between Little Rock and Washington, Clinton visited reporters in the back of Air Force One, even donning a "funmeter" button given him by one of the photographers.

"I believe the thing that sealed all this was such a great six weeks" with the Congress, Clinton

said, standing in the aisle of his 747 jumbo jet.

"I mean what I said last night," Clinton said. "If we can have the next four years the way we had the last six weeks, this country can really do great things."

Even as Clinton talked, changes were unfolding in the White House and throughout the administration designed to bring fresh troops to a second term. Clinton did not request blanket resignations, but he quietly made it clear that appointees may be asked to leave. A Cabinet meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Friday, and more departures are expected to be announced at that time.

Of those who resigned Wednesday, Perry was seen as a popular and brainy defense secretary who never melded with longtime Clinton confi-

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