Foothill Bridge is complete and ready for summer traffic

MARIECARE MONDOZA
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The completion of the Foothill Bridge officially ended on June 10, nearly four months overdue, but just in time for Cal Poly’s commencement ceremonies.

The project began in July 2004 and cost more than $4 million, with most of the bill covered by the Federal Highway Administration. The bridge was originally expected to open in March, but was delayed due to heavy winter rainfall, city officials said.

“We’re just glad it’s done,” said Larry Tolson, San Luis Obispo Public Works spokesman. “We’re glad it’s open and pleased the community accepted the construction.”

The actual bridge replacement project began in 2001 when the city began the process of obtaining permits for the improvement, Tolson said. In 2002, the city temporarily used a Bailey Bridge to keep the road from sinking and then began road construction last year.

“We decided to be proactive,” Tolson said. “It was deemed one of the most dangerous roads in California.”

Prior to the bridge’s completion, Tolson said Foothill Boulevard was simply two giant culverts that the road went over and emphasized that “it was not a bridge.”

“Now we have a real bridge, and the roadway spans Stenner Creek,” he said, adding that the opening of the bridge can be seen as a sort of celebration for the city and its residents.

Among those benefiting most from this road improvement, however, are Cal Poly students.

“I wasn’t here before the construction, so I don’t have anything to compare it to,” graphic design senior Andy Olson said. “But it’s definitely more convenient than the old bridge.”

Becca Swanson was named ASI chief of staff for 2005-06

MATT WECHTER
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Art exhibit on display in library

JENNIFER GONGAware
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For over nine months, the youth in the San Juan Nuevo Parangacueles, Michoacan community in Paso Robles took nearly 7,000 photographs of local Mexican immigrants. Of these, currently 43 black-and-white photographs are on display in Kennedy Library.

“The kids made enormous sacrifices. We let the kids drive the project,” said project manager Pedro Inzunza Arroyo of San Luis Obispo.

For the project, Arroyo wrote the grant that won the “California Stories Untold” competition held by the California Council for the Humanities, which provided $30,000 for the project.

An additional $12,000 of the cost was donated by businesses and individuals, including 200 rolls of film and the large, black frames the pictures are mounted on.

The photos feature cultural images of the community that exhibit both traditional and everyday life.

Continuing education receives state grant

CHRISTOPHER GUNN
MUSTAN DAILY

Cal Poly’s continuing education program received a $50,000 grant from the CSU Commission to help educate kindergarten through high school teachers about how to best teach the arts.

California ranks last in the nation in funding for arts per child with 3 cents spent per year, according to liberal studies department Chair Susan Duffy.

“We’re not going to just teach them about ethics in a classroom, but about classroom management and standards,” Duffy said. “They have to meet the states content standards.”

Along with her department, Duffy is working in conjunction with Cal Poly continuing education to create a curriculum that will prepare young teachers and artists to handle classroom management, state curriculum requirements, and legal and ethical responsibilities.

Cal poly was one of 29 CSUs to apply for the grant, which ranged from $8,000 to $50,000, and was one of seven schools that received it, according to Dennis “Skip” Parks, dean of continuing education and university outreach.

“Of the schools that received the grant, it was perhaps the most needed,” he said. After more than a year of waiting, citizens of San Luis Obispo can once again use the Foothill Bridge, which spans Stenner Creek.

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be more visible across campus by specific events that are targeted towards students with the only pur­pose of giving students an avenue to express their concerns within ASI.”

Middlestadt plans to improve the connection between ASI and stu­dents through media outlets. Middlestadt also said he would like to advertise the ASI Board of Directors meetings.

At the meetings, every student is given the opportunity to speak dur­ing the 15 minutes of open forum beforehand to share concerns or comments with board members. The board is based on the rep­resentation of the six colleges through the election of 25 delegates with each college receiving between three and five positions.

The board also has a seat on the University Union Advisory Board. Students who wish to take part in ASI’s decision-making process can become part of a 45 to 50-member executive staff concerned with vari­ous elements, including media and marketing, community relations, campus life, lobby corps, projects and events and sustainability. Interested students must contact Middlestadt for further information.

The purpose of each executive staff group is to collaborate about issues related to their committee topic and to respond to the group team leader with information. The six team leaders then makes sugges­tions to the chief of staff, known pre­viously as the ASI vice president, who in turn make a report to the ASI president.

Since ASI must juggle different aspects of student life, it has two bud­gets.

The first is the ASI fee fund, cov­ering club services and programs, the Children’s Center, Poly Escapes ASI events, the Rose Float and co-spon­sorship.

The second budget is the University Union Advisory Board with funds going to programs within the LSU such as McPeck’s Games Area, the Crafts Center and the Epicenter.

Middlestadt said one of the rea­sons he chose Swanson for the posi­tion was because of their similar goals and because past work experiences together he was able to work well with her.

“Those three years she has been involved with the Student Life and Leadership organizations, rather than ASI, have improved her life on campus. Within Student Life and Leadership Swanson worked for the Women’s Center but has also been apart of the Multicultural Center as well.

She said as a result of her involvement with the Women’s Center, she has a group of different side of ASI and she plans on taking a different perspective into the office with her she when she starts her job as chief of staff and her goal is to use those outside experiences to work with Middlestadt and achieve their similar goals.”

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attorney for the California

industry lobbyist Tuesday as his

doubtful about the toll of the 27-

month-old war that has taken the

lives of more than 1,740 U.S. troops.

WASHINGTON — The Senate

approved an energy bill Tuesday that

was more favorable to conservation,

wind farms and ethanol and less kind
to oil and gas producers than legisla-

tion passed by the House.

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Small guy in big biz trouble

Ian Dick
The Lantern (Ohio State U.)

COLUMBUS, Ohio — I saw “Batman Begins” this week. Don’t worry, I won’t ruin anything if you haven’t already seen it. I simply wanted to comment on the wonder of comic books and the movies they inspire. Take the “Batman” series for example. Benevolent industrialist Bruce Wayne parallels the streets of his native Gotham City under the alias Batman, fighting evildoers with equally provocative tools, such as the Riddler and Scarecrow. Of course, as I’ve grown older, I have learned that this is pure fantasy. And, of course, there are no benevolent industrialists.

Now, before I am stoned by those of the entrepreneurial pursuit, may I suggest that you simply watch the news? Three weeks ago General Motors made the announcement that it will be terminating 25,000 jobs at American factories and reducing their production by one million vehicles — following a $13 billion loss in the opening months of 2005. The announcement was made by Richard Wagoner, president and chief executive officer of GM, reportedly after being pressured by shareholders to increase the profits of the ailing automaker giant. Wagoner also mentioned in his speech that rising health care costs and a greater number of retirements were among the factors prompting the change in North American production. Additionally, he cited poor sport utility vehicle sales because of high summer gas prices.

Imagine that SUVs got gas and gas prices have been consistent­ly on the rise for months now. Who could have foreseen this dilemma? Who could have predicted that consumers, in an attempt to avoid bankruptcy, might opt for smaller cars? And don’t you hate it when hard working factory employees retire after 20 years of devoted service and start harassing you for health benefits and pensions?

What is the modern CEO to do? Not resign, certainly, which is reportedly what was asked of Wagoner in the plights of his compa­ny.

No, it obviously is the better deci­sion to put thousands of people out of work over the course of the next few years than to change manage­ment strategy right now. Even though SUV sales have been lagging for months now they were still being produced at a high rate, possibly because GM can earn more selling an SUV than it can marketing primarily smaller cars, which have been selling wonderfully. Instead, car compa­nies have relied on multiple ad campaigns in order to bolster dropping sales.

To add insult to injury to the GM family, within days of this new television commercials featuring a new car buying incentive hit the airwaves. If you missed these ads, they featured a diverse, but equally catchy group of GM employees, going about their respective days, while letting you in on their employer­dis­count. That’s right! For a limited­time, anyone can pick up a new GM automobile at the employee discount. That must really be comfort­ing to the employees who at this moment are receiving their pink slips.

I do not consider myself to be an idealist, and I know well that people get laid off and jobs move around in a capitalist society like this one, but it is a sad sight to witness again and again.

The people who build cars or tanks or light bulbs are sometimes forced to pay for a poor sales strategy with their jobs, while those who are actually accountable are seldom even docked vacation days. And when it happens, I suppose there is little left to do except sigh heavily and wonder what Batman would do.
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Where: Damon Garcia Sports Field
When: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
How much: Free
Parking: Free

Why is it the place to be? Two words: Bounce house. But if bouncing around in an inflated tent doesn't suit you, enjoy the skate park or activities such as face painting and other family games at the "Old Fashioned Family Fun Day" in San Luis Obispo. No fireworks here, but travel up or down the San Luis Obispo County coastline and you'll be sure to catch a glimpse of any one of several spectacular Central Coast fireworks. For some help deciding where to go, check out the guide below.

Cayucos
Where: Pier and Downtown Cayucos
When: 5 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
How much: Free
Parking: Free on the street, but limited.

Why is it the place to be? Starting at 5 a.m., next to the old Cayucos pier, sandcastle builders will compete to make the best castle. Directly following the contest, Ocean Avenue will be closed for the annual parade. A barbecue will be held at the Veterans Hall adjacent to the pier from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. All this will be topped off with a fireworks show at 9 p.m. (JG)

Arroyo Grande
Where: The Village of Arroyo Grande
When: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
How much: Free
Parking: Free

Why is it the place to be? Arroyo Grande's "4th of July in the Village" will gather Central Coasters for a quaint celebration of American heritage. Come for the outdoor concert, stay for the free lemonade and scarf down a few hot dogs. This will be a firework-free event. (JG)

For additional Fourth of July celebrations in San Luis Obispo County, visit www.sanluisobispecounty.com

Pismo Beach
Where: Pismo Pier
When: 1:30 - 9:30 p.m.
How much: Free
Parking: Free

Why is it the place to be? Sand, sun, water and music. Festivities kick-off with three bands and continue through the night. Food, flags and other souvenirs will be sold. The 30-minute, $20,000 fireworks display begins at 9 p.m., so come early to snag the perfect spot for the show. (JG)

Morro Bay
Where: Tidelands Park
When: 1 p.m.
How much: Free
Parking: Limited; trolley recommended

Why is it the place to be? A special committee organized by the Chamber of Commerce has raised nearly $30,000 to finance Morro Bay's fireworks display. There will be plenty of entertainment including bands, a dunk tank, a magic show and more. Morro Bay's celebration is alcohol-free, but features an amazing fireworks show that is launched from a barge anchored in the bay. Fireworks begin at dusk. (NH)
Think about the historical foundation that this country is built upon and the people that have suffered and died to make this country free.

DON'T ...

1. Drink and drive — Designate a chaperone or attend an event within walking distance. The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) says that at least 40 percent of all the fatalities on Independence Day are related to high blood alcohol concentrations.

2. Travel during peak hours — Limit time on the road during the Fourth of July weekend. With more drivers on the road, more are likely to be intoxicated. Reduce travel during mid-afternoon to early morning hours as these tend to be peak hours for crash fatalities.

3. Practice bad flag etiquette — It is especially important to recognize the flag during Independence Day, as it symbolizes freedom to all American citizens. Remember that it's considered improper to allow the U.S. flag to touch the ground or to have it upside down or any part of it touching the ground.

4. Create your own fireworks show — Mine of fireworks, even seemingly harmless ones like sparklers, can create dangerous situations that can scar for life. Leave the pyro to the pros, and attend licensed public fireworks displays.

"There's a good reason fireworks are regulated," said Matthew DiSalvo, an Arroyo Grande firefighter. "They’re dangerous, and every year, throughout the country, people are killed or lose limbs or eyes.”

Isolation is not necessary for those who love America, but hate the light show.

Ashley Lopez
MUSTANG DAILY

The Fourth of July has become a tradition known for its stars, stripes, red, white and blue, barbecues and, of course, fireworks displays. However, there are some people that just don't care too much for the fireworks (but don't despise), there are alternatives besides isolation from the world.

One option is to go see a movie. This is an easy way to catch a new flick and dodge the usual long lines. Another way to escape is to simply stay in the comfort of the home. This year the Fourth of July is on a Monday, so take advantage of the day off and relax or catch up on life.

But if staying at home doesn't work, just remember to be creative. There are some local places — restaurants, wineries and casinos — that can help with the escape from the loud crowds and even louder pyrotechnics.
Cal Poly assistant to coach U.S. Baseball 2005

Karen Velie

Cal Poly assistant baseball coach Jerry Weinstein has been named head coach of the junior baseball team for the 17th World Maccabiah Games to be held from July 10 to 21.

"I was surprised to get that call, though I was previously asked and couldn't attend," Weinstein said.

The team was selected from Jewish baseball players, ages 15 through 18, from across the United States. Weinstein will conduct a pre-camp for the players in Long Island from June 28 to July 1.

The best Jewish athletes from around the world will descend on Israel for an Olympic-style competition that is held every four years. The United States will send over 600 athletes to compete in this year’s event.

Through the Yachad Program — Hebrew for “together” — team members from the United States raise money to support Maccabi USA and the Maccabiah. In support of the effort, Weinstein solicited donations.

Donations from Scott Boras, a baseball agent with the Scott Boras Agency, helped defray players’ expenses. Sporting goods companies donated equipment and uniforms.

Weinstein, along with his wife Andrea, will participate in the Maccabiah Jewish Identity program. A pre-game cultural education program will give the athletes a chance to bond with each other while learning about the culture and history of Israel.

“I am looking forward to the total experience; seeing the country, getting to know the people, competing in baseball,” Weinstein said.

Members of the United States delegation interact with Israeli children in Lev’Llev, a successful Tzedakah program. Andrea is bringing a variety of compact discs to give out to children.

“It went by Bo Bo Records and asked them to pick out something that was cool and hip,” Andrea said. “Pick out something that kids would like, but not too wild.”

Before Weinstein came to Cal Poly, he was the Director of Player Development for the Los Angeles Dodgers. In 1992 and 1996, Weinstein coached the USA Olympic baseball team.

Weinstein also coached the United States team during the 1987 Pan American Games. In 1995, he coached the USA National Team.

For over 20 years, Weinstein led the Sacramento City College Panthers. Due to his extraordinary record of championships, he was inducted into the California Community College Baseball Hall of Fame.