Proposed Mardi Gras zones may target young people

Emily Wong  Mustang Daily

Students in the area around Foothill and California boulevards are being targeted in an effort to implement safety enhancement zones during Mardi Gras.

The San Luis Obispo City Council voted 4-0 to conceptually support these zones, which would triple fines for certain violations during the 6 days of celebration in February 2005.

"We are focused on where people are attracted to and where they are going," said San Luis Obispo Police Chief Deborah Linden. "This is a geographic strategy, not a demographic strategy.

But some students are concerned that the proposed zones do lend themselves to an approach aimed specifically at the young people in San Luis Obispo.

"The zones appear purely demographic," said Associated Students Inc. President Blake Bolton. "We need to ask ourselves, will it benefit the entire community?"

Speakers at the council meeting Tuesday night suggested zoning the entire city, but San Luis Obispo Mayor Dave Rompero supported the original recommendation.

"The zone needs to be narrow for the police to concentrate on," Rompero said. "Making it too broad would create a postage problem." Linden announced a plan to post signs well in advance, warning residents and community members when the zones will be in effect. But these warning signs will fall heavily on students who represent the majority of the citizens living in the area.

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Despight lack of students SLO had one crazy summer

Micah Paulson  Mustang Daily

Letters were mailed to 652 Cal Poly students over the summer, informing them they were in danger of becoming victims of identity theft.

Cal Poly officials discovered a virus had infected a computer used to test data for the Polk Card, July 23. This made student’s personal information exposed to being accessed by unapproved parties.

The data that was exposed consisted of names, Social Security numbers, local and home addresses and phone numbers.

So far, there has been no illegal activity regarding the exposed data. Since the virus, the computer has been cleaned and an anti-virus software has been updated to protect against future attacks.

Cal Poly mechanical engineering students dominated the 2004 Hydro Power Contest for the second year in a row.

The contest, held in Montreal, challenges students to demonstrate their ideas for moving water into power.

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Budget problems have forced Cal Poly to decrease the number of students that were admitted fall quarter.

Summer


did not affect our enrollment. State budget cuts have caused enrollment at Cal Poly to plummet compared to the first week of fall quarter in past years. Initial figures show, as of the first day of classes, enrollment reached about 17,453. This is down from 18,303 from fall quarter of last year, and 18,453 from the year before. The target goal for fall quarter is 17,981, according to Cal Poly officials.

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in California, including Chico, Newport Beach and Santa Barbara. Beyond the proposed zones, the department aims to encourage more community involvement in an attempt for a peaceful Mardi Gras and incorporate a messaging strategy to send a clear, consistent and direct idea to students and community members alike that Mardi Gras 2005 will be a "non-event."

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WASHINGTON — The brother of the singer formerly known as Cat Stevens said in a statement Tuesday that his brother does not have any terrorist associations and he was removed from a London-to-Washington flight because he'd been placed on a government "no-fly" list.

A government official said on Wednesday that Stevens, who changed his name to Yusuf Islam, had recently been placed on the list after U.S. authorities received information indicating associations with potential terrorists, a government official said Wednesday.

The flight was diverted to Bangor, Maine, on Tuesday afternoon after U.S. officials and checked the passenger list learned the singer was aboard. Federal agents met the passenger list learned the singer was aboard. Federal agents met

Islam, who was born Stephen Georgiou, took Cat Stevens as a stage name and had a string of hits in the 1960s and '70s, including "Wild World" and "Morning Has Broken." Last year he released two songs, including a re-recording of his '70 hit "Peace Train," to express his opposition to the U.S.-led war in Iraq.

He abandoned his music career in the late 1970s and changed his name after being persuaded by orthodox Muslim teachers that his lifestyle was forbidden by Islamic law. He later became a teacher and an advocate for his religion, founding a Muslim school in London in 1983.

Islam founded Islamia Primary school in London in 1983. In 1998, it became the first Muslim school in Britain to receive government support, on the same basis as Christian and other sectarian schools.

Islam drew some negative attention in the late 1980s when he supported the Ayatollah Khomeini's death sentence against Salman Rushdie, author of "The Satanic Verses.

Gordon denied that he had called "he's fine. It's an unfortunate incident, but on the other hand, people are worried and they want to feel secure when they're flying." Airlines have access to watch lists and are supposed to screen passengers to make sure those deemed direct threats to aviation do not board planes. The official said it was unclear why United Airlines personnel allowed Islam to get on the flight in London.

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Partial-birth abortion ban ruled unconstitutional

Judges challenge Congress' reasoning behind the partial-birth abortion, claiming the procedure protects women's health

Bara Weinberg

WASHINGTON — U.S. district Judge Richard Kopf of Lincoln, Neb., became the third to rule that the ban on "partial-birth abortions" is unconstitutional. This ruling, the second in six years, came with the realization that the federal law does not provide an exception for protecting a woman's health.

In his 444 page decision, Kopf said that Congress' decision was based on political reasons rather than medical. He wrote that Congress' finding that a health exception was unnecessary was "unreasonable and not supported by substantial evidence."

Judge Kopf's ruling followed two similar ones by Judge Richard Conway Casey in New York three weeks ago, and another in June by Judge Phyllis Hamilton in California.

The ban, which was vetoed twice by President Clinton, came as a harsh blow to abortion rights activists when it was passed in November 2003. It is seen by many as a threat to a woman's right to choose, which was granted in the 1973 Supreme Court case of Roe v. Wade.

However, the Congress stated under the Partial-Birth Abortion Act that the procedure is "a gruesome and inhumane procedure that is never medically necessary and should be prohibited."

According to the act, a partial-birth abortion is defined as "an abortion in which a physician delivers an unborn child's body until only the head remains inside the womb, punctures the back of the child's skull with a sharp instrument, and sucks the child's brains out before completing the delivery of the dead infant."

The Supreme Court found that a partial-birth abortion is never necessary to preserve the health of a woman, that it poses significant health risks to the woman upon whom the procedure is being performed, and is outside the standard of medical care.

Linda Locke, the chief communications officer for American Women's Services, said that "partial-birth abortion" is not even a medical term, but something that politicians came up with.

"Besides the fact that partial-birth abortion is not a medical term, less than one percent of abortions in the U.S. are later procedures, performed to protect a woman's health, because of birth defects or genetic defects."

— LINDA LOCKE

American Woman's Services

"In all medical matters, the physician is the expert to determine what procedure is necessary," Locke said.

FEWER SENIORS USING DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR SOCIAL SECURITY, COSTING TAXPAYERS MILLIONS

Matt Gouras

WASHINGTON, Tenn. — Fewer senior citizens are taking the government up on its offer to deposit their Social Security checks directly into their bank accounts, costing taxpayers millions.

It costs 68 cents to produce and mail each Social Security check, and the government sends out 13 million checks each month. That amounts to about $100 million each year.

If they do not switch, the cost of sending paper checks will continue to climb as more and more baby boomers are added to the Social Security rolls.

Roughly 78 percent get direct deposit right now. To get more people to switch over, the U.S. Treasury and the Federal Reserve Bank are working with community organizations, faith-based groups and financial institutions.

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Peterson's fetus died one day before she was reported missing, expert says

REDWOOD CITY (AP) — An expert in fetal medicine testified that Laci Peterson's fetus likely died nearly seven weeks after Laci vanished. On cross-examination, defense lawyer Mark Geragos quickly pointed out "varying results" from different doctors regarding the age of the fetus, and noted DeVone's opinions were simply based on averages. DeVone agreed but defended his estimates.
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Have a great year and Go Mustangs!

Blake Bolton
ASI President
shlee Simpson stormed the charts with her debut album, Autobiography, and thousands picked up R. Kelly’s new double set, Happy People/You Saved Me. There were many high-profile releases this past summer. But above what’s playing on VH1 Megahits, hundreds of albums were released without the benefit of massive support of radio. Here’s a small sampling of what many missed out on this summer.

The Libertines
Released first in the band’s native UK, it was out with immense critical acclaim and the No. 1 spot on the album chart. Prior to the release, the band was getting more publicity for an old-stage fight surrounding an initial single. Pete Doherty, who had recently been kicked out of rehab, was surprised that the group was even able to complete the album after the problem came from repeated trips to rehab. They ended up in far away Thailand. However, it was the chemistry between Doherty and the band’s other singer, Carl Barat, that helped create such a compelling, unpredictable, impulsive yet catchy sophomore album. This is best demonstrated on the first single, “Can’t Stand Me Now” which is about the two singers tense relationship.

 Franz Ferdinand
Their self-titled debut, released in April, did not gain much until summer. The band, named for the archduke whose assassination was the catalyst for World War I, won Britain’s most prestigious album award, the Mercury Prize, earlier this year. Their album is an excellent blend of frantic, danceable beats, perfect for replacing a
French duo Phoenix’ sophomore synth-pop album, Alphabet, above, is one of many titles the mainstream audiences missed out on this past summer.

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Scissor Sisters

The New York City firecrackers have created a rock ‘n’ roll gem on their debut CD. Already overseas, the band has yet to strike gold on their home turf. The band members have silly names, like Paddy Boom Boom, Ana Matronic and Baby Daddi, and follow the fashion sense of a glam-rocker and a drag queen. The album, which channels Elton John with a disco edge on many of the tracks, is incredibly accessible. The first single, “Take Your Mama,” focuses on the piano. On the following song, the group drops a disco-ball from the ceiling as they cover Pink Floyd’s classic “Comfortably Numb.” Sound like blasphemy? Go check it out.

Garden State Soundtrack

One of the deeper-hits of the summer, Garden State’s writer and director Zach Braff does an amazing job of seamlessly blending his film and the music that plays throughout it. Every song fits its scene, adding even more depth and emotion to the film. Zero 7 and Fran Frosz offer with their smooth, techno touches, while the ever-haunting Nick Drake offers up “One of These Things First.” The Shins contribute two songs to the soundtrack, one of which star Natalie Portman describes in the movie as “it will change your life.” This soundtrack might do the same.

Phoenix

Phoenix, a French duo, doesn’t have a great grasp of the English language but sing in it anyway. And frankly, it doesn’t really matter. They’re the lesser known synth-pop French duo. Air being the first, but they’re sophomore album shouldn’t be ignored. Like Air, their music is sophisticated and chic, but much more accessible. Key tracks include “(You Can’t Blame it On) Anybody” and “Everything is Everything.”

Area college student dating self

THINGS ARE REALLY STARTING TO HEAT UP

Eric Peterson, top, has one of many romantic dinners with himself at their favorite restaurant.

By LISA CHENEY

Local college student Eric Peterson recently announced that he’s entered a committed relationship—with himself. Peterson vehemently denied rumors that the two were dating other people. “We’re totally committed to each other. We’ve never even been happier.” When asked what prompted the campus heartthrob to take himself off the market, he chalked it up in large part to his financial situation, claiming that monthly fees from his checking account were making it too expensive for him to date around. “It was partly a cost-effective decision on my part, but it’s been really nice for us to spend more time together.” Peterson was apparently unaware of Free Checking from Washington Mutual. It’s an account with no monthly fees and the option to add Deluxe services like free online bill pay. And he could have gotten Free Checking just by visiting a Washington Mutual Financial Center, then signed up for online bill pay at wamu.com “Dang,” said Peterson, “if I had known about Free Checking Deluxe, my current dating situation would be different. I probably wouldn’t have settled down with someone so soon.”

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Staff member creates CLA calendar of dogs

Tawny Grace
Thursday, September 23, 2004

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The calendar is $4.50 and can be purchased at El Corral Bookstore.

"Fortunately, the calendar was able to sell for less than $5 and raise funds for the student computer at the same time," said Decker. "I bought three.

The calendar showcases the dogs of the faculty and staff of the College of Liberal Arts. Each month pictures a different dog, and Decker even marked the dogs' birthdays in the calendar with a paw print and special recognition. The calendar not only helps the dogs' birthday, Decker also noted the dates she felt were important to staff, students, and faculty so the calendar would be useful to everyone.

"I have had the pleasure of being owned by a total of five cocker spaniels. And you don't see them in calendars as much as you should."

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STAFF EDITORIAL

College town blues: Did you miss us this summer?

It's been three months since we've filled the streets of downtown, crowded the parking lots at Albertsons and congested the Grand Avenue freeway offramp at 7:55 a.m. each day. But we've come back. Just like we always do. This year 17,300 strong.

During the summer months, San Luis Obispo becomes, well, SLO. But this year in particular, the college town showed its true colors. Without traditional summer school courses offered, more students went home. This left San Luis Obispo as a virtual ghost town.

From this, it's easy to see how much of a college town San Luis Obispo really is.

According to a study released in March by Cal Poly finance professor Kenneth Riefer, the university has a more than $1 billion annual impact on the local economy. This is because we rent homes, buy groceries and just plain shop in San Luis Obispo. This is our home, away from home and we invest heavily in it.

But at times, we feel the brunt of being a college student in a town that wants to be residential. San Luis Obispo is a desirable place for anyone to live in, not just students. And we feel fortunate to be here. Yet, we often struggle with the "us" versus "them" mentality that the community exudes.

Maybe you've called the police on us on a Saturday night or complained that we don't mow our lawn each week, but we love this city as much as you do and we're glad to be back.

And we have some new additions. The academic year 2004-05 brought in 3,000 new freshmen, plucked from a pool of 27,042 applicants — a record-setting number of applications that also marks the 90th year Cal Poly has received more applicants than it can admit. And these new students are anything but the best and brightest. The newer additions to our student body boast the highest test scores and GPAs of any freshmen class in the history of the school.

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Regents to vote on raising UC admissions standards

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BERKELEY — Dozens of minority advocates and students will urge the University of California Board of Regents at Thursday's meeting to vote against raising the GPA bar for UC admissions — a plan opponents fear will damage minority enrollment.

UC's highest governing body will decide whether to raise the minimum GPA for eligibility to UC from 2.7 to 3.0 for the freshman class of 2007.

The new requirements, endorsed by faculty leaders, are meant to pare down the number of students qualified to enroll at a UC campus to the state's top 12.5 percent of high school seniors — a target that has existed for more than 40 years.

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**The Latest on Tudisco**

Not every Mustang thrived this summer. Baseball player Nick Tudisco remains suspended, fighting a charge of reckless manslaughter.

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SUMMER REWIND

Getting you caught up...

**Women's Soccer**
Record: 4-1-2

Coach Alex Cazorli has said his team looks better now than it was at this point last year. That says a lot considering the team was in the midst of a four-game shutout streak around this time in 2003. Currently, the team is on a three-game shutout streak.

Senior Day has scored six goals already in the season – the team-high for the entire season last year was nine.

**Men's Soccer**
Record: 3-0

The Mustangs have been impressive going 3-0 and will enter conference play for the first time in almost a decade next weekend.

**Cross Country**

The Mustang men are ranked 10th in the nation. In the first two competitions, the U.C. Santa Barbara Open and Fresno State Invitational, the men have finished first. The women finished second and third, respectively.

**Volleyball**
Record: 2-8, 0-1 Big West

The Mustangs started off the year with a win against Northern Arizona but then proceeded to lose eight of their last nine games.

**Men's Golf**

Travis Bertoni again anchors coach Scott Carpenter's team that finished 10th at the Oregon State Invitational and sixth out of 30 teams at the UCLA Invitational.

Bertoni finished the UCLA Invitational as Co-Champion.

**Football starts off in style**

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"This year's team, we're real focused," said junior linebacker Kyle Shortwell. "We still have a lot of improve­ments to make everywhere. When we have needed to we have come together as a team."

Shortwell said the team's philos­ophy is to approach each game as "the most important game of the year because it is the only chance we have to play for the title."

The team consists of 87 players, 22 of those are new. Ellerson said there are still a lot of veteran players, which has helped them with their good start to the sea­son.

He also said defense coordina­tor Dave Brown has done a good job preparing the guys.

This is the Mustangs' eleventh year in the Div. 1-AA and the first time ever they have beat three Big Sky schools in one season.

The team still has two more Big Sky schools to play, Eastern Washington and Sacramento State. For now, the team can sit back and enjoy its bye week while it looks on to its first conference game Oct. 2 at 6 p.m. against South Dakota State at Mustang Stadium.

When asked about the games, Shortwell said, "It's a great atmos­phere and a good experience. Our team people want to see that we play hard and we love playing."

Last year, the Mustangs were ranked as high as No. 14 after winning their first three games. The Mustangs teetered on the edge of a Top 25 ranking before finishing unranked to end the season.

**COMMENTARY**

**GOLDEN GRAHAM**

It's the really pesky ques­tion four graduates of all ages hear:

"What will you do over your summer break?"

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