Mardi Gras royalty dances through Farmers’ Market

City officials believe Thursday's march to honor the king and queen sends the wrong message

Natasha Toto

An enthusiastic Mardi Gras procession marched its way through a busy Farmers' Market Thursday.

City officials said that the Mardi Gras procession was not meant to send a message. "It is really unfortunate," Bryn said responding to the group's refusal to cancel the march. "We are asking them to take some personal responsibility for their actions.

City officials said that the Mardi Gras organization is sending the message to the community that Mardi Gras is a time to party. Observers at Thursday's Farmers' Market watched as the music began to play and the dancing procession marched in way through the crowd. Jay Mueller, president of the Mardi Gras organization, said that the march was supposed to be a surprise. "The city somehow got a hold of one of our private e-mail invita-

tions to tonight's event and sent it to the council," Mueller said. Cal Poly geography professor George Suchand, one of the co-founders of the Mardi Gras organization said that the procession was never meant to send a message. "We are simply here to crown our king and queen. It is all in good fun," Suchand said.

This year's Mardi Gras parade was canceled last May due to pressure from the city.

Although there will be no parade, officials said it will be a three-year process to tame the problems encountered in previous years. By canceling the parade and all other public events that take place during Mardi Gras week, the city hopes to reduce violence and arrests.

Romero said he does not support the parade partly due to the fact that the money spent on last year's run could go toward other things in the community.

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Mayor wants to relax marijuana laws

Don Bahwin

CHICAGO — Mayor Richard Daley, a former prosecutor, runs the nation's third-largest city with a pragmatic, law-and-order style. He wears his hair short, and you'll never catch him in a Grateful Dead T-shirt.

Richard Daley

So when he starts complain-

ing about the colonial waste of time and money involved in prosecuting small-time marijuana cases, people take notice. "This is absolutely a big deal," said Andy Koo, director of the Drug Policy Reform Project for the American Civil Liberties Union in Washington state. "You've got a mayor in a major American city — coming out in favor of a smart and fair and just drug policy."

What Daley did was to say late last month that a police sergeant was on to something when he suggested that it might be better to impose fines between $250 and $1,000 for possession of small amounts of mari-juana rather than prosecute the cases.

Sgt. Thomas Donegan determined that nearly 7,000 cases see Chicago, page 2

Counseling seminar tackles student issues

Kimberly Masculine

Are the worries of school making you stressed or do you feel like you are having a hard time connecting with others?

Each of the five seminars one hour long will be led by counselors and psychologists who are trained in their respective fields.

"When I meet with students I tell them this is life 101."

— MARY PERACCA counselor

The seminars are not meant to be therapy groups where students must share information or lay their emotions on the table. "We all believe that this is the treatment of choice for some people we have been seeing," psychologist Barbara Gilbert said.

Many students can benefit themselves from helping others and hearing that other people have similar concerns.

"We all struggle and from my perspective, there are plenty of times in life when we have to go through things alone. And why do that when we don’t have to?" Gilbert said. "(Counselors and psychologists) have the ability to help make the healing go more smoothly."

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worksheets to take home and return at the next session. The completed homework will encourage conversation about how students did the work and not about their answers.

"It's a way to meet a number of students needs and better utilize the professional staff as well," project coordinator Bob Negrant said.

Each seminar focuses on a different topic. The topics are ones commonly talked about during individual counseling sessions at Cal Poly.

"We would like to have students who are having mild levels of distress come in so they don't turn further into it," Peracca said.

Each student wishing to participate in the group seminars must volunteer to the professional staff as well," Peracca said.

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Chicago

involve 2.5 grams of pot or less and were filed last year in Chicago. About 94 percent were dismissed. Daley wondered if ticketing offenders might be smarter. "If 99 percent of the cases are thrown out and we have police officers going to court to testify in the cases," why the mayor said. "It costs a lot of money for police officers to go to court."

The way Daley's thoughts became public was also unusual: There was no public pressure for the mayor to speak out. He was asked by reporters who had gotten wind of Donegati's findings and simply answered their questions.

Police officers are used to spending hours making arrests, writing reports and waiting around in court, only to see the charges dropped or a guilty plea that leads to nothing more than probation or drug-education classes.

"While police are doing everything to keep the streets safe, the offender gets arrested and is walking the street in just a few hours," Donegati wrote in his report. "To me, this is a slap in the face to the officers."

Both police and defendants know it's rare for anyone arrested for a small amount of marijuana to get the maximum penalty in Illinois. 30 days in jail and a $1,500 fine. Pat Camden, a Chicago police spokesman and a former officer, said he couldn't remember a single case.

Leonardo Nevaroz, 23, wasn't worried when an officer found what he said was half a joint in his pocket in August. He pretty much knew he would be ordered to attend a drug-education class.

About the only question he had last week when he went to court was whether the arresting officer would show up. If he didn't, the case would be dismissed.

"Yeah, I was hoping he wouldn't be there," Nevaroz said. "He was there."

Nevaroz said he could have sought a delay in the case, as some defendants do, in the hopes that the next time the arresting officer would be absent. But after talking briefly to a public defender, he entered a plea, the judge ordered the case, and Nevaroz went home.

The case had taken up the time of police officers, court clerks, a judge and an attorney. 

Chicago wouldn't be the first city to reduce the penalty for possessing a small amount of marijuana.

In Seattle, voters passed an initiative requiring law-enforcement officials to make personal-use marijuana cases their lowest priority. In California and Oregon, possession of a small amount of marijuana is a misdemeanor punishable by a $100 to $500 fine. In Colorado, it doesn't even rise to the level of minor crime; it's a petty offense with a fine of no more than $100.

Some observers say Daley's statements have added weight to the mayor's background.

"As a former prosecutor, nobody is going to say he's soft on crime," said Dick Simpson, a political science professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago and a former city alderman.

Chicago officials are a long way from making permanent changes. Police spokesman David Byles said the department has yet to determine the accuracy of Donegati's report, which concludes the city could have collected more than $85 million in fines last year.

Still, Daley's comments alone could have a wide impact.

"This will make it easier for other officials to say the same thing," Simpson said. "I can imagine mayors in other cities coming out agreeing that this shouldn't be treated as a high crime."
Cascades volcano smokes at Mount St. Helens as volcano fans camp out at the national monument

David Ammons

WASHINGTON — A second long-term tremor early Sunday and an increase in volcanic gas strongly suggest magma is moving inside this seething volcano.

Crowds gathered along the park's roadways and visitor centers to see what happens next, hoping they were a safe distance away.

"I don't think anyone now thinks this will stop with steam explosions," said geologist Willie Scott at the U.S. Geological Survey's Cascades Volcano Observatory in Vancouver, Wash., about 50 miles south.

Either there will be more ash explosions or it may be we'll get some ash emissions and then sort of a plug of this degassed magma will get pushed up.

The degree of explosivity could vary widely, depending on the gas content of the magma and conditions, Scott said.

As for risk beyond the crater, he offered the comparison of soda pop shaking up in a closed can: "It explodes when the can is popped open, but it's hard to get explosive force once it's in a glass.

At this point, nothing close to the devastation of the May 1980 quake is expected, though "of course the volcano reserves the right to change its mind," said monument spokesman Peter Frentzen with the U.S. Forest Service, which operates the park.

"The nice thing about this is because it will be small we can just sit back and enjoy the show," said Lou Clark, with the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, at the Vancouver observatory.

At every wide spot on the road through the national monument, people pulled off and set up to watch.

Some were sitting on lawn chairs in pickup beds. Barbecues were fired up and impromptu entrepreneurs were selling hot dogs and coffee.

At Coldwater Ridge, 8.5 miles from the mountain with a straight view into the crater, the wrap-around verandas was jammed with people in lawn chairs. Almost everybody had a camera, many on tripods.

"I've been a volcano nut since 1980. Seeing the big eruption on the 18th made me a nut," said Steven Uhl, 31, a cash manager from Everett. He's tried to visit every year since 1982, and noted: "A lot of these people weren't even interested three weeks ago."

"Just to be here is almost a religious experience," Uhl said.

"You get a sense of kinship, of ownership with that mountain," said Roberta Miller, 62, Electric City, a retired National Park Service employee.

"There's such amazing energy here, and a connection among the people here. People are exchanging addresses and emails and telling their stories and sharing their innoculuses."

Most of the action has occurred beneath a 1,000-foot dome that has been building up on the crater floor — mostly with lava releases between 1980, after the eruption, and 1986. The dome essentially serves as a plug on the rift in the earth that connects the mountain and magma miles below the surface.

The dome is filled with lava that came up during 1998 earthquakes but never surfaced. New lava may be coming up as well.

At midnight, the mountain was outwardly quiet. Clouds of dust rose occasionally, caused by rockfall from the nearby canyon walls.

Earthquakes were occurring "multiple times per minute," said Steele.

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reired National Park Service employee

Bill Steele at the University of Washington's volcanology lab in Seattle, peaking every few minute at magnitudes as high as 3.

"There mountain took scientists on a 'rollercoaster ride' early Sunday when instruments detected the second extended volcanic vibration in two days — 25 minutes long compared to Saturday's 50-minute vibration."

"It died off and quickly became a non-issue. But had it been as long as the one following that little steam 1980 explosion that killed 57 people, we could be moving to an eruption pretty quickly," Steele said.

"It just means that what's been happening is still happening" and the volcano is moving toward an additional eruption, said Jeff Wynn, chief scientist for volcano hazards at the U.S. Geological Survey.

"It's still not enough to issue a warning, but it's still quite a few eruptions," Steele said.

"Magma flow within 24 hours "is certainly possible," Steele said. "But no one is predicting it as a sure thing. This could be going on for weeks."

The main concern Sunday was a significant ash plume carrying gaseous, condensed rock and silica that could damage aircraft engines and the surfaces of cars and homes.

"Winds were west-northwest and very light at midnight, Sunday, Scott said. If those conditions remain, not much ash would reach populated areas.

If the wind picks up, ash could become a concern in surrounding communities and to overflying planes. Dozens of GPS stations have been placed on the mountain, though Friday's steam blast destroyed equipment on the lava dome.

"Coordinating the data with the sound transmissions 'will give us a better idea of what's going on at night,'" Steele said.

Scientists expect any eruption to be much smaller than the May 18, 1980 explosion that killed 57 people and coated much of the Northwest with ash. That blast obliterated the top 1,300 feet of the volcano, devastated miles of forest and buried the North Fork of the Toutle River in debris and ash as much as 600 feet deep.

Volcanic tremors detected Saturday and Sunday were the first since the 1980 eruption.

Tom Stienstra/ The San Francisco Chronicle

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Crowds gather at Mount St. Helens, waiting and bonding
Rules destroy spirit of spontaneity of debates

Jeremy Becher

Debate was debate? 

They could trust.

Carter as an ideological, head-in-the-book liberal, repeating, "There you win well as politics.

One can see cops do that every day. But how often does one see those guys hit the lights, pull over a car in the parking lot, and ticket the driver for reckless behavior?

My sophomore year, I drove to school every day and I clearly remember instances of driver recklessness. Usually, it went something like this:

I park and head towards class. A car comes around a blind corner, its view blocked by the massive SUV parked at the end of the row and to hit the brakes and reserve to avoid creaming me.

I also suspect the involvement of a cell phone in several cases. But I never see a cop write a ticket.

Today I bike to school. I love bypassing the traffic and getting around campus quickly. But, like Fields, I have found that the Poly police are eager to ticket bikers. The police actively promote the use of alternative transportation to campus. By handing bikers disproportionately to drivers, they are sending students a mixed message. I understand that bikes can be dangerous to pedestrians, but have more people been squared by bikes at Cal Poly than by cars?

May the police have one bike cop and send their other out on the traffic tip. Ratio-wise, that'd be comparable to the student population's split in modes of transport. If the police like it so much when we bike, they should start acting like it.

Elissa Hansen 

English senior

Why not start ticketing pedestrians in bike zones?

The actual number of registered voters are Democrat and only 32 percent are Republican. The Cal Poly Democrats boast a membership list of over 200 students. I hope that in the next month, Cal Poly students can see the SOT in the way it really is liberal.

Mis White 

Biology major

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Morro Bay Harbor Festival once again successful

Nicole Stivers, KATIE TEALE, COURTESY PHOTO

Visitors and locals alike enjoyed the sights and sounds of the Morro Bay Harbor Festival over the weekend.

The annual event is designed to bring together the community and raise funds for nonprofit organizations. The festival also encourages off-shore fishing.

Event organizers were happy with the turnout, which they estimate was better than last year.

"We hope people come here, enjoy themselves and come back," Tracy Tocher, executive director of the festival, said.

The festival celebrates the food, wine and lifestyle of the Central Coast. The festival brings patrons to multiple live bands on three stages, wine and beer tasting, as well as events like the "Hawaiian T-shirt" contest on Sunday.

"We came for the music and the food," Seño Castillo, a Salinas Club member said.

After the band finished, Matherly and her friends had lunch at one of the food booths.

"I love the area and vacation here," Ammato said. "I came to the festival because I enjoy a more relaxed show."}

Shark's Tale lacks originality

David Germain
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The animated fish story "Shark Tale," swapped the competition, opening as the top weekend movie with $49.1 million and potentially breaking the record for best October debut.

John Travolta and Joaquin Phoenix's firefighting adventure "Ladder 49" premiered in second place with $22.8 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The new flicks bumped the previous weekend's top movie, "The Forgotten," to third place with $12.3 million, raising in 10-day total to $35.3 million.

"Woman, Thou Art Loosed: Starring Kimberly Elise as a woman traumatized by childhood sexual abuse who lands on Death Row, opened at No. 6 with $2.5 million. Adapted from the book by Texas church leader T.D. Jakes, the movie opened in narrower release of 408 theaters, about a tenth the number for "Shark Tale."

"I (Heart) Huckabees," an ensemble comedy from David O. Russell ("Three Kings"), had a spectacular debut in limited release, taking in $300,062 as four New York City and Los Angeles theaters. The movie averaged a whopping $75,016, compared with $12,226 in 4,616 cinemas for "Shark Tale."

"Huckabees," whose cast includes Dustin Hoffman, Lily Tomlin, Jason Schwartzman, Naomi Watts, Jude Law and Mark Wahlberg, gradually expands to nationwide release through October.

"Going, Upriver: The Long War of John Kenny," a documentary by George Butler ("Pumping Iron"), opened weakly with $303,000 in 160 theaters for a low 1,904 average. The movie chronicles the Democratic presidential candidate's Vietnam service and his subsequent stand against the war.

"The box-office has been rattling for the last month. ... the market was absolutely abnormal," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations. "So Shark Tale and to a lesser extent Ladder 49 really jump-started the market place."

"Shark Tale" overcame so-so reviews, with some critics calling it a retread of the "Shrek" movies and the fish tale "Finding Nemo."

"But after a long drought for children's movies, families flooded theaters for "Shark Tale." Adding to the latter was the movie's A-list voice cast, including Will Smith, Robert De Niro, Renee Zellweger, Angelina Jolie, Martin Scorsese and Jack Black.

"However, "Shark Tale" did not approach the $70.5 million debut of last year's "Finding Nemo."
Party at Lady Liberty revels in Franco-American friendship

Karen Matthews
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Merci beaucoup, Frederic.

The Statue of Liberty hosted a party Sunday honoring its creator, sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, for the 100th anniversary of his death.
The ceremony commemorating France's most famous gift to the United States also was a celebration of Franco-American friendship, which degenerated into name-calling and "freedom fries" after France declined to support the U.S.-led war in Iraq.

Richard Riehm, the deputy mayor of Colmar, the city in France's Alsace region where Bartholdi was born, said the Statue of Liberty reminds people of the Franco-American friendship, competing news anchors Tom Brokaw and Peter Jennings offered support Saturday for the beleaguered newscaster.

"In the shadow of Miss Liberty," Riehm said, "we cannot forget what we owe to the American soldiers who gave us back our freedom on two occasions, 1917 and 1944, 60 years ago."
The ceremony took place on Liberty Island, where the statue was reopened to visitors two months ago after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks forced it to close. The mayor of Princeton, N.J., Colmar's sister city, noted that some of the founding fathers who enshrined liberty in the Constitution owned slaves.

"When the people of France made their magnificent gift to the United States, it was, in part, a recognition that we had finally abolished slavery," Mayor Joseph O'Neill said.

"But even as the Statue of Liberty was being erected, Jim Crow laws were being enacted to humiliate and disenfranchise the newly freed African slaves."

"Liberty then was at most a hope, at best a work in progress. This statue, before us became an icon of what we would wish ourselves to be."

Fellow news anchors support Dan Rather

Deeppi Hajela
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — While acknowledging mistakes in CBS anchor Dan Rather's "60 Minutes" report that questioned President Bush's service in the National Guard, competing news anchors Tom Brokaw and Peter Jennings offered support Saturday for the beleaguered newscaster.

Rather declined to comment, saying news executives had asked him not to talk about the report while an investigation was under way. The Guard story, aired on Sept. 8, was discredited because it relied on documents impugning Bush's service that apparently were faked.

"I don't think you ever judge a man by one event in his career," said Jennings, anchor on ABC.

The panel, part of The New Yorker Festival, was one of the last times all three anchors were expected to appear together in their current roles. Brokaw is stepping down Dec. 1. Neither Jennings nor Rather said he did not ask enough questions before the war or conduct enough follow-up reporting.

"If the country is in dire peril...I want to be a patriotic journalist," Rather said.

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first in the conference. Obviously everyone thinks we're good, so we're going to get everyone's best game. We have no opportunities to let down.

Q. — You've used two goalies, Liz Hill and Jessica Murray. Are you going to stick with one of them in the future or continue to alternate them?

A. — It depends on the needs of the team and the situation we're in. Sometimes we will stick with one and at a great job when we needed her. Liz has been battling some injuries. She's getting healthier now and if she's playing well then we're going to go with Liz.

But if we need a change, I have no hesitation to use Jessica.

Q. — Is Sharon Day the key to the team's success?

A. — I think she's one of the keys. She's made the best of her opportunities to score some goals. We've got a lot of players who can score goals and it's just a matter of time before they step up and do that. Just Sharon's presence on the field is going to create chances for others.

Q. — Your teams are frequent winners, so how do you deal with a loss?

A. — It's one of those things where you need to learn from your losses. If we played well or worked hard and just got beat by the other team's superior play. That happens. But if we made our own mistakes and allowed a team to beat us, then we obviously need to bear ourselves. Then there are some things to address. In the long run goals are not going to get out of losses. It helps us regroup.

Q. — You have been named Big West Coach of the Year four times. How does that feel?

A. — It's nice to be recognized by your peers. I get the name on the plaque but it's really the work of the team and the staff that makes our program successful.

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Schlick said.

Pacific beat Santa Barbara, the No. 10 ranked team, in three games. Cal Poly lost the first game 30-19, but did fight back with a win 30-26 in the second game. Pacific had a 9-7 lead in the start of game two but Cal Poly strung together six straight points.

In game three, Pacific led 15-11 at the media timeout and continued their lead throughout the game.

Pacific had a 10-4 lead in the beginning of game four and never looked back.

Kayla Maddox proved to be an asset in every game finishing with a team high of 17 kills. Emily Dorn also helped the Mustangs with 10 kills. Arlene Paperny had 39 assists, seven digs and three blocks. Kristin Jackson led with 17 digs, followed by Dorns with 14 and Sarah Rivero with 14.

The Mustangs lost to Cal State Northridge Friday night in five games.


Cal Poly was down 2-1 in games but rebounded to win the fourth game 31-29 and force a deciding fifth game. Northridge hit .316 with 14 digs in the final game five as Cal Poly only hit .184. Heather Bolin led the Mustangs in the fifth game with five kills. She committed only one error on eight swings.

Cal Poly was led by Kayla's sister Kellie with three kills.

"We need to work on being more consistent with our serving," team captain Margaret Dougherty said.

"That is what is upsetting our game plan. We just need to come out and play as we have in every game. Cal Poly volleyball is not for the weak and is no easy task," Mulder said.

Mulder said that her individual goal for the season is to keep coming out and doing everything she can to help the team.

"We just keep improving because we all work together everyday just clicks," Mulder said.

Cal Poly will next travel to face the Vandals on Oct. 7.
Home winning streak is 15 for w. soccer

Erica Drummond
MUSTANG DAILY

The women's soccer team managed to fight off the Long Beach State 49ers Sunday morning to secure a 1-0 win after a well-matched game at Mustang Stadium.

Sharon Day scored her eighth goal of the season in the last minute of the first half, ending a back-and-forth battle of scoreless shots between the two teams.

The second half of the game allowed Cal Poly to show its aggressive side as it attacked the 49ers' goal repeatedly. Long Beach's defense was steadfast, however, and the Mustangs weren't able to score again.

"I think we should've been able to get more goals," Day said after the game. "But overall, everyone was playing really hard. We all gave it 110 percent."

This was the Mustangs' second game in the Big West Conference.

They hope to build upon last year's Big West title, their fourth in five seasons.

"Every team we'll play (in Big West) is going to be challenging in different ways," coach Alex Crozier said Sunday. "Long Beach is difficult to play. They're very organized, but we took advantage of an opportunity in the first half and got the goal. This was a good win."

Long Beach took 12 shots Sunday, with three coming from Erin Empring and three by Katelyn Quaresma. Meanwhile, Cal Poly hammered 18 shots, with four by Heather Bryan. Mustang goalkeeper Liz Hill made eight saves while 49er goalkeeper Tara Gotthardt made one save. Soccer page 7

Volleyball suffers two home loses

Jamie Brady
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly women's volleyball put up a strong fight against the University of the Pacific Saturday night but fell in four games nevertheless 30-18, 24-30, 30-19, 30-18.

Cal Poly (2-11, 0-4) lost its fourth Big West conference game in a row so many tries at Mott Gym. Pacific improved its record to 7-3 overall.

Even in the loss, the Mustangs showcased a strong defense against Pacific's heavy hitters and protection against the Tigers' strong servers.

"Our team had some great tenacity tonight and some really strong defense," coach Steve

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