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SLOPD gives riot remarks

By Brian Koser

SLOPD was out in full force, making nearly 1,000 arrests over the weekend.

The Mustang Daily staff writer

By John M. Pierson

San Luis Obispo Police Department

Saturday's clash between Mardi Gras crowds and police resulted in more than 180 arrests and at least a dozen injured officers, according to figures released by the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

In a news conference held Monday, SLOPD Chief Deborah Linden presented the evening's events in chronological order, according to police reports.

Linden said thousands of individuals were in large groups at the intersection of Foothill and California boulevards in the early evening.

9:30 p.m.

Officers attempted to control vehicle and pedestrian traffic at the intersection to keep the area clear and "to avoid an accident."

The police said and aggression of the crowd increased dramatically, as parties began to "throw any object they could get their hands on."

The Mustang Village and Cedar Creek apartment complexes were stormed by hundreds of individuals who broke down fencing and overwhelmed private security personnel hired by property owners.

10:10 p.m.

Officers used loud speakers to ask the crowd to disperse after declaring that individuals were unlawfully assembled.

Despite the reports, officials said the crowd continued to grow and become more violent, tearing down signage and insinuating officers with objects.

10:30 p.m.

An estimated 5,000 people crammed into the intersection with individuals throwing rocks, bricks, cans, bottles and other debris at police.

In a video recorded from a patrol car shown at the news conference, crowds of people are seen yelling and surrounding with spindles of hanger heard as bottles ricocheted off the car's windshield.

With the event quickly escalating, Linden contacted Sheriff Pat Hedges for additional back-up — also referred to as a "mutual aid request." The request was granted, and roughly 100 additional officers from various parts of California were sent to assist the approximately 120 officers already on the streets.

By late Saturday, 25 to 30 agencies were involved in campus control and assisted units already in place.

Police responded to the riot with "non-lethal" weapons such as beanbag and pepper ball guns.

Despite some reports, officials claimed it was not until the crowd became violent that police wore riot gear.

Nuke contractors can't choose rules

By Nancy Zuckerbrod

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WASHINGTON — The government shelved a proposal Monday that would have let contractors at federal nuclear facilities pick which safety rules they should follow.

The idea had come under fire from lawmakers, a government safety board, members of Congress, union officials and other safety advocates came out in opposition to replacing long-standing government safety requirements at the plants.

"It's a lot like you're going down the highway and you can set your own speed limit," said Richard Miller, a policy analyst with the Government Accountability Project, a private Washington-based watchdog group.

Agency officials previously had said that the government would retain the authority to approve or reject any contractor-provided safety plans that recommended waiving requirements they thought should not be applied to them.

Abraham emphasized Monday that contractors would not be writing rules for themselves.

Conway said he told Abraham in a meeting last week that the gov-
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although extensively. We try to look at what worked, and what can be done better," Linden said.

Tonight's enforcement
Linden said Tuesday night's events will have 100 more officers than originally planned and said she is "extremely disturbed" by the violence over the weekend.

Linden also said if anyone has a complaint against the department that he or she experienced first-hand, people can contact SLOPD for a complaint form.

Additional comments
After Linden addressed questions, she stepped out from behind the podium and turned the floor over to other officials. With a white table covered with bricks, rocks and other objects that police collected from the streets, officials discussed some of the equipment and personnel used in ending the riot.

Lt. Tolley of SLOPD explained that pepper ball guns are just like paintball guns, except the pellets are filled with a powder instead of liquid.

"The point of using this is to keep people safe," he said. "Our officers are able to use these weapons to help disperse crowds without using lethal means."

University Police Department
Chief Tony Aciels said there were about 44 CSU officers on hand, with many coming from different campuses to assist officials in maintaining order. At his request, the critical response unit — a team of officers specifically trained in urban rescue, dignitary protection and crowd control — was dispatched Saturday night when celebrations turned violent.

Sheriff Pat Hedges said the mutual aid request is not common; however, it is common for officers to assist one another when the workload increases. In this particular case, Hedges said that "an incident occurs that exceeds the capability of a particular agency mutual aid comes in." If the aid needed exceeds county resources, regional assistance is sought. At that point, the Army National Guard can be called in for help, as seen in the riots following the Rodney King verdict.

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Wetzel said the majority of the class will be dedicated to yoga but continued from page 1 there will be a body awareness lecture, "Yoga for the latter part of the class. "Because she was 12, but started more

NUCLEAR
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Many of the basic safety standards the Energy Department generally requires from contractors mirror Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations at private industrial sites, including commercial nuclear power plants.

Two large contractors — Battelle Memorial Institute, based in Columbus, Ohio, and the University of California — criticized the Energy Department proposal, saying the agency should rely more heavily on OSHA guidelines.

The Energy Department can fine contractors who expose workers to hazardously high levels of radiation, but until the changes in the law two years ago, it had no authority to levy fines for failing to protect workers from other industrial dangers, such as exposure to toxic chemicals.

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THE LORD your God.

*Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord your God. (12:15)
WASHINGTON — President Bush, battered by his Democratic challengers and slipping in the polls, answered back on Monday, arguing that his opponents are hesitant in fighting terrorism and that the Hoover Dam.

The education secretary's words were "pathetic and they are not a laughing matter," said Weaver, whose union has said it plans to sue the American people, "No Child Left Behind" schools law.

WASHINGTON — Education Secretary Rod Paige called the national's largest teachers union a "terrorist organization" Monday, taking on the 2.7-million-member National Education Association early in the presidential election cycle.

Paige's comments, made to the nation's governors at a private White House meeting, were denounced by union president Reg Weaver as well as an opposition coalition that did not call for President George Bush to step down, Secretary of State Colin Powell pleaded opposition politicians and asked them to delay responding formally to the plan for 24 hours.

TRIPOLI, Libya — The head of the U.N. atomic watchdog agency said Monday that meetings with Libyan officials were producing more names and companies involved in supplying renegade nations with the technology for their nuclear arms programs.

Mohamed ElBaradei, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, who said key elements of Libya's nuclear weapons program remain in place three months after its government pledged to scrap them, though Tripoli is committed to their elimination.

ElBaradei said the delay in Libya's rejection of a U.N. resolution meant that the plan for 24 hours.

WASHINGTON — Democrats traded heated arguments over the weekend, killing the proposal and wounding three others.

Police arrested 10 suspected Taliban rebels, and the Afghan government decreed a "desperate trend" in terrorist attacks, but said the threat would not undermine June elections hoped to bring democracy after two decades of war.

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Palestinians presented an impassioned case to the world court Monday against the Israeli separation barrier slicing through Palestinian territory, bringing Israel's occupation policies before an international tribunal for the first time. But the United States and Europe joined Israel in staying away.

— Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — A drought has Southern Nevada's regional water authority scolding for new supplies and considering a $1 billion-plus pipeline that would be the area's largest public works project since the Hoover Dam.

The Southern Nevada Water Authority is looking to the rugged desert landscape north of Las Vegas, with officials predicting more than a million people might one day be served by water from the Muddy and Virgin rivers and the mountains and valleys of southeast Nevada.

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Opinion

Mardi Gras riot 'foreseeable'

Rage Against the Machine is playing in the heads of the Cal Poly student body this year, yet Bob Dylan might be more appropriate. Thousands of students have battled without, from this weekend's Mardi Gras celebration — most of which are feelings of confusion and anger. Everyone knows someone who got hit by a baton or felt the tingling of tear gas in his or her eyes. Many witnessed first hand the collision of agent and subject, provo and guard, student and officer with a baton. We can't say much about who is at fault, but we can say that it shouldn't have happened.

Pollutes

Just when the unholy war of chess pawns was about to begin, I realized that the pieces I was playing against each other were identical. As more moves were played, why were they fighting so intently and lethally in the first place?

It comes down to the fact that they were on opposite sides of the board, mindlessly moving against each other because they were supposed to. Here's the point: Democrats and Republicans have forced themselves into a battle situation where the issues themselves are not paramount. What's good for society becomes secondary to which party can claim victory.

When an argument is being made about what should be done to better humanity, the debate consistently turns to the hyperbole of the liberals and the tyranny of the conservatives. Rarely do both political sides pursue a common goal and allow facts to come to the forefront. Rather, it's one side of the chessboard versus the other one.

Victory or nothing.

I read political commentaries where the columnist uses their writing to bash the other group, often with a tone of malice and disgust. What does that accomplish? Besides creating a deeper alienation between two parties that are essentially the same? Through different categories of religion, race, sexual orientation and social class might be used to文化建设 apart, they're simply labels that really do to just about everyone. Even the one of us is a chess piece on the board of political America and in realizing that similarity, differences become minute.

The combination of working toward a better future is a vague goal, but one that both Democrats and Republicans ignore. How strong is an army of two-ideal chess pieces facing a common foe rather than one pitted against the other? America could hold a very bright future if the bipartisan parties set aside trivial differences in opinion and focus on compromise and cohesion, addressing the issues that face all Americans with parity and intelligence.

The smear campaign and party labeling do nothing but cause an unproductive internal war. Even without the powers of laser vision and kang fu chop, politicians should move off the board and away from attacking each other. When you redefine the game, there are no enemies — only possibilities.

Barry Hayes is a political science senior and Mustang Daily columnist.
Pierre Bouvier, the distinctive voice of Canadian punk-rock band Simple Plan, had every reason to be exhausted. The group had just returned from a whirlwind trip to Singapore, a visit to the rustic site of Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac, over some of his favorite bands, including Simple Plan, which offered up these beads will get, at best, a small tip for their throws. He added that life has changed much since the group released their debut album, "No Exit, No Helmet... Just Bull." in 2002. "I guess everything just got better," he said. "Instead of playing for 20 people, we play for 2,000. It's quite an upgrade." It's also quite different from where Bouvier started. The singer, who once worked at a barbecue chicken restaurant in his native Montreal, is now traveling the world and headlining over some of his favorite bands, including Simple Plan, which will open the band's performance tonight.

Although Cal Poly's Rec Center is a far cry from an international MTV stage, Bouvier said playing on a college campus will not change the format of the show or how it comes across to the audience. "(The tour) just becomes a big show," Bouvier said. "People respond to music the same way no matter where they are." Bouvier and Simple Plan drummer Chuck Comeau began their music careers as 13-year-old drummers in the punk-infused Reset. The group released an album in 1997 and toured Canada with MxPx, and Ten Foot Pole, but both left the band to go back to school. Eventually, Comeau reunited with Bouvier and Reset bassist David Desrosiers, as well as high school friends Jeff Stinco and Sebastien Lefebvre on guitar, rounding out the "Perfect" combination that has created thousands of "Addicted" fans. Those two songs, as well as "Ed Do Anything," were the first to hit the Billboard Top 40 Chart and helped the band reach the No. 1 spot on the American Billboard Top 200, as well as garner a "Best New Artist'* nomination at the 2003 MTV Music Video Awards.

Bouvier said one of the hardest parts of being on tour will be trying to write and make the same impact. "It's a different experience, but we're getting better and better at what we do. Hopefully we can rise up to the challenge," he said. Bouvier said the band will continue to play and write music until they aren't able to anymore. "We enjoy traveling and seeing new things," he said. "It's just a privilege and so much fun and I hope we can keep doing it."
County prosecutor insisted Monday that a man convicted nearly 20 years ago of child molestation is guilty — despite recent testimony that a man convicted nearly 20 years ago of child molestation is guilty.

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By Brian Skoloff

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**Crossword**

Edited by Will Shortz
The Mustangs got revenge against USF on Sunday, winning 5-1.

Matt Gilliano, shortstop Josh Mayo and Taitt once again proved to be the difference makers for the Mustangs. Fleming, who improved to 3-2 on the season, struck out nine batters in seven innings. Fleming's offensive support came from two Arizona natives. Gilliano, Mayo and Taitt each had two hits.

Matt Olson pitched seven strong innings and allowed one run and five hits in his first outing of the season. Olson improved to 13-4-1 on the season.

The Mustangs added two more runs in the bottom of the fourth inning on an RBI double of the season. Saul was the lone Mustang to collect more than one hit.

One day after being held scoreless by USF, the Mustangs exploded for a 12-4 victory over Santa Clara in the second inning, with each of the first six batters scoring.

LeDuc picked up his second save of the season.

Cal Poly scored early and often, putting up two runs in the first, five in the second and three in the sixth.

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