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At school where student was killed, students talk about why they fight

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO — His left eye still swollen shut, Vashion Bullock doesn’t deny fighting in the massive brawl that claimed a Fenger High School student’s life two weeks ago.

He’s watched the grainy fight video and seen himself standing still in the middle of the fre­netic mob. But to him, the footage is a 2-minute-and-26-second clip of his world without context, broadcast endlessly on television and the Web.

Together, their actions are horrific. Individually, they’re students who made the honor roll, worked after-school jobs, played sports and planned for college. And they wake up in worlds frayed by pov­ery and violence.

Vashion Bullock Jr., 17, at his home, shows signs of the fight that left Derrion Albert, 16, dead two weeks ago. Vashion was hit with a brick and passed out at one point in the fight.

Bullock and other students based in from Altgeld Gardens have fought for years with kids who live closer to the high school and see them as outsiders, accord­ing to interviews by the Chicago Tribune with dozens of students and parents. The Fenger senior said he often races to the bus stop to avoid confrontation. But that Thursday he had been suspended for a school fight. And he’d had enough.

"How many times you want me to walk away?" asked Bullock, whose brother is charged with murder for striking 16-year-old Derrion Albert with a wooden plank. Three others were charged in the melee that involved at least 50 teens. “We’ve been running for so long and I’m tired of running.”

Bullock said. "Running only leads..." see Fighting, page 2
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The fight sparked national outrage.

Chicago Public Schools and Chicago police once again are being called upon to provide safe passage for students heading to and from school. But the dramatic violent brawl caught on tape highlights concerns about a much more fundamental safety issue — the treacherous journey for many Chicago teens from adolescence to adulthood.

Violence in Chicago has already claimed five teens in the last month, three of them public school students. And if previous years are any indication, dozens more will die in the coming school year.

"Anything could happen at any time," said Montrell Truitt, 17, a junior at Fenger.

The video is troubling but not extraordinary," said Dewayn Cortell, director of a youth violence project at the Common Ground. "I object to the notion that these kids are somehow disturbed or abnormal. Street fights between rival groups are not new to Chicago or any other part of the United States. We have had them for centuries."

On Sept. 24 Montrell Truitt left school with his brother and headed for the bus stop at 111th and Wallace streets, a half block north of Fenger. Trouble was already brewing, so Montrell and his brother headed east on 111th to Michigan Avenue, where they catch the bus to the Gardens.

The extended walk has become the best of the bad options for the kids, who say they’re vulnerable at the stop closer to Fenger and in the heart of the Ville. As the brothers walked, news started to swell behind them.

Truitt, 17, who ranked near the top of his junior class, called his mother, a daily ritual they have on his walks from school. He and his family had just reached the rusty train tracks past Stewart Street, a half-mile from Fenger and the eastern edge of the Ville. It marks the unofficial safe zone for Gardens’ kids heading home.

"All I was thinking was, "OK, we’re getting close to the tracks, so they’re going to turn around,"

Truitt said.

But the kids didn’t stop following that day. Some began to strip off their shirts to gear for a fight. Ville teens say several cars of Gardens kids were there waiting.

Truitt’s mother, Tonya, brand tension in his voice on the phone. She told him to try to get to her workplace, but as they were talking, his phone went dead. Shortly after crossing the tracks, Truitt said he felt the back of a wood plank across his back.

He stumbled, then turned and fought.

The rest is captured by a camcorder held by another Fenger student in the video that has transfixed the nation.

On the video, Albert, an honor student who has been portrayed as a bystander, can be seen throwing a punch.

What is clear from the video is how random the melee became. Two teens from the Ville — at least one of them Albert’s friend — were charged with delivering a "first strike" and the "knock-out blow" to the diminutive teen.

Kids from the Gardens then stomp and weld one final shot with the plank.

Since Albert never claimed loyalty to either side, no one was sure with whom he was fighting, witnesses said.

Albert Gardens six miles northeast of the Ville, separated by massive industrial structures, a matrix of railroad lines and the historic West Pullman community. An isolated public housing complex, Gardens anchors the city’s south­ernmost tip at 110th Street with low­rise homes. Just one bus route serves the entire 157­acre development, an island of churches, public housing and elementary schools with no commerce for miles.

Less is known about the Ville, a chunk of the Roseland neighborhood about a half­square mile in size that encompasses Fenger and is bordered on the south by 115th Street. Several young residents have proclaimed their allegiance by inking forearms with tattoos and even choreographing a Ville dance.

"It’s the neighborhood we’re from, who we are, how we act, what we do," said Derrick Young, 17, a junior at Fenger.

Young said he wasn’t involved in the fight, though school officials say differently — he’s been suspended for Fenger for 10 days. Though he recently moved with his mother into a spacious apartment just outside of the Ville, Young still strongly identifies with the area.

Young and others said the Ville isn’t just about violence — it’s also about community. Wearing a set of fuzzy white animal slippers, he performed the Ville dance, a soft bounce from side to side, arms heaved forward as he drops down, low­s­lying.

That doesn’t mean they’re soft, though. Young admitted he’s swung a baseball bat at Gardens kids, he’s swung a bat at him. He thinks the Gardens teens bring violence to Fenger, not the other way around.

But when asked why they don’t like the Garden kids, he struggled to explain it.

"As far as I know, they don’t like us," said Young, who dreams of playing professional football even though he’s not on the school team, "and the way I feel, we don’t like them."

Tens from the Ville feel like their neighborhood, already starved of resources, has been invaded. So do their parents.

"Any high school out there?" asked Ava Greyer, the mother of Eugene Bailey, 17, one of the Ville teens charged in the murder. "Why would you put them … here?"

Ville kids and their parents say the violence works both ways — Garden kids sneak peaks when they can. It is widely believed around the Ville that the day on the fight, Altgeld kids flooded the neighborhood with car filled with people ready to fight. Jamal Harding, 18, a Fenger graduate who traded blows with a Garden kid in the fight, said walking away isn’t an option.

"I’m not gonna run from it," he said. "Why should I have to run from where I live? If I have to run from where I live, where else do I go?"

The conflict escalated between the two neighborhoods after Chicago Public Schools transformed

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students are expressing frustrations. Overall, the transition has helped provide additional students with more aid," said Kelly.

Yet, students who turned in forms early are having difficulties. Biomedical engineering student Joe Casillas, has had his forms submitted last spring quarter. When he arrived on campus three weeks ago, he noticed his account was empty.

"The Financial Aid office said they had probably lost or misplaced my forms, that they weren't in the system or even in a folder," Casillas said. "I was told the easiest solution would be to fill out another form instead of looking for the original, so I did."

Exactly a week later, Casillas called the office only to find out it would take four to six weeks longer than they had originally said.

Casillas' parents would have had a hard time affording the costs of books and tuition out of pocket, so rather than burdening his parents with the expense, Casillas went to work harder than they had originally said. Administrators are encouraging students, as they do each quarter, to carefully manage financial aid matters before the school quarter begins. The Financial Aid office is working to expedite requests and equip students with the funds they need to succeed.

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SAN LUIS OBISPO (MCT) — In a two-day extravaganza that included a sleepover for two, Jay and Dana Hagan were joined by eight other people for a pool swim in 64-degree water, cocktails and hours of laughter on the terrace, a billiards game and dinner in a grand house—all at Hearst Castle.

"I've waited my whole life to do this" Julie Hagan, the hosts'sister-in-law, said Sunday as she climbed out of the pool. She was 4 years old when she and her family visited the Castle, and "...the only thing I remember were the pools, because I couldn't swim in them. Now I can call my mother and tell her I finally did it!"

The group also went on a customized four-hour Castle tour, including the chance to ring the carillion bells, all as part of a Friends of Hearst Castle adventure the Hogans won in a 2008 eBay auction. The Marin County couple paid $27,206.

FRESNO, CA (MCT) — In a recession, it seems, people are more willing and stop buying flowers for their sweethearts. It's not actually that simple, but word-of-mouth lending on a recently released top-10 list of best-performing privately held companies and the ones funded in the bottom 10.

National

MIAMI (MCT) — Former South Florida Catholic priest David Dupeppen admitted he fathered a baby with a former stripper, and now wants custody of the infant girl.

Dupeppen, in court documents filed in Miami-Dade family court, said he wants to be the primary caretaker of baby Marilyn Epiphany, who was born in January.

"He has never denied paternity for the child and he would like to be very involved in the child's life," his attorney, Raymond Rafsool, said Wednesday.

Rafsool said Dupeppen, 42,should have custody of the child at least 70 percent of the time.

WASHINGTON (MCT) — Many Americans have been putting off doctors' visits, forgetting medical tests and taking expired medications to save money over the past year, according to a new poll by Consumer Union.

The survey by the nonprofit organization found that 51 percent of Americans have "faced difficulties in health care choices in the past year.

Despite overwhelming concerns about how to pay for health care, however, there's still no clear public or political consensus on how to overhaul the system.

The Senate Finance Committee is expected to take a final vote on its plan later this week or early next week.

International

GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba (MCT) — The Puerto Rican National Guard is heading home soon and soldiers from their Virgin Islands and Rhode Island counterparts are mobilizing for yearlong tours at the detention center President Barack Obama said he would shut in January.

Commanders say they can still systematically airlift all 223 detainees out of here, if the Obama administration finds places to put them.

But they are preparing for fresh forces to soon start parading the cell blocks, and how to manage rebelling prisoners if a missed deadline triggers unrest.

Long before the White House begrudgingly acknowledged that it may not meet its shut-down date, the Pentagon was preparing for a longer prison camps stay.

KHARTOUM, Sudan (MCT) — The Sudaneese government dismissed a fake Washington Post report published last week describing efforts by Khartoum to recruit former US officials to work as lobbyists to press Washington to lift sanctions and remove Sudan from the list of countries that sponsor terrorism.

The efforts have so far been unsuccessful in attracting Robert McFarlane, the former National Security Advisor to President Ronald Reagan, the newspaper reported in a manner that it would not require disclosure on his part.

Obama's first-year travel sets presidential record

Steven Thomson

WASHINGTON — With his visit to Denmark to pitch Chicago as the site for the 2016 summer Olympics, President Barack Obama has now visited more countries in his first year in office than any other president did.

His one-day trip last week to Denmark — which failed to persuade the International Olympic Committee to award the games to his hometown — made it the 56th country Obama has visited since taking office on Jan. 20.

That pushed him into the top spot as the country's top globetrotting leader in his freshman year, passing the previous record holder — George H.W. Bush, who hit 15 countries in the year before he took office in 1989, and Gerald Ford, who also jetted off to 15 nations after taking office midway through 1974.

Those two were just ahead of Richard Nixon, who in 1969 became the first real globetrotting president when he went to a then-unheard-of 14 countries in his first 12 months.

Obama will add more before his first year anniversary. He'll visit China, Japan, Singapore and South Korea next month.

This much international travel
Supreme Court debates cross on California national parkland

Michael Doyle

WASHINGTON - A cross erected in California's remote Mojave National Reserve captivated the Supreme Court on Wednesday, as the justices clashed in a closely watched religion case.

The long-running dispute seemed to divide the court along ideological lines, with liberals voicing skepticism about government's support for the cross memorial, while conservatives suggested that they have little problem with the Latin-style cross, which was first installed 75 years ago.

"I don't agree that every time the government allows one religious symbol to be erected it has to allow all religious symbols to be erected in the same place," Justice Antonin Scalia told an American Civil Liberties Union lawyer.

Other justices, however, voiced concern that the federal government's entanglement with the desert cross could violate the First Amendment, which bars Congress from passing any law "respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

The cross stands on federal land. Even though Congress wants to transfer the property to private owners, federal fingerprints would remain. The cross is a designated national memorial, and even after being transferred, the land could revert to government ownership eventually.

"How can you say it's completely disassociated?" a dubious Justice John Paul Stevens asked the Obama administration's top lawyer.

In turn, Solicitor General Elena Kagan said that simply posting signs indicating that the cross is no longer on public property could cure any First Amendment concerns about the government endorsing a particular religious symbol.

"The government is perfectly happy to put up signs which make it clear that the plot in question will not in fact be the government's," Kagan said, repeating the point several times for emphasis.

The hourlong oral argument in the case, now called Salazar v. Buono, was rooted in the case that the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Death Valley Post 2884 erected in 1934 atop Sunrise Rock. A plaque that explained that the cross stood "in memory of the dead of all wars" is now missing.

The cross has been replaced several times. The current cross is described as "between 5 and 8 feet tall," and is constructed of 4-inch-diameter pipes painted white. Critics say it sends a distinctly religious signal that violates the constitutional prohibition against government establishing religion.

"The cross is the predominant symbol of Christianity and it signifies that Jesus is the son of God," ACLU attorney Peter Eliasberg told the court, adding, "I have been in Jewish cemeteries, and I have never seen a cross."

Sunrise Rock is part of the 1.6 million-acre Mojave National Preserve, managed by the National Park Service. It's visible from Cima Road, about 100 yards away. The nearest town is Cima, population about 21. In 1999, park officials denied a request to erect a Buddhist shrine near the cross and indicated their intention to remove the cross. Congress blocked the move and designated the cross a "national memorial commemorating United States participa-
Pakistan’s army objects publicly to conditions on U.S. aid

The News, a Pakistani daily, on October 8, 2009.

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Traveling presidents

President Barack Obama has visited 16 countries since Jan. 20, more than any other president in their first year in office.

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Above, a map locating the 16 countries President Barack Obama has visited so far this year; Obama has visited more countries in his first year in office than any other U.S. president.

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is a bit surprising for Obama, who ran largely on a domestic agenda, such as overhauling health care. Many of his overseas trips have centered on international meetings, such as the G-20 economic summit in England or a NATO summit in France that focused on the kind of international partnerships that Obama stressed as a candidate. Others have included Obama's attempts to rebuild impressions, particularly for the US, such as his speech to the Muslim world from Egypt, and a town hall meeting with middle-class South Africans in Cape Town.

"They have to travel," said George Edwards, a scholar of the presidency and political scientist at Texas A&M University. "If you're going to have meetings of major countries, you have to be there. I don't see any other option. Of course, there is discretion about which countries you stop in on the way."

President travel abroad is a relatively recent part of executive diplomacy, one that has accelerated in recent years as US presidents have grown easier, faster and more comfortable.

Theodore Roosevelt was the first president to travel outside the US while in office, visiting Panama. John F. Kennedy was the first to get his own presidential jet, a Boeing 707. George W. Bush traveled the first to have use of the specially modified Boeing 747 Widebody. The costs of the trips — borne by taxpayers — are difficult to measure, but they're expensive. When the president uses the familiar blue-and-white reconfigured 747 as Air Force One, it costs $109,219 an hour simply to keep it running, according to the Air Force. And that's just its basic mission.

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Senators seek job creation, protection in climate bill

WASHINGTON A Senate Democrat who's been worried about the impact of impending climate and energy legislation on manufacturing sectors said Wednesday that he'd back the historic legislation if it contains enough incentives and protections for American businesses.

Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, said those provisions, combined with limits on greenhouse gas emissions, would unleash private capital and create new businesses and a vast number of new jobs.

"Once we do that," he said, "we'll spark a new industry in this country like we haven't done in a long time." Support from Brown and other Democrats from industrial states that are heavily dependent on coal is crucial to muster enough votes to pass the bill in the Senate.

In August, Brown led a group of 10 senators who wrote President Barack Obama to say that a climate bill had to protect American manufacturing to win their support.

He said Wednesday that the Obama administration is helping to craft a plan to protect energy-intensive industries that would face competition from countries with no climate rules. Six industries fit that profile — glass, aluminum, cement, chemicals, paper and steel — and Ohio has them all.

The impact of climate and energy legislation on business will be a key part of the debate on a proposed bill, set for later this fall.

Opponents charge that mandatory limits on greenhouse gas emissions will devastate the economy and kill jobs because it will make coal, oil and natural gas more expensive. On the contrary, Brown, clean energy business executives and administration officials said Wednesday, the bill would advance U.S. competitiveness in a new global clean-energy industry.

Brown said that climate legislation should include provisions to prevent disadvantages for U.S. manufacturers, provide long-term investment tax credits, put a price on carbon emissions, require a portion of electricity to be generated from renewable energy and help workers transition to new jobs.

Obama and Sens. John Kerry, D-Mass., and Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., the bill's sponsors, "understand that climate legislation simply doesn't work for reducing carbon dioxide emissions if a company closes down in Findlay, Ohio, and moves to Shanghai, because carbon emissions will get worse, not mention job loss," Brown said.

Cross

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tion in World War I. Though the designation puts the modest cross in the same league as iconic memorials such as Mount Rushmore and the Lincoln Memorial, Kagan sought to dismiss its significance.

The cross's congressional allies want to give Sunrise Rock to the private Veterans of Foreign Wars in exchange for private land elsewhere. That would leave the cross standing on a 1-acre doughnut as an only two-potato-potato support placed on the table for peace talks in the Middle East, European leaders have turned a cold shoulder to his quest for more troops in Afghanistan, and he still hasn't found foreign governments willing to take the foreign terror suspects held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

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DTB mixes up Thursday nights with DJ spinoff

DJs will be judged by anonymous in-house judges and a crowd ballot that will run from 12:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. The DJ with the highest total votes will move up in the bracket.

Monte Schaller, Downtown Brew's event coordinator and promotions manager, said that after receiving a hefty stack of 50 applications, the managers thought about adding more DJs to the competition than originally planned. They decided to stick with having only eight DJs for this year's contest. The eight chosen were picked to compete based on their distinct mixing skills.

"We've got video DJs mixed in there, we've got people who mix in punk rock or reggae. There's a huge spectrum. It's going to be really interesting because they're definitely not all cookie-cutter," Schaller said.

Take a look at the DJs scheduled to compete over the next month:

**DJ Donk (The Local)**
Twenty-one year old San Luis Obispo native, DJ Donk has been mixing since he bought used turntables when he was 15 years old. Soon after he experimented with DJing, he joined a local hip hop group, called the four freaks and performed with big-name artists like E-40 and Jedi Mind Tricks. After bearing about the DJ competition, Donk turned in his application with the hopes of networking with other DJs.

"I'm not motivated by the prizes, but more the opportunity to connect with new people and work with other professional DJs," he said. Pursued for the contest, DJ Donk can't wait to start spinning tracks to win over the crowd. "I have no doubt that I can keep them entertained."

**DJ Slick (The Artist)**

This San Diego graffiti artist can be heard mixing beats on Wild 106.1 and found on Wednesday and Friday nights spinning tables at The Graduate in San Luis Obispo. DJ Slick got into mixing tracks at underground raves in Southern California at a young age.

"As a graffiti artist, hip hop culture is a part of my lifestyle, so I guess you can say the love of the arts inspired me at a young age to pursue my musical branch," he said. "Turntables and a needle became my new paint and canvas."

Inspired by pioneer hip-hop DJ Grandmaster Flash, Slick "almost passed out" when he got to meet the legend in San Diego. This DJ veteran of 14 years is getting into the competition to inspire other DJs to "dig the crates" to find songs they normally wouldn't play and have fun with the crowd. Slick can't wait to pump up the crowd with another DJ. "I'm actually excited to share the stage with my boy DJ Donk," Slick said.

**The Beat Freakz (Dynamic Duo)**

DJ Tommy Ganz and DJ Swift have teamed up to create The Beat Freakz, a set of cousins who have been turning tables together for almost eight years. "When we spin together there's little verbal communication between us. I know where he's going and vice versa. We just get in the zone and put it down and have a good time while we don't," Swift said.

This duo got their most recent music mixing inspiration from Italian DJ artist Gigi Barocco, who Tommy Ganz says is "puttin' it down dirty." Though they're competing to become local DJs, these cousins hope their music will take them overseas.

"Our goal is to play in Asia in 2011. We'd be happy to play anywhere over there. They get down and the clubs are hyped," DJ Tommy Ganz said.

**DJ Tony A (The Outsider)**

After relocating from San Diego, DJ Tony A recently openedFinder's Seafood Restaurant in Pismo Beach. He took a break from DJing after mixing beats for 10 years but decided to get back into the groove when he moved to the Central Coast. He says he's very versatile in his music selection and will "play whatever gets the dance floor going." Tony A may be new to the area, but he's confident in his DJing abilities.

"I know I'm going against some heavy hitters," he said. "I think I definitely have what it takes to win it."

**DJ So Mighty (The Rastafar-tian)**

Voted a runner-up for best DJ on the central coast by New Times, DJ Katchafiya blends reggae beats with other music genres like hip hop and rock. Inspired by reggae king Bob Marley, Katchafiya's mixes pay tribute to Jamaica, the foundation of reggae music. He has opened for Bob Marley's son, Stephen Marley, roots-reggae band Steele Pubs and Jamaican-born Don Carlos. Katchafiya can also be found spinning at local spots such as Farren's Market, local cafes, and school events.

**DJ C.fo (The Video DJ)**

As Mother's Tavern and Native Lounge DJ resident, DJ C.fo may get to add Downtown Brew to his list of residencies after this competition is over. Coming all the way from Oregon, C.fo brings a whole new element to his music by adding music video clips to go along with his mixes. Online he has received more than two million views on his video remixes. Inspired by the Baka Boyz Hip-Hop Master Mix radio show, he was voted number one club DJ in the New Times Best of SLO 2009 Edition. While C.fo enjoys the competitive part of the contest, he has dollar signs in his eyes.

"I'm in it for the $2,500. That's a chunk of change I can't try for," he said.

**DJ Oso Mighty (The House Party DJ)**

Starting his DJ career at high school parties in southern California, DJ Oso Mighty has brought his mixing skills to the clubs and bars of central California. Oso Mighty is part of an alliance of DJs called the Metabolics. Coming from a family of musicians, Oso Mighty considers music a lifestyle rather than a hobby.
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When you're eating a piece of chicken breast or some leftover pasta do you ever wonder how you could improve the flavor in a fast way that will not make you start from scratch? The simple answer is add a bit of citrus. I know you're thinking that lime-flavored pasta or tangerine flavored chicken sounds weird but it's actually surprisingly good and takes only a small amount of time to prepare. A little squeeze of lemon or zest of an orange can make the blandest of foods turn into little masterpieces bursting with flavor and vitamins. I hope from reading this you will come to love citrus the same way I do.

I often come home from school tired and don't want to spend all night making dinner, so I turn to my trusty oven and pre-heat it to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. In a shallow glass pan, I put some olive oil, some properly defrosted chicken breasts (defrosted in the fridge not on the counter or in hot water), some Mrs. Dash's Chicken Grilling seasoning blend, light Italian dressing, and then pour in enough orange juice or tangerine juice to partially submerge my chicken. I let the oven do its job, and after two hours I cut into a piece to make sure it is not pink in the middle (smaller pieces may cook faster). This is a simple recipe that turns my boring chicken breast into a savory piece of poultry. With a little rice pilaf and some veggies on the side, I have a dish that tastes great and will give me leftovers for days.

Some of us don't have two hours to wait or are just too hungry, so here is an even easier recipe. Throw leftover pasta and chopped pre-cooked chicken in a bowl and microwave it for a minute or so. Add a little olive oil, squeeze or zest a small amount of your favorite citrus fruit (the zest is the outer layer of a citrus fruit that you would normally peel away and you can even use those pre-juiced lemons or limes), and add salt and pepper to make a simple pasta sauce. I do not like pasta sauce that much so this is a great substitute for it and it is a great way to utilize leftovers.

For those who enjoy taking more time to cook and being more adventurous I recommend stir frying or sautéing some chicken or seafood and veggies (my favorite combination is chicken or shrimp — I know shell fish is not kosher but I eat it anyway) and adding whatever citrus fruit you feel like. Add the juice, the zest, or even cut up the entire fruit and cook it with your meat and veggies. You can even add your leftover pasta right back in the pan with the stir fry if you want to use up those leftovers. It adds some pizzazz to your meal and brings out a lot of the natural flavors in foods.

Cooking with citrus is not the only way they can be used. Have you ever found that cutting a piece of fruit too soon can cause browning? The fruit's inside is exposed to oxygen which causes a reaction to change the color. Adding some lemon juice to a cut up piece of fruit can limit and sometimes prevent the browning from occurring. Most of us also eat citrus fruits such as grapefruits and mandarins by themselves which give us a great source of vitamin C and can help hydrate us since they are mostly made of water.

All in all, the simple lemon that used to just make you lemonade has many more functions than you could imagine. Try one of these recipes or even create your own. Citrus fruits and juices are generally cheap and can be found in any grocery store. The best part is they are low in calories and make your food taste delicious.

The next time you're in a rut looking for that special ingredient to make your food taste better, grab a piece of citrus and let the juices flow because a little citrus goes a long way.

Bethany Abelson is a food science senior and Mustang Daily food columnist.
Film festival to address variety of environmental concerns

Erin Hurley

A number of contemporary environmental issues from around the world will be addressed in film during the second annual Los Padres Forewatch "Wild and Scenic" Film Festival. Global topics ranging from wildlife preservation to protecting endangered species will be covered in seven different short films, voted as favorites at the event's main festival in Nevada City, California.

"These films touch on many of the current environmental issues that we can relate to here in our own community, like watershed or ocean protection," said Diane Devine, Forewatch development coordinator. "They also reach out and address issues from around the world, which we hope will inspire our viewers."

Forewatch is a nonprofit organization located in Santa Barbara that works to protect the Los Padres National Forest and spread awareness about protecting public lands all along the Central Coast. The organization's use of scientific evidence and legal tactics to accomplish its goals has made it a prominent environmental group in the area.

"Our hope is that we motivate people to take an interest in our work and in the natural world just outside their back door," said Devine.

John Flaherty is co-owner of Central Coast Outdoors, a company that plans outdoor adventure tours and vacations, said he is pleased to see this type of event coming back to San Luis Obispo.

"We feel strongly about environmental groups like Forewatch who share our environmental interests and values," he said. "We try to help groups like these and we're happy to have this opportunity to be a sponsor."

For various environmental interest groups on campus, this type of event is a way to bring complex issues to the student body.

"It's great that the organization is reaching out in this way," Suzie Cuff, president of the Association of Environmental Professionals, a club on campus that advocates environmental awareness and organizes activities like creek clean-ups, said. "The issues that the films are about are really important - I really hope the festival will get the lines of communication open among students about the issues."

Majean Bennaim of the Empower Poly Coalition, a coalition of groups on campus that focus on promoting sustainability, said he is "really glad that the school is reaching out in this way. The films seem to cover a wide range of topics that will help activate the student community to make a difference while also entertaining."

The festival will be held on Friday, Oct. 9 in the Spans Theatre. Forewatch will host a reception and have several raffles and informational booths for attendees at 6:30 p.m. before screening the films at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children, and can be purchased on campus at the Spans Theatre.

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--- Edwin Arlington Robinson, from 'The Master"

E.A. Robinson's poem was written shortly after the Civil War from the perspective of those who opposed President Lincoln, and I think it beautifully echoes the current political climate in America. The Republican Party reflects such intrinsic opposition to President Obama's health care reform, and they criticize his seemingly indefinite mandate and pouring money in Afghanistan, while concurrently offering nothing themselves.

Most of the right's opposition stems from punishes such as Glenn Beck and Sarah Palin, leaders in the House and Senate, like Eric Cantor, Michelle Bachmann, and Planned Parenthood. Amazon McConnell. And they're very good at being glamorous in their opposition. Michelle Bachmann never fails to make headlines when she opens her mouth, but a Monastic in the White House made a statement on the House floor that if public option health care is paid, tax dollars will be funneled into sex clinics, where teenage girls will be able to get abortions without notifying their parents.

That's an absolutely false claim, but it didn't cause her to be ostracized from serious national news organizations; instead, she made an appearance on Larry King Live a few weeks ago, where she said, "people go where they think they're going to hear the truth." She went on to insinuate that Limbaugh and Glenn Beck speak the truth.

"If you look for a critical mass, that's the movement, that's the direction that the critical mass is going. And the American people are very smart people, she continued. Bachmann essentially believes that the Republican party is superior to the scientific community and has created an argument against intelligent design by failing to account for the possibility that one's personal value systems have nothing to do.

That's hardly a movement. America is moving forward. That's where we've been headed since we've elected Obama. It may seem as though he's not accomplishing what he promised on the campaign trail, like shutting down Guantanamo Bay, getting our troops out of Iraq, and allowing the Patriot Act to sunset — as Saturday Night Live noted last weekend.

But there's a reason we didn't choose a swaggering, overly confident impulsive man to be president. Let us forget, the Bush presidency is responsible for every situation the Obama administration is trying to improve today. And I think there's a case to be made that a lack of momentum and a lack of progress is behind President Bush's mistakes.

I appreciate that, according to the NY Times, Obama gathered lawmakers at the White House Tuesday to discuss troop options in Afghanistan, and he told them, "No one feels more assurances that the war's purpose is too important to be judgmental, and that we're not just fighting a war."

--- Anonymous

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--- Shannon

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Might I ask, Mr. Tsoi, that you be more careful in your assumptions that your professor's statement leads to a solid wall of separation between Church and State, how do you suppose that we incorporate religious teaching without infringing upon the free exercise of other religions? Additionally, since we would always need an opposing viewpoint for a critical evaluation of the truth, how are we to teach all religions in a class? It is only years that matters.

--- Mr. Tsoi

I am not sure if the Republican Party is a "designated public forum." Student editors have full and unrestricted access to the Mustang Daily, without censorship or advancement. The Mustang Daily is a free newspaper. However, the removal of more than one copy of the paper per day is subject to a cost of $0.50 per issue.

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Another attempt to tap down Afghan drug trade

Aziz Ahmad Tassal

With the season for planting poppies approaching, Afghan farmers are considering their options.

Facing with plunging prices caused by oversupply of the raw material and market uncertainty, coupled with intensified efforts to stamp out production of the illegal crop, an increasing number of growers are producing wheat instead of poppies.

Helmend Province is still the leading producer of opium in the world. But officials report that poppy cultivation was down 33 percent in 2009 compared with the previous year.

Helmend Gov. Gulab Mangal says that the drop is partly due to the Food Zone program, which distributes seeds, fertilizer and equipment to farmers who grow wheat and other food crops rather than poppies.

"The Food Zone program encouraged farmers not to grow poppies," Mangal said. "It shows that serious, a regular plan and good management can have an effect.

Salim Zinayal, an adviser to the governor, said enforcement of the law against illegal drugs also played a role. "We raised public awareness by talking to religious leaders and solving those cases about the illegality of poppies," he said. "We also conducted a campaign through the media. We distributed seeds, and got serious about implementing the law. We punished smugglers and confiscated the tools needed for harvesting. We seized and burned opium. All of these measures contributed to the decrease.

The fight against opium poppy in Helmand has been a long and difficult battle with mixed results. Much of the land still under cultivation is in areas controlled by the Taliban and other insurgent groups, and the area is protected by corrupt police or government officials.

In the face of such economic realities, some farmers simply decided to switch to wheat or other crops.

"We are not going to cultivate poppies anymore," said Beniullah, a resident of Nad Ali. "It has made us poor. It has brought a lot of death or harm for our animals, because we grew poppy." Other farmers, however, said they had been offered incentives by the government to abandon poppy cultivation and so have decided to continue producing the illegal drug.

"The government gave us nothing," said Abdul Bari, a resident of Chaimira village in Nad Ali district. "We spoke with the government's representative, but he told us that we were too late in requesting assistance. So we grew poppies.

President Obama should explain his administration's efforts to impede Senate approval of a law designed to protect reporters from punishment if they refuse to divulge confidential sources. But efforts to win support for the proposed law are too late in the process.
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Phillies pitching today," Manuel said, "he has a fastball and cutter, and he was real good with both of them and he used them. He was aggressive. He had a big tempo and rhythm, and he had good concentration."

For most of August, Lee breeched through his starts, forcing games to operate at the brisk pace that he set. His pitches went where he wanted them to go, leaving opposing batters clueless. Yesterday, he reestablished what Manuel called a "flow."

Lee allowed six hits and struck out nine. He walked none. "He handled the whole flow of the game pretty well," the manager said.

Through the first four innings, Jimenez appeared unhittable, missing a fastball that reached 100 m.p.h. with a high-90s change-up and sneaky curveball. But he faltered in the middle innings. "The guy we beat today has got a ton of talent," said a proud Crabtree. "Brett Lawrie has got a ton of talent and he's got a ton of time."

I was asleep," the coach conceded. "I just knew they played both in town at some time."

The sides ultimately gathered at the SBC Stadium in 1996 Inns on Tuesday. The #49ers were represented by Jed York, McCloughan and Mariathe.

McCloughan wore a red tie, and joked that it matched the colors Crabtree wore at Texas Tech. "Absolutely not," Crabtree responded. "That's the #49ers color, and that is who I am." Crabtree was accompanied by Parker and, in a surreal twist, MC McCool and Mariathe. McCloughan dismissed the idea that the recording artist agreed to terms. "I WAS asleep," the coach conceded. "I just knew they played both in town at some time."

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"A mutual acquaintance," he said with a laugh. "You know, he knows Eugene and Deion (Sanders)." McCloughan, as instructed, called Singletary with the news. Around 2 a.m., the last unsigned Sea.sons morphed into an extended session between Mariathe and Parker.

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"It's just a matter of getting him up to speed," Lee said. "We know how to play the game, and our guys know how to move runners," Manuel said. "Sometimes they don't do it, but at the same time we know how, and when it's supposed to be done. And that's what execution is all about."

The result was a performance that pleased the Phillies and their fans, all parties eager for another World Series win.

With two outs in the ninth and many in the crowd chanting "Let's go Lee," the unfazed playoff neophyte blew a 93-m.p.h fastball by Garret Atkins for strike three. Lee and catcher Ruiz pumped their fists, and met between home plate and the mound to slap hands and hug. It was just the first of the 11 victories needed to earn a second title, but Wednesday featured a championship-caliber performance from the entire team. "We seem to have a knack for doing that," said Rollins. "For finding hits when we most need them."

Cal Poly soccer loses to league rival UCSB 1-0

The Cal Poly men's soccer team (4-7, 2-1 Big West) dropped a 1-0 decision to No. 7 UC Santa Barbara on Wednesday at Harder Stadium. The Gauchos (8-2-1, 2-0) who moved into first place in the Big West with the win, got a 29th minute goal from Luis Silva for the only score of the match.

The Mustangs would not be without their chances. Junior forward David Zamora had a shot hit the post late in the first half that would have tied the match.

Harder Stadium saw 5,842 people attend the match, a relatively large crowd compared to the nearly 10,000 that watched the match last year in Santa Bar­bara and less than half as many at­tendees as the 11,075 that packed single. The next inning, Werth's triple highlighted a three-run assault for a 5-0 lead.

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The result was a performance that pleased the Phillies and their fans, all parties eager for another World Series win.

With two outs in the ninth and many in the crowd chanting "Let's go Lee," the unfazed playoff neophyte blew a 93-m.p.h fastball by Garret Atkins for strike three. Lee and catcher Ruiz pumped their fists, and met between home plate and the mound to slap hands and hug. It was just the first of the 11 victories needed to earn a second title, but Wednesday featured a championship-caliber performance from the entire team. "We seem to have a knack for doing that," said Rollins. "For finding hits when we most need them."

Phillies pitcher Cliff Lee threw nine innings, allowing six hits and one earned run, along with five strikeouts.
MUSTANG

Mustang football travels north to face Montana

Tim Miller
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly football team faces yet another major test on Saturday when they travel to Montana looking for another win against the No. 3 Grizzlies (4-0).

Head coach Tim Walsh said that he wasn’t worried about the team’s travel schedule saying that there have been much more difficult travel plans in the past.

“As a coach it’s always a good thing when your players laugh when you say you have a difficult travel plan,” he said.

Walsh did sound worried about the Montana crowd which he gave credit for beating his old team, the Vikings, when he was the head coach of Portland State University.

“To be honest with you I’ve lost a game because of their crowd,” he admitted.

Walsh said that he didn’t want to have his team worrying about the hometown crowd, which is likely to be near capacity at the 25,200-seat Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

“If we are thinking we are gonna go beat their crowd, we’re beating the wrong team,” he said. “So, we’re beating the wrong team.”

The Mustangs’ losses came to be near capacity at the 25,200-seat Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

Cal Poly also received significant contributions from previously untested sophomore slotback David Mahr, who scored Cal Poly’s lone offensive touchdown against South Dakota State, and redshirt freshman slotback Kevin Rutledge who averaged 11 yards per carry, including a 20-yard burst midway through the fourth quarter.

Montana’s drill-threat offense has also paced on opponents averaging 227 yards per game and putting up more than 36 points per game.

This could amount to bad news against a Cal Poly offense that has scored just two touchdowns in the past three games.

Walsh said that the lack of points on the offensive end is the result of a lack of concentration.

“We gotta be able to go 14 plays and score a touchdown,” he said, referring to a drive against South Dakota in which the Mustangs were forced to punt after a 14-play, 81-yard possession.

Cal Poly has the best record against Big Sky Conference opponents in the country. The Mustangs have won 15 of the last 20 games against Big Sky opponents but have been shut out once in 13 games against the Grizzlies.

Last year’s home loss to Montana was marred by poor special teams play including a last-minute missed field goal that could have given the Mustangs the lead.

Cal Poly’s special teams have continued to improve this year and Walsh said that they have made progress in this area this year.

If there is one area where we need to make a huge improvement (it’s special teams), because they’re good on special teams,” Walsh said. “So we need to play much better on special teams.”

Cal Poly’s offense struggled to score last week but still moved the ball very well. Walsh said that offensive’s ability to move the ball helped out the defense by giving them great field position as well as keeping them well rested.

The rest paid off, the Mustang defense accounted for two of the three team touchdowns on Saturday. Cal Poly linebacker Marty Mo- hamed caused a fumble that resulted in a winning score against South Dakota State after he sacked Thomas O’Donnell near the end zone. His spectacular play also resulted in winning first his first Big West Defensive Player of the Week award and being named among the College Sporting News National All-Star on Oct. 5. Mohamed leads the Best in tackles with 9.2 and leads Cal Poly with two sacks.

Mohamed said that watching the game on film was even better than playing in it.

“You feel like you never play as good as you actually do,” he said. “You always walk off the field like you did something wrong but I mean watching film was finally one of the times I actually left the film session completely satisfied with how I played.”

SPORTS

Phillies take 1-0 lead behind Lee

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THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

PHILADELPHIA — The question hovered over the Phillies through a troubling September, as their starting pitchers faltered and their lineup sputtered. Come playoff time, could they rediscover their swagger?

Supremely confident (or were they self-assured to a fault?) that they would succeed in a meaningful game when one arose, the Phils backed that attitude with an impressive effort Wednesday. They defeated the Colorado Rockies, 5-1, in Game 1 of the best-of-five National League division series.

Cliff Lee, acquired in late July for just such a moment, pitched a complete game in his first postsea- son appearance.

And the Phillies’ offense, which stayed in recent months from its propensity to produce timely hits, bashed top-notch Colorado starter Ubaldo Jimenez.

“We pretty much knew all we had to do was close the season out,” said Lee. “This was believed that the former Texas Tech star wanted money commensurate for a player taken higher than No. 10.

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And the Crabtree saga begins

Daniel Brown
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All along, Scott McLaughlin had a hunch. When things went quiet on the Michael Crabtree front, the 49ers’ general manager told his lead negotiator Parag Marathe to stay patient.

“This will come out of left field,” McLaughlin told him. “This will be something you don’t see a week or two in advance.”

And so it happened, as a month-long standoff turned into whirlwind negotiations. The sides broke their silence Sunday and quickly hammered out a six-year deal that includes $17 million in guaranteed money.

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“We needed to, and not just to prove a point,” he said. “If you start setting precedents you don’t want to follow in the future, you really hand- off your organization.”

Crabtree’s contract includes an incentive clause that would wipe out the relatively low $4 million in base salary in his final season.

To avoid the sixth year, Crabtree would need to accomplish a few hard-to-reach targets. Profootball-