Mardi Gras ends with 13 Fat Tuesday arrests

Liz Soteros-McNamara, Mustang Daily

Fat Tuesday in San Luis Obispo proved to be nearly as busy for the police department as Saturday night with 13 arrests, nine of which were for drug and alcohol related offenses.

That brought the total of Mardi Gras weekend arrests to 48. Of those arrests, 25 were alcohol related, 23 were traffic citations and the remaining seven were for noise violations, public urination and possession of marijuana, according to SLOPD. This is a 42 percent reduction in arrests from 2005, when police arrested 82 people. Police arrested 206 people during Mardi Gras in 2004, with 195 arrested in conjunction with the riot.

Police officers from outside the area were released from duty by midnight Sunday. Only SLOPD remained downtown before dawn Sunday to watch revelers.

“Letting the damage continue is not an option,” Tolley said. He added that the SLOPD budget for Mardi Gras was $300,000 this year.

Tolley said that the total cost of $1 million was not spent excessively. Damage to property hurts property owners and community residents, not the city, he said.

He helped control the Poly riot and the Mardi Gras 2004 riot, and said he sees value in the prevention of riots.

“Losing an eye is worth more than $1 million,” Tolley said.

The city will scale back the number of police in San Luis Obispo for the next Mardi Gras. The city’s final Mardi Gras costs will not be available for several days.

By Tyler Wise

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the prohibition are special events authorized by the Student Life and Leadership and approved by the University Police Department (Section 21.3). Under the aliases "Jarvis," "Siouxs," and "Mike Jones," the "Midnight Special," a trio of Cal Poly freshmen, have come out to the UU at precarious hours because of the strict regulations prohibiting the use of skateboards on campus. "There is just enough lighting out here at midnight for us to do our thing without the cops coming after us," said Jones, the designated cameraman. "Plus, there aren't any distractions, like some hot chick walking by. Then the pressure is really on to bust something (land a trick)."

For more than a month, since Jarvis first discovered that there was sufficient lighting in the UU Plaza at all hours of the night, these skaters have come out here to this "urban playground" to hone their skills and pursue their passion for skateboarding. During the day there is little that they can do except dodge the university police as they skate to class. Trying to do tricks at Cal Poly during the day is out of the question. "It is time to "lay down some hammer,"" Jarvis said.

"We don't usually mess up private property, like small shops or anything, but we should be able to skate on public property, even if we are damaging it, because we are putting something like a curb or a ledge or a set of stairs into use better than any one else," Jarvis said. "Yeah, and the government damaged concrete, their skateboards, and makes the quote gesture) 'damaging' it, because we are putting wheel marks on the ground (wax is used on rough ledges to make the surface slide better). Since the regulations were enforced, skateboarding-related damages have significantly declined to $1,000-$2,000 a year," Wattan said.

"The laws we have here are necessary because of the concern for damage to public property for one, and also the risk to public safety. We don't want anyone getting hit by skateboarders as they try their tricks, or weave through people down hills," Wattan said.

Jarvis said that the campus would be taking an unnecessary risk if skateboarding was legalized "strictly for transportation purposes" because there is still the danger of injury.

"Skateboards can easily become weapons, not intentionally, but a student who is riding a skateboard might fall off because he or she is going to fast and shoot the board into someone's ankle," he said. "In addition, he said skateboarding-related injuries are not covered by any CSU insurance policy, so the group of lost wages is a weighty concern. However, bicycles, a legal form of alternative transportation permitted all throughout campus, are not covered either.

Jarvis and the group feel cheated in that respect but they are more concerned with the lack of designat­ed skate spots (skateparks), and the illegality of their passion, especially in San Luis Obispo. Joey Strel, a dedicated skateboarder and employee of Monument Boardshop in Arroyo Grande said that skateboarding is a profitable business in San Luis Obispo with retail stores, such as Copeland's, CCS and Moondoggies, selling a variety of skateboard products.

If the city is willing to allow retail chains to make a buck off skateboarding then they better be willing to accept the fact that there are going to be a lot of people using that equipment and the city better have a place for them to do it if they don't want kids to be (Steal rakes hands and makes the quote gesture) 'damaging property.'"

The city has designated a concrete slab in Santa Rosa Park, a mish-mash of sun-bleached wooden ramps and rusted rails, however many of the skateboarders that go to this park say the city doesn't care about skate­boarding.

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...or head in the can?

The average Cal Poly student drinks
"Under four drinks in one sitting"
WHO SAID THAT?

Today's scientists have substituted mathematics for experiments, and they wander off through equation after equation, and eventually build a structure which has no relation to reality.
— Nikola Tesla

Any community's arm of force — military, police, security — needs people in it who can do necessary evil, and yet not be made evil by it. To do only the necessary and no more. To constantly question the assumptions, to stop the slide into atrocity.
— Lois McMaster Bujold, “Barrayar”

Wordly Wise

Flibbertigibbet: A silly, flighty, or excessively talkative person.
Pleonasm: The use of more words than are necessary to express an idea.

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SAN LUIS OBISPO (AP) The Board of Supervisors decided potbellied pigs cannot be kept as household pets in residential areas. After Oceano residents complained about potbellied pigs in Jim and Julie McDougall’s home, the board agreed potbellied pigs are similar to hogs and require at least 2.5 acres of land in a rural area.

The couple keeps 10 pets — four dogs, two cats and four potbellied pigs — on their quarter-acre property in Oceano. Neighbors complained about the number of animals and alleged the pigs snort and attract flies.

SALINAS (AP) — Two teenagers robbed a 74-year-old ice cream man pushing his cart along Meyers Court.

One youth grabbed the man from behind Tuesday afternoon and the teens took a small amount of cash and the man’s wallet, investigators said.

Showing of cartoons of Muhammad riles UC Irvine

Gillian Flaccus

IRVINE — A student panel discussion on Islamic extremism that included the “unveiling” of cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad, including one of him wearing a bomb-laden turban, repeatedly descended into name-calling chaos Tuesday night.

The panel, which included one Muslim speaker, was repeatedly interrupted by hecklers from the audience who challenged assertions by panelist Rev. Jesse Lee Peterson that Islam was an “evil religion” and that all Muslims hate America. Outside, hundreds of Muslims and their supporters nosily protested the event amid a heavy police presence.

At one point, University of California, Irvine police removed two men, one of them a Muslim, from the audience after they nearly came to blows. Although there were numerous heated exchanges, there were no immediate reports of violence.

The 424-seat campus auditorium where the panel discussion took place was nearly full. Outside, several hundred members of the Muslim Student Union and their supporters staged a protest and teach-in to counter the event, which they said was the equivalent of hate speech.

During the panel discussion, moderator with The United American Committee displayed six cartoons depicting Muhammad and three anti-Semitic cartoons he said had appeared in Middle Eastern newspapers.

Thousands of Muslims worldwide have protested, sometimes violently, since the Muslim cartoons were published in a Danish newspaper in September and then in other European newspapers. The drawings are offensive to Muslims because Islamic tradition forbids any depiction of Muhammad or any other prophet for fear they could lead to idolatry.

The panel discussion got off to a contentious start, with the Council on Americas-Islamic Relations boycotting the event and calling the UAC a “fringe group.”

Later, panels were cheered when they referred to Muslims as fascists and accused mainstream Muslims of being “cheerleaders for terrorism.”

“I put out a call to Muslims in America; put out a fatwa on bin Laden, put out a fatwa on al-Qaeda,” said panelist Lee Kaplan, a spokesman for The United American Committee’s “Support America in the war on terror.”

Osman Umaiji, former president of the Muslim Student Union, equated the decision to display the prophet drawings to the dehumanization of Jews in Germany before the Holocaust. He said none of the Muslims who protested the event would attend if the drawings were displayed.

“The agenda is to spread Islamophobia and create hysteria against Muslims similar to what happened to the Jews in Nazi Germany,” said Umaiji, an electrical engineer who graduated from Irvine last spring. “Freedom of speech has its limits.

Organizers said unveiling the cartoons was part of a larger debate on Islamic extremism sponsored by the College Republicans and The United American Committee, a fledgling group not affiliated with the university.

Brock Hill, vice president of the College Republicans, said his group had a First Amendment right to display the cartoons and noted that the panel was to include a representative from the Free Muslims Coalition.

“We’re not going against Islam whatsoever,” he said. “This is about free speech and the free marketplace of ideas.”

Mohamed Eldessouky, 21, a criminal justice student who attended the unveiling, said he was disappointed because he felt the panel and the audience were biased against Islam.

“I entered it with an open mind, but I thought it was totally biased. I thought the panelists would be more balanced. I think it did more harm than good,” he said.

Eldessouky also said he felt slighted when the three panelists who were not Muslim repeatedly held up the Quran and told the audience how to interpret it.

Protesters against the discussion session and unveiling of the controversial Danish cartoons are seen Tuesday, in Irvine.

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National briefs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scott Stapp thinks a recently released sex video showing him and Kid Rock with several strippers is meant to sabotage him.

"Obviously someone wants to hurt me and doesn't want me to be successful in my solo career," Stapp told AP Radio in a recent interview.

Stapp claimed the tape, which was made in 1999, was stolen from him. He and Kid Rock have been involved in a temporary court order preventing World Wide Red Light District from distributing the video or profiting from it.

WASHINGTON (AP) — In dramatic and sometimes agonizing terms, federal disaster officials warned President Bush and governors that the storm could breach levees and overwhelm rescuers, according to confidential video footage.

Bush didn't ask a single question during the final briefing before Katrina struck, with several assuring "We are fully prepared."
Music lovers beware: iPods could kill you

Aaron Rote
THE DAILY ATHENAEUM (WEST VIRGINIA U.)

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Follow me, faithful reader, as I unlock “The Mystery of the Noise-Canceling Killer.” The evidence is probably going to shock you.

Your stomach will turn, your spine will tingle, and when we’re done you will immediately lay down the paper and tackle the nearest person with an MP3 player, effectively saving their life. Let us begin.

A few weeks ago in England, a young woman was killed as she rode her bicycle through a crowded London suburb while listening to her iPod.

The police have speculated that the musical music player is at least partially to blame for the murder.

The volume was up too loud, and she couldn’t hear the large truck approaching her at an intersection.

When she finally heard the siren, she was skeptical.

Something didn’t fit. For one thing, I have it on good faith from a cultured and well-mannered friend that the victim, an Australian law school student, was no devil himself, taking a scenic jaunt through central London while listening to her iPod.

But this time, he had gone too far — hit too close to home.

...a young woman was killed as she rode her bicycle through a crowded London suburb while listening to her iPod.

Further research proved that theory wrong. She had been living in London for years, and she rode the bike to work every day. It was a routine. She knew the area, and she knew the inherent dangers.

I decided that this tragic accident was probably nothing more than that — an accident.

I forgot about the London story until last Thursday, when it unexpectedly zoomed past me at 700 mph. I was walking home from class, listening to some indie favorites (WHAM!) on my iPod, when a red streak of lightning nearly clipped me as I crossed the street.

At the time, I was convinced that it was the devil himself, taking a scenic jaunt through Morgantown on his stalemated-injustice. But after clearer heads prevailed, I realized two absolute and undeniable truths about the situation. 1) It was just some guy on a motorcycle. 2) The Noise-Canceling Killer had nearly struck again.

Be Our GUEST?

As a last resort, use the Mustang Daily as a tissue.
Hangover? What hangover?

I do realize I could have probably drunk any kind of liquid and it would have helped hydrate me. But I'm not planning on reaching that state any time soon to try the alternatives.

I could conceivably get wasted a few more times and try Gatorade, water or orange juice in the morning, but I'd rather not use my health and body for some sick science experiment.

Although I initially dismissed the drink as a Gatorade knock-off... I thought why not give it a shot?

I guzzled the drink in a gulp or two, and to my surprise, it actually worked.

My hangover wasn't completely gone, but my mouth regained fluid, my mind started to clear and my headache's intensity decreased.

It wasn't cured, but I felt a million times better. And after what I put myself through the night before, I wouldn't expect anything to completely cure my symptoms.

I usually do that type of thing, but tonight, thanks to who knows how much I've consumed, I'm feeling it. If there would have been a dance contest at Downtown Brew that night, I'm pretty confident we would have won.

Next thing I know, it's Sunday morning and I can tell I swallowed at least a keg-worth of alcohol, which brings me back to my condition. I guzzled the drink in a gulp or two, and to my surprise, it actually worked.

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Students give classic new viewpoint

Cal Poly theatre students debuted a new rendition of Arthur Miller’s ‘The Crucible’ last week and hopes to stir things up.

Nick Coury
MUSIANC; DAIIY

The Cal Poly theatre and dance department presents their winter production, a “unique interpretation” of Arthur Miller’s “The Crucible,” which opened Feb. 23 in the Alex and Fay Spanos Theatre located in the Performing Arts Center.

This production is not the average adaptation of a classic story, but resonates feelings and emotions of a more recent culture.

“It (the play) really speaks to the political climate of today’s society,” said Erma Stauffer, director of the play, and lecturer in the theatre and dance and communication studies program. “What is important is not the time period, but Miller’s message.”

Miller wrote the play to take a closer look at potentially bad situations in order to better understand them, and possibly prevent them from happening again.

“I want (the play) to lead to thought, understanding how witch-hunts start and how to stop them,” Stauffer said.

The new rendition of the play is also portrayed in the acting. The play is done in a technique called “viewpoint,” and Stauffer used it to achieve more natural acting.

“One of the things we do is have all 20 characters be on stage for the entire play, and encourage is in every scene,” Stauffer said.

Stauffer wants the people to see the play and leave asking questions concerning politics that the play discusses.

“Hopefully people will come and see a drama and be caught up in a story.”

Tickets are available through the Performing Arts Center Box Office for $12 for general admission, $10 for seniors and students’ and discount group rates are available. Tickets can also be purchased by calling 756-2787.

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The Cal Poly Theatre and Dance Department is currently showing ‘The Crucible’ at the Alex and Fay Spanos Theatre. The student play, which director Erma Stauffer hopes get viewers questioning politics, closes Sunday. For more show times and tickets, call 756-2787.
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**SEX COLUMN**

Road trips, sex and dirty Taboo

Two weeks and one day. In that amount of time I will be rid of this desolate, cold quarter and off to sunnier pastures for a week of blissful, completely non-educational enjoyment. While I never plan far enough ahead for those prices, I will go scouting for that one time that we could stand to get our groove on with a high-speed blender and some hot party music, filling the empty hallways of my parent's house until I pass, solemnly. Even so, it does involve a three-hour car ride up north, which could become an agonizing five hours if traffic in San Jose is bad (and it already is). That’s a lot of boring time for what has saved me so many tedious parties, stale late night conversations, etc: dirty games. As college students we all know how to make a game out of just trying to play Taboo with my girlfriends and I some night. But I’m referring to games that require no cards or annoying buzzers to play out. Here is a rundown of when you board that six-hour flight to Hawaii, you lucky cool kids.

In response to Cornel Morton's letter talking about students, I come just wanted to comment on this topic. This city has taken an event that was supposed to unify the community and divide it in the name of a party. I have been thinking of moving into a house for some months now. While I have not made a decision yet, along with other concerns, I have a financial one: how much will it cost to get a house in a room? The police made Cedar Creek look like a prison, installing cameras, thirty lights and the use of residency and guest passes to get in and out. This is the land of the free right? If you want to lower the amount of abortions, vote Democrat. If you want to lower the amount of abortions, vote Democrat.

Jack Ingram and Brian Eller: You’re both wrong. Your argument is not specific! I’ll begin with Jack. Didn’t you write that you don’t like to stereotype? Has something like the California seat rife with stereotypes of conservatives. All that aside, you ignore the fact that there are two extremes in the gun issue, just like there are two extremes in the abortion issue. Much to erode personal freedoms as conseratives. Is it conservatives that want to ban abortion? Franciscan? Is it conservatives that prompted the re-writing of California’s education laws, and which now even calls for “political correctness”? Is it conservatives that insist on separate admission criteria to universities based on ethnicity? Hacking away at the first amendment, Amendment, rewriting history to omit anything unpleasant and affirmative action are just as bad as anything you accuse conservatives of.

Your turn, Brian. Why do your religious leaders feel the need to meddle with people’s lives? Why should non-Christians be bound by the rules of Christianity? Telling adults who they can and can’t marry and telling women they can’t have abortions is the same ideological blackmail as forcing women to wear burkas. Unless you plan on marrying another man or having an abortion, those issues are none of your business. Some things shouldn’t be up to the government.

You’ve initially stated that each of you thinks that you know how to better run other people’s lives, and go about your own means of preaching. Instead of arguing with each other, you should control your fines forces and really get to work at telling everybody how to lead their lives.

Asher Kressen
Computer engineering senior

Dear Jack Ingram

Can you imagine a country where one small group of clients controls the whole country and its resources, where there is no such thing as voting, free speech or even some cases, the right to have more than one child? I can’t be called communism. You should feel lucky that we “facist” over here let you speak whatever you please, no matter how ludicrous it may be.

Now let’s get just out of the way that you couldn’t be more correct about intelligent design, it’s just ridiculous. That’s about all I agree with.

Genaro Rodriguez
Political science junior

Some Notes from the Political Science Club for Cal Poly

JAMES GLEN MUSTANG DAILY

IF ALL PROBLEMS
AT S. O. P. D. W.
WERE HANDLED LIKE
MARDI GRAS—

Joe Anderson
Statistics sophomore

Stereotyping does not solve problems

In Ingram’s Feb. 28 commentary — What are you trying to accomplish? Every time I read an article whose sole purpose is to bash on the beliefs of others, I grow more and more concerned that this country when countless numbers of women choose to have an abortion, we don’t have a single complaint. Is it because there is a difference in the thing going inside the murdered woman and that of the unborn one, who has an abortion? Don’t both women contain a zygote undergoing mitosis and mitosis to eventually reach the end product of a human being? If women can have abortions, why do we charge murderers with multiple homicides?

Which set of rules do we follow? If its rules set out in the Peterson case, women should be charged with first degree murder because all intentional abortions are planned in advance. If we allow abortions, petals, we should charge him with second degree murder of the murder of his wife. Where is the line drawn? As a side note, although I don’t support the death penalty, there is a huge difference between a convicted murderer and an unborn child. If you kill someone you have a clear conscience. If you kill a baby you don’t.

Note to self: It’s liberals like you, Jack Ingram, that make it so hard for me to admit I’m liberal. Although my ideologies are moderately liberal, I find myself more often defending conservatives over brush near-sided comments like yours. First of all, there are two sides to every issue. The more controversial the issue is, often it’s because there are two strong, opposing arguments. If you don’t get that, then give your editorial space to an informed liberal. PLEASE. To think that all liberals are tree-hugging hippies fighting against the establishment, that’s what you do, I can’t think critically. Pro-life people believe fetuses have rights, have the right to life, be born human, while pro-choice people believe women have the right to choose of their bodies. Both sides are fighting for two “beings” in a different position. The only thing is, no one talks about how those people feel somewhere in between the extreme of these arguments, according to the same pro-life pro-choice.

Many pro-life people have built programs offering women alternatives and support. There is nothing dumb about using religious beliefs to form moral conclusions. Pro-life people believe they have the right to life, be born human, while pro-choice people believe women have the right to choose of their bodies. Both sides are fighting for two “beings” in a different position. The only thing is, no one talks about how those people feel somewhere in between the extreme of these arguments, according to the same pro-life pro-choice.

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State bill aims to ensure higher-education access

Alice Tsou

February 2, 2006

State Senate bill introduced two legislatives and universities accessible by would try to keep California colleges and universities accessible by increasing state involvement in higher education, especially in areas such as accountability and K-12 education, supporters said.

The goal is in line with the state's Master Plan for Higher Education, a long-range vision for higher education enacted in 1960.

“What this bill does is ensure that we adhere to the 1960 Master Plan promise, which is that there would be a place in the school for every eligible student,” said Candace Chung, spokesperson for Assemble member Carol Liu, D-Los Angeles, a sponsor of the bill.

State Sen. Jack Scott, D-Altadena, chair of the Senate education committee, authored the bill, which is also supported by a bipartisan group of legislators.

State legislators and bill proponents said that a burgeoning population is threatening accessibility to the state's higher-education institutions.

The state's population of 18- to 24-year-olds has experienced a "tidal wave" of growth in recent years, leading to a spike in college enrollment, according to studies.

"There's a chance that students can be shut out of college. The Master Plan can be broken unless the state does something about it," said Elaine Bonogoskan, spokesperson for the Campaign for College Opportunity, a non-profit group that helped introduce the bill.

The new bill lays out a long-term vision for state participation in higher education.

Expanding on the governor's compact with the University of California, which provides funding for the enrollment growth, the bill calls for the state to set a 10-year enrollment plan and a 30-year financing plan.

UC's compact with the governor currently ends in 2011.

The bill includes new recommendations for the state, such as mandating an annual meeting between higher-education leaders and public officials to assess progress.

In addition, the bill would require the state to be more active in educating students about their college opportunities.

The bill also recommends that state universities use results from state tests given to the 11th grade to help high school students prepare for college.

Pot legalization measures moves forward with help of Colorado colleges

Vishal Patil

MINNEAPOLIS

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — A proposed statewide measure in Colorado that would legalize small amounts of marijuana was taken away from being put before voters, and on Thursday, the group behind the push to Colorado State University to train signature collectors.

Tvert said his group, which gained national attention when it pushed the passage of Proposition 203 in Denver, started on the state's university campuses because they are at the heart of the nation's alcohol problem.

The group's main argument is that marijuana is not as harmful as alcohol, and therefore it's illogical and fundamentally unfair to keep the plant illegal while allowing the drink.

"We just don't think people should be punished for making a safer choice," he said. "If an adult prefers to smoke marijuana rather than drink alcohol, we shouldn't prevent them from doing so."

Beverly Kinard, president of the Christian Drug Education Center, strongly disagrees with Tvert's claim that marijuana is more benign than alcohol.

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Even if voters approve a statewide pot legalization measure, the drug will still remain illegal under federal statutes. But it's extremely rare for the federal government to intervene in minor pot-possession cases.

Employers say felonies can hinder job searches

Elizabeth Cook

MINNEAPOLIS

Flash lights illuminate the side of the house; police file out of their car and steam rises from the ground... The arrest of Ritter in November to erase the charge from her record and to save money by not paying the fine. Instead, she did eight hours of community service.

This way future employers will see an unblemished record.

Daniel Has, the assistant manager of Noodles and Company, said the company does background checks — on which a misdemeanor would show up — on all employees for safety purposes.

Has said during the checks they look for more serious offenses, like theft or any type of behavioral issues. But if someone has many misdemeanors, it could affect their hiring.

In some jobs, every misdemeanor counts. The Army does an extensive background check. Said Capt. Valen Bronn, III. If anything comes up, it must be cleared through a waiver.

"I'm a stickler for review process at a noon meeting at the CLAPitol building, and later the plant illegal while allowing the drink.

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Pot legalization moves forward with help of Colorado colleges

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FORT COLLINS, Colo. — A proposed statewide measure in Colorado that would legalize small amounts of marijuana was taken away from being put before voters, and on Thursday, the group behind the push to Colorado State University to train signature collectors.

Tvert said his group, which gained national attention when it pushed the passage of Proposition 203 in Denver, started on the state's university campuses because they are at the heart of the nation's alcohol problem.

The group's main argument is that marijuana is not as harmful as alcohol, and therefore it's illogical and fundamentally unfair to keep the plant illegal while allowing the drink.

"We just don't think people should be punished for making a safer choice," he said. "If an adult prefers to smoke marijuana rather than drink alcohol, we shouldn't prevent them from doing so."

Beverly Kinard, president of the Christian Drug Education Center, strongly disagrees with Tvert's claim that marijuana is more benign than alcohol.

"The harm that can come to your child is just as great. No matter what kind of drug you consider to be legal or illegal, it's absolutely amazing," she said. "It would be one of the most devastating drugs that can happen to our children."

She added that marijuana leads to other drugs.

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Bush is fifth U.S. president to visit India, wants nuclear deal

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NEW DELHI, India — President Bush opened a three-day visit on India on Wednesday to warm relations with the world’s largest democracy, but say he doesn’t know if he’ll be able to seal his elusive nuclear deal with New Delhi.

Bush wants to share U.S. nuclear know-how and fuel with India to help power its fast-growing economy, even though India won’t sign the international nonproliferation treaty.

Despite diplomatic pressure from Air Force One as it flew to South Asia, disagreements remain. It reached the landmark accord would represent a major shift in policy for the United States, which imposed temporary sanctions on India in 1998 after it conducted nuclear tests.

"We’ll continue to dialogue and work, and hopefully we can reach an agreement," Bush said. "If not, we’ll continue to work on it until we do."

In a surprise detour to Afghanistan on the eve of his trip, Bush denied playing the significant change in the deal completed during his visit. The success of his trip, however, will be judged on whether the two sides can agree on how to split India’s nuclear weapons work from its peaceful nuclear program, and place the later under international inspection.

"The one thing that is absolutely necessary is that any agreement will assure the world that India has decided to put a reactor under safeguard, that it remain permanently under safeguard," Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice told reporters on the plane.

"Our great friend, our great supporter, a man who helped us," Bush spoke in Kabul, standing beside Afghan President Hamid Karzai, the mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks, will one day be captured. "I am confident he will be brought to justice," Bush said. "And his wife, Laura Bush, arrived afterward at an Indian air force station in Palam, outside New Delhi. He is the fifth U.S. president to visit India, which is home to more than 1 billion people and has the world’s second-largest Muslim population.

Setting aside protocol, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh welcomed Bush at the airport. The president’s motorcade rolled effortlessly through streets that earlier were clogged with noisy trucks, bicycles and other vehicles, including green-and-yellow motorized rickshaws weaving from lane to lane.

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the crew is beginning to get antsy. After almost 20 minutes, and the rest of them get up from his crouched position near the street crect as a suspicious prairie dog out of his hole. He sees something coming. "Car," he yells, and the crew runs behind the stairs out of sight from the road, fearful that the lunching sedan might be university police.

False alarm. It's just some late night prowler in a beat-up Civic. Everyone heads back to their strategic positions and the skateboarding session continues.

"All right, fellas. I've got this one in the bag," says Jarvis as he rides away. With a couple of knuckle taps (the modern day high-five), and beaming smiles on their faces, the crew packs up their gear and heads home. Mission accomplished.

Regardless of what campus or city regulations dictate about their hobbies their three are passionate enough to get away with skateboarding wherever and whenever, whatever it takes. It's now 11:07 a.m. No one ever knew they were there.

Saddam admits ordering trial of Shiites who were executed but insists it was not a crime

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Saddam Hussein says in a defiant courtroom confession Wednesday that he ordered the trial of 148 Shiites who were eventually executed in the 1980s, but he insisted he had the right to do so because they were suspected of trying to kill him.

The dramatic speech came a day after prosecutors presented the most direct evidence against him in the four-month trial when a 1984 presidential decree approving the death sentences for the 148, with a signature said to be Saddam's.

"Where is the crime? Where is the crime," Saddam asked. "If trying a suspect accused of shooting at a head of state — no matter what his name is— is considered a crime, then you have the head of state in your hands.

Saddam did not admit or deny approving their executions, but stated outright that he was solely responsible for their prosecution, adding that his seven co-defendants should be released.

"All the chief figure makes things easy for you by saying he was the one responsible, then why are you going after these people?"

The deaths of the Shiites are one of the main charges against the defendants, who could face execution by hanging — the same fate as most of the 148 — if convicted.

They are on trial also for torture and impersonation of the Shiites, as well as the raping of their farmlands, in a crackdown launched after a July 8, 1982, assassination attempt against Saddam in the town of Dujail.

The prosecution has argued the impersonation and executions were illegal, saying the 148 were sentenced to death in an "improvised trial" before Saddam's Revolutionary Court where the defendants did not even appear.

The defendants argued they were far beyond the actual attackers. They have presented documents that show entire families — including women and children as young as 3 months old — were arrested, detained and held for years. Some executed at least 10 juveniles, one as young as 11, according to the documents.

The five judges will be able to take Saddam's confession into account when they rule in the case. It will be up to them to decide whether Saddam's actions were illegal, since there is no jury. After Wednesday's session, the trial was adjourned to March 12.

The often turbulent trial has become more orderly in the past two weeks under the tough new chief judge, Rasoul Abdal-Rahman, who broke a defense team boycott and clamped down on outbursts, shouted insults and arguments by Saddam and other defendants.

The discipline could boost the trial's credibility, which U.S. and Iraqi officials hope will encourage Iraq's sharply divided Shiites and Sunnis to accept the verdict. But outside the courtroom, those divisions have become only bloodier. Nearly 100 people have been killed in the past two days in sectarian violence.

The trial is also beginning to tackle the core of the case against the defendants, as prosecutors presented a series of documents — memos, decrees and reports from Saddam's office and the Mukhabarat intelligence agency — detailing the bureaucracy behind the crackdown.

On Wednesday, the prosecution played an audiotape of Saddam discussing the razing of the Dujail farms with a Baath Party official in the early 1990s and showed satellite photos of the flattened land.

Chief prosecutor Jasfar al-Moussawi showed the court handwritten letters allegedly sent by three of the defendants days after the assassination attempt, informing Dujail farmers linked to the Dawa Party, a Shiite opposition militia, that Saddam was militarily attacked in the area.

At least 18 of the people named in the letters, sent to the Interior Ministry, were later sentenced to death, al-Moussawi said. The three men therefore had a direct role in their deaths.

"My hand be cut off if I gave information against anyone," said defendant Ali Dayah, who allegedly wrote one of the letters. "It's all a frame-up.

Two other defendants — Abdallah Kazim Rowayyan and his son Mithar, who, like Dayah, were said to be local Dujail officials from Saddam's Baath Party — denied the handwriting on the letters was theirs.

Saddam stood to defend the men, saying that even if the letters were authentic, they were simply notifying authorities. "This was an informing operation, like any policeman when he tells something to his station or any citizen who sees or hears a crime," he said.

The prosecutor presented lists of vehicles that transported 399 Dujail detainees from a Baghdad facility to a desert prison in southern Iraq in 1984. Each handwritten list included the name of the vehicle, the driver's name, and the names and ages of the prisoners carried in them — 25-40 of them in each vehicle.

The names included entire families — women with daughters and sons below the age of 30, even the name of a 3-month-old girl.
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concerned about the status of our oceans as well as why, for the last 20-plus years, the Surf Rider Foundation has focused on trying to protect our waterways.

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With all the growing trends of dieting and exercising over the last few years, the sport of kickboxing has become a popular means of a cardio workout. This increase in interest is mostly due to the ears of people like Erin Sandahl, owner and instructor of cardio workouts, dieting and exercising over the last few years, the sport of kickboxing has become a popular means of a cardio workout. Sandahl, 27, said, “Part of the reason is instant gratification. You’ll see and feel results with kickboxing right away.”

Budo-Ryu has grown to accommodate 40 to 60 patrons throughout the week. They offer classes every day except Saturdays, including kids programs and adult classes that accommodate people from age 17 to late 40s.

“We have all these different martial artists that come here because they grew up here,” Sandahl said. “We try to give more of the cultural aspect of things and be more relaxed.”

The kickboxing classes are available for all skill levels. The one-hour class includes punching and kicking drills, stretching, strength conditioning, an ab workout and develops strong muay-thai basics.

“Kickboxing is really cardio oriented,” Sandahl said. “We’re technically oriented as well and better than I did.”

Sandahl has trained for over three months in Thailand for six to seven hours per day, six days a week. He feels that the training enables him to give a more well-rounded education to his own students.

“We want people to learn who they’re doing this and how to apply it,” Sandahl said. “We try to put more attention to detail.”

Malatamban has been practicing martial arts for over 30 years and after meeting up with Sandahl he began training at Budo-Ryu.

“I’ve always liked being a teacher,” Malatamban said. “I was an ok fighter, but what I found I have a niche for is training fighters.”

Malatamban currently trains middleweight Sandahl, super middleweights Ryan Cruz and Buck Stolberg, and his youngest son, Zach.

Sandahl recently won the California Muay Tha Association Championship for the 165-pound class on Feb. 15 in Whittier, see Kickboxing, page 15

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Health, strength, kickboxing

Rain, runoff and hepatitis

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When I think of human impact, I think of huge landfills and air that some day might cast their populations into hospitals with lung problems similar to lifetime smokers. I don’t mean to be melodramatic, but when I think of San Luis Obispo County, pollution is not the first thing that comes to mind. It’s long covered earth with wild grasses, rocky volcanic terrain, dunes in the south and pines in the north. I think of fresh air, the salty sea, blue skies and, yet after it rains I go online and look at the surf report and am greeted with a poor water quality caution. If you do not know what a poor water quality caution is, well, it is essentially a flag on the surf line report that represents poor water quality at the particular beach you are looking at. It is more or less a reminder that there are large amounts of pollutants in the water on the Central Coast after heavy rains. Whether those pollutants are pesticides from local non-organic growers or untreated sewage from the extraordinary amount of septic systems in San Luis Obispo County, it doesn’t matter. Either way, it’s there and it’s a shame.

Did you know that you can contract Hepatitis A from swimming in contaminated ocean water? Hepatitis A is contracted through oral fecal contact. Yah, that’s one for the books and sure it’s great that they warn you about this on most surfer’s dream. But think about it, the local population knows about the problem, yet seemingly does nothing. Either way, it’s not just the Central Coast.

It’s all of the California coastline we have to be concerned about, and just so you know, sewage runoff is not a problem in places like North Carolina. In fact, in North Carolina, large storms are a surfer’s dream.

Here are a few facts from www.SurfShot.com that give a little insight into why we should all see Outdoor Gun, page 15