Crocket Johnson (right) cools off Ryan Hirschler at the Children's Center on a warm summer day

New, bigger center to relieve current demand for daycare

By Lori Bickel
Staff Writer

Cal Poly — and a host of current-students — received a big gift for a bunch of little people from the CSU Board of Trustees.

At a meeting held at the Chancellor's Office in Long Beach on July 16-17, the Board of Trustees approved plans to build a new campus Children's Center facility.

The approved new facility comes as a welcome relief to Poly, whose waiting list for the current center stands at 365.

“New, bigger center to relieve current demand for daycare” (page 6)

New computer system makes ticketing easier, more efficient

By Aaron Nix
Staff Writer

Students who risk getting parking tickets by using rarely-patrolled lots may now find themselves rethinking their strategy due to a new computerized ticketing system being unveiled on campus later this month.

Starting the week of Aug. 19, a new system, which cost the university approximately $20,000, will enable anyone using it to check the status of any car parked on campus, said Cindy Campbell, Cal Poly parking administration.

Parking officers will use hand-held computers to issue citations for illegal parking on campus, said Campbell.

This means a car with several outstanding violations will stand a greater risk of being impounded than before.

“Basically the new system is a much better way for officers out in the lots to access a wide range of data much faster than they could before,” Campbell said.

Instead of having to take the time to call the license number in over the radio, now you just enter the information into the computer and the car’s current status comes right up.”

This could prove especially valuable when the car is stolen or has a large amount of overdue tickets, she said.

“New computer system makes ticketing easier, more efficient” (page 7)

Woman at Poly for Phys Ed seminar assaulted in dorm

Public Safety investigators think the assault was committed by two male Cal Poly students.

By Cam Inman
Staff Writer

A 34-year-old woman was sexually assaulted by two men early Sunday morning in her Fremont Hall dorm room.

The suspects, who Cal Poly Public Safety investigators believe to be Cal Poly students, entered the unlocked room on the second floor at 3 a.m.

The woman, who is from northern California and is attending Cal Poly's physical education and coaching workshop, was alone in her room at the time of the incident.

One of the suspects, identified by police as a Caucasian, sat across the victim's stomach, made an obscene comment and then reached down and fondled the woman's breasts, said Public Safety investigator Mike Kennedy.

He said that under the penal code this is referred to as sexual battery.

The other suspect, a Hispanic male, did not actually touch the victim and sat on the other bed in the room. Kennedy said that under the penal code this is referred to as sexual harassment.

The suspect and police are organizing a photo lineup in which the suspect's picture would be placed with pictures of four to five other individuals who have similar facial characteristics.

Although he could not remember the exact date of the reported sexual assault which occurred on campus, Kennedy said that such crimes are rare during the summer quarter.

“It’s not common during the summer because people who are here stay for a short time and do the right thing by locking their doors and staying in pairs,” said Kennedy.

“The guys entered through an open exterior door, didn’t close the door, but asked if they could come in and the hall trying to open doors and here was the first one to come in and I saw the police” (page 6)

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Two Cal Poly students traveled to Costa Rica to get married during the total eclipse.

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Reporter Peter Hartlaub reviews Harrison Ford and Annette Bening in the film "Regarding Henry.

Ostrich burgers...

A local farm breeds ostriches for human consumption as an alternative to beef.

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World

Philippine government lifts ban on Marcos

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The government today lifted its five-year ban on former First Lady Imelda Marcos and said she may return from U.S. exile to face tax fraud charges — but without her husband's body.

In New York, family spokesman Roger Paytan said Mrs. Marcos received the news "calmly."

But her lawyer, James Linn, said she was bitterly disappointed to learn she could not take the body of Ferdinand Marcos home for burial. He said she would probably decide today whether to return.

In Honolulu, Marcos family friend Joe Lino said he doubted she would return without the body of the former president, who died in September 1989 in Hawaii.

President Executive Secretary Franklin Drilon, who announced the end to the ban on Mrs. Marcos, said tax fraud charges would be filed against her and her three children by Thursday.

Baker to visit Israel to initiate peace talks

MOSCOW (AP) — Secretary of State James A. Baker III will go to Israel on Thursday in a new attempt to gain approval for the Middle East peace conference co-sponsored by the United States and the Soviet Union.

Baker will hold talks with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to resolve a dispute over which Palestinians would attend a peace conference co-sponsored by the United States and the Soviet Union.

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Pentagon staff solving MIA cases is doubled

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Dick Cheney ordered the Pentagon on Tuesday to nearly double the size of its staff working to resolve POW and MIA cases in Southeast Asia.

Pentagon spokesman Pete Williams, who announced the addition of 88 new staff members to the effort, said the change was "in the midst for a long time" and not related to publicity over recent claims that U.S. servicemen might still be alive in the region.

"We're starting to get more access to Vietnamese records, more access to crash sites, that kind of thing," Williams said. "As Vietnam turns over more remains to us, that requires more staff. It's a very painstaking process and it takes more people to do it."

Williams said the additions bring to 222 the number of staffers responsible for dealing with the issue of 2,273 Americans still listed as missing in action after the war in Indochina.

Student found hanged from tree at university

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP) — A dark-skinned student, whose name was not released, was born in Israel and appeared to be a Palestinian. The student, whose name was not released, was born in Israel and appeared to be a Palestinian. The student, whose name was not released, was born in Israel and appeared to be a Palestinian. The student, whose name was not released, was born in Israel and appeared to be a Palestinian. The student, whose name was not released, was born in Israel and appeared to be a Palestinian.

A black leader said he feared the man had been killed by the Israeli security forces.

"This woman took the concept of operating a small business out of her home beyond any reasonable limit," said state Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi.

Cuesta student sentenced to jail for manslaughter

A 21-year-old Cuesta College student was sentenced today in Superior Court for vehicular manslaughter.

Judge Warren Coaklin sentenced Christopher Charles Paz to one year in County Jail, six months in an alcohol treatment program, six months of community service and to pay $5,000 to the victim's family.

John Patrick Kaspari, 22, died in a alcohol-related motorcycle accident that occurred in May.

Paz was speeding northbound on Foothill Boulevard with John Kaspari on the back of his motorcycle. Both had been drinking beer before the accident.

Paz crossed the double yellow line to pass a car, lost control of the bike and crashed into a road sign where Kaspari suffered fatal injuries.

In an unsteady voice, Paz addressed the judge, "There's nothing I can do to change what happened, but maybe with my story now I can prevent it from happening to someone else."

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Auto insurance fraud ring uncovered in L.A.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An auto insurance fraud ring staged accidents and billed insurance companies out of an estimated $50 million, a prosecutor said.

Eleven people were arrested Tuesday in connection with the ring, said Deputy District Attorney Burke Thorne. The Department of Insurance Fraud Bureau began investigating the ring in November 1989, he said.

The alleged ringleader, Esther Diaz, 49, of Downey was being held in lieu of $1 million bail.

"This woman took the concept of operating a small business out of her home beyond any reasonable limit," said state Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi.

Robert Velten, 43-year-old Arcadia physician, was arrested for investigation of preparing false medical reports to make insurance claims.

Woman fires water gun, faces battery charges

HEALDSBURG, Calif. (AP) — She knew the gun was loaded and, according to Sonoma County prosecutors, Carin Lieberman used "willful and unlawful force or violence" when she fired at two people.

The gun was loaded with water.

But Lieberman, from Corte Madera in Marin County, faces two counts of battery in the alleged July 6 squirt-gun attacks and, if convicted of the misdemeanor, could face up to six months in jail and be fined $2,000. Pleas of innocent were entered on her behalf Monday in Municipal Court.

Defense attorney Chris Andrian called the charge "unbelievable."

Lieberman allegedly fired on Doris Roth, who was eating in a Healdsburg restaurant, and later sprayed Richard Strelitz, a parking enforcement officer, outside the restaurant.

"It was a hot day and she was having a little fun," Andrian said. "But come on. It was a joke and not a crime."

-- Leslie Morris, Superior Court Intern

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Budget cuts force reduction in available fall library hours

By Jane Phillips

Finding a quiet place to study will pose a problem for many students starting this fall when library hours will be reduced.

The decision to cut library hours seemed to be an appropriate solution to the budget cuts, said Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Koob.

Koob, after meeting with Dean of Library Services, said the library is going ahead with the decision to cut hours rather than further reducing its holdings or materials which are already slimmed down.

Wolch said the decision to cut the hours came after the announcement of the final state budget cuts. The library budget is being cut by $575,000. The total library budget for last year was $4.8 million.

On Saturdays, the main library will be closed. The school, however, will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

On-campus interviews will end on the fourth week of school. The reserve room will be closed the first three Saturdays of each quarter.

Night hours will also be affected. During the first three weeks of each quarter, the main library will close at 10 p.m. from Sunday through Thursday.

During finals, the reserve room will be open until 1 a.m. from Sunday through Thursday and until 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. The rest of the library will not increase hours at that time.

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— Johanna Brown, library loan services

Johanna Brown, head of loan services for the library, said Saturdays are not usually very busy.

"We’ve tried to pare down in few hours as possible, like late nights and Saturdays," she said.

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Students are reacting to the reduced hours in a variety of ways.

Bill Daly, a physical education graduate student, said, "That’s crazy."

Daly said he thinks the library should stay open late in the day even if that means opening later in the morning.

"During finals they’ve got to be open late," he said.

Lisl Piven, an industrial engineering senior said, "Even this quarter I’ve had a hard time with the library schedule. In my tax accounting class all of us are trying to use the same books during the four hours the library is open on Sundays."

Sonja Bettencourt, an agricultural business senior said, "I think the new hours will make it even harder to find a quiet place to study."

"I work and go to school during the day," she said. "Living with a house full of girls, I need a quiet place to study and places like Farm Boy and Denney’s won’t let you study there anymore unless you order a meal."

"During the reductions in evening hours is what bothers Toni Tringali, a business senior.

"Usually groups can get together only at night and it would make it hard for them, especially if the library is going to close at 10 p.m."

Shortened library hours during finals worries Rob White, an industrial engineering graduate student.

"Being closed on Saturdays won’t affect me at all, but I don’t know what the students who have special hours for finals," he said.

"I know a lot of people study (at the library) during finals."
Summer Mustang

The ‘Tao of Traffic’ teaches tempemper

By A.J. Schuermann

On Sunday I participated in a traffic jam from Biblical proportion.

A hazardous waste spill had closed Freeway 101 in Ventura, forcing a massive exodus of automobiles through the Ojai Valley. I came from Thousand Oaks and arrived in Santa Barbara at midnight, seven hours later.

I discovered the “Tao of Traffic” somewhere in the Ojai Valley, and fortunately I came out of the hills with my sanity and without a nervous breakdown. Sadly though, many other survivors came out shaking and weeping, astonished and exhausted from Post-Traffic Stress Syndrome.

The northbound traffic stretched miles east on Route 33, then crawled up through the town of Ojai, and finally progressed down through Highways 150 and 192. The people of Ojai seemed friendly. Some bicyclists even went door to door on the road, selling soda and cigarettes to the pinning motorists.

By nightfall, however, the traffic was strung out in the hills on Highway 150 and the landscape had become a still-life. It looked like an infinite chain of red lights and I was paralyzed by the misery of the moment.

I wanted to take charge and move ahead of the traffic, just like the barbarian who had terrorized the shoulder of Route 33 with his Chevy Blazer.

I wished that I had more cassette tapes, a clear radio reception, and a bullhorn so I could scream at the other motorists.

I wanted every headlight behind me to stop glaring in my rearview mirror. I wished someone else would “drive” my car. I needed to cut out and find a restroom.

Still, none of my wishes or wants mattered much, as I was stuck in the middle of 1,000 automobiles and could not control what was happening to me. At that moment I discovered the “Tao of Traffic.”

Simply put — as the Taoists would put it — I became aware that it was foolish to try to control or conquer that which could not be controlled or conquered.

In other words, the only solution to my dilemma was to simply remain in the traffic jam and revel in my misery.

There was no sense in tailgating the car in front, for that would not save me time. There was no sense in trying to move traffic with psychic energy, for that would only give me a headache. There was no reason not to let traffic merge in front of me, for the merging traffic was inevitable.

The “Tao of Traffic” made things easy. I turned off the buzzing car radio, rolled down my window and conversed with the drivers of cars heading the other way.

I had discovered the “Tao of Traffic” earlier that afternoon. I would have retreated entirely from the traffic and driven up to San Luis Obispo the next day.

I guess I didn’t realize that it was senseless to drive seven hours just to circumvent a hazardous waste spill. I probably should have stayed in bed for another two days.

A.J. Schuermann is the business manager for Summer Mustang.

Do not prejude movie, audience

A couple of weeks ago some friends and I went to Arroyo Grande to see the movie “Boyz N The Hood.” The film is about a black male who takes responsibility to teach his son right and wrong — not about poverty, killing or imprisonment as stated by Larre M. Sterling.

Since I am a male of African descent, I am appalled with Sterling’s stereotypical views of so-called local gang members. Your statement “Most were Raiders” proves that you are ignorant about to gang members. It takes more than clothing to judge a person’s character.

I have a cousin who was phosphoryl by campus police at CSU Dominguez Hills for the same prejudegment and he has no gang affiliation.

I’m glad that she did not manage to stay away from drugs, alcohol abuse, gangs, etc. But I feel that it is wrong for an individual to change their feelings about a movie on the premises of the audiences’ attitude. If the film makes just one individual change then it wasn’t in vain.

We have heard about incidents in Oakland and Los Angeles. In a way I’m glad it happened because it is time for America, the “Land of the Free,” to wake up and rebuild deprived communities. We need to support home aid before foreign aid.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Cal Poly couple sheds light on their original wedding by the dark of the moon

By Cam Inman
Staff Writer

While most people's lives came to a halt to observe the solar eclipse on July 11, two Poly students used the dark sky as the background for their wedding ceremony. Erich and Lisa Riemenschneider were married on a beach in Costa Rica — where the total eclipse could be seen as the couple said their vows.

The ceremony — which Erich and Lisa wrote themselves — started, as soon as totality, when the sun is completely hidden by the moon, began and the final words were said while the sun was still completely hidden by the moon.

“We took brief interruptions to look at totality and then everybody jumped into the surf,” said Erich, a 23-year-old natural resources management senior.

Lisa discovered the idea of the creative ceremony in her orbital mechanics class when her professor informed the class that a total eclipse was going to occur.

“I came home after class and asked Erich what he thought about getting married during the eclipse,” said Lisa, a 23-year-old aeronautical engineering junior.

“It sounded like a better idea than a church wedding,” said Erich. “If you’re gonna do it, you might as well make it interesting.”

The ceremony took an unexpected twist when the lawyer performing the ceremony had trouble reading his book in the dark.

“For two minutes, he couldn’t find his place,” said Erich. “He highlighted before the ceremony the legal statutes he needed to say, but highlighter doesn’t show up in the dark.”

A group of about 20 showed up to observe the wedding, including the couple's parents and Cal Poly students Dave Crone and Marell Wildfeuer. According to Erich, the remaining observers were tourists who had “comments of astonishment.”

One of the most difficult tasks in organizing the wedding was convincing their parents to travel to Costa Rica. An organization called Weddings Around The World helped make other arrangements for the ceremony. Despite all the help, “Getting married during school is a pain in the ass anyway,” said Erich.

Costa Rica was actually the couple's third choice for the site of the wedding. “We tried to go to Cabo San Lucas in Mexico but that was booked for two years,” said Erich. “We then tried Hawaii, which was booked for five years. Finally, Costa Rica was next on the line of the eclipse and it actually cost less.”

Erich added that some local Costa Ricans told him that it was the first wedding in all of Costa Rica to be held on the beach. A Costa Rican newspaper printed a story of the wedding.

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The wedding party arrived in Costa Rica on Tuesday, July 9. The ceremony took place on Thursday and the group returned to the United States on Sunday. Erich and Lisa met at Julian's in the U.U. two years ago.

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Historic locomotives may be restored by students at Cal Poly's Swanton Ranch

By Lori Cheeseman
Staff Writer

With a quiet rumble, like far away thunder, Al Smith's steam engines wind their way through Swanton Pacific Ranch. Chugging along the Santa Cruz coastline, through pastures and giant redwood trees, the 1915 locomotives are a piece of preserved history.

In June, the locomotives carried Cal Poly faculty, students and special guests on tours of Smith's ranch during the 4th annual Swanton Pacific Railroad Day. Train rides, student demonstrations and a barbecue were just a few of the events that took place.

Swanton Pacific Ranch is part of the School of Agriculture's strategic plan and capital campaign called "New Visions." Smith, a 1944 crop science graduate, is leasing the ranch to Cal Poly as a working ranch and teaching facility. His will provides for donating the 3,300 acres to Cal Poly.

Smith's three working steam engines, which are 1/3 scale models of live steam engines, run on about two miles of track around his ranch. The engines were built in 1915 for the Pan American Exposition in San Francisco, and purchased by Smith in 1979. Smith has a fourth engine on display in the California Railroad Museum in Sacramento.

"I have a fascination with trains," said Smith, who worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad while attending Cal Poly. "I have almost all of our days booked up already. And when I say booked up, I mean we have 18 companies coming a day.""There is a lot of interest in the preservation and modeling of historical railroads right now," said Cooper. "And if we don't learn how to operate them correctly, then that is an art we have lost."

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The three coordinators of Student Development for Sierra Madre and Swanton Halls held a 15 minute meeting with dorm residents on Monday night to discuss the incident.

"They (the CSDs) talked about what precautions everybody should take," said Sierra Madre Tower I resident adviser Tally Port. "They talked about what happened and why it happened and warned everybody to start locking their doors and to walk in pairs."

Smith said he originally chose Cal Poly because the train tracks run right through campus.

When he was growing up, the steam engine was a method of transportation, but today it has become an art, Smith said. And now, Cal Poly students and alumni will have the opportunity to learn the art of operating a working live steam model.

Manufacturing Professor Mark Cooper and members of the School of Agriculture have a plan.

"We want to put together a group of students who would be interested in working with the railroad," Cooper said. "The students would be involved in the maintenance and restoration of the railway."

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New Health Center director is a man of many degrees

By Lori Lautenschleger
Staff Writer

Kerry Yamada has been appointed the new director of the Health and Psychological Services at Cal Poly. This appointment was effective July 1.

Yamada has been the director of Psychological Services at Cal Poly since 1981, but with the coming of the merger of the Health Center and Psychological Services he will now be overseeing both.

His appointment came about because of the merger of the Health Center and Psychological Services due to anticipated budget constraints and the upcoming retirement of Health Center Director James Nash in September.

Nash’s position as Medical Director of the Health Center was eliminated due to the merger. Nash was given the choice to retire or take on a position as management or as a physician.

Yamada didn’t start out with a desire to go into psychology or health services. In fact, he got his bachelor’s degree in Business Administration with emphasis in accounting from the University of South Dakota. However, his first job after college was as a high school music teacher.

He taught instrumental and vocal music for seven years in South Dakota and Minnesota. He had minored in music in college. Yamada said he always had had an interest in music.

“I come from a relatively musical family,” Yamada said. “They are by no means professional musicians in the field, but we do a lot of singing, that sort of thing.”

Yamada had a long-time interest in psychology. But it wasn’t until he was teaching that he began thinking about it as a career.

He was encouraged by friends to get his master’s degree in psychology.

He then quit his teaching job and went back to the University of South Dakota. After completing his degree he worked as a psychologist at a State Hospital in South Dakota. There his boss encouraged him to get his doctorate.

“So all this sort of happened, you know. People encouraging you to do one thing or the other and there are a series of opportunities and obstacles,” Yamada said. “And I try to avoid obstacles and when an opportunity would come up, then I would pursue it.”

After receiving his doctorate from Ottawa University in Canada he worked in a variety of jobs, such as clinical, psychiatric agencies and hospitals.

“I was trained to be a therapist, essentially, but because of my background, it opened some doors for me to get into administration and management,” Yamada said.

Before coming to Cal Poly, he was the director of the Behavioral Therapy Unit and Counseling Center at UCLA for six years.

“Since I am basically a small town boy, I had a hard time living in a large city,” Yamada said of his decision to leave UCLA.

Yamada stressed the importance of his experience and background in helping to make the decision of his appointment to director of the Health and Psychological Services.

“And again, because of my background in dealing with health issues and psychological issues, it made it possible for this merger to occur,” Yamada said. “The pieces kind of fell into place.”

Yamada hasn’t given up his interest in music, despite his administrative career.

“One of my ambitions is to learn to play the violin,” he said. “My wife bought me one for my birthday, and I’ve been trying to play it, but I’d like to take lessons.”

Yamada would also like to learn Japanese, a language he learned in Hawaii where he was born and raised.

“My whole family speaks it, and I have always understood them,” Yamada said.
Program teaches self-defense skills and confidence

By Ann Garrett
Staff Writer

A Cal Poly student jogging alone in Pismo Canyon, San Luis Obispo, was attacked by three men and raped in February 1990.

"After the attack, I could not sleep by myself," Marau Knight, a human development senior, said. "I could not go out running or walking by myself."

Knight enrolled in Model Mugging, a self-defense and empowerment course, approximately seven months after the attack.

"About two weeks after the class began was the first time I ever went out running by myself," she said. "I actually spent nights by myself."

The main thing was I felt confident that if something happened I would know what to do, or that my body would know what to do.

The Model Mugging program is a full-contact, self-defense course, which includes emotional support and confidentiality, said Mary Tesoro, a director of the program in San Luis Obispo.

The empowerment learned in Model Mugging provides women with the ability to keep themselves safe instead of being afraid of all men, she said. "It gave them the ability to choose. It is hard to feel powerful and be afraid of half of the human race."

During the training sessions, women are attacked by people in heavily-padded suits, said Tesoro.

"They are mugged more slowly until they learn what it feels like to deliver a knockout blow," she said. "As they gain in skill, the mugging is faster. It bypasses the mind after a while until bodies learn to deliver knockout blows."

Tesoro pointed out that the program does not focus on male dominance.

"Our society is set up for males to dominate females, but it is also set up to oppress males," she said. "The program focuses on internal empowerment as opposed to external empowerment."

Many people who have gone through the class say it helped them to regain their sense of self-confidence.

"When I came into the class, I was scared to death of men, and I hated all men," Knight said. "It changed that point of view to accepting men and realizing that there are a lot of good men out there."

Knight said that the program has helped her accept her own judgments. She said that in the past, "If somebody was doing was upsetting me, I would just sort of put up with it, whereas now I do not put up with it."

Carole Lewis, a Poly nutritional science junior entered the program to learn how to defend herself.

"I am a lot more assertive," she said. "Man, or woman, I do not let people walk on me like I used to. I am more aware of my rights, just as a human being, not as a woman."

The Model Mugging program works with men also.

"A lot of men have been sexually assaulted," Tesoro said. She said the program's philosophy is directed toward people being whole.

"For women, claiming their bodies is very, very important," she said. "For men, sometimes it is claiming their emotions as well."

"There are requests for Model Mugging from all over the world," Tesoro said. "In San Luis Obispo we have one of the most, complete programs in the country."

The Model Mugging technique originated in 1972 by a karate black belt, Matt Thomas, according to an article by Tesoro published in May 1986.

After the brutal rape of a female-black student and the subsequent rape and beating of his girlfriend, Thomas felt women needed to learn self-defense courses within a very short time span. He designed a self-defense course based on methods mostly used by men to attack women.

The program's success rate speaks for its effectiveness. Tesoro said that approximately 8,000 people have completed the course. She said that about 50 graduates have been physically attacked, and 48 knocked out or disabled their attackers within just a few weeks, and 50 to eight years after completion.

"All hundreds of graduates have stopped attacks before physical contact is made," she said. "Courses include single, unarmoured-assault defense, multiple-person defense, and weapons-defense courses for women.

Men's and couples' courses are also offered. Everyone's courses are required to do a self-defense course. A course lasts 27 to 30 hours and is one week long.

Tesoro said the first place Model Mugging was taught formally was at Cal Poly, in January 1987. Presently classes are held at the Martial Arts Ranch.

She said for every hour spent by a student outside of class by other people. She said it takes several years to train a good instructor, and that there is counseling and other kinds of consultation involved.

"I am a lot more assertive," she said. "In martial arts, you cannot reach the same level of physical strength.

**TAXES**

From page 3, Carson said, "People come in expecting to pay 65 cents for a coke and end up paying 69. Some people aren't ready for that and it creates a change problem."

Carson and others said that there were problems distinguishing foods which are taxable.

One example Carson gave was that a slice of cake is taxable while a whole cake is not. Similarly, unpopped popcorn is not taxed while popped popcorn is.

Sandwich Plant and other meal ticket operated on-campus dining complexes have not had things any easier.

While goods ordered from the campus take-out shop such as doughnuts and danishes are not taxed, Hostess products such as Ding-Dongs, Twinkies and Ho-Hos are.

In addition, packaged chips, packaged cookies and soft drinks are taxed.

Jeanette Hull, Sandwich Plant supervisor, said there are problems in more than one area.

"We had to re-program the cash registers ourselves and we only have so many keys," Hull said. "Also, people are used to bringing in exact change and there have been some problems adjusting to that."

Customers, however, haven't been the major problem with the new taxes.

"The tax kind of threw me off, but it's only three or four cents and there's nothing the Sandwich Plant can do about it," Roberta said. "I guess everyone will adjust pretty soon."

**RAILROAD**

From page 6, Cooper said there are plans to hire someone with live steam experience to work with the steam engines and the Rail- way Historical Society administration.

"I am delighted with my plan to turn Swanton Pacific Ranch into a revenue center and the train will be an integral part of that," Cooper said.

"We have a chance to preserve a piece of history that might otherwise not be preserved. And Swanton Pacific Ranch is a very unique setting," Cooper said.

"The tax is coming in less than expected," said Daniel Murphy, director of the Poly Swanton Pacific Historical Society. "The tax is only three or four cents and it creates a change problem."

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"Regarding Henry": almost
good in spite of predictable
plot and artificial emotions

By Peter Hartlaub
Staff Writer

You can look in your
thesaurus, you can look in
your dictionary, but when it
comes down to it there is only
one word in the human lan­
guage that can describe Mike
Nichols' film, "Regarding
Henry."

Almost.

I was almost moved by this movie.
I almost walked away from this movie
ready to spend my life taking long walks
on the beach and playing with puppies.
I almost asked my doctor for a
prescription for high amounts of estrogen
in hopes that I too could become a sensi­
tive guy like Henry.

Almost.

But not quite.

"Regarding Henry", starring Harrison
"no matter what part I play you'll still
think of me as Han Solo or Indiana
Jones" Ford and Annette "I'm pregnant
with Warren Beatty's child and I actually
think he's going to stick around" Bening,
is a well-acted, well-directed movie that
is just a little short on entertainment
when it all comes together.

Harrison Ford does an exceptional job
as Henry. He convincingly plays a dif­
ficult character that changes abruptly
midway through the movie. Much like
Hoffman in "Rain Man" and DeNiro in
"Awakenings," Ford plays a physically
handicapped person with believability
that makes you forget he's an actor.

Sometimes his slow limping gait
makes him resemble a hairless sloth with
hemorrhoids on crack, and that can be
distracting, but his overall performance
is credible.

Also a pleasure to watch is Bill Nunn,
who adds to the movie as Henry's dedi­
cated physical therapist. Nunn appeared
in several Spike Lee films and "New Jack
City."

A major problem with the
movie is its identity crisis.
It shifts from a hard-edged
courtroom drama to a touch­
 ing rehabilitation movie and
then to a morally opinionated
movie. All three identities are
done well, if not a little too
predictably, but the combina­
tion leaves the viewer con­
fused.

If you pay $7 to see a movie, you
should expect to see something new. Out
of respect for you, I have left out details
about the movie so you will not have to
sit through it in a constant state of déjà
vu.

Unfortunately, Paramount Pictures
Co. does not have this respect for you. If
you have seen a commercial for the movie
or a preview, you've basically seen the en­
tire movie. That fact added to the predic­
tability and greatly cut down my enjoy­
ment while seeing this film.

Probably the clincher that ruined this
movie of high potential was the ending.
There is nothing wrong with a film
like "Regarding Henry" trying to be
sugary. Films that play with your emo­
tions can be entertaining to even the
most insensitive souls. "Field of Dreams,"
and "Dead Poets Society" are two recent
examples of this. Unlike these movies,
however, I had no doubt at any point
during "Regarding Henry" that my emo­
tions were being toyed with.

In this way, "Regarding Henry" was
less like sugar and more like Nutrasweet.
It looked like sugar and tasted sort of
sweet but in the end I knew it wasn't
real, and I almost vomited.

Almost.

Truly good movies shouldn't make
a person want to vomit.

"Regarding Henry" almost entertained
me but ended up making me sad that I
just missed seeing a movie that could
have been great.
Sick of chicken, tired of turkey, try a meal of a different feather

Although still expensive at $30 a pound, ostrich is slowly catching on as an alternative meat that is lower in calories than chicken or turkey.

By Jane Phillips
Staff Writer

As you walk up to their pens, Mr. Chips, Quasar and Xanthus immediately come over, group together and inspect you with their huge eyes.

The ostriches live well in the hot, dusty climate near Pozo.

These little guys weigh between four to six pounds and look like brown, fluffy Q-tips. Veterinarian James E. Aarons and his wife Mary have owned and run their ostrich ranch, Shadowmere Farms, in Creston since 1980.

Ostriches, the largest birds in the world, are now being raised in the United States to provide a healthier alternative to meat.

They are considerably less expensive to raise than cattle.

Ostrich meat is dark and tastes much like beef and is lower in calories than chicken, turkey and lean beef. Mary Aarons said.

Adult ostriches have tremendous strength and have been known to push new sections of fence back to the original boundaries of the pen, she said.

"They are very smart birds and intelligent in their habitats and they'll map their beaks to show you that they don't approve, she said.

By taking some of the ostriches to local fairs this summer, she said she is trying to sensitize people to the importance of the awareness involved in raising ostriches as an alternative to cattle.

"Usually there are some farmers who look really skeptical and stand back with their hands in their back pockets and ask a lot of questions," she said. "But once they see me and my assistant, who is small, moving or handling the animals easily, they begin to show some interest.

"Ostriches have a relatively low feed-to-gain ratio," she said. "For every 1.7 pounds of feed, they gain one pound of weight.

"We sell our birds at three months of age...to people who want to start raising ostriches."

— Mary Aarons, Shadowmere Farms

HANS HESS/Summer Mustang

Twenty-two ostriches roam the grounds of Shadowmere Farms near Pozo.

compared with cattle which have a feed to gain ratio several times this amount.

Adult ostriches can weigh from 300 to 400 pounds.

"At about one-and-a-half years of age, a cow can have one calf a year as compared with an ostrich who, at two years of age, begins laying an average of two eggs per year and can continue laying for 25 to 40 years," she said.

Adult male ostriches are ready to breed at about two to three years of age and change color somewhat during the breeding season.

The beaks and front of the legs of the African Black and the Blueneck males, the two other breeds, turn bright pink during breeding season and the Bluenecks have a pink halo around their eyes, she said.

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