Let the good times roll!

By Jen Stevenson
Mustang Daily

It has to be the beads. String after string of clear plastic beads in hues of purple, green and gold, thrown from floats to the screaming throngs that line Marsh Street every year for the Mardi Gras parade. Scarcely one is allowed to brush the concrete before being snatched away by some crazy reveler.

It has to be the beads that mark Mardi Gras in San Luis Obispo.

Ever wonder why shiny plastic beads become as precious as gold on that one special day each February? Or why it's considered customary by some to flash the floats? Where did New Orleans get an excuse to throw the biggest party in the nation each and every year?

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The history of Mardi Gras is a fascinating evolution of ancient customs and practices that have evolved into what many consider the ultimate party.

Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday." Deeply rooted in Celtic traditions, it was incorporated into Christian rituals as the day to celebrate the virtues of life before the season of Lent. It got its name from the practice of slaughtering and feasting on a fattened calf on that day.

Many dates prior to the French settled in New Orleans in the 18th century, the Catholic French brought their traditions with them, including Mardi Gras. However, in 1762, King Louis XV of France signed New Orleans and much of Louisiana over to Spain, and although the Spanish were also Catholic, they were much stricter. Parties and street dancing were immediately banned in the city.

In 1803, the Spanish returned Louisiana to France, at the insistence of Napoleon Bonaparte. But Thomas Jefferson, president of the United States, felt French control of Louisiana was a threat to U.S. trade, and arranged to buy the Louisiana territory for $13 million in 1803 — the Louisiana purchase. This transfer of ownership rekindled Mardi Gras festivities with a vengeance.

The Carnival season actually begins on January 6, with the Feast of Epiphany, and goes until the day before Mardi Gras. High societies traditionally celebrated the period with elegant balls and parades dedicated to wild, crazy reveling in the streets. Due to the mild and rains caused by the popular celebrations, Mardi Gras came into danger of being extinguished yet again.

The secret society Krewe of Comus was founded in 1857 by a group of men who felt Mardi Gras could only be preserved if the event was carefully organized and overseen. They planned the first parade as an attempt to structure the celebrations.

That year, the Grand Duke Alexis of Russia arrived to visit New Orleans for Carnival. Another group was formed to handle the entertainment of the Duke — the Krewe of Rex. It is said that these white people lured the newly established Krewe with the promise of fat Tuesday if they would return in the future. The promise worked, and Mardi Gras is still celebrated with parades on February 12, the day before Ash Wednesday.

The Krewe of Rex is the oldest and largest of the parading organizations. It is organized as a cattle drive to New Orleans, and is held at 1:00 a.m. It is always held on the day before Mardi Gras.

The Mardi Gras Parade is held in the French Quarter on Fat Tuesday. The parade begins at 11:00 a.m. and lasts until 4:00 p.m. It is a massive celebration, with over 300,000 people participating. The parade features floats, marching bands, and costumed revelers.

The floats are designed and crafted by different krewes, many of whom have been participating in Mardi Gras for the past 21 years. Each krewe decides on a theme, usually based on Mardi Gras history, and costumes are created.

According to Krewe of Rex, one of the oldest Mardi Gras krewes, parade applications are usually sent out mid-January. Krewe members submit their float idea and they will be notified of their acceptance within three to four weeks. Anyone who can pay the fee can enter, and according to Green, people are rarely turned away.

The floats are judged on how they mimic the flavor of the deep south. Theawards are given for best theme-related, best costumes, best group, best costume, best float, and best overall.

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Royalty brings 45 minutes of fame, glory

By F. Xavier Lanier II
Mustang Daily
The king and queen of Mardi Gras can't wait for the big day. The couple will ride on the Krewe Rainbow float and wear custom-made costumes.

John Thomas, 39 and his wife, Cindy Green, 32, said they are honored to be the Mardi Gras royalty this year.

The selection process of the Mardi Gras royalty is a secret. "Basically they get a call in the middle of the night and are asked to be king and queen," said Christin Thomas, a director of the organization of Mardi Gras. Mystic Krewe. "No body knows how they are chosen or who calls them."

John Thomas, who happens to be Christmas's father, said he does know who called him last spring, but said he can't reveal the secret to anyone else.

After the call is made, the king and queen had to keep it a secret until their coronation in August.

"I'm not sure why we were selected, but it's been the most fun ever," John Thomas said.

Since their coronation, the royalty have attended their Krewe's parties, spoken events and worked to promote Mardi Gras.

"We make ourselves available to the public and the press," John Thomas said. "We've gone to the former's market to talk about the parade."

"We wear crowns somewhere on our bodies at all times," John Thomas said. "People ask us who we're wearing them and it starts good conversation about Mardi Gras."

Green enjoys the attention of being royalty.

"People in the community really treat us like we are real royalty," Green said. "They always make sure we have food and drinks at parties, and that we're comfortable."

The highlight of the year for the couple will be this Saturday when they are in the parade. The couple have participated in Mardi Gras for more years and have always admired the bash.

"It's the most fun you can have in San Luis Obispo," John Thomas said. "It's like being a rock star. You can act however you want."

Green said the excitement in the crowd is ... when is the middle of it is almost overwhelming.

"You have these bands and people will do some crazy things to get them," Green said. "It's like the whole world is staring and you're the only one with a lot of bread."

John Thomas and Green first got involved in Mardi Gras through a friend.

The couple has lived in San Luis Obispo for about 11 years and owns and operates PLA (plastics) electronics. The company manufactures electronic thermostats for the animal health industry and has sold several of its devices to Cal Poly.

John Thomas moved from Michigan where he earned a business degree at West Michigan University. Green enjoys growing orchids and is the vice president of the Cabrillo Orchid Society.

Band ‘jives’ distinct rhythms

By Rachel Robertshaw
Mustang Daily
A unique Central Coast band has gained a substantial following and continues to grow in popularity. Jive-n-Direct is an energetic group, well known for its stylistic vocals and its distinctive jazzy sound.

Cal Poly philosophy senior Chitra Triska said Jive-n-Direct is great to hear live. "Their sound is really good," Triska said. "They have a lot of energy."

Morgan Freberg, an industrial technology software firm, has also heard Jive-n-Direct's plan, and said he's been hearing more and more about it from fans.

"They seem to be pretty popular," he said. "They must be doing something right."

Jive-n-Direct's music is funky. It's fun, danceable and distinctive. The band's vocalist, Damon Castillo, said it is hard to really put a label on the type of music it plays.

"We're kind of pop, with a lot of different influences, like jazz, R&B, rock, and blues," Castillo said.

The band played at SLO Brewing Co. on Feb. 5 and entertained an enthusiastic crowd until 1 a.m. It played some new tunes that will be on its next album, due out some time in the near future.

The band has been together for about two and a half years. Jive-n-Direct consists of six members, three of whom are Cal Poly students.

Jim Richards, a physics senior, is the most recent addition to the band, joining just this year. Richards' trombone adds to the band's soulful, expressive style.

Also sax player and tenor Larry Kim is a business senior with a very unique style that gives the music its jazzy sound.

Castillo writes all of the music for Jive-n-Direct. As the lead singer, guitarist and the founder of Jive-n-Direct, he is responsible for the unique sound the band creates.

Castillo attended the Berklee School of Music in Boston for two years. He comes from Santa Maria and teaches guitar locally.

Kristian Ducharme, a computer engineering senior, has played the keyboard for the band since August of 1997. Ducharme also played for the Cal Poly Jazz Ensemble for two years.

Matt Taylor gives an extremely strong performance on bass, along with Jennings Jacobson on drums. Jacobson is from Momo Bay and has played with several bands on the Central Coast.

Jive-n-Direct's first full-length recording, "Then When," features hits such as "Throw an Apple," "Fat" and "In the Wash."

Although "Then When" was released a little while ago, Castillo said it continues to draw attention from new listeners. "It's still selling really well at the shows," Castillo said.

Jive-n-Direct continues to play in the area but has also put on performances in San Jose and Whittier.

Jive-n-Direct's next performance is Saturday at the Veterans Hall in San Luis Obispo at the Mardi Gras ball. Jive-n-Direct will perform a benefit concert Feb. 19 at "Take Back the Night," a college-campus organization that protests violence against women. The concert is at Oddfellows Hall in San Luis Obispo.

KARNIVAL OF KREWES: The theme of San Luis Obispo's 21st annual Mardi Gras parade is "Deja Vu."
Call to action

Did you know the reason President Baker "allowed" the students to vote for the Poly Plan in the first place was because he felt it would go through for sure? When it was overwhelmingly defeated it turned into a publicity disaster for Cal Poly. He learned his lesson, though, he's not going to allow us to embarrass him again. This time he's putting the vote to a limited or "alternative" format - students. We are hem not represented by special chosen cheiftains and others like them who know which side their bread is buttered on. They are about to participate in a process which no one knows is even legal. A process that will continue the erosion of tuition here at Cal Poly.

Jon Wilson

Letter to the editor

Love isn't just romance

We need to think carefully about what we say we love. Valentine's Day, the Hallmark holiday of love, is upon us and represents a perfect chance to evaluate the true matter of the heart.

It's amazing to me that the English language, with all its odd rules and spellings, has but one word for love. There are more words for coffee used by English speakers than for love: cappuccino, mocha, black, latte, joe, etc. There's one word for love used very literally. In Greek, there are four names for love, all relating to specific types.

"Storge" means family love, especially the love between parents and children. "Philia" refers to affectionate love, a warmhearted liking, attraction and friendship. "Eros," physical love, is perhaps the most common type of love in English reference. "Erotes" comes from "eros." Finally, "agape," refers to the love of choice. This is the love humans should strive to give one another, especially when someone doesn't deserve it.

I'd like everyone to remember the power of truly loving someone or something. Loving is not about personal gain. Love transcends who you are and causes you to want to be, to give more and experience the most in life.

I realize that love means something different for each individual and is therefore shown in different ways. But fundamentally, love is a verb, an action word. Love is to be shown, given, reciprocated.

"You guys are starting to remind me of Josie."

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Arguments against deferred rush are not put into perspective

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As Cal Poly's president, I am very proud of the achievements that have been accomplished in the last two decades. Through the dedicated efforts of faculty, staff and students, Cal Poly has earned growing recognition for excellence. My pride in Cal Poly is tempered by concern about our ability to sustain and improve our excellence. The heart of the problems Cal Poly's programs involve special costs. More than 70 percent of our students are in higher-cost technical and scientific fields. Cal Poly's emphasis on "learn-by-doing" also incurs special costs, while providing unparalleled quality. This quality is jeopardized by long-term state budget trends.

Over the last several decades, the percentage of state funds allocated to the California State University system has declined, a trend accelerated by the recession of the early 1990s, when the system was forced to cut course offerings and faculty members. In addition, the CSU found it necessary to discard a funding formula that had provided differential funding for higher-cost programs. Subsequently, all new enrollments in the CSU have been funded at a system average, whether in lower-cost programs (e.g., history) or higher-cost programs (e.g., engineering). As Cal Poly has restored enrollments, its budget has therefore eroded.

The prospects for restored state support for higher education are poor. Today, two university systems — the CSU and UC — compete with the depressed economies of the small share of state funds not committed by law to mandated expenditures for another two decades. As Cal Poly has restored enrollments, its budget has also eroded, inevitably giving up its special and unique educational quality.

Arguments against deferred rush are not put into perspective, according to budget forecasts. We must assume, in planning for Cal Poly's future, that state funds will not be adequate to sustain our unique mix of polytechnic and "learn-by-doing" programs. What are the alternatives?

If we fail to identify new, reliable sources of funding, Cal Poly will gradually, but inevitably, give up its special and unique educational quality to students and the state. We will all lose if this happens.

In the other hand, we locate new funding sources, we can preserve and strengthen Cal Poly. We are therefore exploring a strategy of "shared responsibility," engaging faculty, staff, alumni, donors and students in planning for the university's future. Wherever possible, we are seeking revenue sources other than student fees. Through our Centennial Campaign, we aim to double the more than $20 million in annual donations currently received from private sources. We are trying to expand support from government and foundation grants. We are also working to contain costs.

The Cal Poly Plan, initiated in 1995, is an important part of this strategy of shared responsibility, designed to preserve Cal Poly's unique educational quality, to expand access to required classes and to decrease time to degree. A $45 per quarter academic fee was introduced in Fall 1996, following extensive consultation with students, parents and other constituency groups — through surveys, focus groups and forums. This initial consultation demonstrated widespread support for the Cal Poly Plan. While students supported the goals of the plan, they felt the plan's final funding phase. According to the Council's proposal, the academic fee would increase by $35 per quarter, phased in over two years. After subtracting a one-third, Trustee-mandated amount set aside for financial aid, 91.6 percent of remaining Poly Plan for revenues would be allocated for instructional programs and activities. (The balance would be directed to the library and student educational support services.)

In February, the deans are consulting with students, faculty and staff through meetings, forums, and surveys. The university is assessing the views of parents and alumni. Based upon this consultation, which we believe will engage more students and other constituents than would a referendum, the deans will recommend to the Poly Plan Steering Committee and to me whether to proceed with the final funding phase. If their report recommends that we proceed, it will also identify college expenditure priorities, procedures for ongoing consultation with our students and procedures for assessing outcomes. All expenditures must provide direct, visible benefits to students.

No decision has been made yet about the final funding phase of the Poly Plan. From the beginning, we have listened very carefully to students and other constituents' views. We will continue to do so.

This careful, respectful dialogue is at the heart of the philosophy and strategy of "shared responsibility" we are pursuing together.

Warren J. Baker is the president of Cal Poly.

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THE LOVIN’
Evangelist preaches religious philosophies

By Andrea Parker
Mustang Daily

"Life is unfair. God is fair. Don't get the two mixed up."

Clif Knechtle, a pastor from Connecticut, fielded tough questions from crowds of up to 200 Wednesday and Thursday.

Knechtle has traveled to over 30 university campuses including Harvard, UCLA and Northwestern inviting dialogue about the relevance and importance of faith for today's society.

Poly Christian Fellowship sponsored Knechtle's visit "to give folks on campus a chance to check out the historical Jesus," said Rob Dixon, a staff worker for PCEF.

Dixon said there have been good, honest questions and dialogue between Knechtle and the crowds. "It's not about badgering people into believing in Jesus," he said.

Knechtle invited discussion about such topics as moral relativism, life after death, suffering and who Jesus was.

"I like the way he argues and the way he backs himself up with knowledge," said Tim Oliver, an architecture junior.

Nutrition freshman Sara Salibian doesn't agree with what Knechtle said, but appreciates the opportunity to listen.

"If god's there, someone we can go to and ask questions about this," Salibian said.

Garan Coolwell, a recreation administration junior, said Knechtle had good logical arguments and supported his points with facts.

"He gives everyone a chance to voice their own opinions."

Knechtle spoke for three hours in the University Union Plaza Wednesday and on Dexter lawn Thursday afternoon, accompanied by his camera crew both days.

He has a half hour long television show weekly, early morning on Saturdays on Black Entertainment TV. He films on campuses for that show," Dixon said.

In addition to the open air afternoon appearances, Knechtle spoke in the Sierra Madre main lounge Wednesday evening and in the business lecture hall Thursday from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Shannon Sevey, a business senior, said she hopes people would hear Knechtle and evaluate what they believe.

"I think that he's really well researched and knows what he's talking about. He's really caused me to analyze what I believe and why," Sevey said.

Students pucker up for trip to Grammys

By F.Xavier Lanier II
Mustang Daily

This weekend, couples will have a chance to turn their kisses into a trip to the Grammys.

On Saturday, KISS' 97.3 is sponsoring a contest at Santa Maria Town Center to see who can hold the longest kiss. The winners will be taken by limousine to Los Angeles on February 24, for dinner and the music awards.

The kisses will start at noon and will cut off at 5:00 p.m., if anyone can last that long. If there is more than one couple still with lips locked, a random drawing will be held among the remaining contestants for the prize.

Last year in a similar contest for Janet Jackson concert tickets, the longest kiss was about two and a half hours.

"This year we're hoping it will go longer," said Paula Nichols, KISS FM promotions director. "Their lips have to be touching the entire time, for five minute breaks each hour."

The radio station will have DJs and other staff members making sure contestants' lips don't part each others.

Besides the contact rule and the 10 and over age limit, there are few other restrictions on the contest.

"Contestants can be of the same gender," said Nichols. "In fact last year's winners were two girls."

The prizes are worth about $2,500, including the $895-a-piece tickets to the Grammys.

"Only members of the audience can purchase tickets," Nichols said. "We are fortunate and have a great promoter downtown that was able to get us the tickets."

The 41st annual Grammy awards will be held by Rosie O'Donnell. There will be several live performances, including one by Madonna.

Livestock show fills fairgrounds

By Julie O'Shea
Mustang Daily

A few animal science students are in for a barn-scrapping good time as they host a non-profit livestock show at the Mid State Fairgoers in Paso Robles this weekend.

This annual Western Bonanza tradition was started 15 years ago as a senior project. Today it is considered the original California Jackpot Show and is visited by roughly 300 exhibitors and their livestock each year, according to Colleen Walsh, agricultural science senior and public relations director for the show.

"It's a fun time," she said. "Livestock people are pretty friendly."

Admissions into the fairgrounds is free, however, exhibitors must pay a fee to participate in the show. All the money collected will go into a jackpot, Walsh said. Who ever wins the grand prize drawing will pocket 10 percent of the money in the jackpot.

"The show generates about $35,000 for the local community," Walsh said.

The three-day event is planned and put on by students in the animal science show management class. According to Walsh, the class is hands-on, allowing students to wear different hats, as it lives up to the Cal Poly motto of "learn by doing."

Friday is registration and setup day. At 10 a.m. exhibitors are allowed to start getting their animal settled in barns. Though the day is mostly reserved for setting up, there will be a knowledge bowl contest to quiz people on their animals fact, said Tony Marshall, animal science junior and award committee chair.

Saturday begins the actual breed show. Starting thing's off will be the cat breed, following the sheep and lamb, will get their turn to parade, Marshall said. "Cattle and lambs are the only two species we show," he said. "We don't have hogs or nothing like that."

According to Marshall, winners will take home Western Bonanza jackets, duffle bags and leather portfolios. There will even be two $500 scholarships given out to Cal Poly participants. The highest award is a three-piece sterling silver belt buckle, given to the best breed and presented animal in each division.

There will be a T-shirt-collecting contest to give those who are not exhibitors a chance to win a prize, Walsh said. The winners will be determined on how many Western Bonanza T-shirts they have from past years.

Alpha Gamma Rho will be selling food and drinks. Marshall and Walsh encourage everyone to attend.

"It was a lot of fun last year," Walsh said. "You learn a lot of stuff you can't learn in a classroom."

PICTURE PERFECT: An artist's rendering of the new crop science unit.

Crop science construction set for summer

By Nate Pontious
Mustang Daily

Crop science students may have a new facility as soon as next winter.

Rex Wolf, project manager of the new building, says the new crop unit will be up and running by Winter 2000.

The proposal for a new facility was approved last year by the Campus Planning Committee and was the first of two phases for the project. The second phase will begin Feb. 17, when the plans will be submitted to the committee for approval.

"The goal is we'll be building in this summer," Wolf said.

The proposed facility includes new classrooms, a greenhouse, a lab preparation and restrooms with showers. The building will replace the old crop science unit, building 17, at the corner of Highland Drive and Mountain Bishop Road.

The core building, which does not include restrooms or a support area, is scheduled to be built this summer. The project should be completed in two or three years, according to Wolf.

Before building the new structure, however, facility services must remove the lead-infested greenhouses currently on the site. The structures were built in the mid-'60's.

Greg Lampman, who will head up the building removal in April, said, "It looks like a good wind would knock them down."

Wolf estimated the project to cost approximately $700,000. This number is a rough estimate between the construction and planning costs.

Crop science professor Louis Harper feels the new building is long overdue.

"We are desperately needing this," Harper said, adding that he had to move lab equipment to the poultry unit two years ago when his old labs in building 10 were converted into distance learning centers.

Harper is planning to leave Cal Poly in 2001. "By the time I retire, we'll probably be able to move in," he said.
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Teams follow Vikings' model in free agency

The Associated Press

The Minnesota Vikings continued their free agency last season by signing all their high-priced, high-quality players.

Now they'll have to do it again.

As the free-agent signing and trading period begins Friday, the Vikings, who finished third in the NFC Central with seven starters who are unrestricted free agents and not a lot of money to work with, are planning to do it again.

Most of their money went last season to free agent linemen Roy Williams and Charlie Mann, and defensive end Chad Bratke. Running back Robert Smith, wide receiver Randy Moss, running back Robert Smith and wide receiver Jermaine Lewis are also unrestricted free agents.

The biggest loss was quarterback Randall Cunningham, who has become tree agents this year.

"You know what your players can and can't do at the field. You're never sure when you bring in new players," Buffalo general manager John Butler said.

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But as Klassen returned to his chair a second time, Andre Agassi repeated his previous comment and Barnes was called to the court. He conferred with Ulrich, who penalized Agassi for verbal abuse and defaulted him — awarding the second-round match to a stunned Maimi, who pleaded with Ulrich to continue play.

"That was the hook. Three and you're done," Agassi said. "That's all you get."

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- **Women's tennis at Oregon at 2 p.m.**
- **Wrestling vs. Cal State Bakersfield in Mott Gym at 7 p.m.**

**SATURDAY**

- **Baseball vs. San Jose State at Sinsheimer Stadium at 1 p.m.**
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- **Men's tennis at Fresno State at 1 p.m.**
- **Men's volleyball at UC Berkeley at 5 p.m.**
- **Rugby vs. Cal State Bakersfield at River Bottom Stadium at 1 p.m.**
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**NFL holds off Houston, LA once again**

HOUSTON (AP) — NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue told potential NFL franchise hopefuls in Houston and Los Angeles not to attend a meeting in Atlanta next week to discuss which city will get the league’s 32nd franchise.

Houston businessman Bob McNair and two Los Angeles groups were scheduled to be at the owners’ meeting to make presentations but Tagliabue told all three groups Tuesday the owners had decided that the session in Atlanta would be for discussion only and no final decisions would be made.

McNair was not discouraged by the news.

“Think it’s a reflection of the challenge that the commissioner has in trying to develop a consensus to go ahead and expand,” McNair said Wednesday. “He (Tagliabue) told me at the Super Bowl his No. 1 priority was to develop that consensus and at that point in time he didn’t have more than one-third of the members ready to move and do anything.”

All three groups made presentations at the Super Bowl. A decision could be reached at the NFL meetings in Phoenix next month.

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  - Long Beach State: W 7, L 4
  - Pacific: W 6, L 4
  - Cal State Fullerton: W 5, L 5
  - Cal Poly: W 4, L 6
  - UC Irvine: W 1, L 9

- **Western Division**
  - UC Santa Barbara: W 9, L 0
  - Long Beach State: W 6, L 3
  - Pacific: W 5, L 4
  - UC Irvine: W 5, L 9
  - Cal Poly: W 2, L 7
  - Cal State Fullerton: W 1, L 8

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- **Player**
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  - Lloyd, Long Beach State: G 21, PPG 21.3
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  - Mayes, Cal Poly: G 20, PPG 21.0
  - Williams, Pacific: G 20, PPG 16.1
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  - Milla, Long Beach State: G 19, PPG 14.2
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  - Rolle, Utah State: G 21, PPG 19.0
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