Candidates like bikes in SLO
Some wary of cyclists' effect on downtown businesses

By Jodi Ross
Staff Writer

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Japanese emperor says he improved Chinese relations

SHANGHAI, China (AP) — Japanese Emperor Akihito suggested Tuesday his groundbreaking visit to China had helped cure the ill will lingering from the 1937-45 Sino-Japanese war.

"I felt that most of the Chinese people hope for friendly relations between our two peoples," he told reporters.

His assessment of the Chinese mood today comes from a narrow circle of people. Security has been unusually tight, and virtually all of the people he has met were either chosen or at least screened by the Chinese government.

The authorities went even further in the case of a Shanghai man who threatened to kill himself if Akihito failed to apologize for the war. The demonstrator was arrested, and students were warned not to hold protests.

At a state banquet hours after his arrival in China on Friday, Akihito deplored the "great sufferings" Japan inflicted on the Chinese people. Millions of Chinese died during eight years of war with the Japanese.

The long-awaited remarks were the strongest expression of remorse for the war yet offered by Akihito, and tense relations between the two nations were upgraded by the trip.

Akihito, who toured China with Empress Michiko, is one of the few world leaders who has visited the country since the end of World War II, and his trip is being seen as a step toward improving Chinese relations.

"Through false advertising, these centers deceive women at an especially vulnerable time in their lives, promising to offer help, confidentiality, and choices. Instead, they violate the trust which is placed in them," said Mark Salo, executive director of Planned Parenthood.

The lawsuit, filed in San Diego Superior Court, seeks to stop alleged false advertising and other unlawful business practices by the centers. The complaint seeks unspecified monetary damages from the Center for Unplanned Pregnancy for Roe’s suffering.

Salo said Planned Parenthood does not want to close the centers but demands that they be up-front with the public about their intents and purposes and comply with laws relating to licenses and nonprofit status.

Asked his impressions after seeing many famous Chinese historical sights, he said: "This trip has made me feel the importance of the history and peace of our fortunate country."

The Imperial couple spent most of their first day in Shanghai meeting with college students, scholars and cultural figures.

One of the clinics because she was promised a free pregnancy test.
WASHINGTON (AP) — Ross Perot is becoming less of a factor as the presidential race careens into its final week with Bill Clinton holding a commanding lead in the polls of more than 10 points in most states and ready are clear.

President Bush is hoping to generate a historic comeback.

But Bush strategists insist the president's standing has improved in recent days. Other pollsters say Bush has moved up over the next two days — before closing in on Florida, Louisiana, Texas and Kentucky over the next two days — before closing in on the three presidential debates. Perot surged in the polls and Clinton dropped from just below 50 percent to about 45 percent in most national polls, while Bush held steady in the mid-30s.

Bush strategists say he must steal from Clinton's leads. Clinton's leads in big states forces Bush to stump through states with few electoral votes while hoping for a big breakthrough, thus Bush's campaigning in Montana, Iowa, Kentucky and Wisconsin in the final days.

"Tuesday is light years away," Bush strategist Charles Black said in predicting a comeback.

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Time is no longer on our side

By Bryan Bailey

This commentary is coming to you early. Exactly one hour early, as a matter of fact. That is, if you go by last week’s clock.

Of course, this equinox was the only one — heading into spring and losing that hour of daylight-savings time has cost more than one student a midterm, I assure you.

Normally, Jerry Reiss, a conservative candidate, would not be the obvious pick of an assumed "liberal" college newspaper staff. But we value the need for communication in this city, and healthy, constructive communication is something Jerry Reiss can deliver.

Over the course of the last few weeks, Mustang Daily’s editorial staff interviewed 11 of the 12 candidates running for mayoral and city council seats in San Luis Obispo (all candidates were given identical invitations at a candidate’s forum). Endorsements are based on these meetings in addition to newspaper coverage and campaign literature.

In Professor Martin Kaliski’s Oct. 26 commentary, we once again hear the same echoes of Jerry Reiss.

Professor Kaliski writes, "In my field, for example, there are societies for women engineers, for black engineers, for Hispanic engineers, and so on. Why? Why not take some bold steps and become truly color-blind and form societies based on common interests, not common ethnicity? Initially, these support groups might have been needed.

But in the 1992 WOW edition of Mustang Daily Reiss argues that this system may have been the best. Might some subconscious notions still be clinging to the notion that blacks can’t REALLY be equal with whites?"

When a white person tells me, "I see you as equal because I’m color blind. I don’t see color," I think, "Gee, what a wonderful, open-minded person that is." I think, “Get back to me when you can handle the concept of seeing me as black AND equal.”

Professor Kaliski says we should concentrate on the similarities between people and not the differences. I agree that similarities are important, but I see the differences as something to be celebrated, not ignored. I feel that only those who are afraid of and cannot deal with these differences need to resort to ignoring them. If we are not in that category then let us not sweep our differences under the rug. Let us look directly at them and, indeed, appreciate them.

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By Craig Abernathy and Anita Kreile

Is this county full of ghosts, or are some people just full of something else?

Certain stories refuse to die. Years go by, sightings multiply and legends grow. Ghost stories are just like ghosts; some are easily tracked down, others remain elusive.

Pent Senate, an instructor in paranormal phenomenon with Ventura College's Community Services Department, has been ghost hunting since 1978. He is an expert on Central Coast ghosts, and has even written a book to "investigate further," he said. "About 50 percent of the time we can find a natural cause. If not, we investigate further."

Senate said he gets calls about once a week asking him to check out unexplained occurrences. When he decides to "investigate further," Senate assembles a team of psychics, photographers, sound specialists and skeptics to visit the location and try to contact the ghost.

He said it's not unusual for team members to describe people and events that are later verified through historical records.

Senate said certain locations have a propensity for ghosts. "Almost every hotel, hospital and theater over 50 years old is haunted," he said. "In fact, I challenge you to find one that isn't."

He said hospitals are prone to being haunted because so many people die there. Old hotels are often haunted for the same reason.

"Hotels are popular for suicides," Senate said. "People know they won't have to pay the bill, so why not check into the best?"

Though it was not always a hotel, the Rose Victorian Inn, in Arroyo Grande, is a supernatural hotspot.

"Things happen here all the time," said Rosalyn Bethman, daughter of the Inn's owners.

The Inn was built in 1855 as the main house for a family who farmed a surrounding walnut orchard.

"Alice," the ghost of a little girl who died there in the early 1900's, is the Inn's most famous surreal inhabitant.

Bethman said Alice's existence has been proven.

"We've had two ghost hunters come here separately and describe the same girl as Alice without knowing anything about her," Bethman said. "Their descriptions fit the ones given by people in the community who remember the family."

Because of the history and frequency of Alice sightings, the Inn is a popular place for ghost hunting. Bethman claimed the Inn's guests like it, too.

"One group of people stays here about once a year, and every time they come, something happens," she said. "They have some kind of relationship with her (Alice). I don't know what, but something." She described one such group as having had a party in one of the Inn's rooms one night, when something strange occurred.

"They (had) moved all the chairs into one room," she said. "The guy who was sleeping in that room heard his door open and felt a breeze. He ignored it, thinking it was one of his friends."

"He went back to sleep, and in the morning, they found that Alice had taken one of the chairs, put it back where it belonged and propped up a doll on it."

Ghost-hunter Senate was asked to visit the Inn after guests had reported disturbances. He brought with him psychic Debbie Christenson, who he said wasn't told anything about the Inn's history.

According to Senate, when they visited the inn, Christenson saw a little girl on the stairs. She said the girl was laughing because she knew Senate could not see her. He said they followed as the ghost ran up the stairs and into what is known as the Tower Room.

"Alice was a sickly girl and her mom told her never to leave the house without her," Bethman said. "So, she didn't."

The psychic also said Alice liked cats, which Bethman thinks accounts for her own feline's affinity for the Tower Room.

"Ours disappear into the room for days at a time," Bethman said.

Not only Alice is said to haunt the Rose Victorian Inn.

Bethman said there are two others, one of which she calls "Robert."

"Robert is a teenaged prankster," she said. "About once a month, he turns off the water, the heater or the oven. He's big on mischief."

Bethman said her mother and two waiters who once worked at the Inn have seen a man they call "the groundskeeper."

"Mom and one of the waiters have seen him walking about the grounds, and the other waiter once looked outside the window and the groundskeeper was looking back in," Bethman said. "We have some old pictures here and he (the groundskeeper) is in them. It's the same man they saw."

Senate said the majority of ghosts are like Alice, Robert and "the groundskeeper." They are anything but menacing, evil creatures.

"Most ghosts are friendly and sedate; rather boring, actually," he said. "That's why some of them are ghosts. They can't get on with their lives. They're sort of a shadow image of the person and they behave much the same."

Another such "sedate" ghost is said to dwell in This Old House, a restaurant on Foothill Boulevard, in San Luis Obispo.

Built in 1917, the restaurant is said to be haunted by the spirit of John Vittey, originally of Aurora, Utah. He once lived in the house and is believed to have died in a fire that occurred on the premises.

He's a friendly ghost, according to manager Marsha Fishbeck. He has never done anything that has hurt anyone; it's more like he's having fun, she said.

"I was in the restroom," Fishbeck said, "and See GHOST, page 6
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something or someone rolled all of the silverware and the napkins into a box filled with other broken glass.

According to Fishbeck, most of the mysterious incidents occur in older parts of the house. "For some reason, things always seem to happen in the middle room, never in the newer sections," she said.

This Old House's ghost stories have their on-site critics, though. Cook Craig Cannon said he isn't so sure he believes in the ghost, "but I have seen the effects the ghost has had on some of the waitresses.

"One night, (when) I was working, one of the cocktail waitresses was outside having a cigarette. She was leaning up against a fence smoking when she felt someone slap their hand down on her shoulder," he said. It turned out that no one was there.

"She came back into the restaurant and was as white as a ghost," Cannon said. Nonetheless, he remains skeptical. "I guess something will have to happen to me personally before I completely believe," he said.

Keith Hernandez, a former busboy at the restaurant, said he and Fishbeck were closing down the restaurant when he heard a chair slide across the floor of the room upstairs. Hernandez said he heard a chair slide across the floor of the room upstairs. Hernandez said he heard a chair slide across the floor of the room upstairs. Hernandez said he heard a chair slide across the floor of the room upstairs. Hernandez said he heard a chair slide across the floor of the room upstairs. Hernandez said he heard a chair slide across the floor of the room upstairs.

The mission itself, built in 1791, failed miserably. A lack of water and occasional wildfires led to low crop yields and caused famine. It was eventually abandoned.

During the Gold Rush, the mission was privately-owned and operated as an inn by Englishman John Reed, who bought the old church from a crooked Mexican governor in 1844, just before the Mexican Cession of 1848.

Records tell of the brutal murder of Reed's family, servants and guests in 1848. Thirteen people were killed by renegade sailors seeking a hidden stash of gold Reed often boasted of.

Even since the night of the murder, reports of a white-dressed figure of a woman have surfaced. Some say it's the ghost of Mrs. Reed wandering the Mission grounds, crying for her children.

Senate describes his visit to the Mission as "...a very freaky experience."

"I took a psychic with me to see what she would pick up. She got really pale and shaky. She broke into a sweat. She saw blood splattered everywhere, and heard screaming. She was really upset and frightened," he said. "She described all kinds of gore.

The psychic said the victims were buried in an unmarked mass grave (later confirmed by records) and they would never rest until given a proper burial. "I was amazed," Senate said. "It just looked like a tiny dot, but it had bled so much."

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Senate speculates the county's violent past and mixture of cultures is responsible for its spirited inhabitants. He said those factors create an environment favorable to ghosts, and he thinks San Luis Obispo County is loaded with them.
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Ilmman said the initiative places too much of the value of life on a "human perspective.

He said this is wrong because "man is made in the image of God." The initiative coincides with an increasing trend that attempts to "redefine who man is," he said.

If Ilmman didn't oppose the initiative based on religious convictions, he said he would oppose it because it is poorly written.

Denmark Dave Leach of the Mission Catholic Church in San Luis Obispo, had similar convictions.

"The Catholic Church does not support (the proposition) because it is badly flawed," Leach said.

Leach said the initiative takes away from the value of life.

"Each person is very sacred and valuable in the eyes of God," he added.

Leach said the church also finds many flaws in the way the legislation is written. He said one of the biggest problems with the proposition is its lack of safeguards.

Carolyn Colbert, minister of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in San Luis Obispo, had a different view.

"The Unitarian Universalists hope that some type of death with dignity legislation will be passed," Colbert said. She declined to specify support or opposition of the current proposition.

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Catholic churches — such as the San Luis Mission — object to the wording of Prop. 181. One official there called it "badly flawed."

"There are often times when people are very distraught and later find relief through counseling," he said. "Medicine is still an imperfect science."

The chances of misdiagnosis which can lead to severe depression are an important reality, Leach said.

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Congressional debate over the En­dangered Species Act next year will go to the heart of the na­tion's commitment to protect threatened wildlife, a top Fish and Wildlife Service official said Tuesday.

"This issue is not whether the act is good or bad. The issue is whether the goals of the En­dangered Species Act remain societal goals and whether we are succeeding in accomplishing those goals," said Michael Bren­nen, regional assistant to the agency's director John Turner.

The debate over wildlife protection has changed dramati­cally since the northern spotted owl emerged as an issue three or four years ago, said Brennen, who presented his personal views during a panel discussion sponsored by the National As­sociation of Home Builders.

"With the spotted owl, it was the first time the emotional dynamic wasn't totally on the side of the environmentalists," Bren­nen said. "There has been a suc­cessful effort to personalize the issue — so that no longer is it the Wildlife Service versus the Weyerhaeusers effected, but more of a struggle with each other." 

"What is remarkable about this 20-year-old law protecting more than 700 species is not how many conflicts there have been, but how few," Brennen said. 

But D. Barton Doyle of Los Angeles, general counsel for the Building Industry Association of Southern California, said upcom­ing cases could cause just as much turmoil. Protection of the California gnatcatcher is ex­pected to cost as much as $2.5 billion, he said.

"It's hard for me to make the northern spotted owl real for someone on the East Coast. The gnatcatcher doesn't mean much to someone in Iowa. But if you look at the wildlife base, we have problems," he said.

Brennen, a graduate of the University of Oregon Law School, was appointed to the Fish and Wildlife Service post in 1989.

Before that he worked on en­vironmental issues for a Denver­based firm, often securing permits for gold mines.
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