Artist’s touch

Landscape architecture junior Mike Waden is lost in concentration as he shapes a vase at the A.S.I. Craft Legends thrive on info superhighway

by GABE JOYNT

You believe that if your roommate dies, the university will award you a 4.0 for the quarter. And you think that Mikey, the Life cereal boy, died after eating Pop Rocks and Coke at the same time. And you think that such-and-such university has the nation’s highest suicide rates — and that somebody actually compiled college suicide rates. If you do, or if you doubt the veracity of the stories you’ve been hearing lately, then it’s time to take a trip to alt.folklore.college, the Usenet news group that meets in cyberspace to debunk myths that spread on college campuses.

Accessible through an AIX computer account at Cal Poly, Usenet news groups offer discussion topics from maoschistic bondage to microbial biology. Usenet postings are exchanged over global computer networks and link millions of users. On a network where rumor can span the globe in seconds, alt.folklore.college dedicates itself to finding the truth in college folklore, and exposing the mere fabrications as false.

A fifth-grade teacher from New York recently wrote in after his students told him that Snapple was produced by the Ku Klux Klan. He had been told that the label somehow shows white people stoning black people, and has a “K” stamped on it.

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INSIDE TODAY’S MUSTANG DAILY

Mechanical failure suspected in crash claiming U.S. lives

By Lawrence Kostrobii

COZUMEL, Mexico — Investigators began checking reports Wednesday that the pilot of a helicopter carrying 12 American tourists and an Italian may have reported a mechanical failure just before plummeting into the sea.

The bodies of 10 tourists and the Mexican pilot were recovered soon after the helicopter crashed Tuesday afternoon near this Caribbean island resort, and the three missing passengers were presumed dead, authorities said.

More than a dozen fishing boats searched the sea again Wednesday.

David Van Valkenburg, an American consul official, said many of the bodies had been identified but that names were being withheld Wednesday until families were all notified.

"Twelve of the fourteen were married couples," said Van Valkenburg, adding the victims were cruise ship passengers returning from a day jaunt to the Mayan Indian ruins of Chichen Itza on the mainland.

The tourists were on a seven-day Caribbean cruise aboard the Costa Romantica, a cruise ship administered by Miami-based Costa Cruise Lines, an Italian-owned company that operates worldwide.

"Everybody here at our company is equally as shocked as the rest. This is a sad day here," said Jennifer Schott, a spokeswoman based in Miami.

She said the victims were all passengers who took an optional helicopter charter to the ruins by Pegasus Flight Tours, a division of the Canadian Helicopter Corp.

Cozumel is visited by more than 1,000 cruise ships each year, and helicopters are a frequent means of traversing the Yucatan’s steamy jungles to visit the many Indian ruins dating to 550 A.D.

"We are doing our very best to..." See MEXICO, page 6

Business students feel left in dark about recent turmoil

by Ajay Bhamboni

Confused students within the College of Business are expressing their frustrations for being on the short end of the communication stick since the departure of former dean Allen Haile.

Haile was reassigned to a position as a fundraiser and liaison for the university following a "no-confidence" vote taken by the faculty in September.

Many students voiced their concerns Wednesday at a Business Council meeting, a club which consists of various student-business club representatives.

Students said information regarding recent events in the college has been difficult to obtain because the university has classified it as an administrative issue.

"The average student out there doesn’t know what’s going on," said engineering management junior Michael Graham, who attended the meeting.

Many students said they didn’t even have a chance to form an opinion on Haile’s restructuring changes, much less support him.

"It’s not like we ever had a chance to support (Haile) if we wanted to because we never knew what was going on," said business administration senior O’Hullian.

Members of the Business Council sent an Oct. 12 memo to Cal Poly President Warren Baker requesting that students be informed of events taking place in their college. Following the letter, Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Kooch talked to students at an Oct. 14 forum.

"Koob addressed concerns about the turnover in the dean’s office and showed concerns over the turnover rate," said business senior Andrew Larkin, who attended the forum. He talked about the relationship between students and the administration.

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President Clinton's Senior Advisor Visits Cal Poly
George Stephanopoulos is coming to San Luis Obispo in support of Walter Capps, a candidate for the 33rd Congressional District. Stephanopoulos will be speaking in Dr. Earl Huff's political science class from 3 to 4 p.m. While the speech is only open to students in the class, Stephanopoulos may field questions after the class.

If you aren't in Huff's class, you may spot Clinton's senior advisor on campus.

TODAY

Proposition 187 Protest • METCha is sponsoring this event. Mott Gym, 11 a.m.
Physics Colloquium • Image Classification Using Neural Networks and Applications to Geology.” Bldg. 52-E45, 11 a.m.
Graduate School • Writing the Personal Statement.” Career Services, Room 224, 3-4 p.m.
SLO City Council and Mayoral Races • Sponsored by the League of Women Voters. Veterans Hall, 801 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo, 7:90 p.m.

FRIDAY

Life Chose's Group • Meets every Friday, 12-1 p.m., Health Center
Adopt-A-Pet • Nov. 5, Atascadero K-Mart, 3980 El Camino Real, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

State economy is Bordonaro's focus

By Dawn Phillips
Bly Jeff Wins
Republican Assembly candidate Tom Bordonaro's number-one concern is California's economy.

"Everybody's going to need a job when they get out of Cal Poly," he said. "The pickings are slim right now.

Bordonaro, 35, graduated from Cal Poly in 1982 with a bachelor's in agricultural management. He also received a master's in agricultural economics from UC-Davis.

Bordonaro is running for the 33rd Assembly seat, which covers all of San Luis Obispo County and northern Santa Barbara County.

He manages his family farm in Paso Robles and is general manager of a family construction firm. He also prepares income taxes.

Bordonaro said he did not know how long he would be in politics.

"I assume that if I win I'll do my six-year term and quit," he said.

He said he is running for this office to help California get back on its economic feet. He added that Sacramento politicians have turned California into an unfriendly business environment.

Bordonaro supports Proposition 184, the three-strikes initiative.

"I have been a victim of violent crime," he said. "I know what it's like to be victimized first by the criminal, then by the criminal justice system's gross fowl."

He said his sister was murdered in the 1970s and the man accused of the crime was released without punishment because of a technicality, though the man confessed in court.

"Rehabilitation takes two things: the carrot and stick," he said. "We've always had the carrot, now we need the stick."

He said stricter sentencing has lessened crime rates and it will save $23 million for the state in five years.

His Democratic opponent, John Ashbaugh, said Bordonaro favors 184 even though the building of the many new prisons needed will reduce money given to higher education.

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Longtime Poly employee takes on new responsibilities

By Kelly Kech
Staff Writer

Spending 25 years at Cal Poly may seem like a long time, but for Vicki Stover, the years have been full of change.

Stover is the university's new Facility Services, Fiscal Services, Planning, Facility Planning, Finance, and Budget director. She has been at Cal Poly for two decades, starting when she was a student. She then started working in the accounting office while taking classes.

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In the race for mayor of San Luis Obispo, the Mustang Daily Editorial Board unanimously supports Allen Settle.

With more than 20 years of experience in San Luis Obispo government, Settle doesn't have to pretend he's knowledgeable about San Luis Obispo. He's been there for it all. But what really makes him an appealing candidate is the moderation he brings to the city council.

His decisions have shown a deep commitment to balancing environmental concerns with the political will of the city. Two points of view so diametrically opposed to each other have the potential to splinter San Luis Obispo into rival factions.

While understanding the need to make allowances for business and commerce, Settle's emphasis on maintaining the small-town atmosphere that makes San Luis Obispo such a special place to live and work.

We need a mayor who can reconcile, not antagonize. Allen Settle's only viable challenge. Pony Rappa, has shown a proven ability as the city council member, and he would be that kind of mayor.

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New Jersey recalls smelly condoms

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--live duties, Stover is ASI's liaison between the students and her departments. She also is the University Union Committee ad-

viser. Stover said this gives her

the opportunity to have direct

contact with students, which she

enjoys.

Stover believes that Cal Poly

needs to change its curriculum to

accommodate the budget cuts

and the students needs.

"Change is good. If things
don't change, nothing is going to

happen," Stover said. "I want to
get people used to change as they
are going to have to do it.

Stover is continuing her education,

but not at Cal Poly. She is getting her doctorate in

public administration at the University of LaVerne in

southern California.

"That's going to open up some

opportunities for her, but her two children

might continue the Stover tradi-

tion at Cal Poly in a couple years,

but she says that is still up for discussion.

According to Stover, "Cal Poly is

the only university.

BORDONARO: Poly grad runs for state Assembly

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Ashbaugh's position.

"John believes that the third

strike should have to be violent,

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Troubled youth survives classroom suicide attempt

Associated Press

ALISO VIEJO, Calif. — A 16-year-old boy, despondent over a breakup with his girlfriend, shot himself with a .45-caliber pistol in front of 27 classmates in his high school photography class.

"Miraculously, he's going to be OK," Jacqueline Price, a spokeswoman for Capistrano Unified School District, said after the incident Monday.

Danne said the teacher, Valerie Johnson, told the boy "No you won't. And be shot."

Sophomore Larry Rios was passing in the hall and watched students run out of the classroom.

"All I heard was screaming," Rios said. "I saw six of them, all girls, all crying, big-eyed and shocked. They were just crying, saying, 'He shot himself. He shot himself.'"

Psychologists were at the school Tuesday for counseling, and Danne was sending a letter to parents assuring them that the school was safe.

"This school couldn't have been more responsible for its families and contacting all of them," said Mike Lucero, the school's parent commander, said a fierce tropical storm broke out as the helicopter approached land. But investigators with Mexico's Civil Aeronautics Board said bad weather did not appear to be a factor.

The weather was fine. It should take two or three days to know the results of the preliminary investigation," said Darwin Cardenas, a Mexican civil aviation investigator in Cozumel.

Search boats reported no success Wednesday. The 10 bodies retrieved Tuesday were picked up quickly by vessels from a nearby naval base.

"We are all out here looking but I don't think we'll find any," said Pascal Picolo, captain of the 30-foot Adrian, interviewed aboard his fishing boat as it bounced on choppy waves.

Picolo painted in the 1,200-foot depths and said he suspected the bodies were entombed in the wreckage. "They're all down there," he said.

The rough waters slowed the search.

Wednesday, November 9th

Look to us for San Luis Obispo's first printed election results!

MEXICO: Crash claims lives of American tourists

From page 1 take care of the immediate families and contacting all of them," said Schott, adding that Costa was paying for transport of victims and their relatives.

The helicopter was returning from the ruins to Cozumel with another Bell 212 helicopter when it went down in the Caribbean, about 9 kilometers (5 miles) west of the coastal airport, police said.

Brian Wilson, a volunteer with the U.S. Consulate, said the helicopter plunged into the 10-mile-wide channel separating Cozumel from the mainland, while the other landed safely at the airport on the island's northwest coast.

"As they were flying back from a day at the ruins, the helicopter radiated the control tower at approximately 2:30 p.m. saying it had mechanical failure. Shortly after that, the helicopter plummeted into the ocean," Wilson said.

Ramon Caracas Silva, the airport commander, said a force of the coastal airport, police said.

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welcome to the world of warren miller, one of the most prominent — and probably the most familiar — ski film producers in the world. ask any miller fan about watching a warren miller ski film and they'll tell you that it's not just another ski movie — it's an event.

each year around this time, the newest warren miller film shows around the country to about one million viewers. it has turned into an annual tradition for avid skiers to watch the film with friends in preparation for the upcoming season.

independent producer steve hoegerman — organizer of the warren miller shows on the central coast for 17 years — said he thinks that there will be warren miller films, or the futuristic equivalent, into the next century. "the warren miller film is expected," hoegerman said. "there's halloween, there's warren miller and then there's thanksgiving."
Dancing for Mother Earth

By Valaska Bailey
Daily Staff Writer

Four women show how they empower themselves and other women by dancing for Mother Earth at the San Luis Bay Inn in Avila Beach.

The local dance troupe is called "Rakal beleid" meaning "dance for the people" in Arabic.

The four, Leslie Andrews, Mary Donnelly, Barbara Beausoleil and Ariana Spencer, form a tribal dance group that focuses on Middle Eastern music and explores Northern African melodies.

Beausoleil said many people get the troupe's dancing confused with belly dancing. She said it is not a form of belly dancing, but a form of seduction for women.

"Rakal beleid" started in early 1992. Besides the four women, there are three musicians who play Middle Eastern instruments for the women to dance to.

A goblet drum of clay called a "dumbuk" is used, along with the "aai," which is a Turkish instrument, and the flute. Together these instruments form the rhythm as the women perform the dances.

Donnelly explained that the group does not use completely choreographed moves. They use synchronized dance, Donnelly said. They use a repertoire of steps and use them as ingredients for all their dances.

But the women do not go into a performance with a set of steps like most dancers use. They go into a performance knowing ingredients, and with these ingredients they feel the music and signal one another with vocal symbols and looks, Donnelly said.

"We watch one person," Donnelly said. "It's in the movement and we end up doing the same step." They need to be aware of each other, Donnelly said. "We're bonding.

The four women have a deep appreciation for movement for healing. Donnelly said. She said something happens to the heart, that combined with the music, can take the feeling of the movement to a deeper level of female bonding.

"We get a female connection," Spencer said. "It's nice to feel the response we get from the people who come to perform."

The free performances at the San Luis Bay Inn in Avila Beach are Sunday, Nov. 6 and Sunday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.

Car Poly English professor wins national poetry competition

By Rebecca Starrick
Daily Staff Writer

Angie Estes, apetile but confident Cal Poly English professor, took two steps and gazed out her office window into the afternoon sunlight.

A hummingbird approached her window where a small feeder was carefully placed. Estes noticed her poetry and her most recent honor - the 1994 Perigrine Smith Poetry Award. Estes explained that her poetry has the "unlikely likeness" of diverse images, Steinberg said. "Jeanne La Barbara (University Union Galerie Director) gave me a lot of encouragement by isolating part of the fender the photo creates a visual rhythm. He said many people are not sure what the image is. They must look closely at the shape and the texture to see the rhythm of the photo.

"What's contained in the frame of the camera is what is important," he said. The idea of "Emerging Echo" means the viewer can get the same thing over and over again from different objects, Steinberg said. The content is the same even though the subjects are very different, he explained.

La Barbera said Steinberg uses photography as a tool to look at life. He is expressing the way things change, and how life continues, she said.

For example, she said, a leaf may be wilted and dead, but new leaves form on the tree and the life moves on.

"Howard Steinberg has the uncanny ability to see the connectedness of seemingly discrete elements in our surroundings," La Barbera said.

She added, "He describes the relationships he captures as 'Emerging Echo.' I see his images as contemplations on the continuum that is life.

"Through his photography, Howard Steinberg can give an everyday object the power of an icon, " La Barbera said.

"Emerging Echoes" can be seen in the University Union Galerie from Nov. 6 to Dec. 6.
Tyrolean harpist Andrea Piazza lulls audiences with his emotional tunes

By Clark Money
Daily Staff Writer

Lean your head back, close your eyes, and feel the music of angels engulf you, taking you through the heavens on a ride you won’t soon forget.

Experience the music of Tyrolean harpist Andrea Piazza when he plays in Morro Bay and San Luis Obispo this weekend. The San Luis Obispo Folk Music Society, SLOFOLKS, is coordinating the concerts.

“It’s really beautiful stuff,” said SLOFOLKS Coordinator Jody Ramsland. “It’s like an angel’s harp.”

Peppino D’Agostino, a close friend and acoustic guitarist, said Piazza is a rare musician.

“He’s a self taught harpist,” D’Agostino said with a thick Italian accent. “Andrea came up and we started jamming together. We jammed all night.”

According to Karen Maruoka, Piazza’s concert coordinator, his music is full of feeling.

“I’ve seen surprisingly large numbers of people become very emotional when they listen to him.”

Karen Maruoka
Piazza’s concert coordinator

“His technique is very brilliant. It’s very strong.”

According to Maruoka, Piazza usually plays his own songs on the harp.

Tyrolean harpist Andrea Piazza will play his emotional music at two Central Coast locations / Photo courtesy SLO Folk Music Society

CATALOG

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

• The Earthling Bookshop presents original jazz by Inner Peace. Cover.

• Royal Jelly plays SLO Brew at 9:30 p.m. $2 cover.

• McClintocks presents Monte Mills and the Lucky Horse Shoe Band at 9:30 p.m. No cover.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

• Linnaea’s presents Cyrus Clarke playing progressive country at 8 p.m. No cover.

• Mento Buru plays ska/Reggae at SLO Brew at 9:30 p.m. $3 cover.

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• Peter Will plays Boo Boo Chees at 7 p.m. No cover.

• Nectar of the Bean presents Human Bein’ and Randy Rython Combo at 8 p.m. No cover.

• Richard Green plays McClintocks at 9:30 p.m. No cover.

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Eight years later, when D’Agostino was on vacation in his native Italy, he visited the small town of San Gimignano.

“In the narrow medieval streets I heard beautiful music,” D’Agostino said. “I followed the music through the streets and I found a medieval square that was filled with this beautiful music. That’s when I saw my friend Andrea.”

Afterjamming, Piazza began organizing concerts where the two combine their musical talents.

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At a festival in Northern Italy D’Agostino was invited to play six concerts.

“His music is very melodic and very passionate and very Mediterranean,” said D’Agostino.

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“Two people can listen to the same melody when they listen to him.”

Karen Maruoka
Piazza’s concert coordinator

“The Red Coat” addresses old and new values through the experiences of two women

By Nicole Medgin
Daily Staff Writer

The film has been described as “We chose to sponsor this particular piece in the festival because Robin Swicord is involved.”

Stefano said. “She is an up and coming screenwriter.”

Swicord also is the writer and director of the film.

“This film also features two women stars and the theme of the film centers around women,” Stefano said. “It seemed to be a good piece for our program to sponsor.”

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VERTICAL REALITY: Warren Miller film marks start of ski season for enthusiasts

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The films have gained such popularity over the years that Miller has attracted a dedicated following.

"It's a chance for everyone with the same common denominator — waiting for the ski season to begin since spring skiing ended — to get together," Miller said in an interview with the Mustang Daily.

Miller, a 70-year-old ski guru, purposely puts his films out before each winter as a tease to the ski season. Hoegerman said the Warren Miller films act as a form of skiing advertisement.

"It's the official beginning of winter," Hoegerman said. "You know after the film, it's not far behind to hit the slopes."

Although it's possible to see Warren Miller films after they have shown on the big screen, Miller fans said the viewing experience is not the same.

"It’s the group experience of watching a Warren Miller ski film on the big screen that pumps you up," Hoegerman said. "It looks better with a crowd. It's infectious."

Ski Club Secretary Scott Swenson agrees that you miss a lot when you see the film on a computer. He also adds outrageous clips of skiers' mistakes and accidents.

"You get this total powder fix," Jacoby said. "But to see and hear about the culture was a lot of fun."

Jacyb said each Warren Miller film incorporates more up-to-date music, said Ski Club Marketing Vice President Josh Clark. "I think he's target­ ing a younger crowd for it."

With the combination of hip music and flashy photography, the Warren Miller films have been known to attract all ages.

"I think they're great for everyone," Burgess said. "It's a good social event, it's a great date to get excited about something (like skiing)."

Hoegerman said that Warren Miller films incorporate enough action and entertainment for anyone who wants to have a good time.

"It makes it real for people," Hoegerman said. "The film introduces a lot of people to the sport. Warren is part philosopher. It's his thing to get people up in the mountains to experience it."

"Vertical Reality" will show in more than 200 cities in the United States throughout November and December. It will play at Cal Poly's Chumash Auditorium.

Cal Poly's ski club will give away prizes from Copeland's and Mountain Air Sports at the show to ski club members. All viewers will receive a program and a list of hotel and resort phone numbers and locations.

"Vertical Reality" will play Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at Mountain Air Sports, from a Ski Club in the University Union from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or at the door. Tickets are $6 for ski club members that present their card, $7 for the general public.

"We try to entertain the audience. We want people to laugh. (Being funny) is kind of the way I am."
Waning support for Prop. 187 strengthens opposition's voice

By Jennifer ker
Associated Press

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Los Angeles — It's a classic example of a family pulling itself up by the bootstraps from poverty into the middle class.

But worked a series of back-breaking jobs before finding a better one at a car factory. He married a woman from home. Three sons grew up in the suburbs, going on to college as their parents retired in modest comfort.

Except, Angel Cervantes believes, families like his are under attack right now in the United States. Cervantes' parents grew up in central Mexico. And when they first came here, they came illegally.

"The fear of a bad economy was there," their son believes. "And what the politicians did was, they found a scapegoat to blame that on. They found us."

Immigration has always been a hot-button issue in America since the turn of the century, when cartoonists pictured Italians and Slavs flooding big cities.

"Sometimes that concern ebbs. Just four years ago, Congress approved a large increase in legal immigration with little outcry. Then something happens, like a recession in California, and immigration again grabs center stage.

This time, though, the change in attitudes may be longer-lasting.

A wide consensus of politicians and citizens, from conservative to liberal, now believe their nation is stretched to the limits. They are taking a harder look at immigration, especially illegal immigration, than ever before.

"It's just that I don't think we should let so many people in when we're struggling so much ourselves," says Martha Ramos, whose husband was born here of second-generation Mexican-American parents.

"We can't help everybody," she says. "We're getting too crowded, and it's time we realize that."

Part of the backlash may be occurring because, in the last year alone, the United States has faced waves of refugees and illegal immigrants from China, Mexico, Haiti and Cuba.

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Huffington camp disputes ‘Nannygate,’ says Feinstein used bribery to get story

By John Howard
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — Senate candidate Mike Huffington on Tuesday accused Sen. Dianne Feinstein of trying to bribe the husband of a former Huffington nanny to divulge damaging information.

Feinstein and the purported briber, a Santa Barbara newspaper reporter, immediately denied the allegation.

Huffington's campaign was severely hurt by recent revelations that his family hired an illegal immigrant for several years to care for his children.

The target of the alleged payoff was the husband of former nanny Marsuela Garcia. Ferrin Garcia allegedly described the offer in a two-page handwritten statement distributed Tuesday by Huffington's campaign.

"I think it is an outrage when the press and the Feinstein campaign collaborate to bring down a candidate," Huffington, a Republican, said in a statement. "We have signed and notarized papers from those people," Huffington said. "They were approached by a reporter for the Santa Barbara Independent... to say the Feinstein campaign... would give them a green card (residency permit) and give them a job for life."

Feinstein spokesman Kim Kuwata acknowledged Ferrin Garcia's wife worked for the Huffingtons from 1989 to 1993 as a nanny for the couple's two daughters. The Garcias are illegal immigrants, and Huffington acknowledged her employment after it was reported in the Los Angeles Times.

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"They were approached by a reporter for the Santa Barbara Independent... to say the Feinstein campaign would give them a green card and give them a job for life if they came out and said negative things about (me)." Kuwata said. "They never offered anybody green cards or a lifetime job or anything."

In the written statement, Ferrin Garcia says that Welsh told him, "We can get you green cards and settle any immigration problems you have."

In an accompanying letter, a woman named Rachel Uribe, who contends she is Garcia's landlady, said she witnessed the bribe attempt.

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Candidate stories from across the nation get queerer as election day draws nearer

By Mitchell Landsberg

Things are getting strange out on the campaign trail.

A Hawaiian congressional candidate has vanished. A bank robber is running for the Legislature in Montana. A murder is likely to be re-elected in West Virginia.

And around the country, more than one candidate is making this promise: "Elect me. I'll reform our political system." Putting aside the serious issues in next Tuesday's election — whether more Bush offerings will be elected than Kennedys; whether Californiaans will make their state nanny-free — 1994 has had more than its share of political oddities.

Take Alaska. (Please.) While voters there have been enthralled by the quadrilateral debate over whether to move the state capital from Juneau to Anchorage, a real issue has taken root in the race for the Senate.

Republican Jim Campbell, who is partly held this is actually relevant, is attacking Democrat Tony Knowles for, among other things, having "good hair" like President Clinton.

Does this mean that Knowles gets his hair cut on airport runways by someone named Chrisophe? That hasn't emerged as an issue so far; this being politics, it's probably too early to rule it out.

Nor has Knowles retaliated yet by comparing Campbell to former President Ford. There's time for that, too.

From Alaska to Alabama, negative campaigning is the favored tactic this year. But some candidates are willing to balance the attacks with some references to their own qualifications.

For instance, Joseph Brennan, a Democratic candidate for governor in Maine, says he has "more experience with firearms than any other gubernatorial candidate."

Specifically, Brennan, an Air Force veteran, has attested to his competence with machine guns and bazookas.

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Wilson visits jails, Brown tours coast in governor's race

By Annie Shooman

LOS ANGELES — As a new poll Tuesday showed Pete Wilson's lead increasing over Democrat Kathleen Brown, the Republican governor toured Southern California jails and law enforcement facilities to tout his anti-crime record.

Brown, meanwhile, got help from Vice President Al Gore as she campaigned in San Bernardino and on California's central coast, where she continued to attack Wilson of having "a double standard when it comes to illegal immigration." in supporting Proposition 187.

Gore also denounced Proposition 187, the so-called "Save Our State" measure that would deny public schooling and all but emergency health care to illegal immigrants.

Brown downplayed the significance of a new Field Poll published Tuesday which found her campaign in San Bernardino appearing with Brown, the vice president, still on crutches because of a basketball injury, echoed Brown's criticism of Proposition 187.

"Our polls show that the momentum has shifted. It's shifted with Proposition 187, which is going down, and it's shifted with Pete Wilson and his going down, too," Brown said of next Tuesday's election.

In his San Bernardino appearance with Brown, the vice president, still on crutches because of a basketball injury, echoed Brown's criticism of Proposition 187.

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Wilson acknowledged that Proposition 187 will prompt legal challenges, but he maintained that those challenges will help resolve the fiscal problem of who pays for services to illegal aliens.

"Proposition 187 will require an explanation ... when it passes," Wilson said.

Proposition 187 also put him at odds with Los Angeles County Sheriff Sherman Block, who joined him at a county jail news conference announcing his endorsement.

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Intimidated rural Haitians yet to feel calming effect of Aristide's return

By Chris Terdzo
Hastings-on-Hudson, New York

VERRETTES, Haiti — Adelia Dulcinet, 23, a democracy activist, not to seek too many changes in the guise of returning President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, returned to Haiti on Oct. 15 with a climate of fear persisting in many rural parts of Haiti, despite the presence of the U.S. forces whose mission was to re-store democracy. Haitians afraid of reprisals by military-backed thugs are still in hiding.

"There are weapons and there are bad people. They're still there," said Father Gilles Dan­ roc, a French priest in Verrettes. "It's not a good climate for elections or free speech."

Section chiefs, the rural authorities of the old regime, are still afraid, I think I have to leave this town," Dulcinet said. In remote places like Verret­ tes, reached by driving along a riverside cattle trail in the An­ toninette Valley, members of paramilitary groups are also still hiding out. But they are armed and afraid.

"We're trying to transform our organization, to create democracy," Dulcinet said. "I'm having all kinds of problems. I'm

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Shortly after, another user wrote in: "These rumors were spread in an attempt to discredit one of Rush Limbaugh's biggest advertisers (Snapple). Rush just asked the viewers to buy more Snapple, which they did.

Rumors repeated, rumor ex­ plores.

Urban legends defined

It seems college dorms are especially fertile grounds for creating and spreading myth. Consider the following story I heard as "true" my freshman year.

A girl is studying in her friend's dorm room late one night. She remembers a book she left in her room, and goes to retrieve it. Not wanting to awaken her roommate, she goes into the room without turning on the light, grabs her book and returns her all-night study ses­sion.

The next morning, she returns to her room to find her roommate murdered — an ax through her head — and a note scrawled in lipstick on her blood on the wall: "Aren't you glad you didn't turn on the light?"

While the story is familiar, it is absolutely false — what scholars and popular culture fans call, an urban legend. As defined by the alt.folklore.college list of frequently asked ques­tions (FAQ), an urban legend:

- Emerges mysteriously and spreads spontaneously in many variations.
- Contains elements of humor or horror, usually with the humor/horror punishing the person who breaks a social norm.
- Makes good storytelling.
- Does not have to be false, though most are. Many have a root in something true, but it is their exaggerated claims that make them interesting.

Other groups on Usenet dis­ cuss legends relating to com­ puters, herbs, suburban life, the military, and other topics.

Some familiar tales

A well-told myth at Cal Poly includes the story of a biology lecture, a freshman woman and a question of taste.

There's no doubt that urban legends grow to stoop to the level of body-fluid jokes and sexisms. And urban legends are often offspring of the cultural concerns du jour.

As the AIDS epidemic blis­sened, the following story was well-told around the world:

A student woke up in the light, slams his head down on the desk.

Legends can be true

While imagination can create wild tales, sometimes the truth is stranger than fiction.

For instance, a Stanford math graduate student really did kill his advisor's ex-wife after a dispute over his thesis.

Another thesis dispute prompted a University of Iowa student to go on a killing spree.

And besides, where else will you take your friend the next time he tells you some dubious story about a friend of a friend of a friend.

As Doug Lewellyn would say to the info-age: "Go ahead, take matters into your own hands — you take 'em to cyberspace.

To check out alt.folklore.college, you'll need a computer ac­count (free to faculty and stu­dents — for now, at least). For information on how to get on ac­count, check out the "Introduction to the alt.folklore.college FAQ" or to Usenet's alt.folklore.groups in several categories. The proven­to-be-true, the probably true, the absolutely false, the probably false and the legends that are believed to have sprung from some truth, but are mostly fabrication.

An interactive forum

How else to debunk myth than by exposing it to the mass­es? Several authors have published volumes of urban legends, including Jan Harold Brunvand's classics, The Vanishing Hitchhiker, The Mexican Pet and His Choking Doberman, Bones Again and The Baby Train.

While these books make good reading, none are as effective as Usenet's alt.folklore.groups in debunking myth and verifying truth. With the advent of global computer networks, it's no longer necessary to wait for a scholar of popular culture to collect and verify these stories.

Gabe Jorgat is a Daily senior editor.

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Golden State trades for Seikaly

OAKLAND — The Golden State Warriors acquired center Rony Seikaly from the Miami Heat for forward Billy Owens and one other player in a trade Wednesday, just two days before the opening of the NBA season.

At 6-foot-11 1/2, Seikaly is the type of center long sought after by Warriors coach Don Nelson, who can now move Chris Webber, a contract holdout, back to power forward.

The Heat also received the rights to 6-foot-6 guard Predrag Danilovic, the Warriors' second round pick in the 1992 draft.

"While it is hard to part company with Billy Owens, one of the most versatile players I have ever coached and a wonderful person, plus Predrag Danilovic, a talented young prospect, we simply could not pass on the opportunity to acquire an established center like Rony Seikaly," Nelson said.

As a rookie, Owens was dealt to the Warriors from the Sacramento Kings on Nov. 1, 1991, the night that NBA season started. In three years with Golden State, he averaged 15 points, 7.9 rebounds and 3.5 assists per game.

"Billy Owens is one of the most versatile players in the league," Heat partner Billy Cunningham said in a statement. "He's one of those special players who makes his teammates better."

Pittsburgh owner Dan Rooney had promised that six teams — Seattle Seahawks, Tampa Bay, Arizona Cardinals, Indianapolis Colts, Houston Oilers and Atlanta Falcons — change divisions.

"Teams were all for realignment," Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said, "unless it meant their teams moving." Miami, this season's Super Bowl site, was bidding for its eighth title game. The San Francisco area had the Super Bowl only once before, when it was at Stanford Stadium in Palo Alto.

"The attractions of San Francisco are obvious," Tagliabue said. "It's a world-class city, with one of America's greatest downtowns."

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Rams still looking for new home

LOS ANGELES — President John Shaw of the Los Angeles Rams says St. Louis is being given every opportunity to complete a deal to have the Rams play there beginning with the 1995 season.

But Shaw said the Rams also will continue to hear proposals from Baltimore and an organization trying to keep the pro football team in Southern California.

"It's just terribly complex to put the whole thing together. Much more complex, frankly, than I had originally thought," Eagleton added.

"They are the ones who are most capable of immediately giving us what we're looking for, which is a facility to play in right away. That's not to say we will ever complete a deal with St. Louis, we still have unresolved issues," Shaw said.

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Shaw added: "I think the fact that it had to be St. Louis was chosen over Miami in completing the deal."

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Shaw also would have welcomed the Rams to a second division, but television contract, we've got some great rivalries. When you have one of the greatest teams in the league with a great product and downtowns."