Commission orders railroad closure

By Jennifer Thomson

The state Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has ordered the pedestrian and automobile railroad crossing near the Ortalea Business Building to be closed by Oct. 1. The crossing is a popular shortcut between campus and student housing complexes such as Mustang Village and Stenner Glen. It is located north between campus and student housing and train stations.

By Ron Patrick

The railroad closure order means local residents and visitors will have to change their travel habits. The crossing is a popular shortcut between campus and student housing. However, the order comes after a series of near misses and accidents.

‘Vagina Monologues’ receives local support

By Cynthia Neff

“The Vagina Monologues,” a somewhat controversial play being showcased at the Cal Poly Theater this week, has piqued student interest. The large amount of ticket sales—1,600 to date—reflects how well the show is received by both students and the community. "The Vagina Monologues" will run Tuesday through Sunday.

By Collin Hester

Kinesiology senior Christine Gritzke will attend a week-long seminar on national security issues with Bush Administration officials, and possibly President Bush himself. The seminar is part of the George C. Marshall ROTC Award Seminar. Gritzke has been an ROTC cadet for three years.

Poly campus celebrates Asian heritage month

By Sara Howell

Renowned performer and playwright Jude Narita performed her one-woman play, "Stones Wanting to be Told," Thursday night to kick off Asian American Heritage Month. Narita is best known for her award-winning, self-written, performed and produced play, "Coming into Passion/Songs for a Sonnet." In 1996, she was named one of the "50 Asian Americans Who Will Make a Difference." By Asian Week. "I fell in love with acting, but there were limited ideas for Asian women," Narita said. "I just started to write things that spoke to people." Her performance included several scenes, each one about a separate character who revealed a different aspect of human nature. "It's about showing how our basic humanity is housed in different skins," Narita said. "It shows our differences and how our differences don't necessarily separate us."

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High: 66°

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A weed control manual and a novel about a wet nurse may not seem related, but both will be honored at the same event on April 17.

The Cal Poly Authors Celebration will highlight university authors who commercially published works in 2001, but in one exception. Robert Edwin Kennedy's memoirs, "Learning by Devastation," of a University President, published by the noncommercial company El Corral Publications, will also be recognized, despite the organization's criteria as to which works can be honored.

"We have guidelines as to which authors qualify. But, in some cases, we can be flexible," said Dale Harlan, the chair of the celebration's organizing committee and a reference librarian at Robert E. Kennedy Library.

Most authors identify themselves to the celebration's organizing committee in order to be recognized.

Harlan added that if students, staff or faculty know of somebody who has written a book, they can name that author as well.

Harlan said the exhibit shows the fact that faculty members do not just teach in the classroom but will be a novel. "Mirabile" was written by Susan Colak.

The library has a display of enlarged book jackets and bios of the authors who will be honored this year. In addition, the bookstore has a display of the authors' books for sale.

"It's a very pleasant event," Devore said. "It's a great chance to rub shoulders with the other authors at this university.

There will be 22 authors awarded plaques at the event, which honor Cal Poly faculty, staff, and possibly one day, student writers.

We would honor students if they wrote a book," Harlan said. 

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Protester dies after falling from tree
PORTLAND, Oregon — A tree
sitter was badly injured and eventually
died after falling 150 feet from a
platform in the Mount Hood National
Forest.
The timber sale that the woman was
apparently protesting had been
canceled three days before her death.
The protesters, who had been at the
site for three years, were expected to
leave the area within a week.

Fellow protesters called 9-1-1 via
telephone while the woman was
unconscious but breathing. By the
time rescue crews reached the remote
area, two and a half hours later, the
woman was dead.
The Forest Service said the pro-
testers had nothing to do with the
cancellation of the timber sale. The
decision had been made because
trees, not intended for logging, were
being blown down by winds.
The Forest Service and the timber
company agreed to cancel the deal,
but tree sitter said they would
remain in the woods until the final
paperwork was signed.
— Associated Press

Kid Rock, Anderson engaged
LOS ANGELES — Rocker Kid
Rock, aka Bob Ritchie, 31, proposed to
actress Pamela Anderson, 34, Thursday
night in the Las Vegas desert, said publicist Marleah Leslie
on Friday. Anderson accepted, but
no wedding date has been set.
The couple began dating in April
2001, when they met backstage at
VH1's salute to Aretha Franklin at
the House of Blues in Las Vegas.
While Kid Rock may have been
helping the economy, he apparently
complied with former spouse Tommy Lee, a former
Motley Crue drummer. Kid Rock has
never been married, but is raising a
son.

Last month, Anderson announced
that he had contracted the potential-
ly fatal disease, Hepatitis C, after shar-
ing a tattoo needle with Lee. Lee said
he has never had the disease. She is
receiving treatment at the University
of California, Los Angeles, Medical
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The exchange of elderly Koreans
was originally scheduled for last
October, but was halted by North
Korea.
The envoy's negotiations set the
stage for a meeting next March 20 with
the envoy from South Korea and the
administration of U.S. President
George W. Bush.
Since the 1950-1953 Korean War,
South Koreans have been cut-off from
relatives in the North and unable to
visit ancestral graves. Since the two
countries never signed a peace treaty,
they remain in a technical state of war.
— Reuters

Congressman's conviction
upsets constituents

By Megan Garvey
(LOS ANGELES TIMES)

— It's Friday morning, the day after
their congressman became a convict-
celled felon, and a steady stream of
furious callers are venting to local radio
legend Dan Ryan.

Then someone calls, not directed at
Rep. Jim Traficant, who voters here
elected nine times to represent this
working-class region in Congress.
The people of the Mahoning
Valley are mad at the juries —
10 women and two men from the
Cleveland area 70 miles to the north-
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10 counts of a federal indictment that
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Commentary ignored Arab atrocities

Editor, In the "Point/Counterpoint" portion of the opinion section for April 11, I was drawn to the article titled "Israel must end occupation." The article began, "Before one analyses the current violence in the Middle East, it helps to be informed." However, after reading the piece it was clear to me that the author was not very well informed about all the author omitted key facts about certain events, did not take the time to mention Arab atrocities over the years, and overall did very little to truly "inform" people about the situation in the Middle East. For all of this let me point out that I am not an expert on the Middle East, but perhaps I can fill the magnanimous gaps left in the earlier, allegedly "informative" article. To begin with, the sinking of the USS Liberty was a terrible accident for which Israel apologized. Also, it may be interesting to note that the sinking of the Edan, in international waters, after a cease-fire agreement, by Egypt. In that article, the author mentioned the fact that Israel has currently violated 68 United Nations Security Council resolutions. However, historically, UN resolutions seem to have been used less in the Middle East as in the past Arab states repeatedly violated them. The author failed to mention that Palestinians, along with other Middle East states, namely Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Iraq, violated a U.N. resolution when they attacked Israel. I read that tell only half truths. My point in all this is that generations of Israelis have grown up with the constant threat of extinction of the Jewish State by its Arab neighbors. Furthermore, Israelis have learned through their wars with Egypt that if they fight hard enough and beat their enemies long enough, eventually they will see for peace. All must do is look to what happened after Egypt signed a treaty with Israel and recognized it as a nation. Israel gave back the Sinai, which it had taken from Egypt in 1967. It helps when they invaded Israel again in 1973. In 1967, Israel launched a preemptive strike to prevent another invasion and in the process gained considerable land, some of which it still holds for defensive purposes. This turned about to be a blessing for the Jewish State as it was again invaded in 1973 and owes much of its survival and victory in that war to its gains in 1967, as they were dug in on superiorly defensible ground. Despite being outnumbered and outgunned in each war by Soviet armed nations, the Israelis prevailed and after 1973 finally won decisively enough that no Arab nation has invaded since then. In fact, with that victory, in the years that followed Egypt and Jordan each finally recognized Israel as a sovereign state, although most other Middle Eastern countries still have not. My point in all this is that there is plenty of blame for atrocities, violations of resolutions and cease-fires, sinking of ships in international waters, and a multitude of other things to go around on both sides of the Mid-East conflict. The problem now is that neither side is ready to stop killing one another in a pointless war. It's sad, but true, and peace will never come until both sides get tired of watching their brothers, sisters, mothers and fathers die for nothing.

Andrew Williamson is a computer engineering freshman.
Letters to the editor

Our tax dollars are killing people
Editor,

The Israeli government's use of American made F-16s, tanks and Apache helicopters against a displaced population of Palestinian refugees who have no hope for their future disgusts me. Los Angeles Times press release on Jan. 14, 2000, stated that they "received a contract today to produce 50 F-16 aircraft for the government of Israel." Since 1962, each year the United States has given Israel approximately $3 billion in aid in one lump sum (this year the U.S. Congress approved $2.76 billion in aid for Israel). This is different than the aid that we give to other countries in that we disburse the money in quarterly installments. Also, unlike other countries, Israel is not required to specify how it spends the money. Israel accounts for about 20% of the world population, and it receives about one-third of the entire U.S. foreign aid budget. Most of this aid violates U.S. laws. The U.S. Foreign Assistance Act prohibits military assistance to any country "which engages in a consistent pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights." Israel's use of American F-16 also violates the Arms Export Control Act. The United States has named Israel into the most militarized society in the world and at the same time setting up covert Arab dictatorships that rob people of their basic human rights just to get their greedy hands on oil. So when you look at your paycheck and see how much money they take, think about how your money is spent.

Thomas Alderson is an agricultural systems management sophomore.

Even some Israelis protest Sharon
Editor,

In response to Govrin's commentary, "Who is to blame for the crisis?" (April 11), I would like to express my sincere concern for the loss of his country's good friend. However, the reason for his death can be attributed to something far less obvious than the word "terrorism." This man chose to be part of an offensive military operation outside of the borders of his own country and was given orders to "shoot at any individual who looks suspicious." How can anyone expect the Palestinian people to sit silently as their homes are reduced to rubble and their families are murdered? The people of Jerim have a right to defend themselves and their country from foreign invaders. If I were an Israeli, I would have joined the thousands of others who chose protest the occupation and military operations imposed on Palestine by refusing the draft.

Govrin also criticizes President Ariel of controlling the media but makes no mention of Israel's censorship of the war. Israel declared Palestine a "militarized zone" and currently forbids any media from reporting from those areas. Just last week the Los Angeles Times reported that Israeli troops emphasized this position by directly firing upon media who were trying to report on General Zinn's meeting with President Ariel.

I believe I can speak for all Palestinians in accepting "the land of the pre-1967 borders for a true peace agreement." I also believe that, as Govrin states, this is the position of most Israelis. Unfortunately, this is not the position of the Israeli government now, nor has this ever been an offer since the 1967 war.

No country in the world, other than Israel, supports the actions of Sharon. Even the Israeli people have taken to the streets in protest. When the smoke clears, and the mass graves are uncovered, I want to able to say I was not a silent supporter of genocide.

Omar Hafit is a mechanical engineering senior with family in the West Bank.

Our generation should learn to embrace change

The thing about change is that it's scary. There is absolutely no guarantee that when life, however or where you live changes that it's going to be better than it was before. However, this is obviously what we are looking for when we decide to change a particular thing in our lives, even though there is the chance that it could be worse. Therefore, a person has to weigh the effects of resolving a problem in a life for a possibly negligible result, relative to the way things already are.

Quite often it's much easier to just stay with the comfort of the status quo because the effort to change might not be worth it in the end. Many people choose to stay in the same two productive (or just for the sake of ease) to me, change is what makes life interesting. When things start to change in my life, it adds a dynamic that might have otherwise remained unexplored.

Take the move from high school to college, for example. I had no idea how college was going to be, and there were things that intimidated me, like how the heck I was going to pay the bills every month. Now, after three years of living on my own, I have learned that this particular change brought about a growth in my life. But the internal changes, such as changes in thought processes and mentalities, as the most critical ones. It is not a matter of how those changes are brought about.

Depending on whether we are able to determine the meaning of change that is occurring in our lives, change can either excite and intrigue the soul or threaten one's dreams. It is something from which none of us can escape: the span from life to death is inevitable. But what we choose to do during that is what matters. I see life as always being on the forefront of change. Those in history such as Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King Jr., have been commended for the change they brought about. Yet, at the same time, when faced with it, we are afraid, and the people who try to bring it about now are often condemned. The essential changes that occur are those that are made within us. From a distance we admire change, but within ourselves, we don't want to embrace it. Changing things in our lives is what can ultimately give us life.

As much as things only change for the worse, change can occur to stop the domino effect pattern. Let our generation not be one that is solely concerned for ourselves but also concerned for others. Let us be a generation that uncover's things that has been strew over the earth. And while one generation refuses to change, let ours be one that refuses to change. The one thing that is assured of is that change is occurring. As the sun rises in the east and sets in the west and as time disappears with every second, we should be constantly reminded of that which is eternal and that which is temporary.

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officials as Army Chief of Staff and a Secretary of the Army Thomas White, former Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. Barry McCaffrey, and President Bush, who may also attend the event.

(“The seminar”) is going to be full of colonels, generals and really high-ranking officers who have so much experience,” Gritzke said. Gritzke will participate in topics titled “Persian Gulf: Continuing Strife,” led by former U.S. Ambassador to Iran Francis Cooper, and “Israel, It’s Neighbors and the Palestinian Homeland,” led by U.S. Envoy to the Middle East and retired Marine Gen. Anthony Zinni. “You can’t have an extremely influential people who are going to be speaking at this (seminar),” said Maj. Keith Kranhold, an assistant military science professor. “It’s a really great opportunity for a college student to go and listen to and listen to all of these people who really are heavyweights involved in both policy making and policy execution.”

Gritzke was selected the top Army ROTC cadet at Cal Poly this year based on her scholarly achievements and high performance in ROTC. She received the General Stilwell Sabre Award for 2001, which is given annually to the best cadet by the Reserve Officer’s Association Ladies Club (ROCL), among 11 universities in California that offer Army ROTC programs.

Last summer, Gritzke competed against cadets from 270 universities nationwide at the National Advanced Leadership Camp where she ranked in the top third of her regiment and clinched the record for the most push-ups repetitions for a female cadet with 81.

“She has academics, her participation and leadership within this program, and her physical fitness capabilities all kind of set her above and at the very top of the students that we have participating here in the program,” Kranhold said. “As for her participation in (ROTC), she participates to the utmost extent and shows a lot of leadership on a daily basis.”

Gritzke said she’s excited to have excelled in ROTC among the many other competitive cadets and feel privileged to be present at a seminar that very few cadets get to attend. “It’s challenging and it’s flattering at the same time,” Gritzke said. “I know I’ve worked very hard to get where I am, but, at the same time, you never know who’s going to win or who’s going to get what or what’s going to happen. I’m excited that I was chosen and I’m glad I get to go and experience this.”

“She is going to be my seatmate,” Gritzke will be entering the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant with a four-year commitment, with the said she would like to enter either the engineering or air defense artillery branch.

“If (the Army) is going to be my future, even if it’s for four years or more, I want to do the best that I can for the Air Force/Saving so much as I can while I’m in (ROTC),” Gritzke said.

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start. He said it fits in with the mis-
sion of Eve Ensler, who’s in town to show that bring quality and diversity to San Luis Obispo.

“Of course (gritted) mature themes, explicit language and provocative tendencies,” he said. “It’s a different product than it was when I booked it 18 months ago.”

However, despite the dramatic nature of “The Vagina Monologues,” students are looking forward to the show for the issues it addresses and perspectives it offers.

Anne Bourne, a psychology senior and founder of the Voices for Planned Parenthood (VOX) chapter at Cal Poly, said that the show does not focus on one topic, but instead does a great job of introducing difference women’s perspectives.

“It’s not just about abortion or childbirth,” she said. “It’s about being female — and being female isn’t controversial.”

Bourne said she was surprised that “The Vagina Monologues” sold out so quickly.

“I have such much support for it was surprising,” she said. “Although it has the possibility to be controversial, I don’t think it will.”

The mission of Eve Ensler’s “The Vagina Monologues” is to increase awareness about the various forms of violence toward women, including rape, incest, domestic battery and genital mutilation, according to a Cal Poly Arts press release. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to V-Dan, a global movement to stop violence against women and girls, which will then pass the contribution along to the Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention Center of San Luis Obispo.

Food science and nutrition senior Dana Purnibom said she fully sup-
ports attending the show to raise money for such a wonderful cause.

“If even one woman is helped by my contribution, I feel like I’m helping to raise the quality of life for women everywhere,” she said.

“The Vagina Monologues” will be performed at the Cal Poly Theatre Thursday through Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Prices are $28 to $34. Student discounts are available. Tickets may be purchased at the PAC. For more information, call SLO-ARTS (756-2797).

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and other elected officials most in this small city’s fading downtown. Domeno Padone Jr. said the verdict made him “sick to his stomach.”

“They made him out like he’s shak­

ing people down and that’s not at all,” said Padone, who testified for Traficant at the trial. “He does things for people that he sees and then they want to throw him a little something. People here would’ve understood that.”

Nabed Kundah, who runs the restaurant, also still believes in Traficant.

“I look at, if the whole town is corrupt then that’s what you’ve got to work with,” Kundah said.

If you are interested in becoming a leader in Student Community Services, NOW is the time: Applications are due April 22** for 2002-2003 Directors.
Will Griffey work out for the Reds?

By Ross Newman

"Who knows?" replied Lou Piniella, knowing there is no real
talent in the organization.

The Seattle Mariners' manager on a midweek afternoon,
talking about who Ken Griffey Jr. is and why he continues to pay
for his former center fielder to regain his incomparable form
but won't commit to keeping the injured talent's salary —
and his promise of a full recovery — in the死去's 2002 payroll.

While Griffey has been with the Mariners for two
months, he is a key player for the team because of the way
he creates the offense. In his 3,200 games, there have been
6,000 hits, 431 home runs, and 1,215 RBIs. He is one of
the few players left in the majors who can still hit the ball out
of the park and get on base regularly.

Griffey has been working hard with the staff coaches to
get back to his old self. The team is now focused on keeping
him healthy for the rest of the season.

Griffey's clubhouse role, but the
talent and right.

He was criticized by former Red
Manager Jim Bowden, who sparked a firestorm of debate
between Griffey and his former teammates. Bowden said,
"One is to finish his career with the Reds, two is to surpass
Cincinnati General Manager Jim Bowden said. "One is to finish his
contract and stay with us and suffered the same fate as a kid in the
summer. It seems that the Kings can't be beat when they have the
electric power of their fans behind them. Arco has sold out
more games over the past few seasons than any other venues.

Meanwhile, Rick Adelman joins the exclusive ranks of coaches,
including Phil Jackson and Pat Riley, to take different teams to
60 or more wins. Adelman is also a favorite for NBA Coach of
the Year. He leads a squad put together by Geoff Petrie, who, with
the support of owner Joe and GLA, assembled this explosive
combination of players. The synergistic qualities of this team is a
result of hard work and intuition.

In addition, there are technical reasons why the Kings are unlikely
to repeat this season. They're ranked within the top two fields for
goal and three-point percentages, rebounds and steals. They are
incredibly well-rounded, with a quick and improved defense and a
high-scoring offense. Tricky passes and fancy footwork accentuate the
career, the team is going to the playoffs and winning.

Junior got his exercise playing the
game as no one else played it, even as
Piniella tried to tell him that he
eed to work at his conditioning,
if only to compensate for the pound­
ing he absorbed on that hard surface.

"I told him he might pay for it as he
got older, but it's hard to convince
a young man who is at the top of
his game to work harder. He
wasn't even first string.

"Junior played every day, played
hard, played to win. He could have
(shadow) if he could, I'd like him to
but he gave me the impression that he
hasn't. Piniella added. "At the same
time, by preparing a little better,
he might have remained as healthy and productive.
He was the best player in the game, and I'd like him
to do something more than see him get
completely healthy again and put togeth­
er the numbers. He was the first time he
and us, I think he's fully capable, and
I think he will.

"It's been two years now since
Griffey injured his hip in 1997 and
relapsed that once vivid portrait,
the Mariners, a scenario strongly denied
by his lawyer and both teams.
"Griffey's personal trampoline, and
Piniella tried to tell him that he
probably didn't see the need for
the media to pump out information
about how the team is just been
impaired Griffey's talent — and
the team needs to stay positive
and realize that we are really as
good as other schools," he said.

"And yet, when the Kings lose
a game, it seems like the media
puts out information about how
they all knew the ‘winning streak'
was going to end."
Cal Poly men's lacrosse freshman attacker Tim Casey dives in an attempt to score during Saturday's home game against Santa Clara. The Mustangsendumed the Broncos, 15-5, as Casey had two goals and two assists, while senior Jim Fipp and sophomore Peter Reed each had four goals and one assist. On Sunday, Cal Poly beat Claremont, 13-6, as sophomore Zach Dostart had three goals and two assists.

**Commentary**

By Sarah Stephan  
**MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER**

The final score may have shown a blowout, but Saturday's men's tennis match was a lot closer than 6-1. In a match that saw the Mustangs lose the last home game of the season to UC Santa Barbara, both players and coaches came away with a positive attitude that reflected Cal Poly's upset performance.

"The other coach (UC Santa Barbara head coach Marv Davis) called it the closest 6-1 match he had ever seen," said Trevor Kronemann, Cal Poly's head coach. The Mustangs were defeated 5-1 in the doubles matches, allowing the Gauchos to earn the doubles point.

In earning the doubles, UC Santa Barbara only had to win three singles matches to win overall, said sophomore Nick Tracy played well and won his No. 5 match in straight sets, 6-3, 6-2. The No. 1 singles match was tough competition for sophomore Mike Marquez, who lost 6-3, 6-2. Despite the losing score, Marquez said that he felt really good about the match.

"My opponent hit most of his shots, but I knew that I could get him if I pushed it to the baseline. I was able to hit a lot of winners today," Marquez said.

Sophomore Mike Marquez returns a shot during his match on Saturday at the Cal Poly tennis courts.

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**Men's lacrosse dominates at home**

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**Time to give team 'Kingly' welcome**

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**Southwest Conference**

**BRIEFS**

Softball splits in away series at Northridge

The Cal Poly softball team split a doubleheader, falling 5-3 in the first game and rebounding to win the second game 1-0 in eight innings at Bob Jambis Field on Saturday.

The Matadors jumped out early in the first game, scoring on a home run by leadoff hitter Chelsea Bebelle. The opposite field shot over the left field fence was her third home run of the season. Neither team scored until Northridge added a run in the top of the sixth to make the score 2-0. The Mustangs responded in the bottom half of the inning when Kasey Port doubled to left field with one out. Port came around to score on Nicole Dansby's single up the middle to make the score 2-1. The Matadors added three-insurance runs in the seventh, two on a throwing error and one on a wild pitch.

Game two saw Wheeler enter the game in the second inning after Matador starter Summer Richardsson walked two consecutive batters. Wheeler shut down the Mustangs until the sixth, when Cal Poly loaded the bases but could not push a run across. In the seventh inning, Roni Sparks doubled to left center to lead off the inning only to be stranded at third sending the game into extra innings. The Mustangs put two together in the eighth when Dansby led off by driving a single up the middle. The two batter later, Jackie Wayland, doubled to right center with Dansby scoring from first with the winning run.