Foothill Bridge is complete and ready for summer traffic

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ASI names chief of staff

Erick Smith

Upholding his campaign promise, ASI President Tyler Middlestadt ended his search to fill the vacant position of chief of staff, formally known as ASI vice president, when he selected psychology senior Becca Swanson for the position.

"I believe a benefit I will bring to ASI over the next year is that I understand the 'average' student," Swanson said. "I feel that I have been one of those students because I have never held a position in Chief, page 2.

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Art exhibit on display in library

Jennifer Gongaware

For over nine months, the youth in the San Juan Nuevo Parangacules, 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 matted on. The photos feature cultural images of the community that exhibit both traditional and everyday life.

Continuing education receives state grant

Christopher Gunn

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.

"We're not going to just teach them about arts in a classroom, but about classroom management and standards," Duffy said. "They have to meet the state content standards."

Along with her department, Duffy is working in correlation 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," 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 bridge, page 2."
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be more visible across campus by having student leaders representing ASI at events on campus or holding 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 at 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 make 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 board in in charge of the allocation of fees to the various organizations. The second budget is the University Union Advisory Board with funds going to programs within the UU, such as McNees’ Games Area, the Crafts Center and the Epicenter.

Students need to get in (to the ASI office) because their voice can have power,” said psychology senior and ASI Chief of Staff Becca Swanson. “We in ASI are all students and if somebody brings in a problem or concern their voice will be heard.”

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...the school that received the most, Parks said. The program will offer two courses per quarter beginning in Winter 2006 and will take students one year to complete. Students can also take the classes through a distance learning online program.

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Swanson’s nomination for the position was cleared by the ASI Board of Directors during their June 1 meeting, although Middlestadt had informed her about a month before that she would be taking over his vacated position, he was previously vice president before stepping into the role as president.

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

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Life. The captions underneath, written by the youth photographers, explain the subjects.

“...We wanted to present the Mexican community from a complete view,” Arroyo said. “There are so many distorted images in the media.”

The traditional Carpite dancers are the subject of many of the photos. One of the hand-made masks that the dancers wear is placed in a glass case in the middle of the exhibit. The photographs will travel from San Luis Obispo to Guadalajara, and possibly to Santa Barbara through March 2006. They will then be donated to Kennedy Library’s Special Collections.

The exhibit runs from May 30 through June 30 in the library’s Special Sections area.

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STATE NEWS

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger named an industry lobbyist Tuesday to pick up the pace of an indoor air pollution regulation, angering environmentalists and provoking a confirmation fight with Senate Democrats.

Cindy Tuck, who serves as top attorney for the California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance, is the director of the Air Resources Board.

NATIONAL NEWS

FORT BRAGG, N.C.— President Bush on Tuesday rejected calls for a timetable for withdrawal from Iraq or sending more troops, complaining patience for Americans who question the war's painful costs.

"Is the sacrifice worth it? It is worth the deaths 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 legislation passed by the House.

Whether the sharp differences can be resolved may depend on how much pressure President Bush can bring to bear. The president urged the lawmakers to resolve their differences quickly and send him a bill before August.

SAN JOSE — Announcing its second major acquisition in less than a month, computer maker Sun Microsystems Inc. said Tuesday it will buy business-integration software provider SeeBeyond Technology Corp. for $387 million in cash.

BET Awards. Legend was named best new artist, a trophy the man who discovered him, Kanye West, won at last year's awards.

DESTINY'S Child was named best group and Usher took the male R&B artist trophy.

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The deal is expected to help Sun better profit from its 10-year-old Java programming language.

That programming language lets developers build programs that run on multiple computers regardless of operating system and microprocessor.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

KABUL, Afghanistan — A U.S. CH-47 Chinook transport helicopter, which a military official said may have been carrying 15 to 20 people, crashed Tuesday while ferrying reinforcements to fight insurgents in a mountainous region in eastern Afghanistan. The Taliban claimed to have shot down the aircraft. The fate of those on board the helicopter, which crashed near Asadabad in Kunar province, was not immediately known, the U.S. military said.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Bombs killed the country's oldest legislator and two American soldiers Tuesday on the first anniversary of Iraq's sovereignty - a day the president described as "bleded" despite the persistent violence. More than a dozen Iraqis also were killed and U.S. and Iraqi troops launched Operation Sword aimed at insurgents in a mountainous area near the Euphrates River, their third major anti-insurgent campaign in Anbar province.

TORONTO — Canada's House of Commons voted Tuesday to legalize gay marriage, passing landmark legislation that would grant all same-sex couples in Canada the same legal rights as those in traditional unions between a man and a woman.

The bill passed as expected, despite opposition from Conservatives and religious leaders. The legislation drafted by Prime Minister Paul Martin's minority Liberal Party government was also expected to easily pass the Senate and become federal law by the end of July.

PARIS — France was chosen Tuesday as the home for an experiment $13 billion nuclear fusion project scientists say will produce a boundaryless source of clean and cheap energy. A consortium of United States, the European Union, China, Russia, Japan had been divided over whether to put the test reactor in France or Japan.

OTHER NEWS

SAN FRANCISCO — Author Terry McMillan has filed for divorce from the younger man who inspired her to write "How Stella Got Her Groove Back," the 1996 novel that chronicled the romantic adventures of a 40-something woman who falls for a guy half her age in Jamaica.

In papers filed in Contra County Superior Court, McMillan, 53, said she decided to end her six- and-a-half-year marriage to Jonathan Plummer, 30, after learning that he is gay.

The revelation led her to conclude that Plummer, whom she met at a Jamaican resort a decade ago, married her only to get U.S. citizenship. McMillan says.

"It was devastating to discover that a relationship I had publicized to the world in life-affirming and built on mutual love was actually based on deceit," she wrote in her declaration. "I was humiliated."

In response, Plummer maintains that McMillan has treated him with "homophobic" scorn bordering on hatred since he came out to her as gay just before Christmas. McMillan is seeking to have the marriage annulled, while Plummer has asked the court to set aside a prenuptial agreement that would prevent him from earning spousal support.

Although McMillan filed for divorce in January, news of the couple's split did not surface until this week.
Tim Hoffine of teenagers strike up a match and carry flags, and not guns. After all, if they gather strength and burn in gleaming when political protest has been so spread rebellion. Many vowed to exhibit desecration of the American channels dissent away from violence. The act evokes strong political back­ approval of those who burn the flag, "never forget" the September 11, 2001.

Perhaps this is Iraq on the best of days, where resistance is expressed by lighting flags — not fries. Indeed, the United States can hope for the day when political protest has been so legitimized in Iraq that opponents carry flags, and not guns. After all, if insurgents are burning flags, they're not building bombs.

In contrast to the perpetual insur­ gency in Iraq, there is no example in recent history where the United States has faced such open and widespread rebellion. Many viewed as "never forget" the September 11 attacks and claimed that terrorists could never take our freedoms. But as evidenced by the U.S. House's recent approval of an amendment that prohibits desecration of the American flag, America has instead forgotten the value of its first amendment, which both facilitates political turmoil and channels dissent away from violence.

Given many Americans' strong dis­ approval of those who burn the flag, the act evokes strong political back­ lashes and deters protesters from the broader support they hope to recruit. No legitimate endeavor in the U.S. will gain sufficient momentum so long as its basis of dissent is burning the banner which represents the abil­ ity to speak freely. Imagine John Kerry reporting for duty at the DNC with Old Glory in one hand and a Zippo in the other. Better yet, imag­ ine a Michigan fan protesting by burning an Ohio State flag on the Ohio State.

Burning the cloth representation of our country cannot destroy the ideas and values that form the fabric of our culture and government. The only way to destroy the idea of freedom for which the flag stands is to limit free­ dom itself.

Sadly, the issue of flag desecration threatens to not only curtail freedom of expression, but it also serves as an obstacle to resolving more pressing issues. Like many people, I understand what it means to have relatives and friends serve in the military. Many say that it is painful for them to watch desecration of the flag for which they, their friends and their families have sacrificed.

For me, that pain is replicat­ ed when I watch our soldiers need­ ing for the Cal Poly campus and the neighboring community. We appreciate your readership and are thankful for your careful reading. Please send your correction suggestions to editor@mustangdaily.net.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ian Dick
This Letter (OHIO STATE U.)
COLUMBUS, Ohio — I saw "Batman Begins" this week. Don't worry, I won't ruin any­ thing 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 preys the streets of his native Gotham City under the alias Batman, fighting evildoers with equally provocative titles, 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 industrialis­ ts.

Now, before I am scolded 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 automotive giant.

Wagoner also mentioned in his speech that rising health care costs and a greater number of retire­ ees were among the factors prompting the change in North American pro­ duction. Additionally, he cited poor sport utility vehicle sales because of high summer gas prices.

Imagine that SUVs gaze gle­ and gas prices have been consistent­ ly 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 ser­ vice 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 plighted of his compa­ ny.

No, it obviously is the better deci­ sion to put thousands of people out of work over the course of the next few years than to change manage­ ment 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 pri­ marily smaller cars, which have been selling wonderfully. Instead, car compa­ nies 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 announcement television commercials featuring a new car buying incentive hit the airways. If you missed these ads, they featured a diverse, but equally cherry group of GM employees, going about their respective days, while letting you in on their employ­ er's discount. That's right, for a limit­ ed time, anyone can pick up a new GM automobile at the employee discount. That must really be comfort­ ing 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 strate­ gy 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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San Luis Obispo
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, bake activities such as face painting and other family games at this "Old Fashioned Family Fun Day" in San Luis Obispo. No fireworks here, but travel up or down the Central Coast 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.

Jennifer Gongaware and Nick Hoover
MUSTANG DAILY

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. (NH)

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.sanluisobispo.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)
July fourth do's and don'ts

Rules so you can celebrate being American, have fun and keep your limbs too

Rebecca Laman
MUSTANG DAILY

Bust out the sunscreen, heat up the grill and take note of the TOP FOUR do's and don'ts of celebrating Fourth of July.

DO ...
1. Have a big barbecue with family and friends — A barbecue, some friends and a couple of cold drinks is the best way to say, "It's great to be American." Relax, back, let this fireworks fly.
2. Wear your patriotism — Pull out your apparel embellished with stars and stripes and show your American pride. "Fourth of July is the one day out of the year to dress up like an American flag and trot around town and not feel silly," business senior Lauren Dane said. "It feels good to wear our respect for our country."
3. Pack up a cooler and head to the beach — Sunbathe merrily, bust out the sunscreen, heat up your American pride. "It's great to be American." Relax, unwind, with some friends and a couple of cold drinks is the best way to say, "I love my country." "This is an easy way to catch a new flick and dodge the usual long lines. An even better way to escape is to simply stay in the comforts 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. Even having a quaint get-together with some friends for board games and dinner maybe the best solution.
4. Celebrate Independence Day, which is 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 display. But don't despair, there are alternatives besides isolation from the world.

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 and never fly the flag upside down.
4. Create your own fireworks show — Use 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 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 that's fun for everyone. Firework shows, parades and is a great way to celebrate Independence Day, which is 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 display. But don't despair, there are alternatives besides isolation from the world.

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Levi, a Mustang ballcarrier, looks for an opening in the championship game. The team rallied for three scores against a tough Eastern Illinois defense.


"I went by Hoo Hoo Records and I said, 'See you later, we'll call you.'" Weinstein said. "I was surprised to get that call, but a tough loss to UC Davis shut down post-season hopes.

With the return of the star trio of wide receiver Robkie Martin, quarter­back Craig Johnston and running back Louis Jackson who were famously coined as the "5-7-9" winning combination, respectively attributed to their jersey numbers, the Mustangs were poised for another shot at the national title.

For over 20 years, Weinstein led the United States team during the 1987 Pan American Games. In 1995, he coached the USA National Team.

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

"It was amazing that we were able to earn a spot in the playoffs, but we stunned a lot of people when we beat teams like Boise State, which went on to win the Division 1-AA National Championship in that same year," said former tight end Brooks Wise.

"Man that was brutal," said Wise recalling the injury Dugan suffered. "His arm was bent 45 degrees in the opposite direction."

"We didn't play difficult football. Our team rallied for three touchdowns delivered by the quick-footed Martin.

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