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## Letters to the Editor 6/28

### Inadequate survey

Enlightened self-interest and a desire to be a good citizen prompted me to respond to the survey that was conducted by the San Luis Obispo County Air Transportation Alliance.

The stated goal in The Tribune was to "help keep and attract new passenger air service at our local airport." I'm for that, given that my husband and I typically made several airplane trips from San Luis Obispo every year until the service reductions in 2008.

It was disappointing to find that the survey was aimed exclusively at business travel and business owners. It is apparent that either (a) airline companies are interested only in providing air transportation services to business travelers, or (b) the survey designer(s) think that only business travelers could generate adequate seat purchases to justify increasing air service from San Luis Obispo airport.

Whichever is true, The Tribune's writeup solicited responses from all readers. More importantly, the survey results will likely not help the goal of persuading airlines to expand service in San Luis Obispo. The majority of travelers we have seen in our many years of using the airport are leisure travelers, like ourselves. But I guess we don't count, at least not from the point of view of the San Luis Obispo Air Transportation Alliance.

**Mary Talbot**

*Arroyo Grande*

### Truth about De Vault

Finally, a brave person is telling it like it is: Virginia Bass defied all letter writers who don't live in the area and who don't have a clue as to what they write about when they defend Dan De Vault.

Bass's letter of June 20 calls De Vault a "slum landlord." It appears that he charges rent to his captive homeless residents, who live in terrible conditions. What other ranch owner gets a free work force with workers who pay to work on his ranch?

To my knowledge, De Vault has never reached out to legitimate organizations to get help for those folks.

How many people who are residing at Sunny Acres may be mentally ill and need medication and psychiatric care and are not getting the help that they need?

At least one of his residents was a murderer and a habitual sex offender, according to his court records. I strongly believe that Sharon Ostman would be alive today if Freddie Joe Lewis had not killed her in San Luis Obispo's creek near Mission Plaza while he was living at the De Vault ranch.

San Luis Obispo County needs a complex for the homeless folks akin to the Good Samaritan Services homeless shelter in Santa Maria, eliminating the need for slum landlords who take advantage of the disadvantaged.

**Naoma Wright**

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### World is warming up

Earlier, I requested information on climatologists who claim man-made global warming is a hoax.

One response referred to a CATO Institute statement that makes that claim, and is signed by "hundreds of climatologists, mostly Ph.D.s," according to letter-writer Michael Miller. While most signers are Ph.D.s, they range over many disciplines. More of them work for fossil fuel

