Cal Poly Space Systems launches a ‘Wild Thing’

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The “Wild Thing” rocket team put three motors in designing and building the Cal Poly Space Systems’ latest rocket, the 4-foot tall “Wild Thing,” on Saturday, Oct. 16. The “Wild Thing” rocket team spent 30 hours into designing and building the Cal Poly Space Systems’ latest rocket. The club spent a lot of time on the rocket, Herrmann said.

“He’s got to have his escape route,” DeTurris said. “If there was an escape route.”

“While going through my head was, ‘Please don’t blow up,’” he said. Aerospace engineering professor Diane DeTurris is the academic advisor for the club and attended the launch. Years ago, someone else tried to launch a rocket with three motors that went off at different times. The rocket went directly over everyone’s heads and across the field to the other side, she said. “I thought of how to get out of the way if the rocket was coming right at me,” DeTurris said. “I looked behind me to see if there was an escape route.”

Even failure becomes a chance to learn for Cal Poly Space Systems, DeTurris said. “It is learn by doing,” she said. “And learn by failing.”

Fall early and fall often, DeTurris said. The club has developed a positive attitude toward failure which members call “limited success.”

“The idea isn’t about the sad. it is about the thrill of succeeding after having made every mistake possible,” DeTurris said. An experiment may sound good and make sense, but it is not always "see Rocker’s page 3"

Blakeslee Bills to aid San Luis Obispo

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Assembly Bill 2742 (AB 2742) and Assembly Bill 2746 (AB 2746) are the three most recent bills authored by Blakersle that the governor has signed. When asked about the governor’s opinion on the bills, the deputy press secretary at the office of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Marc Connelly, said Schwarzenegger only signs bills he supports.

“Usually he signs it (because) he supports it and we don’t really go much further than that,” Connelly said. AB 44, also labeled as Renewable Energy: Homeowner Financing on Blakeslee’s website, will reduce the costs to install renewable energy systems for homeowners. San Luis Obispo residents who wish to set up solar panels on their homes will save up to 25 percent, as stated in a press release by Blakeslee.

Business administration junior Lindsay Carr said she was happy to see San Luis Obispo taking the initiative to start encouraging renewable energy throughout the city.

“I think it sounds like a good idea especially because we should start figuring out new ways to have clean, renewable energy,” she said.

SLO Rideshare gives $300 to commuters

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The Commute for Cash Challenge is a program designed to catch people being responsible about their commute. Morgan Marshall, the chair of SLO Regional Rideshare, has given out $100, with her team, to someone who is making a major change in their commute, $100 to someone who is continuing their green commute habits and $100 to someone who convinces someone else to go green.

“We want to reward people who are acting as ambassadors,” Marshall said. “And so far, it’s going really well.”

SLO Regional Rideshare will also be giving out gift cards daily. Theater arts freshman Torin Luebbrink said he’d gladly change his commuting habits for $100, both on campus and at home.

“I live in Davis. it’s a flat, bike friendly town,” he said. “And here, I already walk everywhere.”

Marshall, a Cal Poly graduate, has been working with Regional Rideshare for three years, said the Commute for Cash Challenge is very applicable toward college students and there’s no reason not to sign up.

“It’s incentive to get people to think about the way they commute,” she said. “And it saves money. I know that sounds good to college students.”

Graphic communication freshman Andrea Hernandez said she strives to live sustainably, by riding her bike or walking everywhere. Hernandez also works to inspire others to go green.

“I always encourage my roommates to recycle and turn off the lights, all that kind of stuff,” she said.

The Commute for Cash Challenge has roughly 1,900 community members in its database, which Marshall said is a great success.

Since Oct. 1, the community has logged 3,000 trips, travelled 102,627 sustainable miles and saved $14,754 in gas money.

“That’s in just two weeks,” Marshall said. “Fifteen thousand dollars is a lot of money. That’s pretty impressive.”

But the most impressive, Mar-
"Despite some potential costs for the city, I think in the long run the benefit is that the environment will outweigh any costs to the city," Carr said. "I think it is more of an obvious thing that should have already been able to happen, but that's what happens with the government sometimes."

AB 2742, which is titled State Public Safety Officers: Donation of Leave Credits on Blakeslee's website, created a new position for the California Earthquake Authority (CEA). The position, the Chief Mitigation Officer, will educate residents of California about earthquake safety and to work with researchers to develop and moderate seismic risk.

"Having someone in charge of earthquake mitigation is absolutely necessary for the state of California," Blakeslee said in a press release. "The more we can prepare with like a backup plan the more smoothly things will happen if and when an earthquake does occur. It's one more person to help figure out what we need to do to manage the risks."

For Blakeslee all three bills are big wins for District 33 and San Luis Obispo County. "I am honored that the governor agreed that these important bills were necessary for California," Blakeslee said in a press release. "I'm proud we were able to tackle a number of issues that impact my district. I will continue to push for policies that better our communities and neighborhoods."
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shall said, are the city's greenhouse gas levels.

"We've saved 82,178 pounds of greenhouse gases," she said. "That's equivalent to 103 barrels of wine. Imagine all of those in the sky.

If winning cash and saving the environment isn't enough incentives, SLO Regional Ridershare will also promote carpool work.

shall said at a different gas station every day," Marshall said. "And we're going to give $100 in free gas to the one who is carpooling.

Next week is bike week, and Marshall and friends will host bike breakfasts. On Oct. 27, from 7 to 9 a.m., the team will be on the corner of California and Foothill boulevards with pastries, coffee and fruit for cyclists and pedestrians on their way to work and school.

"I like to think we're filling the gap in people's need," Marshall said. "It's just another incentive."

SLO Regional Ridershare month will close with the opening of a new 12-space bike rack on Garden Street, across from Linnea's Café.

"That bike rack is always full," Marshall said. "It's exciting to add another one.

The Commute for Cash Challenge, for Cal Poly students, Marshall said.

"All of this is free," she said. "I know when I was in college, I loved the idea of saving money."

Marshall realized the program really affected people's bottom lines when she began the Commute for Cash Challenge, she said.

"It's more than the environment," she said. "You can't see poor air quality and we don't have a lot of traffic congestion. But people see the difference when they're saving money."

The Commute for Cash Challenge was designed with the hope of making lasting changes in the community. In its first year, the challenge targeted those who were using to driving alone, Marshall said. Many of them tried something new, be it carpooling, biking or public transportation, and stuck with it.

"We keep in contact with our users," she said. "And we have a lot of support."

Marshall said San Luis Obispo is a green community; the program could not exist without the support from the community, she said.

"We have an incredible community," she said. "It shows how important living outside the box is."

Marshall would like to keep San Luis Obispo a green community, she said.

"Let's keep SLO, slow," she said. "We're such a car-centric culture. Just take a few more minutes and re-think your commute."

SLO Regional Ridershare puts on many "go-green" events throughout the year with the help of the community. Last year there were more than 60 bike-related events in the city of San Luis Obispo: none of which could happen without a strong community, Marshall said.

Marshall's work is not limited to the Commute for Cash Challenge. SLO Regional Ridershare's largest campaign is Bike Month, in May. It also works with employers and various social services to promote sustainable commuting ideas. Another program, Safe Routes to School, works to provide students with safe paths on which to ride their bikes to school.

Living in a predominantly car-centric culture can be hard, Marshall said, especially when students' hometowns aren't pedestrian-friendly. But San Luis Obispo was recently voted the most pedestrian friendly town in the country, she said.

"It's just a matter of whether or not you're willing to change your commute," Marshall said. "You just have to re-think the way you do things."

Marshall strongly encourages Cal Poly students to take part in the Commute for Cash Challenge, and to take advantage of the green resources we have around us.

"It's totally free, and you have nothing to lose," she said. "The best part of my job is giving away $100."

Even if you're not interested in the Commute for Cash Challenge, SLO Regional Ridershare's website, www.rideshare.org, has an abundance of resources for those interested in traveling green.

"These programs apply to students," Marshall said, "there's no reason not to take advantage of them."

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footproof, DeTurris said. Sometimes there are failures and the club improves from them.

Aerospace engineering junior Alkali Loper-Leddy said he is a member of the club. Once, the engine of a rocket shot up the body tube and then through the nose of the rocket, but the rocket stayed in place, Loper-Leddy said.

Herrmann said he has been at the launch site and has seen other rockets land on top of the two 12-space racks the club members were sitting. He has also seen them explode on the launch pad and fall straight down on the hood of a truck after its motor burned out.

Luckily, Wild Thing's three motors all fired at the exact same time and the rocket went straight up. DeTurris said. It worked even better the club could have imagined.

"What I didn't expect was going to happen was all going off at exactly the same instant because that is very hard to do," DeTurris said. It worked even better the club could have imagined.

"It's even more amazing when you consider that the motors weren't put together by the same people," DeTurris said.

The club not only teaches its members how to build and launch rockets, but it gives them hands-on experience and teaches them how to work together as a group, DeTurris said.

"The members get the chance to succeed individually as well as on a group level," DeTurris said.

Club members attending the launch had teams to design and launch their "Dollar Store Rockets." The members used Halloween decorations such as an orange straw with an orange skull and a plastic skeleton on top, Herrmann said.

When the club launched the rockets, most of them tumbled in the air instead of going straight up. Herrmann said. A different team won a night-light as a prize for the best "Dollar Store Rocket."

The launch was in a field near Fresno, where the club spent Saturday night camping.

After the flight, Wild Thing was found in fairly good shape, DeTurris said. Nothing was broken; the club could fly it again if it wanted to. Herrmann said.

The club saves all the rockets it launches so it can launch them again in the future.

"We have such a good time launching each one and we want to experience that again," Herrmann said.

Sometimes it is difficult to track the rockets, Loper-Leddy said. Club members drive after them, following them sometimes through the night and some rockets have never been found, she said.

The members shouldn't get attached to their rockets, DeTurris said. If they do, they won't be able to let go of fear of it being damaged or lost.

"Rule number one: don't ever get married to your rocket," DeTurris said. "If you do, you will never launch it."

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CORRECTIONS

The Mustang Daily staff takes pride in publishing a daily newspaper for the Cal Poly campus and the neighboring community. We appreciate your readership and are thankful for your careful reading. Please send your correction suggestions to mustangdaily@gmail.com.

The image on the frontpage yesterday mistakenly associated a SLO tran- sit bus with the SLOITA potential employee strike. We regret the error.
**STOCKTON (MCT) —** A Stockton-made electric delivery truck is travelling the streets of San Francisco this month, as an experimental partnership between the parcel delivery company and Electric Vehicles International, which opened a manufacturing facility in Stockton last November.

The truck has already visited Sacramento, and after its San Francisco stint it’ll travel to Reno.

This is not the first foray into alternative-fuel vehicles for UPS. The company first used a fleet of electric “package cars” in New York City in the 1930s.

**KENTUCKY (MCT) —** But becausing 2 and Monday, more than $1 million in merchandise was reported stolen from the AT&T mobility store in the 400 block of Eastern Bypass. Eight MobileMe Family Packs were reported stolen by store management according to a Richmond police report.

The total value of the theft was $1,200.

Between Oct. 11 and Oct. 14, Richmond police arrested and charged three people with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

**CONNECTICUT (MCT) —** A Canadian man who spent four years toiling in eastern Connecticut was named a saint Sunday by Pope Benedict XVI. His five others were canonized on the steps of St. Peter’s Basilica.

In 1863, Alfred Bessette was inspired and illiterate when he moved from his home outside Montreal, Quebec, to Plainfield, where he worked in the area’s factories, mills and farms. Many locals made sure to catch the canonization on television and the day’s religious education classes focused on the new saint’s life.

**SPAIN (MCT) —** Spanish prosecutors are seeking prison sentences of 220 years for two Somalis charged with participating in the hijacking of a Spanish fishing vessel in the Indian Ocean by Muslim immigrants in the New York area who said they were arrested and abused in jail after the 9/11 attacks.

The current case arose when Lavoni Kidd, a former football star at the University of Idaho, was arrested and shackled at Washington’s Dulles International Airport in March 2003.

He was not taken into custody because he was suspected of a crime but eventually because “he was a material witness” in another case.

Federal law permits the government in special situations to hold someone as a “material witness” in a pending case.

Lawyers for the American Civil Liberties Union accused Ashcroft of a “gross abuse” of this authority. They say he misused the law to arrest innocent people, even when the government lacked the required “probable cause.”

After the 9/11 attacks Ashcroft announced he would use all of his legal authority to capture terrorists. Hundreds of Muslim men were arrested and held on immigration charges. That option was not available in Kidd’s case because he is a U.S. citizen.

Kidd had converted to Islam and changed his name to Abdullah Al-Kidd. He had complained to the FBI after the 9/11 attacks and answered questions about another Muslim who had been arrested and held on immigration investigation in connection with his website.

Several months had elapsed since Kidd had heard from the FBI, but when he bought a round-trip ticket to travel to Saudi Arabia, where he had a scholarship to study, the FBI moved to have him arrested.

An FBI agent wrongly told a magistrate that Kidd had bought a one-way first-class ticket. The magistrate ordered Kidd arrested and held as a witness.

A few days later, FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III testified in Congress and mentioned Kidd’s “arrest” as one of the bureau’s successes.

Kidd was repeatedly strip-searched and shackled for more than two weeks in a high-security cell where the lights were kept on, according to his complaints. He was then released, but his passport was taken.

In 2005, Kidd sued Ashcroft and other officials, contending they had violated his constitutional rights by arresting him without probable cause.

Ashcroft moved to dismiss the suit, arguing that as the nation’s chief prosecuter, he was absolutely immune from such claims.

But a federal judge in Idaho and the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals refused to dismiss the suit. Judge Milan Smith said it was “repugnant to the Constitution” for the government to say it “has the power to arrest and detain or restrict American citizens for months on end, in sometimes primitive conditions, and then if they have committed a crime, but merely because the government wants to investigate them for possible wrongdoing.”

The justices announced they will hear the case of Ashcroft vs. Al-Kidd next year but they decide whether the doctrine of prosecutorial immunity requires that the suit be dismissed. New Justice Elena Kagan said she would stay out of the case.
Word on the Street

What do you like or dislike about the recent fall weather?

"I think it's about time it started raining." — Zach Delis, English freshman

"I like the cold, but I don't like the fluctuation." — Megan Carnow, child development freshman

"I'm ready for the fall weather to stay." — Margaret Pack, journalism junior

"I don't like the rain, it gets in the way of things I want to do." — John Farel, general engineering senior

"It's pretty sudden, but it's nice to have a change." — Michael Tandra, biomedical engineering sophomore

"We need a little rain to help plants grow." — Laura Latin, computer engineering senior

Law gives NASA four-month deadline to develop new spacecraft for exploration

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A law signed a week ago gives NASA four months or less to develop a dozen different plans for the future, including a detailed report on how it would replace the retiring space shuttle. It's an ambitious schedule, one that NASA chief Charlie Bolden said requires the agency to "think and act boldly."

But as has been the case for much of his tenure, Bolden won't be around as the plans get rolling. The jet-setting former astronaut left for China Friday on a weekend trip. Since taking charge of NASA in July 2009, the Bolden has visited 14 countries and has been missing at critical moments.

Last year, he skipped one of the first shuttle flights under his watch to visit Japan, and most recently was on a trip to Europe and the Middle East when the House nearly defeated the NASA vision endorsed by the Obama administration. "How about saving the manned space program — in America?" said Rep. John Culberson of Texas, one of several Republicans who opposed Bolden's most recent trip. "Charlie Bolden should stay focused on America's manned space program."

His absence and several gaffes have led to speculation that Bolden may not be in command of NASA much longer. "There's always speculation about people's tenure in Washington," said Lori Garver, deputy NASA chief. "We have gotten too used to it, and we don't even consider it a distraction at NASA because we are so excited about our future." Bolden was unavailable for comment.

Bolden's relationship with the White House has been strained since President Barack Obama introduced his plan for space exploration in February. In the week leading up to the announcement of that plan, Bolden was in Germany and Israel on a trip that included a commemoration for the Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon, killed in the 2003 Columbia accident.

Even after the Obama plan became public, Bolden never seemed to get on the same page as the administration, once telling staff to work on an alternative to Obama's plan of using commercial rockets to resupply the International Space Station with crew and cargo.

And in April, Bolden appeared to contradict the White House when he supported further test flights of a rocket being developed by the agency's Constellation program — despite Obama's aim to scuttle the project's Ares rockets.

Ultimately, Congress and the White House settled on a plan, which became law Oct. 11. It assigns NASA to build a new spacecraft for exploration beyond lower Earth orbit while giving commercial rockets a larger role in supply missions to the International Space Station.

During a media conference call on the day of the signing, Bolden read a statement, thanked reporters and turned the call over to Garver — a practice that has become routine. Two sources said Bolden continued to listen to the questions addressed to Garver but was barred from speaking.

In fact, an Administration source said the White House originally planned to hold a public signing ceremony but cancelled it when Bolden expressed interest in changing his travel plans and attending. Although the White House denies it, Administration sources said Bolden has been told to keep a low profile.

Biden has all but disappeared from public view since the White House publicly reprimanded him last month, after NASA's inspector general found that he acted "inappropriately" when he consulted with Marathon Oil Corp. about a proposed NASA biofuels program.

Biden is now a former director of Marathon, which has its own biofuels program — and still holds shares worth up to $1 million. Adding to the administration's issues is that Bolden stays in the news even when he travels overseas.

He riled conservatives this summer when he told the Middle East network al-Jazeera that one of his top priorities was outreach to the Muslim world.

And against the advice of top NASA officials, he returned to the region recently to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the first Arab astronaut's shuttle flight, a trip that came as Congress was fiercely debating the bill providing a blueprint for future human space exploration.

The China trip has stirred controversy as well. "It should go without saying that NASA has no business cooperating with the Chinese regime of human spaceflight," wrote Rep. Frank Wolf (R-Va.), who sits on the subcommittee with oversight of NASA's budget. "China is taking an increasingly aggressive posture globally, and their interests rarely intersect with ours."

Biden wrote back that the trip had been in the works since November 2009 when Obama and Chinese President Hu Jintao agreed to a dialogue on space.

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National political poll numbers may be skewed by missing cell phone users

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The polls may have a pro-Republican bias this election season.

The ranks of Americans who use only cell phones have skyrocketed. Some public polls don’t survey them, however, and they miss a group of people who are more likely to vote Democratic, including the young, the poor, Hispanics and African-Americans.

The nonpartisan Pew Research Center recently found that in four out of five national polls this year, polls that contact only those with land-line phones gave Republicans a 4- to 6-percentage-point edge compared with polls that included cell phones.

In the most recent poll, a survey of likely voters reached via land lines gave Republicans a 12-point edge, 53-41 percent. Polls that also called voters who only use cell phones found the Republican edge was 7 points, 50-43 percent.

“Cell-only adults are demographically and politically different than those who live in land-line households,” the Pew report said. “As a result, election polls that rely only on land-line samples may be biased.”

The challenge in measuring public opinion has grown as more Americans rely on cell phones. In four and a half years, the percentage of Americans 18 and older who rely only on cell phones has skyrocketed from 9.6 percent to 22.9 percent, according to the National Center for Health Statistics.

The tally of households with cell phones only has risen from 10.5 percent to 24.5 percent. Another 14.9 percent of homes have land lines but receive most or all calls via cell phones. Who are these cell-phone-only people? According to the National Center for Health Statistics:

— The young: 49 percent of those aged 18-­29, and 38 percent of those aged 18-24.
— The less-educated: 25 percent of those with high school educations or less, the most wireless group.
— Students: 29 percent of people who go to school.
— Hispanics: 30 percent, the most wireless of any race or ethnicity, with African-Americans at 25 percent and non-Hispanic whites at 21 percent.
— The poor: 36 percent.
— Residents: 43 percent.

Many public polls this election season do include calls to cell-phone-only voters, including McClatchy-Maris poll. But some don’t, including automated surveys, such as the Rasmussen poll, that use computer-generated dialing and interviews.

“All things being equal, cell phones need to be included,” said Lee Miringoff, director of the Marist Institute for Public Opinion which conducts the McClatchy-Maris poll.

“You don’t want to systematically exclude a group that may have different attitudes. It’s a large enough group that you can’t assume that they mirror the rest of the population.”

Calls to Rasmussen for comment weren’t returned. Calling cell phones for a poll is more challenging and expensive than calling land lines.

First, Miringoff said, Federal Election Commission regulations require that they be dialed manually. Second, a questioner has to ask whether the person is driving or using heavy equipment. A “yes” answer requires a follow-up call later. Third, a high percentage of people with cell phones are younger than 18 and unable to vote. Fourth, many people refuse to answer the calls because they must pay for the air time; often pollsters compensate them, further driving up costs.

Overall, the “yield” of usable responses from cell phone calls is about one-third of the calls to land-line phones, Miringoff said. He cautioned that the Republican bias can be slight or overstated.

In Wisconsin, for example, Democratic Sen. Russ Feingold’s campaign last week disputed the McClatchy-Maris poll and others that found Feingold trailing his Republican opponent.

FDA warning tells Iowa egg producer to improve safety

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The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has slapped a warning letter on the Iowa egg producer at the center of last summer’s salmonella outbreak, criticising for its failure to sanitisation violations, including failure to control Salmonella.

The agency cleared another producer implicated in the outbreak, permitting it to resume selling eggs.

The warning letter to Wright County Egg, whose owners have operated egg farms in various parts of the country with recurrent health and safety problems, was made public on Monday, followed weeks of negotiations over how the company would correct a lengthy list of sanitisation and biosecurity deficiencies identified by FDA inspectors in visits to the in-egg-laying facilities Aug. 12 to 30.

The outbreak of salmonella enteritidis sickened at least 1,600 people and led to the recall of about 550 million eggs — the largest such recall in history.

In a statement, Wright County Egg said it has corrected shortcomings cited by the FDA and “we continue to cooperate fully” with the agency.

In another recall announcement on Monday, health-care giant Johnson & Johnson said its McNeil Consumer Healthcare subsidiary is recalling about 128,000 bottles of 50-count Tylenol 8 Hour caplets because of a musty smell. The problem apparently originated with a chemical used to treat wooden shipping pallets.

The company described the chances of harm from the tainted bottles as remote and said that problems reported to the company so far have been “temprary and non-serious.”

The same chemical was linked to a November 2009 recall of a variety of McNeil over-the-counter products. That was one in a string of recalls made by the company over the past two years, including the removal in April of 136 million bottles of Children’s Tylenol and other pediatric over-the-counter medicines.

In the egg recall, a second producer, Hillandale Farms in Iowa, which shared a feed supplier with Wright County Egg, was cleared to resume selling eggs to consumers from three of its seven henhouses at a facility in West Union, Iowa.

The company notified the FDA that it planned to resume shipments of shell eggs on Monday and will continue testing at four other henhouses before attempting to market eggs from them.

Since the recall began in mid-August, Wright County Egg and Hillandale have been sending eggs to a "breaker" facility, where eggs are pasteurised to eliminate the threat of salmonella. The pasteurised eggs are used in such products as cake mixes.

In congressional testimony on Sept. 22, Wright County Egg owner Karen DeCoster and her son, Peter DeCoster — who manages the central Iowa chicken facilities — said they believed the contamination resulted from tainted feed. The FDA said feed may not have been the only source of the outbreak.

Failure to correct violations noted in the warning letter could lead to seizures of eggs or the closing of Iowa facilities, according to the FDA document.

The distribution of contaminated eggs is under criminal investigation by the FDA and the Justice Department.
Anchorage police came and told the website was arrested by U.S. Senate candidate Joe Miller's private security guards Sunday as the editor at- tempted to interview Miller at the end of a public event in an Anchorage school.

Tony Hopfinger was handcuffed by the guards and detained in a hallway at Central Middle School until Anchorage police came and told the guards to release Hopfinger.

Hopfinger has not been charged but the owner of the Drop Zone, the private security firm that's been providing Miller's security, accused Hopfinger of trespassing at the public event, a town hall sponsored by the Miller campaign. The owner, William Fulton, also said Hopfinger assaulted a man by shoving him.

Anchorage police who respond­ed to the call said they would leave it to the district attorney's office to decide whether to prosecute. They spent more than an hour taking statements, then left.

Hopfinger, who was holding a small video camera, said he was attempting to draw out a statement from Miller on why he was disciplined by the Fairbanks North Star Borough when Miller worked there as a part-time attorney. Af­ter Miller walked away, Hopfinger said, he was surrounded by Miller supporters and security guards and felt threatened, so he pushed one of them away.

Fulton said the man shoved by Hopfinger was not hurt. Hopfinger said that after he shoved the man away, the guards grabbed him, cuffed his hands behind his back with steel handcuffs and sat him in a chair in the school hallway. Hopfinger said one of the guards grabbed Hop­finger's video camera. Later, Hop­finger said that when he got the camera back, the segment covering the span of the arrest was missing. An Anchorage police officer offered to help the man into custody and have it examined in the crime lab to investigate whether evidence had been destroyed, but Hopfinger declined. He said he needed the camera and the remaining video for his work.

The guard who grabbed the camera said Hopfinger had dropped it in the scuffle and denied erasing anything. The guard wouldn't give his name.

While Hopfinger was still in handcuffs, the guards attempted to prevent other reporters from talk­ing to him and threatened them too with arrest for trespass. An Anchorage Daily News reporter interviewed Hopfinger anyway. No other reporters were arrested, though a few shoving matches and chest bumps ensued as the guards attempted to cordon off Hopfinger and block photographs and videos from being taken of the bizarre school scene.

The Miller campaign released a written one-paragraph statement from Fuller, then followed with a statement titled, "Liberal Blogger Boasts He's at Joe Miller's Town Hall Meeting." In that statement, Miller accused Hop­finger of assaulting someone and of taking advantage of the meeting to "create a publicity stunt."

He said his personal security de­tail had to take action to detain the "irrational blogger."

Miller campaign spokesman Randy DeSoto declined to com­ment on the video. Miller's himself a witness, available for news inter­views.

The 3 p.m. town hall was billed by the Miller campaign as a chance for voters to "hear Joe Miller speak for himself." It was hardly a pri­vate gathering. In a Facebook mes­sage, the campaign urged Miller supporters to bring their "friends, colleagues, family, acquaintances, neighbors." And continuing what has become its anti-media theme, the campaign added, "Don't let the media skew your views."

In the gym rented from the Anchorage School District, Miller spent about 45 minutes addressing the crowd of several hundred and answering — or deflecting — questions.

The downtown Anchorage crowd wasn't entirely supportive. Though one man who later donated a hard hat praised Miller's position on opening up resource development and others welcomed and cheered his stand on reducing the national debt and some smaller number his anti-union position, he also faced hostile questioners.

One likened him to a "welfare queen — you had a lot of chil­dren that you couldn't afford, and you had to pay for it." referring to Miller's reliance on medical care subsides and other federal benefits.

Miller has said that kind of federal largesse is unconstitutional, and he responded by first asking his parents to stand to the applause of his par­tisans, then said he isn't opposed to relief payments — only they should come from the states, not the fed­eral government.

Another criticized Miller's an­nouncement last week that he would no longer answer questions about his character or his personal history. While his opponents have previous records in elective office, he does not, the woman said. "In this instance, you have no record, so it's meaningful and it's reason­able that we would want to exam­ine your professional background and your military..."

Miller interrupted her and said she knew he was a supporter of his opponent, write-in candidate Sen. Lisa Murkowski. He said he had a public record as a state and federal judge in Fairbanks and Tok, Alaska, but added he wanted to talk about the national debt, not the farm sub­sidy he received in Kansas.

Miller said he would talk to peo­ple after the open question period, but he quickly left the room.
What to do with that criminal record before you graduate

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A receipt from a speeding ticket about two weeks after getting your driver's license.

However, there are a small number of us with some sort of significant criminal record. It was reported in 2009 by a background check provider to entities such as employers, institutions and landlords, mybackgroundcheck.com, that 1 in 29 college students in the U.S. has some sort of criminal history beyond that of a minor traffic violation.

According to the commander of the University Police Department (UPD) Lori Hashim, the UPD doesn't keep a running tally of how many students have a criminal record, except in the case of convicted sex offenders who by law must register with their local police department.

Yet, if the 2009 report by mybackgroundcheck.com is to be believed and applied to the Cal Poly student population, then roughly 660 current Cal Poly students have a criminal history. According to the same 2009 report, most of these students will have gotten into trouble for either a major traffic violation, such as DUI (60.0 percent), disorderly conduct (9.5 percent) or theft (8.8 percent).

When talking about criminal convictions, it is important to differentiate between infractions (such as minor traffic violations), misdemeanors (disorderly conduct, shoplifting) and felonies (aggravated assault, automobile theft).

In California, most infractions — such as minor traffic violations — will only appear on your driving record for three years or upon successful completion of traffic school. However, conviction of a misdemeanor or felony becomes a part of your "permanent criminal record," Hashim said.

This record can then be queried by such entities as a police department, or during a background check, through the Department of Justice, acting as a clearinghouse of convictions of criminal acts.

This type of information can be significant to graduating seniors, or see Criminal, page 10

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Nas and Damian Marley put on one of Avila's 'best concerts of the season'

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Nas and Damian Marley's Sunday show at the Avila Beach Golf Resort was a celebration of hip-hop, reggae and marijuana smoking. Although signs indicated that tailgating was strictly prohibited, blunts, joints and other smoking utensils were passed left and right from one side of the crowd to another.

Despite the stormy weather, giant clouds of smoke filled the area — and the security guards did not overtly stop anyone from having their share of the marijuana, which is currently illegal except for medicinal uses under a physician-verified medical card.

The opening act, Latin and reggae-rock band Rey Fresco, even encouraged the crowd to partake in smoking.

"Feel free to light one up — it's Sunday," lead singer Roger Keiaho of Rey Fresco said.

Rey Fresco opened its act with the instrumental jam "Ninja Kush" ("kush" is a form of marijuana). Harpist and vocalist Xocoyotzin Moraza joked about the title.

"It's a song about a farmer," Moraza said and began his harp jam.

As Rey Fresco played songs from its debut LP "The People," rain hit the arena. Fans put their hoods on, popped open umbrellas and listened to Rey Fresco play, enjoying the act but waiting for Nas and Marley to hit the stage.

Once Rey Fresco ended its act with a cover of Buena Vista Social Club's "Chan Chan," the rain had stopped and a rainbow highlighted the cloudy sky.

Fans cheered and took pictures of the rainbow and about a half hour later, a little after 5 p.m., Nas and Marley were introduced. Before Nas and Marley hit the stage, a deejay played popular and significant hip-hop songs to get the crowd energized.

Nas, Marley and its high-energy band opened the show with the drum-heavy "Tribes at War." The backup singers sang and gyrated to the African-sounding beat and a man twirled a Rastafarian flag during the entire show.

After a few more songs together, Marley left the stage and Nas began his solo session with the song "Represent" from his most critically acclaimed, RIAA-certified gold album see Nas, page 11
Artichokes: the real edible flowers

Edible flowers — when people hear these words they think of wfer delicate flowers that adorn the tops of wedding and anniversary cakes. The majority of the population would not think of Thursday night Farmers’ Market and McMinnocks' grilled artichokes when they hear the term edible flowers. However, as a cousin to the sunflower, this green armed delectable is an edible flower whose beauty is much more than skin-deep.

As many an artichoke consumer would agree, the best part of this flower is not its overall appearance, but its divine heart hidden within. Although this plant is perennial, like apples, it still has prime growing seasons in which its flavor and abundance are more readily accessible. The peak season for the globe artichoke is from March until May, along with a smaller crop in October — relevant to the current season.

The best part of this in-season food is its ready, fresh accessibility to California’s residents. California alone provides close to 100 percent of the United States’ entire artichoke crop. Artichokes really began to bloom in the United States’ entire artichoke crop. Artichokes really began to bloom in the United States’ entire artichoke crop. As babies artichokes or a fully developed one? That is a trick question; both baby artichokes as well as the larger artichokes are fully developed. The two only differ in size based on which part of the plant they are picked from. Baby artichokes are picked from the base of the plant stalk and thus have been sheltered more and do not reach the same size as the chokes higher on the stalk. Nonetheless, they pack just as much flavor and nutrients as its larg­er siblings.

For the best flavor and texture it is important to consume artichokes within four days of purchasing them, or as close to when they were picked as possible. The best part of this in-season food is its ready, fresh accessibility to California’s residents. California alone provides close to 100 percent of the United States’ entire artichoke crop. Artichokes really began to bloom in the United States’ entire artichoke crop.

Cooking artichokes tends to be a little tricky — one must understand the value of patience. With conventional cooking of the artichoke, such as steaming and boiling, it tends to take 25-40 minutes depending on the size of the artichoke — this is when those baby chokes gain appeal with shorter cooking times. However, with the easy to use and college friendly microwave you can reduce this cooking time to less than 10 minutes. What a relief!

Before cooking the artichoke use kitchen scissors — or if you are anything like me, use regular scissors you deemed worthy of the title kitchen scissors — and cut away the sharp tips of the leaves. Eating the artichoke messy eater myself, I am glad to say — is a hands-on affair in which all parties involved get their hands a little dirty. The condiment to accompany a freshly prepared artichoke is a highly debatable topic. Those from the East Coast tend to enjoy dipping into melted butter, while those from the West Coast prefer a rich mayonnaise or aioli. Which do you side with? During this quick preview season in October why not try for yourself, or even invent a new dip to accompany each bite?

CLUE: This food can be grown on every continent except Antarctica, but Morton, Illinois is the self-proclaimed — "Capitol of the World."

CREAMY THAI DIP
1/4 cup creamy peanut butter
1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
2 tablespoons cider vinegar
2 tablespoons soy sauce
1 teaspoon sesame oil
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
Coriander all ingredients; mix well. Makes 1/2 cup.

HERBED MAYONNAISE
1 cup mayonnaise
1 teaspoon each chopped parsley and chives (or green onions, green pepper)
1/4 teaspoon chopped tarragon
Mix all ingredients well.

HONEY MUSTARD DIP
1/4 cup honey mustard
2 tablespoons cider vinegar
2 tablespoons soy sauce
1/8 teaspoon each paprika and cumin
Mix all ingredients well. Makes about 3/4 cup.

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Universal Studios gets into Halloween spirit

Jessica Gelt

The popular theme park pulled out all the stops this month for Halloween Horror Nights, the best permanent haunted house in the U.S., according to many critics. The Halloween Horror Nights event kicks off just in time for Halloween and continues until November

The event features several haunted houses, each based on a different movie or TV show. Some of the houses include the Night of the Living Dead, the Green Mile, and The Shining. Each house is designed to be a realistic recreation of the movie or TV show it is based on, with attention to detail and special effects. The event also features live entertainment, including live actors who are supposed to be the movie or TV show's characters, and special effects that add to the overall experience.

In addition to the haunted houses, Halloween Horror Nights also features a variety of other activities, such as live music and costume contests. Many of the costumes are inspired by the characters from the movie or TV show, and some are quite creative and impressive. The live music includes various genres, from rock to hip-hop to reggae.

Overall, Halloween Horror Nights is a must-see event for anyone who loves horror movies or theme parks. The attention to detail and the creative use of special effects make it a truly immersive experience. Whether you're a horror movie fan or just enjoy a good scare, Halloween Horror Nights is sure to deliver a thrilling and memorable experience.
United States politics requires us

It has been well documented that midterm elections feature a much lower voter turnout than presidential years. Whether people feel it’s not as important or just not worth it (which seems to be the problem this year), many people decline to head to the polling stations come election day.

Yes, only two years after young adults turned out in record numbers, I fear that some young people have already become detached from the political process and are willing to forgive this opportunity to once again participate in politics. Disenchantment should not turn to apathy, nor even anger like the Tea Party (of which I will have much more to say in the coming weeks), but rather resolution—a desire to improve upon the current state of affairs.

If you think historically, we are fortunate to be able to participate in our political affairs; for historically, people were not citizens but subjects. We really are fortunate to be able to participate in our political affairs; for historically, people were not citizens but subjects, victim to the whim of whoever happened to be in power— you know, like the scene from Monty Python and the Holy Grail where the peasant recognizes the king because “He’s the only one who isn’t covered in shit.” Imagine talking to someone living in Afghanistan under the Taliban and saying, “Yeah, we can choose our leaders, of course, you do not value your own beliefs.

Although we are young, many issues are tilted in favor of us, especially the deficit, which, if the current generation in power can’t find a solution, will become our burden compounded annually of course. I guess all I’m trying to say is that if you don’t voice your opinions and your stories, who will do it for you? And if the youth in general doesn’t vote in November, the country will be governed with little interest of those who will have to bear the brunt of decisions made today.

Jeremy Cutchek
Liberal columnist

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Once again, Latin American tourists — benefiting from their countries' strong currencies and a weak U.S. dollar — are flocking to Miami and buying up whatever they can. It's good for Miami, and it's good for the visitors, but the whole thing makes me nervous.

I've seen this happen before, and it didn't end well. Mainstream economists say this time it's different, but readily admit that the story may not have a happy ending.

Much like in the early 1990s, when South American tourists were known as "dame-dos" (give me two) by Miami merchants because they used to buy two sets of whatever they liked, there is a big increase in Brazilian, Argentine, and other Latin American visitors to South Florida.

According to the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau, tourism from Brazil has grown by 15 percent during the first six months of this year, while visitors from both Argentina and Colombia have risen by about 10 percent over the same period. Arrivals from Latin America have risen even more steeply over the past three months, other tourism industry sources say.

The tourists can be seen carrying heavy shopping bags from area malls, or lining up at real estate brokers' offices to inquire about the prices of condos that are being sold at bargain prices because of the U.S. housing crisis.

A staggering 80 percent of all condos sold in downtown Miami this year have been bought by foreigners, says Jenny Huertas, a real estate broker who keeps track of local condo sales. If real estate prices haven't plummeted further in Miami, it's thanks to international buyers, she told me.

The reason for the latest surge in Latin American visitors is clear: Most Latin American currencies have become increasingly stronger, and the U.S. dollar increasingly weaker.

Trouble is, some of the most recent Latin American financial crises have been preceded by years of strong currency appreciations. Before Mexico's financial collapse of 1995, the Brazilian and Colombian crises of 1998 and Argentina's meltdowns of 2001, these countries' currencies had become increasingly stronger.

Are we in front of a bubble that will burst once again? I put that question to several economists this week. They said most Latin American countries are more resistant to external shocks than they were in the 1990s, because they are managing their economies more responsibly and because there is a new factor that is helping South America: the appearance of China as a massive buyer of commodity exports.

But economists also warn that if Latin American countries allow their currencies to keep appreciating, it will be extremely difficult for them to export — especially non-commodity goods — because their products will be too expensive in world markets.

"When currencies are too strong, it tends to hurt exports," says Eduardo Lora, chief economist of the Inter-American Development Bank. "If exports go down, you would eventually see a drop in growth, a reduction of jobs in the formal economy, and a shift of newly-unemployed people to the informal economy."

My opinion: We should celebrate most Latin American countries' economic growth, and recognize that they have been more financially responsible in recent years. But I'm worried that we may see new financial crises in the region unless countries move faster to diversify their exports and come up with new and better products to sell abroad.

To do that, countries should invest more — and invest more smartly — in innovation and education. Currently Latin American countries together account for less than 2 percent of all world investments in research and development of new products, according to the Ibero-American Science and Technology Research Network.

If most countries in the region added a big push for innovation, science, technology and education to their generally sound economic policies, we would all breathe more easily, and could expect to see Bush Latin American shoppers traveling to Miami for a long time.

Andres Oppenheimer is a Latin America correspondent for the Miami Herald.

Expressing personal beliefs through bumper stickers not always good

Adding indifference to injury, the Supreme Court last week refused to hear the appeal of a woman who was ejected from a speech by President George W. Bush because she had an antiwar bumper sticker on her car. The case would have provided the court the opportunity to rule that citizens who pose no threat of disruption may not be barred from presidential events that are advertised as open to the public.

In 2005, Leslie Weise and Alex Young obtained tickets for a Bush town hall meeting on Social Security held in Denver. But they were ordered to leave because a bumper sticker on Weise's car read "No More Blood for Oil." Weise and Young subsequently sued two volunteers at the event who, they argued, had ejected them at the behest of White House aides.

Unlike, say, a Rose Garden signing ceremony to which only supporters of the legislation are invited, the Bush event was ostensibly open to anyone with a ticket. Nevertheless, Weise was ordered to leave simply because of the message on her bumper sticker. This obvious discrimination on the basis of viewpoint was justified by a federal appeals court on the grounds that the plaintiffs weren't speakers at the event but attendees, and that agents of the government didn't remove the bumper sticker.

This naive misreading of the free-speech issue at the heart of the case cited out for reversal by the Supreme Court, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor, who dissented from the decision not to hear the case, wrote that it's well established that the government "may not deny a benefit to a person on a basis that infringes his constitutionally protected interests."

Quite simply, Weise was punished for her beliefs and put on notice that criticizing the government could result in her exclusion from similar public events in the future.

In their dissent, Ginsburg and Sotomayor expressed the hope that their colleagues chose to sidestep the case not because they agreed with the lower court's First Amendment analysis but because the defendants were volunteers who might enjoy immunity under a federal statute. The two dissenters noted that separate suits against the government officials who are accused of orchestrating the coercion are still pending.

One of these suits might serve as a vehicle for a definitive decision by the court. That ruling should affirm that when the president invites the public to hear him speak, he can't pick and choose his listeners on the basis of their opinions.

The following editorial appeared in the Los Angeles Times on Friday, Oct. 15.
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"As another player on the court, Kristina is a confident person that you would want (to be on the) team," Gera said. "You can believe she'll get the job done, and you can go to her for help and for a confidence booster. She keeps good energy and attitude."

Graven's dedication to volleyball helped her choose which college was most suitable for her academic and athletic career. Having chosen Cal Poly over California and UC San Diego, she couldn't be happier with her decision.

"I really like the coaching staff, their philosophy and the atmosphere of the school," Graven said. "I just felt like I fit in here."

In addition, Graven said the new group of people she met at Cal Poly shares great chemistry and works well together.

"I've had a great time with the team and it's been really fun," Graven said. "We play really well together, everyone is really positive. Everybody respects everybody — it's not (as if) you have to have the title of 'captain' (to be respected). Everyone has their place and say."

On the other hand, off the court, Graven's future dreams have nothing to do with volleyball.

"I like to cook a lot — all the time," Graven said. "I think I want to end up cooking for a career and open my own bakery in the future. But, volleyball takes up a lot of time. It's hard to have other hobbies."

Graven and the women's volleyball team will return home on Oct. 22 against Cal State Northridge at 7 p.m.

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degree this summer. They have two children.

"Certainly I'm a lot more at peace now," Woods said. "Everyone's getting used to the new living conditions. The kids are adjusting."

"I learned a lot about myself and I learned how things went wrong, why they went wrong and to take a pretty deep and introspective look at myself and there weren't a lot of things I liked about it," Woods said.

"I come from a much better place, much more grounded place now than I ever have before. I'd like to get back to a full playing schedule next year and be ready for the big events again."

Other players in the Chevron tournament include this year's U.S. Open winner, Graeme McDowell, and PGA Championship winner Martin Kaymer.

The others are defending tournament winner Jim Furyk, Steve Stricker, Paul Casey, Rory McIlroy, Luke Donald, Matt Kuchar, Dustin Johnson, Ian Poulter, Hunter Mahan, Zach Johnson, Anthony Kim, Bubba Watson, Sean O'Hair, Camilo Villegas and Stewart Cink.

The event's $5 million purse ranges from $1.2 million for the winner to $140,000 for the last-place finisher.

After Tiger Woods made his return to the golf course in April, he has finished in the top-five in just two of 12 PGA tour events.

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WE ARE THE MUSTANGS
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Outside hitter Kristina Graven was the first athlete to be named the Big West Player of the Week for the 2010-2011 year and since then has kept the success rolling. Now with the Mustangs (15-6, 5-3 Big West) threatening to make a run at the top spot in the conference with about a month left in the season, the women’s volleyball team is paralleling Graven’s triumphs.

Graven has already racked up an impressive athletic resume. She was the No. 28 ranked recruit in the nation out of high school by Prepvolleyball.com, a list of the best U.S. recruits with the most potential in college. She led the Mustangs with 17 kills in a four-set win against Marshall on Aug. 28. She was named to the Shamrock Classic All-Tournament Team, one of the largest USA volleyball tournaments on the East Coast.

In addition, the Mustangs defeated Arizona in Graven’s first game when she racked up double digit kills and digs. She did it again against Notre Dame on Aug. 28.

But the 18-year-old still has one dream she shares with her fellow teammates.

“I think we all really want to win (the Big West) right now, that’s the thing we’re working toward,” Graven said. “We just need to win out the rest of our matches and (make it to the) tournament and (do well) there.”

Currently, Graven is the highest ranked recruit coach Jon Severson has worked with at Cal Poly. Graven has high hopes that Severson will lead the team to victory. The team’s recent win against UC Riverside and Cal State Fullerton was a result of good coaching, Graven said.

“Tiger Woods said in a video teleconference the other day that he’s going to change his swing. Maybe he’s really good in practice,” Graven said. “He has scouting reports and we watch tapes (to help our performance). He knows everything the teams can do and what their tendencies are.”

To help the girls prepare for matches, the coaches try to make practice “game-like” and “emulate the game as much (as possible) so when (the players) get on the court, it’s like second nature to them,” assistant coach Caroline Walters said.

Walters can tell this technique works when she sees Graven on the court, she said.

“Kristina Graven wastes no time on her path to success

As a freshman, I think she’s already exceeded expectations ... She has quick speed for someone who just came from high school to college.

— Caroline Walters
Volleyball assistant coach

Junior Seau’s SUV plunges over cliff

Jim Peltz
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES — Tiger Woods said Monday he’s hoping to cap a "long, frustrating year" with a victory at the Chevron World Challenge. "Everything’s headed in a positive direction now."

The annual 18-player tournament, which benefits the Tiger Woods Foundation and other charities, is scheduled Dec. 2-5 at Jack Nicklaus-designed Sherwood Country Club.

Woods has won the event four times but has missed the tournament the last two years. He was recovering from knee surgery in 2008, and last year he withdrew because the event came only days after his Thanksgiving night car accident in Florida that set in motion his sensational sex scandal.

In a tumultuous season for Woods that started late with the Masters in April, he has struggled to regain the form that enabled him to win 14 major tournaments.

Woods also is in danger of losing the No. 1 spot in the world golf rankings, a position he has held for more than five consecutive years, to Englishman Lee Westwood in the coming weeks.

Woods, 34, hasn’t won this year and has only two top-five finishes in 12 PGA Tour events. But with the help of a new swing coach, Sean Foley, Woods said he’s turning things around.

"I’m still working toward it," Woods said in a video teleconference from Orlando, Fla. "I don’t have it all dialed in yet. I have two more events prior to the Chevron event" in China and Australia. "Hopefully, I can get two more wins before I get to Chevron."

Woods said he’s also making progress with his personal life in the aftermath of the scandal, which led to his divorce from Elin Nordegren.

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