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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Vendors wanted for 50+ Expo in AG

The Arroyo Grande Chamber of Commerce is seeking vendors for the sixth annual 50+ Expo set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, at the South County Regional Center, 800 W. Branch St., Arroyo Grande.

The trade show will feature health, fitness, leisure, and business services for seniors, their caregivers and those wishing to retire in comfort someday, a chamber spokeswoman said.

Free flu shots and health screenings will be offered amid the informational booths. Admission is free, and free refreshments will be served.

Businesses interested in showcasing their products and services at the event can contact the chamber at 489-1488 or [info@agchamber.com](mailto:info@agchamber.com).

### Report released on SLO Assessor's Office

Most properties in San Luis Obispo County are assessed properly, and the overall quality of the assessment roll meets state standards, according to the San Luis Obispo County Assessment Practices Survey Report recently released by Betty T. Yee, chairwoman of the State Board of Equalization.

The report focuses on the quality of the 2007-08 county assessment roll, consisting of 161,623 assessments representing approximately \$38.15 billion in value.

Two recommendations for improvement were made

to the San Luis Obispo County Assessor's Office programs, and the report includes the assessor's response to those recommendations.

The report recommends the assessor periodically determine the market value of a taxable possessory interest in real property based on the stated term of possession.

It also recommends revising vessel procedures by adding sales tax as a component of market value, and applying the 10 percent penalty for late filing or failing to file a vessel property statement.

To read the full report, visit [www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/pdf/40apsr.pdf](http://www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/pdf/40apsr.pdf).

### Academy signs on with eTravelco

Academy Travel School in San Luis Obispo has signed on with eTravelco, a national, multichannel marketing and distribution network with more than \$3 billion in sales, Academy owner Diane Tuttle said.

Tuttle said eTravelco's system features proprietary Internet technology and specialized travel experts who can guide simple and complex travel purchases.

She said eTravelco will market Academy Travel School exclusively to travel agents and travel agency owners, teaching the United Airlines Galileo Computer

Training course.

Academy Travel School is located at 570 Higuera St., Suite 225, and can be reached at 781-2630. For more information, visit [www.itravelconsultants.com](http://www.itravelconsultants.com).

### Credit Union changes look, Web site

San Luis Obispo Credit Union recently unveiled a new look at its 1220 Osos St. location and launched a new Web site.

The 55-year-old credit union also reported a 25 percent jump in loan applications and a 42 percent increase in the dollar amount loaned this year compared with last.



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Three generations of the Knotts family with a giant version of Jocko's Beef Backer Award check are, from left, Dylan Wenker, Tyler Wenker, Shari Knotts Wenker, Dana Knotts Ashlock, co-owner and proprietor Sandy Knotts, Jeff Ashlock (hidden), Kara Knotts and Ryan Knotts with Jim Maxey, immediate past chair of California Beef Council. Not pictured is Mike Knotts, co-owner and operator. The Nipomo restaurant recently received the 2009 California Beef Backer Award, which includes \$1,500 for future beef purchases.