Haitian officers may be smuggling drugs

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Congress plans to hold hearings regarding allegations that Haiti's top military officers have been smuggling cocaine into the United States, according to a published report.

The San Francisco Examiner reported in Tuesday's edition that Alfred Cumming, a legislative aide to Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., said the hearings are scheduled to start in mid-March. Cumming said the hearings, to be headed by Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., or Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., will be in response to concern about the smuggling of drugs and guns since February 1986, when former Haitian president Jean-Claude Duvalier was replaced by a military junta.

A federal source, familiar with a current probe by the U.S. attorney's office in Miami, said the hearings will investigate reports that Haiti, with the participation of top military officials, has become a major shipment and refueling point for drugs and guns since February 1986, when former Haitian president Jean-Claude Duvalier was replaced by a military junta.

A federal source, familiar with a current probe by the U.S. attorney's office in Miami, said that Haiti was "probably another example of a military that is up to its earlobes in drug operations," the newspaper said.

More measles found by the Health Center

The Society of Civil Engineering held its annual popsicle stick bridge building contest Monday. The bridges are judged on their ability to withstand weight and pressure.

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Business item: ASI Fund-raising Code
Note: Candidates filing for ASI elected positions opens Feb. 29 and closes March 11

Liberal Arts dean quits for new job

By Joan M. Halpin
Staff Writer

Two top administrators of the School of Liberal Arts announced Monday they will be leaving their positions this year. After 18 years of serving Cal Poly, Jon Ericson, the dean of the School of Liberal Arts, resigned to initiate an international center at Cal Poly. In a memo to the department heads of the school, Ericson said he will continue as dean until September.

Bessie Swanson, associate dean for the School of Liberal Arts, will retire at the end of the academic year. She has been at Cal Poly since 1977.

Malcolm Wilson, vice president for Academic Affairs, will meet with the School Council Thursday to discuss how to replace Ericson and Swanson.

When asked who the replacement should be according to a graduate student from Nakuru, Kenya.

Another case of measles was diagnosed at the Cal Poly Health Center Tuesday, bringing the number infected with the contagious disease to two on campus and 24 in the county since Jan. 9.

Don McCaleb, public affairs officer for Cal Poly, said a male sophomore from the University of Kentucky was diagnosed at the Cal Poly Health Center Tuesday, making the total number of cases 26. McCaleb said the Health Center has not been able to establish a connection between this student and the Sierra Madre resident diagnosed with measles two weeks ago. But he stressed the contagious nature of this strain of measles — rubella.

Rubella can be caught by just being around an infected person. According to San Luis Obispo County Health department statistics, one in 20 rubella cases develops into pneumonia. Some serious cases result in permanently impaired hearing, brain damage and death.

Barbara Schwenoha, public health nurse with the county Health Department, said three new cases of rubella were reported to the county Monday. Of the three, two were confirmed as rubella.

In the one case, the patient was not confirmed as having the disease, but is being treated as such.

"Once you have one case of this nature, you have to assume that everything you have that looks like it," Schwenoha said. "You just have to go with it until you prove otherwise."

Six cases of rubella have been reported in the county in the past 10 years.

Education is key

Kenyan says the answer to world hunger not donations

By Kristi Penniman
Staff Writer

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Mugo said industrial development doesn't end with the establishment of factories, but is a process that should be reflected in agricultural education.

"Agriculture is the cornerstone of any country," Mugo said. "If we educate people on how to produce food, we can solve the problem of world hunger."

Mugo, a Kenyan national, said his country has experienced a shortage of food in recent years due to a drought. He said his family and friends in Kenya have had to rely on government food assistance to survive.

"I want to study agriculture in order to help my country," Mugo said. "I want to help improve the conditions of my people."
Conservancy has produced a definitive study aimed both at improving the creek and handling flood control. Something in return from the California Department of Water Resources, the animal refuse. Cal Poly once washed its machinery in the sounds of the creek and its ecology every day. Yet by our sprawl, it becomes thoughtlessly burdened with human and industrial refuse. Currently, the only program for the creek involves flood control. But attempts to control flooding with the creek can only be best addressed in combination with ecological needs.

The Land Conservancy is a non-profit group working, among other things, to preserve San Luis Creek. For years the creek has been neglected by the people who rely on it most. As local residents, we enjoy the pleasant sights and sounds of the creek and its ecology every day. Yet by our custom, we abuse it as a resource: a resource for enjoyment.

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San Luis Creek has always been the center of SLO life and character. Now the creek relies on the human population for continued life. It's time we gave a little life back to the creek.

**Letters to the editor**

**Balancing Star Wars**

**Editor:** This is in response to your Feb. 10 editorial concerning the Star Wars space-based defense system. The Strategic Defense Initiative is not a "key bargaining chip" as your editorial implies. It is a destabilizing weapons system. Although some in the U.S. perceive SDI as "a purely defensive weapon," the Soviets see it quite differently. They feel that the whole system has offensive possibilities.

The problem with SDI is this: the touchy game of deterrence, which is the current nuclear policy of both the U.S. and U.S.S.R., is based on the idea of both sides retaining their second strike capability. A second strike capability is basically being able to retaliate if the other side attacks first. If both sides possess this capability, then neither will want to strike first.

SDI threatens the Soviet's second strike capability. The U.S. has an operational SDI system, could strike first without fear of a Soviet retaliation. The Soviets would lose their second strike capability, even though they may misinterpret U.S. intentions.

Besides being a costly and at this time physically impossible system to deploy, Star Wars is politically destabilizing and should be stopped now before it is too late.

- Steve Grande

**Star Wars is wrong answer**

**Editor:** Your editorial of Wednesday Feb. 10 perpetuates two dangerous fallacies by asserting that the Strategic Defense Initiative would guarantee peace. No weapon in history, offensive or defensive, has "guaranteed" peace. The very intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBM's) that SDI is hoped to destroy were supposed to guarantee peace (Ragan randily refers to MX missiles as Peacekeepers).

The inventor of the machine gun accused the letter writer of having no idea. It has given me some really good ideas. I think I had never before thought to bring popcorn, but I guess my haters are just a little too much noise. I also noticed some other letter writers that talk about the game. Great, popcorn and beer! This makes going to the library one of the better campus activities.

The way I see it, the more trash we leave in the library, the more times the trash cans will need to be emptied, and the trash dumps mean more library employees. They’re not going to be just checking the waste this morning. By the way, I want to know how long you have to work as the library begins to get really busy. What’s my point? The current library clean-up campaign is fairly idiotic and is simply not going to work!

- Phil Haas

**School pride is more than just sports**

**Editor:** Your school athletic letter, recently submitted a letter to Mustang Daily which consisted of a narrow-minded rebuttal to a previous column in which Cal Poly sports funding was challenged. The athletes' stand is recorded in such a way as to say that the only source from which we could glean school pride was from participation in school sports.

Although I run the risk of sounding the athlete's trenches, I would point out that many people disagree with the athlete's defense of Star Wars because it is not exclusive to those who participate in sports. It is gleaned in a variety of ways and takes many forms. I, for instance, take pride in knowing that Cal Poly maintains high academic standards and that this school's good reputation extends far beyond the field.
State

Camera-equipped radar will photograph, ticket speeders

PASADENA (AP) — Lead-footed drivers, beware: The city is unleashing a real-life redlight camera.

Camera-equipped radar that photographs speeders as they whiz by won approval Monday from the Board of City Directors, making Pasadena the first city in the state to use the new system.

Under the unanimously adopted plan, speeding tickets will be mailed to the address listed on the vehicle's registration. Included will be a photo, with the speed, date, location and time printed on it.

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The women's tennis team will take a five-match winning streak into its contest against Westminster College this afternoon.

The non-conference match begins 2 p.m. in Santa Barbara.

After losing their first two contests this season, the Lady Mustangs have gone on to take five straight, including a 5-2 victory over Cal State Los Angeles and a 9-0 shutout of Chapman College last weekend.

The Lady Mustangs will return home this weekend for a pair of CCAA matches. They face Chapman 2 p.m. Friday and Cal State Northridge 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

Cal Poly is 9-0 in the CCAA.

SPORTS BRIEFS

The rugby club won three of four in the desert last weekend, including a pair over the nation's No. 2 team.

The Mustangs upset second-ranked Arizona 12-30 and 20-3. They lost to Arizona State, 18-12, and then won the second game, 21-3. The weekend left Cal Poly with a 3-5 record.

In the first game against Arizona, the Mustangs overcame an 10-0 halftime deficit. Rob Lopez intercepted a pass and ran 60 yards to give the Mustangs the win in the last two minutes.

In the second Arizona State contest, Robert Roos, John Kennedy and Eric Haff all scored for the first time in their careers.

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The United Nations has approached Iran, Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization, which have influence in Lebanon, seeking help in the search for Lt. Col. William R. Higgins, U.N. spokesman Mario Zamorano said in New York.

The contacts were made by Undersecretary-General Marrack Goulding, who was in the region when Higgins was kidnapped last Wednesday.

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New rodeo queen awarded saddle
By Kristian Killigore

The Cal Poly Rodeo Club named its new rodeo queen in a ceremony at the Madonna Inn Thursday night.

Birdie Jacobs, an agricultural education junior, was crowned Miss Cal Poly Rodeo 1988. Jacobs, originally from Palm Springs, said she plans on working up to other queen contests.

The next one is Miss College Rodeos in Bozeman, Mont.

Jacobs said she was skeptical about her performance in Thursday night’s contest. “I wasn’t sure,” she said. “I think it’s related to agriculture.”

The recent outbreak has been traced to a young woman who had been in Atascadero, Mugo said. “I don’t think I’ll fulfill my goals, my schoolwork,” he said. But he doesn’t recommend this to every international student. “Unless you involve yourself, it’s difficult for people to approach you,” said Mugo. “If internationals are used to being left to themselves, they might be left to themselves.”

Kenya may be doing fairly well right now, but Mugo said this might not last. “Kenya is one of the countries that I believe has done quite a lot of food problems,” he said. “However, we might have problems forthcoming. On the other hand, we need to be of help to the entire African continent.”

The contest consists of both on- and off-stage interviews, and an evening gown and swimsuit competition. The judges question the contestants about themselves and their activities, and they look for poise and confidence.

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Kenya’s symptoms are mild, Mugo said. “I wish I was in Kenya,” he said. “I’d be back in Kenya tomorrow.” Mugo said. “I’m on study leave, and unless I return soon I don’t think I’ll fulfill my responsibilities.”

Mrs. Woolerly, said the duties of rodeo queen include representing Cal Poly at parades and rodeos around the nation, planning next year’s queen contest and promoting the sport of rodeo.

The girls were judged on horsemanship, appearance, personality and public speaking, said Woolerly. A 50-question exam tested their knowledge of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association rules.

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For those who have a love for the outdoors, there is the unique sport of orienteering. Equipped with only a topographical map, compass and punch card, orienteers compete in meets where they run cross country looking for "control" points in as short a time as possible.

Before they start, orienteers are given two minutes to copy the control points from a master map. Although these points are connected by lines, the quickest way from one point to another is not necessarily a straight path — orienteers must thoughtfully plot their course around the terrain features on their map. During this time, they must also copy clues which hint as to where the control points are located. Once found, they tag their punch cards with a symbol specific to that point.

Capt. Mark Earley of the military science department has been teaching the orienteering class at Cal Poly since June 1986.

An avid orienteer himself, Earley ignites enthusiasm in the sport to both the civilians and cadets who must take the course as part of their military curriculum.

Earley said orienteering originated in Sweden during the 1920s. He said the sport is accredited to Maj. Ernst Kiellander, a track and field coach who was having problems maintaining the interest of his team. Kiellander came up with the map and compass gimmick where the athletes would run from one woodland point to another, finding features. According to Earley, Kiellander found he had gotten his interest back, not in cross-country running, but in orienteering.

Since that time, the sport has become the national pastime of the Swedes who teach their children orienteering in grade school. Earley said the sport did not take root and catch on in America until the early 1960s. "The U.S. Marine Corps Physical Fitness Academy and cadets at West Point decided orienteering was a good vehicle they could use for teaching and training people land navigation techniques," he said. "In the late 1960s, the U.S. Orienteering Federation was formed which standardized the competitions so you don't have changes in quality.

"Meets are divided into classes — Class A competitions are usually a two-day event involving about 500 people and sometimes have as many as eight course levels. Current membership in the USOF is about 8,000," he said.

Earley first became involved in the sport as a young cadet at Fort Riley, Kan., in 1974. In 1979, he said he competed in an orienteering meet and after that he "just caught the bug."

"I know that everytime I go to a meet I learn something new," he said. "It took me about a year of competing to feel comfortable on any map. To get really good at orienteering is an individual thing — some national champions in the United States probably feel they still haven't mastered it after some seven to eight years.

"Although the class is offered through the military science department, Earley said most of his students are civilians who find out about the class through the Escape Route or the school catalog. He said he tries to teach the class in simple terms and first works with students on the map. He then slowly introduces the compass.

"Once I feel the students have terrain selection and route selection down, then I move onto doing more complicated map work," he said. "Within reason though, I could show someone how to go out and negotiate a simple map course within half an hour in open fields and easy roadways.

"The response and interest was so great that we decided the campus needed a structured orienteering organization," Earley said. "The USOF has its own bylaws and we're going to become affiliated with them. If everything goes smoothly, we should be recognized, bylawed club by the school within the month."

There are about 10 students on campus who are members of the USOF. Earley said next quarter the groups will be having events.

"Next quarter we're going to try to run some meets in Poly Canyon," he said. "Cap. Earley and some other people are going to make a full-colored, up-to-date map of the canyon with all the terrain features like boulders, fences and telephone lines and will show things like vegetation, water and contour lines in color instead of just black and white."

Maready said orienteering appeals to him because it's so challenging both physically and mentally — the sport demands an athlete who is both agile and nimble and has the ability to plan a course strategy on the run.

"Orienteering attracts people who are the outdoor-type," he said. "People who are into the more natural sports like running, biking, fishing or canoeing as opposed to stadium sports like football or baseball — but you can always outsmart someone who's physically in better shape than you and finish ahead of them. It's kind of neat to go out there and find the treasure, so to speak."

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Cadet John Gisclon is taking the orienteering class taught by Earley this quarter. He said that the sport is a recreational-type thing for him but will help in his military career.

"Anyone in the combat arms needs to know land navigation techniques," he said. "Orienteering helps you visualize terrain by looking at a map — eventually you won't even need a compass to know where you are. It's called terrain association which is very important for military maneuvers."

Gisclon said he plans to compet in orienteering meets in the future and is one of the 10 who will make up the orienteering club headed by Earley.

"Orienteering is offered only during winter quarters. However, Earley is looking toward expanding the class for more advanced levels."

By Marina Chang
Staff Writer

Orienteering lets students combine cross country, 'treasure hunting'...
"Women's votes have changed"
Assembly hopeful discusses female political roles

By Joan M. Halpin
Staff Writer

Remembering her earlier days of qualifying for food stamps and working in grape fields, a Democratic candidate for the state assembly said she always knew she wanted to participate in government.

Jan Bradford, candidate for the 29th Assembly District, spoke Monday at a Cal Poly's Woman Week function on women's changing role in politics and San Luis Obispo.

Presently, Bradford's incumbent, Eric Seastrand, oversees the 29th Assembly District, an area that stretches from Vandenberg Village in the south nearly to Salinas in the north. Beginning in the 1920s, when women were granted the right to vote and until recently, a majority of women elected officials by voting the way their husbands did. But in the 1980s, Bradford said women have voted different—than they did just one president ago.

Bradford said there are three major areas where women have strong opinions when voting on issues: equality, economic work and war.

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Movie looks at negative stereotypes of women as they grow into old age

By Joan M. Halpin

The fairy-tale myth about a wicked old witch may be dispelled after seeing "Acting Our Age," a documentary film on women growing old.

About 100 people, mostly women, attended the film at the Rainbow Theater in honor of Cal Poly's Women's Week.

The film opened with a sharpened needle and women's shoes. Women who were associated with the evil story book character of a witch in the adventure of Hansel and Gretel.

According to the film's director/producer Michael Aviad, the witch symbolically represents cruelty, and society is left with a negative impression of older women. Bringing the impression to the forefront was to allow the viewer to draw a book in may further expand the myth while distancing the younger generation.

According to the San Francisco Examiner, a symbol of age, was one of the reasons Aviad, a 32-year-old from Israel who now resides in San Francisco, made the film. Consciousness of the negative societal views on aging and the hardships women sometimes face were other reasons Aviad decided to bring this issue for public view.

Like the periodical impression certain words against women create: spinster, old maid, and step-mother add fuel to the feeling that women lose self-worth when they age. While phrases like, "You don't look your age," seem complimentary on the surface, they actually perpetuate the idea of being over the hill.

After interviewing about 200 women in San Francisco, Aviad chose six women, age 65 to 75, to be in the film. Although these women differed in their cultural, ethnic and economic backgrounds, they had a common thread of similar ages and their love for life. They addressed issues on life and death, finances, sex, body changes, and the independence of a living alone.

"When my husband died, of cancer, I packed up and

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**Acting Our Age**

Movie looks at negative stereotypes of women as they grow into old age

By Joan M. Halpin

The fairy-tale myth about a wicked old witch may be dispelled after seeing "Acting Our Age," a documentary film on women growing old.

About 100 people, mostly women, attended the film at the Rainbow Theater in honor of Cal Poly's Women's Week.

The film opened with a sharpened needle and women's shoes. Women who were associated with the evil story book character of a witch in the adventure of Hansel and Gretel.

According to the film's director/producer Michael Aviad, the witch symbolically represents cruelty, and society is left with a negative impression of older women. Bringing the impression to the forefront was to allow the viewer to draw a book in may further expand the myth while distancing the younger generation.

According to the San Francisco Examiner, a symbol of age, was one of the reasons Aviad, a 32-year-old from Israel who now resides in San Francisco, made the film. Consciousness of the negative societal views on aging and the hardships women sometimes face were other reasons Aviad decided to bring this issue for public view.

Like the periodical impression certain words against women create: spinster, old maid, and step-mother add fuel to the feeling that women lose self-worth when they age. While phrases like, "You don't look your age," seem complimentary on the surface, they actually perpetuate the idea of being over the hill.

After interviewing about 200 women in San Francisco, Aviad chose six women, age 65 to 75, to be in the film. Although these women differed in their cultural, ethnic and economic backgrounds, they had a common thread of similar ages and their love for life. They addressed issues on life and death, finances, sex, body changes, and the independence of a living alone.

"When my husband died, of cancer, I packed up and
Re-entry or another traumatic event might cause a person to seek sanctuary to school in an attempt to "put their lives back together and improve the quality of their lives," added Hiemstra. A re-entry student is usually defined as anyone 28 years of age or older that has enrolled in college after a break.

After dedicating 20 years to raising three children, Rheingan's commitment to an education led her to quit her full-time job and refinance her house. Campbell, too, postponed house renovations to finance her education. However, Campbell didn't give up her part-time job in the Admissions Office.

Although both women asked for their family's support by urging economy, Campbell's request was more specific. "I said they'd have to go without shoes and eat only peanut butter sandwiches for two years," she said.

Even the fears that accompany college re-entrants are usually amplified in a re-entry student, said Hiemstra. How to adapt to an unfamiliar environment and especially, to establish relationships with younger students is something that "many students' biggest fear," she said. "I guess if there was one incident that pushed me over the edge it was not getting a job I felt really qualified for and finally acknowledging that a degree might have made a difference."

Rheingan's commitment to an education also forced her to move from an apartment in the suburbs to a low-income senior housing unit. The irony was turned on her by her family to release her anxieties. "Like hell I will. And I have not recently heard of any young people who wanted to die young to keep from getting old," said Enola Maxwell, one of the women in the film.

"There's nobody who's young who's not going to get old unless they die," said Aviad in the San Francisco Examiner. She added that American culture views the experience of the "false elite out of the youth while not giving the elderly the status it deserves."

Aviad hopes her film leaves the viewer with something of understanding the latter, and allows women to come together and cross over the age barrier.

"Everyone ages ... no woman is ever too young to begin to think about aging," said Aviad in the San Francisco Examiner. She added that American culture views the experience of the "false elite out of the youth while not giving the elderly the status it deserves."

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