Graphic communication to print with UCSB

Graphic communication senior Aaron Alino at the delivery of the new GrG Heidelberg sheet-fed press in September.

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Cal Poly’s graphic communication department, along with University of California Santa Barbara’s Associated Students Department (AS UC Santa Barbara) formed a partnership to provide an exchange of marketing and publishing services. The partnership consists of University Graphic Systems (UGS), a student managed and operated publishing enterprise within Cal Poly’s graphic communication department since 1968, and AS UC Santa Barbara, a student-run marketing and advertising agency. Both programs provide projects to its respective campuses. Now they are coming together to collaborate services.

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Cal Poly alumnus dies in Baja plane crash

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Cal Poly biological sciences alumnus Andrew Ihiel died Friday, Oct. 15, when a single-engine plane went down in Baja California, Mexico, killing its crew which included members of the nonprofit organization Flying Samaritans.

On board with Andrew were three other San Luis Obispo County residents — pilot and attorney Roger Lyon and doctors Graciela Sarmiento and James Thornton.

The remains of the plane were found Saturday afternoon by residents of Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico, according to the organization’s website.

The weather in the area on Friday evening was foggy, local media said. Contact with the plane was lost around 7:30 p.m., according to the news site Ensenada.net.

“This was a routine trip — trips like this are made between 60 and 90 times every month,” Flying Samaritans president Victor Jones said. "Victor Jones
Flying Samaritans president

At this point we’re not sure what happened or why the plane went down.

Indecision over labor terms may cause SLORTA drivers to strike

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The San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority (SLORTA) and its drivers’ labor union, Teamsters Local 381, met with a federal mediator on Oct. 7 to reach a satisfactory agreement and avoid a potential strike. The agreement is said to still not reflect the wants and needs of the drivers.

Ed King, the executive director of the SLORTA, said the meeting was productive and would lead to an agreement from the drivers.

"Based upon our discussion on Oct. 7, we are confident that the outcome of the vote will be positive and (we) look forward to presenting this agreement to the RTA board for their approval at our Nov. 4 meeting," King said.

Lynn Swenson, the secretary-treasurer of Teamsters Local 381, did agree that the union recommended the offer, but it was not satisfactory one and was done to avoid a strike. Swenson said it was a choice between the "lesser of two evils."

"There’s some issues that weren’t totally resolved, but the union committee felt that to accept this was better than to have a strike," Swenson said. "Now, again, will the employees be happy with it? Probably not, but they may accept our recommendation."

Swenson said problems began when the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) moved from private ownership to county ownership, causing staffing policies to change. This included RTA desiring to count seniority of drivers up until the county took ownership and, instead of paying medical insurance premiums in full, forcing the employees to pay a part of them.

Wages also were an issue to the employees. Swenson said having drivers pay for their insurance was an added insult. These issues are at the heart of the year-long negotiations between employees and the RTA and it has reached an impasse.

Swenson said the RTA improved on its wage offer; however, the offer was “basically (rea-
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ranging) the money" by taking money away from the more highly paid drivers and transferring it to the lesser paid drivers.

Other pressing issues still remained untouched.

"Medical insurance where they (are) still seeking the employees to pay a fair amount was not changed," Swenson said. "And also a seniority issue with vacation (time) was not changed. And those were pretty high priority items."

Larry Bray, an RTA bus driver and employee committee member, said the employees were disappointed by RTA's offer.

The three main issues for the drivers are recognition of seniority, wages and benefits.

"We Bray said seniority was the biggest issue for the drivers. As a result of the change in ownership, RTA wanted the driver's seniority to be considered when RTA took ownership, even though many drivers have worked for many years.

"That hurts a lot of people when you say ... you have to start from scratch again," Bray said. "We have drivers who've been driving for them for 12 or 13 years, and it's kind of a hard pill to swallow to have somebody say, 'Yeah, we'll just throw those 13 years away. It doesn't mean anything.' We'll start from scratch now."

Bray also said the RTA should offer the drivers what they had budgeted to pay them.

"When a company up there (says) we have a wage scale that pays $7.50 an hour, they're paying their top drivers who've been with them for 13 to 14 years $14.35, you know they've got a lot of flexibility to go ahead and pay that $15.50 an hour," Bray said. "Bray said because of the lackluster offer, the employees may reject it and strike.

"Well, I'm really not sure, but my gut feeling tells me that ... the majority will vote no, and we will probably be looking at some hard times these next couple weeks," Bray said. "But I think it's going to be very difficult.

The 'strike may lead to a dis­ arming of the RTA and provide an inconvenience for county bus riders," Swenson said. "We're really asking for something we feel is economically feasible for RTA, certainly in line with the difficult economic times right now."

Bray said the community would also not apply to take the jobs.

"Even though the employees may walk out, we have to make sure that the strike is effective, that we are stopping the buses from rolling," Swenson said.

Swenson and Bray said it was the community that would suffer if the strike was effective.

"With an issue like this, there's a direct impact on the community," Swenson said. "And the ones who bear the burden are the people who would like to see the drivers paid more."

Tom O'Malley, the president of the RTA board of directors, said it is RTA's mission to provide for the community, especially the students who must take the bus.

"I can say that as a Cal Poly alumnus (and) student body president, UCSB and Cal Poly alumni, I know how important transportation is to students and how important it is to have transportation options," O'Malley said. "Supporting our students in our county has always been a priority of the RTA board and staff."

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"It was done to establish a relationship because universities that have students involved and hands on learning experience," graphic communication department head and faculty adviser for UGS Harvey Levenson said. "It's university students working for university students. The CSU working with the UC system."

UGS has created UGS Print & Copy, a printing center providing services on campus and to local businesses. Graphic communication junior Ali Cameron is the sales manager for UGS and worked with AS UC Santa Barbara to create the partnership.

"Cal Poly has a unique thing going on with UGS that not many schools offer," Cameron said. "We have a hands on print shop where students really get their experience. We are trying to partner with schools that don't have that so we can meet their needs that they can't reach on their own campus."

The partnership provides students jobs, revenue and a variety of work. It permits a learn-by-doing work experience with students on other campuses.

"It's a good way to get our name out there and get more business for UGS," Cameron said. "It's helpful for them to get our services, and in return AS UC Santa Barbara is a valuable customer because they get our name and business in a different city."

The idea stemmed from a business relationship UGS has with CSU Northridge. UGS is a service provider for CSU Northridge's student-run advertising and marketing program.

"With the relationship we have with CSU Northridge, students are learning, are benefiting and are doing great work for the industry," Levenson said. "UGS does business for Northridge, and it has been working marvelously."

So when Interim Art Director of AS UCSB JudyAnn Dutcher called Levenson to inquire about the services UGS offers, a similar partnership to that of CSU Northridge started to develop.

UGS started jobs with business cards and brochures for AS UC Santa Barbara within the past several months and are working towards meeting any of AS UC Santa Barbara's printing needs.

"I appreciate the customer service, the good communication, the good pricing and the final product," Dutcher said. "It has been a pleasure to work with UGS."

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Samaritans President Victor Jones said, "At this point we're not sure what happened or why the plane went down."

The plane's destination was San Quintin, a small coastal town, and the wreckage of the plane was found about 25 miles from the town of Ensenada, according to the Diario Rosativo article.

Lyon, radioed the plane's position after 10 miles but no further contact was made, Jones said.

According to Andrew's father Mark, Andrew had graduated from Cal Poly in June and planned to attend medical school in the hopes of going into the field of plastic surgery. This was Andrew's first trip with the Flying Samaritans, Mark said. Andrew's brother Garrett planned on going as well but changed his plans at the last minute.

"He was everything a parent could ask for," Mark said. "Andrew was someone who helped other people without ever being asked."
Republican advocacy groups, candidates threaten Democratic House with spending

James Oliphant
TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU

Fueled by a surge of outside money, Republicans have begun gunning for Democratic House seats once considered safe and beyond GOP reach — a drive that threatens to reshape the electoral map and raise the specter of a historic GOP reach — a drive that threatened even some entrenched first-term incumbents, such as Rep. Steve Driehaus of Ohio and Kathy Dahlkemper of Pennsylvania, so it could spend the money elsewhere.

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Driehaus responded by creating a decades-old anti-incumbent ad asking for donations that would "send a message fallen since June to three points from eight points. But there just isn't enough to go around." It has forced the Democrats to make some hard choices. In the last week, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee said it was withdrawing financial support from some endangered first-term incumbents, such as Rep. Steve Driehaus of Ohio and Kathy Dahlkemper of Pennsylvania, so it could spend the money elsewhere.

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"We're not going to lose 50 seats," insisted a Democratic strategist in Washington charged with the House defensive effort. "That's out of the question."

The committee, however, insisted that keeping their House majority, even by a seat, would constitute a victory of sorts. But even that would mean a loss of almost 40 seats, the lion's share of the gains the party has made since it came back into power in 2006.

But some veterans were indeed facing the kind of fight they haven't seen in a long time.

One is Rep. Gene Taylor, a 10-term incumbent from the Mississippi Gulf Coast, who has tried to veer from the Democratic agenda as much as every turn. Still, his opponent, Steven Palazzo, has been drawing closer.

"If Gene Taylor is in trouble, then every Democrat's in trouble," said Hunter Lipscomb, a Palazzo spokesman.

In Georgia, Democratic Rep. Jim Marshall, seeking his fifth term, is fending off attacks from his opponent, Austin Scott, along with the Republican Party and a group called the American Future Fund.

All are trying to tie the conservative Democrat's voting record to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., pushing Marshall last week to declare that should his party keep the House, he would not support re-electing Pelosi as speaker. He's really difficult to combat groups that come in here and say misleading things," said Marshall spokesman Doug Moore.

Marshall's campaign has not seen reinforcements from the DCCC, and Moore said it may be too late.

"At this point, I'm not sure that they can get any (air) time. It would be difficult," he said, noting that between candidates for various races and independent groups, 12 different entities were buying time in the relatively small Macon media market.
SANTA CRUZ (MCT) — Some stories were killed in a stampede at a Hindu festival in northern India. For that many days, from Nov. 4, 1979, to Jan. 20, 1981, armed Iranian students held 52 Americans hostage after seizing the U.S. Embassy in Tehran in the Islamic Revolution.

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American prisoners in Iran have little hope of rescue

Indiana (MCT) — Ritual celebrations and heated tem­pers proved a deadly combination, police said Sunday, as 10 people were killed in a stampede at a Hindu festival in northern India.

The incident happened late Saturday when between 30,000 and 40,000 people brought their goats to a small private temple in Thalda, a village in Bihar state, to sacrifice the animals and offer up prayers to the goddess Durga on the last day of a 10-day festival.

People started pushing, and tem­pers were short because most people had been fasting all day, said Ashok Chitcharma, a district magistrate. As worshipers struggled to have their animal killed first by ritual butchers, barricades intended to control the crowds collapsed under, creating a massive human pileup.

Four women and six men were killed in the melee, and at least 11 others were injured.

MISSOURI (MCT) — IHOP has served up a federal lawsuit against a church, alleging International House of Prayer is violating its trademark. The suit asks International House of Prayer to stop using "IHOP" and similar phrases, and seeks to have the court give the Web address ihop.org to the restaurant chain.

Officials at the church, based in Kansas City, Mo., declined to comment. In a statement, church officials said they were aware of the lawsuit and reviewing the claims.

IHOP spokesman Patrick Lemore said it is unusual for the Glendale, Calif.-based company to file a lawsuit but that it wants to protect the assets of its 1,500 locations.

The church was founded in 1999, according to its website. The site notes that the phrase "house of prayer" appears in the Old Test­ament, and it refers to the Kansas City church as IHOP-KC.

France (MCT) — Some 3 million people took to the streets throughout France on Sat­urday to protest President Nicolas Sarkozy's pension reform, unions said, as a strike by transport and oil refinery workers went into its fifth day.

Demonstrations in 260 cities took place as strikes at 12 of France's refineries raised fears that airports would run out of fuel.

On Friday, fuel stopped run­ning through a pipeline feeding Paris's two major airports, Orly and Charles de Gaulle.

While only has reserves for 17 days, the stockpiled fuel at Charles de Gaulle could run dry by Monday or Tuesday, the junior minister for transport, Domin­ique Bussereau, said.

INDIA (MCT) — Indelibly etched on the troubled timeline of U.S.-Iran relations is the number 444.

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Akbar Ahmed, chairman of Is­lamic studies at American Univer­sity in Washington, was among the first to write to Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, asking him to let the hikers go as an act of Islamic compassion.

Ahmed, a former Pakistani dip­lomat, spoke in a recent interview about the dangers that routinely confront embassy personnel, who know they are "lightning rods."

"But to pick up kids who are blatantly out there as hikers... and to hold them officially for a length of time now equaling the captivity of the American hostage­es" is abusive, he said.

"Their number is smaller" than the 52 Americans held in 1979, "but the capacity to misuse them for political purposes is just as great."

On Sept. 30, after more than a year of trying every means to free her son, Laura Fattal finally met with President Barack Obama.

"I know this is my responsibil­ity, to gain their release," she said, recalling Obama's words.

"He offered that. He didn't wait for us to say something."

It was Sept. 9 when Iranian Pres­ident Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's office said Should would be freed, then withdrew the announcement because of squabbling with Iran's judiciary. Her release was reset for Sept. 14.

"For about three days, we were optimistic that maybe she boys could get out at the same time," Fattal said. "So we began living on the 7th hours ahead of Philadelphia.

But when it became clear that would not happen, the Fattals and Bauer's mother began working back channels so Should would be allowed to say goodbye to her fel­low captives.

They pushed hard through the Swiss envoy who represent U.S. interests, because direct U.S.-Ira­nian diplomatic ties are severed.

"I could only imagine how ner­vous Shane and Josh would be," Fattal said. "If all of a sudden (Shan­eh) disappeared and they didn't know where she went."

In the end, Should got to bid farewell, and departed with Josh's benediction that her release meant they both were "one-third free."

Two weeks ago, Should and her mother met Ahmadinejad in New York, on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly.

She thanked him for permit­ting her release on $500,000 bail — paid anonymously through the Sultana of Oman — and asked that he work for the freedom of Bauer, who proposed to her in prison, and Fattal.

In a phone interview Friday from Oakland, Calif., Should said "to acknowledge and appreciate" Oman's efforts. "I can't comment more on the details of the "two-shot" process," she said.

"I had been living on the 7th hours ahead of Philadelphia."

The meetings with Obama and Ahmadinejad, the fresh round of attention from Oprah Winfrey, Katie Couric, Christiane Aman­pour, BBC-Persia, and the Farsi service of Voice of America have all come together in the last month to produce what Laura Fattal calls "a very heightened global moment."

But until the moments yields the result she wants, Fattal said, she has the structure of her morning ritual.

"I am from a fiery sleep, scan the papers and Web sites for any mention of Iran, write another let­ter to Josh through the Swiss en­voy and wait for the reply that does not come.
Immigration officer hailed as 9/11 hero called to Florida disciplinary hearing

Scott Powers
THE ORLANDO SENTINEL

For years, customs agent Jose Melendez-Perez was hailed as an American hero of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Now, after making what he says was his first major mistake in 44 years of public service, Melendez-Perez is fighting to get his old job back.

He faces a disciplinary hearing this week in Florida.

Melendez-Perez, 64, an immigration officer at Orlando International Airport, stopped the supposed "20th hijacker" from entering the United States in August 2001.

He won national acclaim for grill­ing international passenger Moham­med Qahtani for 90 minutes and then denying him entry.

But six months ago, Melendez-Perez drew a U.S. Customs and Border Protection van home for the weekend, violating agency policy.

He locked his service weapon, an agency computer and other items inside. Someone broke into the van and stole the items, which were never recovered.

Melendez-Perez, who was re­moved from the Orlando Joint Ter­rorism Task force and reassigned to desk work in April after the inci­dent, received word three weeks ago that he faces a two-week suspension without pay and a demotion.

He is appealing the demotion and wants his old position back.

Melendez-Perez declined to be interviewed while he is facing disci­pline. A Customs and Border Pro­tection spokeswoman also declined to comment.

But his friends and admirers, in­cluding a key member of the Sept. 11 Commission and Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., are coming to his defense.

Richard Ben-Veniste, a Washing­ton lawyer who was on the Sept. 11 Commission, said the panel deter­mined that Qahtani was supposed to be the fifth hijacker on Flight 93, which crashed in Pennsylvania after passengers fought for control of the cockpit.

"If Flight 93 had a full compli­ment of five hijackers instead of the four who actually boarded the plane, they might have accomplished their mission and been able to hold off the courageous passengers on Flight 93," Ben-Veniste said in an interview.

Qahtani later was captured in Afghan­istan and is being held at the U.S. prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Although Ben-Veniste does not want to minimize the violation, he said he has urged Homeland Secu­rity officials to "take into account the great contribution that Mr. Me­lendez-Perez has made to our country."

So has Nelson. "Mr. Melendez­Perez is a true American hero," he wrote in a Sept. 20 letter to Home­land Security Secretary Janet Napoliti­ano.

"He laces a disciplinary hearing to support him," Melendez-Perez's role in the Sept. 11 saga, has started a national peti­tion drive to support him.

Three months before the van break-in, the Homeland Security’s inspector general issued a report that accused the agency of being too casual about gun management and thefts. In the department, 289 guns were lost or stolen from 2006 through 2008, including 243 from customs and immigration officers.

In an affidavit sent to Nelson’s office, Melendez-Perez said he took the van home April 16.

He stated that his personal car was in the shop, and as a task force officer who was on-call, he wanted to have a vehicle available.

Melendez-Perez spent 26 years in the Army, serving two tours in Vietnam. He has spent the last 18 years in border protection, in­cluding time on the U.S.-Mexican border.

"This is a man of... phenomenal intuition, developed through years of training and experience, who wants to put it to good use tracking down bad guys," Luis De La Cruz, a lifelong friend said.

"But because of one lapse in judgment he was stripped from a job he does well. All he wants is his job back."
Lessons learned when alarm fails

It's 8 a.m. on Thursday as I think, "Good morning world!" — about to drift back into a light sleep.

Then reality hits: "Oh my gosh, it's 8 a.m. on Thursday morning!"

Class begins in 10 minutes, and I'm still pajama-clad and sleep-eyed.

What a wonderful way to begin a morning — with the realization I have once again slept through the six alarms I put on the snooze setting last night. I now have 10 minutes before I'm expected to arrive at my class and the journey there takes me an average of 15 minutes when walking briskly.

I jump out of my warm bed, scramble around and throw on the first pair of jeans I find. They might have been from last night, but at this point it doesn't matter.

With no time for breakfast, I almost run out the door but screech to a halt as I remember to load my backpack with books necessary for class.

By the time I actually get out the door, it has become apparent the only way to possibly make it to class within the eight minutes that remain until the clock strikes 8:10 is to run. I throw my hood over my tangled hair and begin jogging.

After 30 seconds, I am out of breath. I keep my head down to avoid the stares of on-time bystanders, but the stares persist. They are clearly wondering why on earth this crazy girl in wrinkled jeans and an old sweatshirt is running like a maniac.

My cheeks burn pink — I can feel the humiliation. I try to avoid thoughts of embarrassment, but my head is filled with irritated thoughts directed at me and others.

My thoughts are almost as messy as my appearance.

"If only you had gone to bed earlier," I think to myself. "I must start my homework ahead of time. How in the world did I sleep through six alarms again? I wish people would stop looking at me."

After what feels like an eternity, I arrive at the Graphic Arts building and dash inside. I sit down in class — surprisingly with one minute to spare — and attempt to catch my breath from the tiring and disgraceful journey.

My teacher stands up, commanding the attention of the now silent classroom. He begins taking roll. To my astonishment, the punctual teacher decides to delay class for 10 minutes while we wait for two tardy students to show up.

Furthering my frustrations, the absent kids never showed. In other words, I ran to class and made myself look like a buffoon for no reason.

To add salt to my already bloodied and battered ego, I was stopped on my walk home by a student in need of help for her class. The persistent girl needed me to answer a couple of
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questions, which I was totally fine with, until I found out that she had to record me answering on video. I was already roped into helping the girl out, so I agreed, despite my careless, unattractive appearance.

Looking back on my childhood and teenage years, I realize now how nice it was to have a mother who woke me up each morning. I am independent, I must attempt to wake up earlier on my own. Even if it takes six alarms.

Sydney Ray is a journalism freshman.

‘Jackass 3-D’: Not all things get better with age

Roger Moore
ORLANDO SENTINEL

The third movie from the “Jackass” television show hit theaters Friday, Oct. 15 in 3-D.

Funny is funny, and 20 years of “America’s Funniest Home Videos” and a decade of “Jackass” prove it.

A shot to the groin is as reliable a laugh as there is. And if the shot comes from a baseball on a tee, a football place-kicked or a ram, bull or buffalo aiming for a man’s center of gravity, so much the funnier.

“Jackass 3-D” fires paintballs and dildos right into our faces and gives three full dimensions to projectile vomiting and the after-effects of a heavy dose of laxatives.

Yeah, they run out of really interesting things to do to each other and themselves pretty quickly, and out of things that look cool in 3-D pretty much after the opening credits.

But they’re still here, suffering for their art. Now it’s our turn.

A mix of stunts gone awry, sketches and sophomoric gross-outs, “Jackass 3-D” can be as simple and stupid as having a dog bite Johnny Knoxville on the rump or having a Lamborghini pull a willing subject’s tooth. And it can be as elaborate as Bee Hive Tether Ball — scantily clad grown men swatting a hive around a tether ball pole, collecting stings as they do.

The funniest line from the TV show and all three movies is never “Hi, I’m Johnny Knoxville and this is Electric Avenue” (a stun-gun obstacle course). It’s the opening disclaimer — that these stunts are “performed by professionals.” That’s what makes them funny. They’re not professional anything.

Although at the time I would bicker with my mom for waking me up, I now wish I had not taken her determination to get me out of bed each morning was more helpful than I’d ever realized.

But this is college. Now that I am independent, I must attempt to wake up earlier on my own.

The sketches are what work best in this film.

A staged dwarf brawl surprises unsuspecting bar patrons with a Little People love triangle, then a fight, dwarf cops coming in to break it up, dwarf paramedics arriving thehaul out the injured.

Knoxville also dons convincing old age makeup to do assorted “bad grandpa” gags with his scooter, his sexual taints and his bowel movements.

But those Jackasses from “Jackass” aren’t getting better, they’re getting older.

Their growing paunches just mean more territory for them to cover with tattoos.

A lot of what was considered cute when the Jackasses were comic losers a decade ago can seem a little desperate nowadays. The peals of laughter by Knoxville, Steve-O, Bam Margera & Co. motley crew can feel forced, like the sidekicks on a radio “Morning Zoo,” cackling at the boss’s limp jokes.

It’s faintly amusing to see Knoxville trampled underfoot when he roller skates in a buffalo herd, though the sight gag isn’t quite as funny as the Roger Miller tune that accompanies it.

And this fixation on feces isn’t juvenile. It’s disgustingly infantile, puerile and gag-inducing. Cast members and even a cameraman lose their lunch in this one, not exactly comic pay dirt.

At least with every expected pratfall, somebody in that large ensemble — from the blimp-sized Preston Lacy to the Wee Man — has the presence of mind to ask, “What did you think would happen?”
Up in smoke: when flag burning is OK

Fire and flag.

Many people don't like to think of those two words together because they conjure up images of protests and dishonoring one of the nation's most meaningful symbols.

But flames play an important role in one of the most revered ceremonies involving the Stars and Stripes, and last Saturday morning I was present for one of those moving events.

The fire was burning when I arrived on the grounds of the Texas Civil War Museum in Fort Worth where a crowd — including several people dressed in Civil War-period clothing — had gathered.

Museum employee Cindy Harriman approached gingerly carrying a tarnished U.S. flag that was flying at the Colluyville Heritage High School baseball field when the remnants of Tropical Storm Hermine came through last month and severely ripped it.

School officials had removed the damaged banner, folded it and put it away for at least a week.

That flag, along with about 30 others, would be burned as part of the U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony sponsored by the General J.J. Byrne Camp #1 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in conjunction with the museum.

According to the U.S. Federal Flag Code, "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

Shirley Woodlock, immediate past president of the Texas Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, brought two flags: a U.S. flag and the First National Flag of the Confederacy that she used during her term in office.

One person taking part in the ceremony, Bob Rubel, is a member of the Sons of Union Veterans and Sons of Confederate Veterans.

"I had ancestors on both sides of the war," Rubel said.

On a table near the 50-gallon barrel in which the fire had been built were disemboweled flags — the blue field with white stars had been cut away from each and folded into a triangle, and the red and white stripes had been separated and tied into nearby joint reserve base flown over during the national anthem.

On hand for the event were Boy Scout Troop 435 of Saginaw, Cub Scout Troop 319 of Lake Worth and Girl Scout Troop 2702 of Saginaw.

Speakers gave a history of the flag, a recapping of wars and the number of people killed in each and an explanation of the ceremony.

"Boy Scout Ted Herman, 11, of Troop 350 in Fort Worth and Cub Scout Lawon Stuart of Troop 435 assisted by delivering the remnants of the flags to the keeper of the flame who slowly placed them in the fire.

Flags brought to the ceremony to love the flag, didn't display it by not properly displaying it.

I often see tarnished flags flying in the wind in front of businesses or from a moving car, and many people fly the flag at night without any illumination on it.

Some folks even wear small flags on their back pockets, which means they actually sit on them at times.

Many of us could use more lessons on flag etiquette, especially when we are eager to preach patriotism to others.

Bob Ray Sanders is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Don't forget that a majority of the profits garnered by the Mexican drug cartels come from the sale of marijuana. This proposition isn't only about letting California residents smoke without fear of the DEA crashing through their living room windows but also about severely crippling the black market drug trade. If people remember the 18th Amendment and the ramifications it produced, they would see that the same exact scenario has happened here.

Don't be one of those who think that states have the right to violate the U.S. Constitution as if they were sovereign states. We are one country, not 50 separate ones. The Supreme Court and Congress have both said that climate change is real and that it's an issue that needs the federal government to take action.

The city of Los Angeles has already passed a law that requires its public buildings to achieve LEED gold certification within six years. That's not enough though, as California is in the process of becoming a leader on climate change policy in the United States.

The United States leads the world in terms of renewable energy production and the development of green technologies. But we need federal action now.

The federal government needs to pass clean energy legislation that will help us meet our 2050 goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80%.

It's important for everyone to take action on climate change, whether it means using renewable energy sources like solar or wind power, or simply reducing their carbon footprint. We all need to do our part to fight climate change and protect our planet for future generations.

-Dallas

In response to "The secret life of squirrels"

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not saw in the last minute. Those are the opportunities you hope you get as a keeper."
There were mixed feelings about the resulting tie after the game. The Mustangs were still hungry for a win and a much needed three points for the standings.
"It's a little bittersweet I guess. Obviously we would like to have gotten our three points, but we got a result and I guess that's OK," junior Patrick Sigler said, who led the team with two shots on goal.
"We wanted to win," McLain said.
"The positive is we still shut out the No. 8 team in the country. That's a really big plus for us ... and a boost for our whole confidence to be able to play with a team like that."
Head coach Paul Holocher said he was proud of his team and, despite shutting out UC Irvine, there are still things to work on offensively and defensively.
"I thought the guys battled hard and a shutout performance against that team is definitely a positive," Holocher said. "I thought there were some moments where we played well and passed the ball, and there were moments where we weren't composed enough and just weren't sharp enough ... we've got to review the film and try to get better next week and really focus on a good performance."
Cal Poly will have time to rest up with an eight-day break before its next game against UC Davis.
The rest comes at a time when Cal Poly will be fighting for a spot in the Big West playoffs. Cal Poly is currently fifth in the Big West standings and needs to secure a spot in the top four to advance to the playoffs. Cal Poly plays UC Davis on Oct. 24 at 1:00 p.m. at Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

Volleyball beats UC Davis, falls to Pacific

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The Cal Poly women's volleyball team (15-6, 5-3 Big West) defeated UC Davis to start the weekend but fell to Pacific in five sets Saturday night.
Against Pacific the Mustangs went up 2-0 on the Tigers, winning by a combined score of 50-28. With Pacific on the ropes, the Tigers forced a 29-27 decision. This extended the match to a fourth set, which the Tigers dominated 25-11.
The final set saw five ties and two lead changes before Pacific won the final two points for a 16-14 victory. Freshman Kristina Graven added 21 kills and 16 digs for a double-double in back-to-back nights. She leads the team with 326 kills for the season — nearly four per set.
Carie Smith was second on the team in kills with 16 and 20 digs. Against UC Davis, the Mustangs won in four sets after dropping the first.
Even though the Mustangs lost the first set 27-25, they outhit the Aggies .341 to .250. The constant hitting eventually outmatched UC Davis as Cal Poly won the next three sets 25-15, 25-23 and 25-18.

Alison Mort was one of two Mustangs to have 20 or more digs against Pacific Saturday night. She finished with 27.
Men's soccer ties nationally ranked UC Irvine in conference match

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Cal Poly men's soccer (4-5-3, 1-2-2 FCS) held No. 8 UC Irvine (10-1-2, 3-0-1) to a scoreless draw through two overtimes Saturday night.

The Mustangs entered the match with two late losses, including a 2-1 loss to UC Santa Barbara in the 90th minute and a 2-1 loss from their first game against UC Irvine in the 88th minute. But from the start of the game to the last minute in overtime, the Mustangs battled with one of the nation's best teams.

Cal Poly outshot UC Irvine five to four in the first half and put up a record four shots on goal for the game. A scoring opportunity came in the 57th minute as junior Jake Hustedt faked out his defender with a turn-around break toward the Anteaters' goal, centering to senior David Zamora, who dove for an attempted header at goal.

UC Irvine, which leads the league with the fewest goals given up all season at four, held down the Mustang offense. Cal Poly couldn't put one past standout goalie Andrew Fontein, who recorded his tenth shutout this season while giving up 0.3 goals against in 13 games. Cal Poly matched UC Irvine's efforts, recording 12 shots to the Anteaters' 13 through the first overtime period.

But UC Irvine, which leads the Big West by averaging 2.5 goals per game, exploded in the second overtime period putting forth their best offensive effort in the final minutes of the game. Of their 20 total shots, seven came in the last six minutes of play.

With 22 seconds remaining, UC Irvine midfielder Corey Ataway placed a shot in the upper left corner of the goal off a corner kick, but the shot was denied by junior goalkeeper Patrick McLain. His diving save thwarted another possible late second win for the Anteaters. McLain had five saves in his third shutout of the season.

McLain, who started his first home game since missing four straight with a hand injury, said he was excited about his performance.

"Well I don't want those shots ideally, but at the same time it's my job and I love my job," McLain said. "Those are the moments you kind of dream about — ideal, but..." see Soccer, page 11

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After cruising past its last two FCS opponents, the Cal Poly offense smashed into a brick wall against Southern Utah this weekend. The Mustangs (4-3, 0-1 Great West) scored 90 points in their last two FCS games, but against Southern Utah (3-4, 2-0) Cal Poly was nearly shutout for the first time since 1998, falling 20-7.

It's not to say the Mustangs were out of the game completely. The Mustangs held the advantage in first downs (21-15), total yards (376-346) and in time of possession (33:43 to 26:17). Cal Poly also held chances to score multiple times but couldn't cash in. Missed field goals, fumbles and mistakes plagued the Mustangs.

Kicker Jake West missed two field goals in the first half, one from 46 and another from 47 yards. Quarterback Andre Broadous bobbled a snap and was stopped on fourth down, halting Cal Poly's drive to the Thunderbird's two-yard line in the third quarter. In the fourth, Broadous fumbled the ball on the Thunderbird 23-yard line. Cal Poly also drove to the Southern Utah 19-yard line in the final minute of the game, but Broadous was sacked on fourth down and wide receiver Eric Gardley dropped a touchdown pass early in the game.

The only time the Mustangs got it right was when Broadous hit running back Mark Rodgers on a 29-yard touchdown pass with 5:50 left in the game. Although the Mustangs lost, they had the passing game rolling for the consecutive-successive week. Broadous completed 19 of 31 passes for 201 yards and one score. For Southern Utah, quarterback Brad Sorensen passed for 253 yards and one touchdown. He completed 18 of 22 passes, one being an 11-yard scoring pass to senior Tyson Poors in the second quarter, to put the Thunderbirds up 14-0.

Southern Utah's Decker Alexander found pay dirt from seven yards for the first score of the game in the first quarter and the Mustangs failed to answer through the first two quarters, marking the first time the Mustangs had been shut out in the first half in four years.

Dominique Johnson led the Mustangs with eight receptions and 97 yards. Defensively, cornerback Bijon Samoedi led the Mustangs with eight tackles and 97 yards.

Cal Poly returns home to host North Dakota Saturday.