Two found guilty in murder of Poly alum

Juniors found two San Luis Obispo residents guilty Monday of first-degree murder for the 2007 death of a Cal Poly alum, the San Luis Obispo Tribune reported.

Chad Westbrook, 37, and Patrick Wollett, 19, were convicted of killing 36-year-old Joshua Houlgate, a 1995 Cal Poly graduate and son of retired Cal Poly philosophy professor Laurence Houlgate.

According to court records, the two men were charged under California Penal Code 187 for pre-mediated murder.

The murder took place at Wollett’s home, the Oceanario Mobile Home Park on Orcutt Road, after the victim had allegedly been caught having sex with the fiancé of Wollett’s brother, Sarah Lonsinger-Rey, 24.

According to earlier testimony from Hope Tanore, Westbrook’s sister, Wollett, Westbrook and Houlgate were under the influence of methamphetamine at the time of the shooting.

Tanore said that she and the two men convicted had been awake on a five-day methamphetamine binge and had been drinking earlier in the evening.

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Students return from California Energy Tour

Lauren Rabaino

A group of 20 college graduates and soon-to-be graduates from around the state recently traveled California to explore clean energy options in a process they called "learn by touring."

The California Energy Tour was a five-day event planned by four Cal Poly alumni with a goal of exposing young professionals to the realities of the California energy sector.

"It's young people that really need to learn this stuff because they're going to be the ones getting in there and changing the system," said tour co-organizer Chad Worth, a 2009 Cal Poly graduate and founder of the Empower Poly Coalition — a club dedicated to sustainability on campus.

Starting in Sacramento and ending in Sonoma, the group stopped at 17 sites including research institutions, private consultant firms and community-based non-profit organizations.

Sticking true to their values, the group kept their trip as green as possible, traveling largely by mass transportation and eating mostly vegetarian food, offsetting the remaining carbon for anyone who drove.

"It was really inspiring to get so many different people together," Worth said. "It showed how much desire people have to learn about this stuff.

Nancy Coke, a city and regional planning Cal Poly graduate and co-organizer of the tour, said the role of students in the future of the state and nation is to fill the gaps of disconnect between research agencies, public and private industries and legislature.

"Interdisciplinary and 'multidisciplinary' are buzzwords in our generation," she said. "Coming together as a group and asking these questions has helped us understand much better than we could as individuals."

After traveling with Cal Poly's Empower Poly Coalition on an energy tour in Europe last spring, Cal Poly students Worth, Eric Venam, Cole and Neil Bulger had the idea for the tour.

"We don't need to go halfway across the world to learn about all this cool stuff," Worth said.

Using existing networks to recruit a group for the trip, the students raised about $4,500. About half of the attendees were Cal Poly students; one participant was from Nevada and the rest were from other parts of California.

An objective of the trip was for see Energy, page 2
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students to see firsthand the inter­
connections between non-profits, for-profits, government agencies, reg­
ulatory agencies and the legislature.

They visited organizations like the
Green First — a program that enables households to install solar energy
systems with no upfront cost — and
Green For All, an organization that
train green-collar workers to per­
form energy efficient trades.

Tour mentor Ken Smokoska, who
works in the clean energy vehicles
industry and is a member of the
California Sierra Club, said the most
valuable insights from the trip were visit­ing
Better Place, the world’s leading
electric vehicle provider.

Worth described the company as
the “next household name” that could become as innovative as a
Google.

“Exciting to see student lead­
ership empowering the community,”
Smokoska said.

Smokoska said the exchange of
information were both ways: the stu­
dents educated professionals and vice
versa.

“Instead of the companies that were recog­
ized to tour, the student was recog­
ized what you guys are doing. This is
very effective,” Smokoska said. “That
exchange was hugely valuable.

Vennu, a Cal Poly graduate and
tour organizer, agreed that empower­
ing the community is key.

“Our work is most effective at the local level,” Vennu said. He
gave the example that individuals may be
opposed to certain sustainable tech­
nologies, but when it’s a community
effort rather than a government mand­
date, there’s less resistance.

The tour organizers, Worth, Vennu,
Cole and Dolge plan to keep working
in together in the future, taking
advantage of new policies and standards
on the clean energy front.

“We want to create a business
that’s focused around this realization of
creating a model afflicting energy
both in the home and on a com­
munity scale,” Vennu said.

But that’s a project for the future.
For now, they’re working to make
sure the tour can continue in op­
coming years under leadership of this
year’s participants.

“Energy, water — these are going to
be the defining issues of our gen­
ter generations, so let’s work on
this together,” Smokoska said. “That
means time to hit the
summer, right now. We’ve got to get to
the best and the brightest involved.”

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tional news organizations reporting on the 
street events and ordered them to stay in their ef-
forts. This report is based on the accounts of 
witnesses reached in Iran and official state-
cements carried on Iranian media.

A flood of security forces using tear 
gas and clubs quickly overwhelmed 
a small group of rock-throwing protest-
ers near Iran's parliament on Wednesday, 
and the country's supreme leader said 
the outcome of the disputed presi-
dential election will stand — the lat-
est signs of the government's growing 
confidence in quelling unrest on the 
streets.

As the election showdown has 
shifted, demonstraters are finding 
themselves increasingly scattered 
and struggling under a blanket crackdown 
that the wife of opposition leader Mir 
Reza Ali Khamenei that the June 12 election of hard-line Presi-
dent Mahmood Ahmadinejad would not be reversed was accompanied 
by a vow that the nation's rulers would 
ever yield to demands from the streets.

Since last week's protests, the gov-
ernment has unleashed days of esca-
lating force, including the full weight 
of the powerful Revolutionary Guard 
and its feared civilian militias on the 
opposition.

Social networking sites carried 
claims of brutal tactics by police such 
as savage beatings with batons, but the 
coreports could not be independently 
confirmed.

In the battle for public opinion, 
the leaders also ramped up a familiar 
smear campaign: that the opposition 
has been backed by the United States 
and other perceived foes of Iran.

What began as groundswell protest 
of alleged vote fraud increasingly ap-
ppears to be splintering into random acts of rage and frustration against 
emboldened and well-armed secu-
ry forces determined to hold their 
ground.
Obama wants to trim complex college aid form

The second page of a document discussing the simplification of the federal college aid form, including a quote by Duncan about the form as a nightmare and the estimated number of students who might not apply due to it. The article also mentions the American Council on Education's findings on the number of students who apply for aid and the impact of the recession on college enrollment.

Complete Your Bachelor's or Master's Degree

The text provides information about completing a bachelor's or master's degree, including details about programs at the University of La Verne and University of Central Coast Campus, and a contact form for Morey's College Counseling.

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These fleeting memories are what I'll remember Bonnaroo 2009 by: A kneepad-wearing Asian cameraman getting hit in the head with a spotty bubble floating from the crowd.

In the Tennessee twilight — the perfect backdrop for a Wilco performance. Although the band has built a reputation on being one of the best live bands around, they were merely setting the stage for The Boss himself.

So much has been said and written about Bruce Springsteen and the legendary E Street Band that it's hard to anticipate their live show without the highest expectations imaginable. Three hours and 28 songs later, I was overwhelmingly won over — it was everything I expected and more. Springsteen's uncompromising endurance and the E Street Band's impeccable precision and expert efficiency in performing timeless classics (with some rarities, newer offerings and cover songs sprinkled in) is unmatched in modern music.

As the crowd dispersed after the mammoth set, I found myself thinking about the purpose of live music in the first place. It's meant to bring people together who share a similar understanding of what it happening on stage and through the speakers. If this is what Bonnaroo set out to achieve — to help music lovers, no matter what their genre of choice is, collectively share in a common experience — then it undoubtedly succeeded.

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Media outlets shouldn’t bite the hand feeding them

Recently you may have noticed that some of your favorite YouTube videos have gone silent, stripped of their audio tracks due to copyright violations. This is part of an ongoing and sad trend. Since YouTube was purchased for $1.65 billion in late 2006, the site has had a steady decline in the quality of its content.

The enforcement of copyright infringement on the site does not just hurt the entertainment value of one of the Internet’s most popular sites; ironically, it also denies music, television and movie companies free advertisement of the product. YouTube has the potential to increase the sales of entertainment products, which would be realized if copyright laws were enforced against entertainment companies in a reasonable fashion. The lack of quality videos on YouTube is why online video competitors with real entertainment to offer will eventually destroy the YouTube world as we know it.

NBC, Fox and many other television networks have already realized that free online media is a profitable way to sell entertainment. Using Web sites such as Hulu.com, networks have profited by offering full episodes of their shows online for a limited time. Disney places so much confidence in the success of Hulu that it recently bought a 39 percent stake in the Web site. Soon, several Disney original programs, like Grey’s Anatomy and Desperate Housewives will become available in their entirety through Hulu.

In addition to the revenue created by brief commercials, networks are advertising profitable DVD seasons of the show. If the program is successful enough, people will still purchase box sets in order to watch the show in its entirety.

If someone enjoys a program enough, they will be more than willing to pay for the convenience of enjoying it on an actual television, with neither commercials nor censorship to detract from the entertainment. Music and film companies should learn their lesson about the American consumer through Hulu’s success. Through YouTube and similar Web sites, music singles could be broadcast cheaply and efficiently. Already, fans of musicians upload songs with videos of them doing their own pithy music videos in the background, advertising CD and MP3 downloads at no cost to the company. If the music offered is good enough, people will pay for the ability to listen to the music without seeing three teenage girls lip-synching into a microphone.

Allowing viewers access to low-quality content encourages viewers who are entertained to purchase the original film, show or song.

Companies using Hulu have already shown that the way forward for media is through free entertainment. It would be in everyone’s best interest for the companies to extend the same copyright liberties granted to Hulu to YouTube.

Rather than maximizing media outlets, music and film companies have let greed prevent earning more money.

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United States beats Spain 2-0

Michael Bradley (12) of the United States challenges Cesc Fabregas (10) of Spain during the States’ unlikely 2-0 victory over Spain in Wednesday’s Confederation Cup semifinal.

To beat an amazing team like Spain and make the final, it’s big,” U.S. coach Bob Bradley said. “We played as hard as we could and that’s what it took. Every guy contributed, so it’s a very good feeling.”

Spain, the European champion, had set an international record with 15 straight victories and had tied Brazil’s record unbeaten streak of 35 games from December 1993 to January 1994.

The United States had been 1-7-1 against No. 1 teams, beating Brazil in the 1998 CONCACAF Gold Cup and tying Argentina last summer in an exhibition at Giants Stadium.

“This is an accident, a little step backward,” Spain coach Vicente del Bosque said. “We have to look forward, a little more optimistic.”

Altidore scored in the 27th minute, drawing a yellow card. It was the first goal against Spain in 451 minutes, since Turkey’s Semih Senturk scored on April 1 and just the third goal the Spanish allowed in 17 games dating to last summer’s European Championship.

Dempsey sealed the victory, scoring from 6 yards when he pounced on Landon Donovan’s cross, which had bounced off Gerard Pique and the foot of Sergio Ramos.

“There will be ups and downs in any cycle,” U.S. Soccer Federation president Sunil Gulati said. “I think this tournament makes that point very clearly. Tonight was a very big up.”

The U.S. opened the tournament with a 3-1 loss to world champion Italy, then was ousted by South American champ Brazil in a 2-0 defeat. The Americans advanced over the Italians on the second tiebreaker — total goal — only by beating Egypt 3-1 on Sunday, as Brazil defeated the Azurri by the same score.

“Three games ago I think it would have been impossible to think about a night like tonight,” Howard said. “We’ve had our fair share of critics, but we showed up and took it on the chin and kept going.”

While the U.S. women have won two world championships, the men have long been outsiders and didn’t even qualify for the showcase event from 1990-96. This ranked alongside the upset of Brazil as one of their top wins, just below victories over England in the 1990 World Cup, Portugal in the 2002 World Cup and Colombia in the 1994 World Cup.

Spain outshot the U.S. 29-9 in near-freezing conditions at Free State Stadium, but Howard came up big — every time he was needed.

“We knew we had to pick and choose our moments to go forward,” Dempsey said. “We’re happy with the result and we know we’re going to have our work cut out for getting anything out of the final.”

The United States last lost in three previous matches against Spain, including 1-0 in an exhibition on June 6, 1998, and 1-0 in the 1999 World Cup qualifier on June 6. He played left back instead of central defense.

Spain sounded shocked.

“We must have been the team in the final, not them,” Spain coach Vicente del Bosque said. “They were the best team in the final.”

United States beats Spain 2-0

Barden signs contract with Giants

Former Cal Poly wide receiver Ramses Barden signed a four-year contract with the New York Giants on Wednesday. The terms of the deal were undisclosed.

New York also signed quarterback Rhett Bomar of Sam Houston State.

The Giants released tight end George Wright and offensive linemen Mike Fladeo to create room on their roster.

The Giants selected Barden in the third round (85th overall) of the NFL Draft on April 26 after four years at Cal Poly. He left the school holding career records in catches (206), yards (2,403) and touchdowns (26).

He also holds NCAA records for most consecutive games with a touchdown catch (26) and most career games with a touchdown catch (32). Barden caught at least one touchdown in each of Cal Poly’s 11 games last season, tying an NCAA record for consecutive touchdown catches in a single season set by Randy Moss.

Barden caught 67 passes for 1,257 yards and 18 touchdowns last season while helping lead the Mustangs to an 8-3 record and a Football Champions­ship Subdivision playoff berth.

He finished fourth in the balloting for the Walter Payton Award, given to the top FCS offensive player.

Barden became the first Cal Poly offensive player to be drafted since quarterback Seth Barnett was selected in the seventh round by the San Diego Chargers in 2002. He is the second highest selection to come from the school and the third Mustang to be drafted in the third round.

Linebacker Jordan Beck was drafted in the third round in 2005 by the Atlanta Falcons, while defensive end Chris Gogos was chosen in the third round a year later by the Philadelphia Eagles.