No more Happy Meals: McDonald's near campus closes after more than 40 years of burgers

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Ronald McDonald will no longer gaze out the window overlooking Foothill Boulevard as a result of the decades old drive-thru ban in San Luis Obispo. The McDonald's closed last Thursday after four decades of serving the San Luis Obispo community and is scheduled to be demolished at an unspecified date.

"Fast food means you don't want to get out of your car," Chris Ujano, an area supervisor for McDonald's, said. "You're on the go, you want to get something to eat and get on your way."

The director of operations at four McDonald's restaurants in San Luis Obispo County, Bob Bedard said that he went to the city council last year to lobby end to the ban. Despite Bedard's efforts, the ordinance was upheld in a 3-2 vote.

"Without a drive-thru window it just wasn't economically feasible to do the remodel, Bedard said. "If the city council would have let us put in a drive-thru, or at least entertained the thought, we would have remodeled," he said. "We would have stayed open for another forty years. We can't build a million dollar McDonald's and not have a drive-thru. We just can't do it."

Bedard said that other McDonald's drive-thru locations in San Luis Obispo County sales from the window account for at least 50 and up to 70 percent of sales at those locations.

Larry Smyth, a realtor for Farrell Smyth, who manages the property said he didn't even stay on location to eat, even without the window. "I don't stay there. I might just take it to my car and eat."

Part of the argument for drive-thru in San Luis Obispo given by Bedard, is that there is a certain expectation with fast food that it is mostly to go and people will avoid it or go somewhere else if they have to get out of their car.

The city refused that people in San Luis Obispo expect drive-thrus and said that it's a general consensus from the San Luis Obispo community came along, they would entertain changing the ordinance. So far there has been no such public push for a overturn of the ordinance. Doug Davidson, deputy director of community development said.

"People in the community don't expect drive-thrus here," Davidson said. "That's because we've had the ban for 25 years."

Davidson gave several reasons for the ban including: pedestrian walking from traffic congestion, the "nice" Cal Poly community and less emissions from cars killing while waiting in line.

Both Bedard and franchisee owner of Burger King, Mike Hunerlain stressed that other drive-thrus do exist in San Luis Obispo however; they just don't happen to be restaurants. Read McDonald's, page 2

Men to be released after 12-year wrongful imprisonment

Diane Jennings
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

DALLAS — Two men are expected to be released Friday after spending 12 years in prison on a murder they did not commit, the latest in a string of exonerations in Dallas County. Like most of the other wrongful convictions, these cases also hinged on faulty eyewitness identification.

Unlike most of the previous 20 Dallas County exonerations, however, these two were cleared without DNA evidence.

The most recent cases also are unusual because two student groups, the University of Texas-Arlington Innocence Network and the Actual Innocence Clinic at the University of Texas-Austin, championed the case for years before law enforcement officials re-examined the case.

"It feels wonderful," said Natalie Ellis, a criminal justice major at the University of Texas-Arlington who has worked on the case daily for more than a year. "I'd have to say out of all the days I've had in my life so far — this is tops."

Two other men in custody, who were also originally investigated, are now suspects in the killing. Authorities say one of them gave a detailed confession to the crime after the case was reopened.

Claude Alvin Simmons Jr., 54, and Christopher Shawn Scott, 39, were each sentenced to life in prison for the April 7, 1997, shooting death of Alejandre Aguirre during a home-invasion robbery. Their convictions were based primarily on the eyewitness testimony of Aguirre's wife, Celia Escobedo, who was present in their home when the killing occurred.

That identification was mistaken, said Mike Ware, head of the Dallas County District Attorney's Conviction Integrity Unit.

"Procedures were used that we would now consider faulty," he said, noting that when Escobedo went to the police department, "because of a series of mishaps she was taken past one of the individuals who ultimately was convicted in this case, who had been taken down for questioning."

When Escobedo saw the man sitting in a room in handcuffs, she identified him as one of her husband's assistants.

"That perhaps certainly got the investigation off on the wrong foot," Ware said.

Escobedo declined comment Wednesday.

According to public records, Simmons and Scott had no prior history of violent crimes — only drug possession. Both men took the stand in their trials, which were held back-to-back in 1997, see Release, page 3
University's justice project finds itself targeted

Jeff Long | MUSTANG DAILY

CHICAGO — After spending three years investigating the conviction of a Harvey, Ill., man accused of killing a security guard with a shotgun blast in 1978, journalism students at Northwestern University say they have uncovered new evidence that proves his innocence.

Their efforts helped win a new day in court for Anthony McKinney, who has spent 31 years in prison for the slaying. But as they prepare for that crucial hearing, prosecutors seem to have focused on the students and teacher who led the investigation for the school's internationally acclaimed Innocence Project.

The Cook County state's attorney subpoenaed the students' grades, notes and recordings of witness interviews, the class syllabus and even e-mails they sent to each other and to professor David Protess of the university's Medill School of Journalism. Northwestern has turned over documents related to on-the-record interviews with witnesses that students conducted, as well as copies of audio and videotapes, Protess said.

But the school is fighting the effort to get grades and grading criteria, expenses incurred during the inquiry, the syllabus, e-mails and anything that would aid the prosecution, as well as interviews not conducted on the record, or where witnesses weren't willing to be recorded.

"I don't think it's any of the state's business to know the state of mind of my students," Protess said. "Prosecutors should be more concerned with the wrongful conviction of Anthony McKinney than with my students' grades."

Prosecutors declined to discuss their request for grade reports, but a spokesman said the subpoena is about seeking truth in the case.

"They have material that's relevant to the ongoing investigation, and we should be entitled to that information," said spokeswoman Sally Daly.

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to examine the case in October 2003 at the request of McKinney's younger brother. The effort continued over three academic years, until June 2006.

In November 2006, Prosecutors laid out their evidence in an interview with students reportedly uncovered.

They tracked down the witness who originally identified McKinney for police. He recounted his story in a videotaped interview, saying police informed him about the details of McKinney's involvement, according to the Web site. The students also interviewed two admitted gang members said to have chased McKinney on the night of the murder, they corroborated.

"Angry that Anthony had recently damaged their car, they admitted pursuing him after a chance encounter," Prosecutors wrote on the Project's Web site.

Several people who were identified as witnesses told the students about a man who they said admitted speaking with McKinney. The students eventually tracked him down.

In a videotaped interview, the man said he was present during the murder and that McKinney was not there. The report says he identified two people he claimed were the real killers, according to the Innocence Project.

Prosecutors said his students talked to one, now living in Racine, Wis., who denied involvement. The other, who was identified as a witness, declined to talk to them.

In 2006, the students took their findings to the Center for the Advancement of Forensic Sciences.

Convincing the Northwestern law school's Bluhm Legal Clinic, A visit in 2006 to file a petition on McKinney's behalf for a hearing in 2006 Cook County Circuit Court.

The state attorney did not seek to have the petition dismissed and agreed that a hearing should be held. A date for a hearing was not set.

A judge will decide whether the evidence warrants a new trial for McKinney.

Prosecutors argue in court documents that they need the school information to make an accurate assessment of witnesses' credibility and other essential issues, also saying that their own investigation uncovered credibility problems with the people interviewed by the students.

Because government investigations are regulated by strict ethical and disclosure guidelines, a full exposition of the school's procedures is necessary to enhance the students' investigations, the court documents said.

Prosecutors also have asserted that the Medill students and their professor are not journalists and, therefore, not protected from release of records and access to other notes under the Illinois Reporter's Privilege Act.

The retention of John Lavine, dean of the journalism school, called false — and irrevelant.

Said Lavine, "They took reporting to the Nth degree."

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and have always maintained their innocence.

When told their names were in the possession of.McKinney, the two men were "extremely joyful," said John Stockels, founder of the Innocence Network at UT-Arlington. Stickels, who visited them in the Dallas County jail, said both have families waiting for them.

The two women who are now suspects in the crime are Don Michael Anderson, 40, who has been charged with capital murder, and Alonzo Hardy, 49, who has been identified as a "co-actor."

Hardy is currently in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice serving 30 years for an aggravated robbery conviction. He also has a history of drug charges, Anderson, who was picked up in the Houston area Tuesday night, has several drug charges on his record.

During their joint investigation of the case, Hardy gave an "extensive confession," according to the district attorney's office, detailing his and Anderson's roles in the offense. The confession also cleared Simmons and Scott from any role in the slaying.

Both men were investigated at the time of the crime, authorities said, and Anderson was even included in a photo lineup. But Escobedo did not pick him out. Anderson also reportedly confessed to a girlfriend, and Adam Seidell, Simmons' attorney, tried to introduce that information and other witnesses implicating Anderson at trial.

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"Considering that all of the jury got to hear in this case was the eyewitness identifying Mr. Simmons during the trial, then the length of deliberation wasn't a shock," Seidell said. "But I will also say it was extremely frustrating trying to get the case when that three witnesses that my private investigator located were not allowed to testify."

Warder, who served on the bench for 14 years and now is the Cooke County district attorney, said she doesn't remember the case. Her decision to not allow the testimony was upheld on appeal.

In 1986, when Warder was a Dallas County assistant district attorney, she prosecuted a case in which the real killers were wrongly convicted. The judge last year ruled that the defendant in that case — Clay Chatlo — should get a new trial.

Speaking about the Simmons and Scott case, Warder said Wednesday that she was "extremely saddened" to hear that two men had been wrongly convicted, but glad that the system worked to "exonerate the innocent and identify the guilty parties so that they'll be brought to justice."

"This is the kind of thing where Simmons and Scott began more than three years ago when Simmons' family wrote letters to the student groups. Both organizations began investigating the cases, said Bill Allison, executive director of the Austin center. Working together, the two groups investigated the cases, and then contacted the district attorney's office, which asked Dallas police to reopen the investigation.

"There are lots of cases that have been brought to our attention as possible innocence claims," Ware said. "For many reasons, this one seemed to have more red flags and credibility."

Student investigator Ellis said she was supposed to be looking for DNA but as I started reading this case, there was no DNA in it. But there was clearly something there. I just knew this case had something in it. There were too many things that make you go 'hmm.'"

Ellis is thrilled with the outcome. She has visited the two men in prison and met with them. Both men were investigated at the time of the crime, authorities said, and Anderson was even included in a photo lineup. But Escobedo did not pick him out. Anderson also reportedly confessed to a girlfriend, and Adam Seidell, Simmons' attorney, tried to introduce that information and other witnesses implicating Anderson at trial.

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — More than a dozen years after Arnold Schwarzenegger's Mercedes-Benz was ambushed in Santa Monica by two rowdy paparazzi, sparking their arrest, the actor-turned-governor is having his say.

Schwarzenegger signed a new law this month to discourage paparazzi misconduct by allowing tabloid or other publishers to be sued for using images or sound recordings that they knew were obtained violently or illegally.

Targeting paparazzi money source is a new tack that supports tough as a boon to public safety and opponents criticize as a blow to the free-speech right to publish truthful information, regardless how it's collected.

"To positive this will wind up in court, some way or other," said Carlton Larson, a law professor at the University of California-Davis.

The new paparazzi law comes in an era of electronic advancements that allow photos or sound bites to be transmitted instantly and available forever.

Paparazzi are driven by prospects of big bucks — up to six-figure payoffs — for jaw-dropping images of Tom Cruise, Kristen Stewart and Taylor lautner.

"They punch somebody; if they shout at somebody, if they spit at somebody, it's all protected by a law," said Frank Griffin, co-founder of Bauer-Griffin, one of Hollywood's leading star-gazing photo agencies, said that both paparazzi pay and the extent of misconduct tends to be exaggerated.

"Sometimes there are strings of eight or nine cars going through red lights," said Sean Burke, a former Hollywood paparazzi.

"He makes his decisions based on what's best for all California," McLear said.

In May 1997, Schwarzenegger was with his wife, Maria Shriver, who was driving their young son to school when photographers in two vehicles wedged the couple's Mercedes-Benz and forced it to stop, news services reported.

Two paparazzi later were convicted of misdemeanor false imprisonment in connection with the incident, news reports said.

California's paparazzi law, effective Jan. 1, cracks down on misconduct by trying to eliminate the financial incentive to break laws, if necessary, to get an exclusive photo.

The measure, Assembly Bill 524, will supplement existing prohibitions against trespassing, assault and invasions of privacy by swarms of paparazzi that stake out, chase or taunt Hollywood stars.

"The real aggressive ones will do anything to get a picture that they think will make them a lot of money," said Ron Williams of Talon Companies, a celebrity bodyguard service.

Actress Jennifer Aniston is a sponsor of the new law. She received $550,000 in a 2003 settlement of a lawsuit against a photographer who scaled a private 8-foot-wall to take photos of her sunbathing topless in her Malibu, Calif., backyard, published reports said.

Numerous Hollywood stars, including Paris Hilton, Nicole Richie and Halle Berry, have been involved in traffic collisions in recent years that allegedly involved paparazzi or their chase.

"Sometimes there are strings of eight or nine cars going through red lights," said Seau Burke, a former bodyguard now pushing to restrain paparazzi.

"It's pretty crazy," he said.

The new law is not necessary, he added, because California already bars reckless driving and abusive behavior.

"We don't want to be seen as apologizing for the paparazzi, for their extreme and dangerous conduct, but we nonetheless have concerns about the impact of the bill on mainstream newspapers," he said.

"I will give you $100 for every picture that's published that's caused by a reaction created by a paparazzi who said or did something insulting," he said.

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“I haven’t seen any movies lately. I don’t have any time.”

-Dan Marioni, mechanical engineering senior

“I saw ‘The Proposal’ at the drive-in. My boyfriend and I saw it and enjoyed it. It was funny and not too much of a chick flick.”

-Enika Schwall, forestry and natural resources junior

“The last one I saw was over the summer; ‘The Hangover’. It was pretty good if you like raunchy humor and aren’t offended by it.”

-Emily Hartley, business junior

“‘Zombieland’ was great; I really enjoyed it. I also saw ‘Toy Story 3D’; that was pretty sweet.”

-John Romley, recreation parks and tourism administration senior

“No, but I’m trying to see ‘City of God’. It’s about Brazil and it’s all in Portuguese.”

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UC Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara City College, Santa Barbara County, the Sheriff’s Department, the California Highway Patrol, the UCSB Police Department, the City of Goleta, and the Isla Vista and Goleta communities are working together to prepare for Halloween in Isla Vista. The goal of our planning is to keep activities on Halloween weekend safe and local. Toward that end, we are taking a number of measures to discourage non-residents from visiting the Isla Vista area during that time. We want to alert you to some of those measures.

• The Sheriff’s Department will be closing certain sections of Isla Vista to vehicular traffic and will be increasing the number of deputies and officers on duty in IV.

• The California Highway Patrol and the Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Department will strictly enforce all traffic and alcohol-related laws. The C.H.P. will set up D.U.I. (Driving Under the Influence) checkpoints at strategic locations.

• The university will restrict on-campus parking between 5 PM on October 30 (Friday) and 7:30 AM on November 2 (Monday).

Current UCSB parking permit holders (except student night and weekend permit holders) will be allowed to park on campus.

UCSB student residents of Isla Vista without a current permit can park in a designated campus lot using a special, pre-issued, Halloween pass good on Halloween and the weekend.

Accommodations will also be made for visitors who are attending university-approved or sponsored events.

All other on-campus parking is prohibited. Vehicles in violation will be subject to fines up to $250 and/or vehicle towing at owner’s expense.

• The Camino Real Marketplace at Storke Road and Hollister Avenue, the parking lots of many other commercial establishments and private businesses in Goleta and Isla Vista, the Santa Barbara Airport, and local residential neighborhoods will be posted with signs noting special parking restrictions. Unauthorized vehicles and vehicles left overnight may be towed at owner’s expense.

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not put into place, a big chunk of Europe could be lost,” McClatchy Newspapers published a series of articles earlier this year that traced the flow of opium from Afghanistan through Tajikistan — a main Central Asian conduit — to Russia. The articles found that Western inaction during the years after the 2001 U.S.-led invasion of Afghanistan opened the way for Afghan opium to fuel corruption throughout Afghanistan, turn Tajikistan into a borderline narco-state and create thousands of new addicts in Russia. Russia is now the world’s largest consumer of heroin, according to the U.N. report. At least 70 tons of Afghan heroin were consumed

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Drug users, mostly heroin addicts, are locked in a cell labeled "Quarantine" at a drug treatment center in the Russian town of Yekaterinburg.

**State**

**SACRAMENTO (MCT)** — A former UC Davis employee has turned herself in after authorities issued an arrest warrant, charging her with stealing or embezzling more than $36,000 from the university.

Suzanne Gomes, 41, also known as Sue in Cache, of Yolo City, surrendered Sunday at the Yolo County jail in Woodland, UC. Davis officials reported Monday. She posted bail and was released.

The allegations mark the third time this month that a University of California, Davis, employee has been accused of stealing public funds.

**SAN JOSE, Calif. (MCT)** — Technicians at seven using check shops in Santa Clara County have been convicted as part of an undercover operation that discovered workers were "clipping" cash, passing them on clean air tests by using fake results.

The announcement came Wednesday as part of a joint effort by the state Department of Consumer Affairs Bureau of Automotive Repair and the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office.

A total of 12 technicians and seven shops were involved. All technicians were convicted on felony charges of falsifying a certificate and two who cooperated with the district attorney's office may be eligible for a reduced charge.

**National**

**WASHINGTON (MCT)** — Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius told Congress Wednesday that delays in the release of H1N1 vaccines have shown that the United States is far too dependent on other countries for the manufacture of vaccines, and that vaccine technology must be improved.

Four of the five manufacturers of H1N1 vaccines are foreign companies, a fact that alarmed lawmakers who expressed concern about the ability of the federal government to secure enough vaccine to prevent the spread of the "swine flu" virus as it peaks in the coming days and weeks.

**WASHINGTON (MCT)** — President Barack Obama said Wednesday he will shift spending of the government's multibillion-dollar financial bailout away from large financial institutions and toward smaller banks, in an effort to bolster the small businesses he says form "the backbone of the American economy."

Speaking at a records storage business in suburban Washington, Obama said smaller financial institutions are in greater need of capital to grow and expand — and that the country's large banks have moved past their need for what's left of the $700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program.

**International**

**BAGHDAD (MCT)** — After three days of long sessions and continuous delays, the Iraqi parliament failed Wednesday to reach agreement on a new election law, asked a little-used national political council to resolve the impasse and adjourned until Monday.

The speaker of the parliament, Dr. Ayad al-Samarrai, said at a news conference that the parliament had resolved 96 percent of what he called obstacles — including allowing Iraqis to vote directly for individual candidates, not just party lists — but that lawmakers remained deadlocked over how January's scheduled parliamentary elections should be conducted in oil-rich northern Kirkuk province.

**BEIRUT, Lebanon (MCT)** — Just two days after Israeli spy devices were blown up in South Lebanon, the Israeli media has raised the possibility that Hezbollah is planning attacks against Israel and American interests in Turkey and that the group could get its hands on Russian missiles being delivered to Syria. According to a report published by the.Ynet news website, Hezbollah is planning attacks on Israeli tourists, synagogues, airplanes and vessels in Turkish ports.

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Autumn takes center stage at Cal Poly Choirs fall debut

Katie Kosi'halk

The "Sounds of Fall" Cal Poly Choirs will take to the Harris Hall stage in the Performing Arts Center to perform various selections that represent the spirit of fall for their annual concert on Oct. 24.

Thomas Davies, who has been the director of choral activities for 27 years, will conduct each of the three ensembles, including Polyphonies, The University Singers and The Early Music Ensemble, who will each perform three to four pieces.

"We call this our debut concert as it introduces this year's choir to our audience," Davies said. "I like the student performers to work on their performance skills early in the year."

The concert will feature new students who were selected during auditions held the first week of fall quarter. This quarter about 35 new students were welcomed into the choirs, Davies said.

Emily Allyn, a music junior and member of Polyphonies, The Early Music Ensemble and Cal Poly's women's barbershop quartet, feels that despite adding a number of new students, the new and returning choir members are blending well.

"It's a good transition into the new quarter to be able to sing next to new people every year," Allyn said.

Members of the Cal Poly Choirs come from all over the university. More than 80 percent are not music majors. There are students from engineering, architecture, agriculture, math and science and liberal arts. All of the choirs are also a mix of men and women, Davies said.

This year there will be about 125 Cal Poly students performing at the concert.

The students are divided into three choirs, each offering a different style. Polyphonies is a highly select, mixed chamber ensemble and has 42 members.

Polyphonies will be singing a piece titled "Nächtens" which means "At night." It tells the story of a person who has some frightening dreams at night and wakes up in tears. The piano accompaniment is very "spooky" sounding, making it appropriate for a concert around Halloween, Davies said.

The University Singers are known for singing sacred, worldly works that are both recent and old. There are 60 to 80 members, depending on the quarter.

The University Singers will sing a piece titled "Im Herbst" which means "In Fall." It was written by a composer from the first half of the 10th century, Fanny Hensel. She is the sister of the famous composer, Felix Mendelssohn.

The Early Music Ensemble performs vocal music, which is written before 1750 and includes works from the Renaissance, Baroque and early Classic periods.

The three choirs wasted no time preparing for the fall concert, each rehearsing four days a week for 50 minutes each time beginning the second week of the quarter.

Even before the choirs started rehearsing, Davies was working early in the summer to put together the music selections to be performed.

Despite the short, four-week preparation time, the selections seem to be coming together well, Allyn said.

"I feel like we're getting really prepared in a short amount of time. The actual performance is nothing like the actual game," Allyn said.

Lisa Figel, a music junior and member of Polyphonics, agreed that the most gratifying part of the process is the actual performance.

"When we're finished and everybody is clapping and encoring it's the best feeling.

— Lisa Figel
Music junior
Do you ever wonder why Jews cannot eat pork or why Mormons cannot drink coffee? The obvious reason is because it is against their religion, but do you know why it is against it? I plan on breaking down some of the top forbidden foods for three different religions: Judaism, Hinduism and Mormonism, to help you better understand why your Hindu friend cannot eat beef or why I am not supposed to eat shrimp.

Being a Jew has allowed me to eat some pretty interesting foods but has also forbidden me to eat some really tasty foods. The most common foods Jews are supposed to refrain from eating are pork, shellfish, milk and meat (together in the same meal). These all break the kosher rules which are part of kashrut, the Jewish dietary laws. This may come as a surprise, but a food that is kosher is one that has been blessed by a Rabbi.

A food that is kosher is one that has been prepared under the specific kosher regulations. A food is deemed un-kosher if it includes ingredients from non-kosher animals, kosher animals not properly slaughtered, milk and meat combined, wine or grape juice made without supervision, the use of produce from land that has not been tilled or the use of cooking utensils or machinery that has been used for other non-kosher foods. Kosher rules become more strict according to different Jewish holidays. For example during Passover, Jews are not supposed to eat any foods with leavening products. As I have mentioned before that I do not keep kosher myself so I try to avoid pork and limit my milk shakes with my hamburgers.

Moving on to the fascinating religion of Hinduism, where they are forbidden to eat beef and exotic wild animals. Since the cow is the most sacred animal in the Hindu religion, beef is exempt from their diet. According to an article on Hinduism.guru.com, the philosophy "you are what you eat is a concept behind a man and his food habits as it decides our mental growth as well as physical growth and well being."

Hinduism emphasizes vegetarianism because eating animal products blocks mental and spiritual growth. They also feel killing innocent and helpless animals for food it bad karma. This brings harmful consequences to the person eating the food and to the entire planet.

Lastly I want to talk about Mormonism, the religion that may one day put Starbucks out of business. The top forbidden drinks and substances include coffee, tea, alcohol (cigarettes), drugs and tobacco (although they can drink herbal teas — just not the black, grey, green actual tea varieties). Mormons also have rules on "The World of Wisdom," which is a spiritual and physical health code they believe in. It involves them to seek out a healthy diet thus refraining from consuming the above drinks and substances mentioned. Mormons’ primary reason for not consuming these popular items is for spiritual reasons. According to yahoomoms.com, "Our bodies and spirits are very connected, and a lot of it has to do with keeping our spirits sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Ghost."

I hope this cleared up some of the more frequently asked questions on these religions and their dietary rules. By understanding why they cannot eat certain foods or drink certain beverages, it helps us in not being so surprised when they cannot do something. So the next time you invite your Jewish friends over for dinner, cook them up a kosher meal and surprise them with your knowledge of knowing a Rabbi does not need to be present.

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"Film for Thought" festival emphasizes food controversies

Erin Hurley

The "Film for Thought" Film Festival next week offers an opportunity for students of San Luis Obispo to learn about some of the social and economic issues related to food and health. Presented by HopeDance Films and New Frontiers Natural Marketplace, the festival will screen one film a night at 7 p.m. from Oct. 24-30, leading up to the HANDs on Health Symposium Oct. 30-31 at the Recreation Center on campus.

The documentaries cover a variety of topics related to food, many of which are currently under fierce debate. "Killer at Large" examines the threat posed to America by the spread of obesity, and "Fresh" explores the idea of stopping to think about where, how, and by whom our food is produced. Many of the films feature well-known experts on food and health, including Michael Pollan and Joel Salatin.

The films were chosen by local movie lover Hob Hainier, who runs Novel Experience Bookstore on Higuera Street and owns the HopeDance film collection which includes documentaries on many subjects.

"These films focus on topics like obesity, sustainable food systems, orthodox, grass-fed beef, raw food, and successful farm to school programs. Some of the films may be unconventional or even a little shocking, but I want to show what's really going on as well as what is possible," said Hainier.

Barnett is the editor and publisher of "HopeDance," an online publication that focuses on issues and activities related to creating a sustainable future. He also runs "Edible SLO," a local magazine that is dedicated to all things related to healthy food and its importance.

"Most people believe that everything is fine, and they don't see the reality of the decisions that are being made daily about how we access our food. If these films get people to start talking about these issues let alone making healthier choices, that's a big giant leap," Barnett commented.

Tanahree Bose was also involved in the selection of the films for the festival. A professor in the Cal Poly department of nutrition and a believer in being aware of the issues surrounding our food, Bose spent many years studying genetics and the physical and habitual causes of obesity. She will also be giving a speech after the screening of "Killer at Large."

These films are documenting reality," she said. "They focus on a very captivating medium, and they really get people thinking. The topics include relevant issues like why school lunches in America are so abysmal or how prevalent corn is in our diets, and I hope that students see their importance."

Professor Bose is also a strong supporter of Cal Poly's recently established Slow Foods on Campus chapter. Slow Foods on Campus (a division of Slow Foods USA) is a network of student groups at universities across America that work to improve the university's food system.

The film festival addresses issues that are also important to Cal Poly students. Sophomore biology student Alyssa Samardzich said that "I think this festival is a really good idea. You can't ever be too educated about health and healthy eating."

Another group closely connected with the festival is a research project created by the Cal Poly kinesiology department called Science through Translational Research in Diet and Exercise, or STRIDE. This group is committed to spreading awareness about the importance of a healthy lifestyle, and promoting activities and events that foster healthy living.

ST R I D E is hosting the first HANDs on Health Symposium at the end of this month. Stephanie Teaford is the community liaison between STRIDE and the city of San Luis Obispo, and was directly involved in organizing the festival.

"When I saw these films, I was inspired to make this festival happen. Many of the films relate directly to the message we try to send and the work we're doing with issues like obesity and sustainability," she said.

Donations of $5-7 are encouraged and refreshments may be provided by local sustainable caterers.

All films from the festival are to be shown at the SLO County Public Library, except for the film shown on Oct. 27 which will be shown at the Templeton Community Center, and Oct. 29 which will be shown at the Fullness Chiropractic & Pilates Center in Grover Beach.

"King Corn" will be shown Monday, Oct. 26. The film documents the many different uses of corn in American food production and consumption.

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On last Sunday's news shows, members of the Obama administration defended White House communications director Anita Dunn's statement that FOX News operates "almost as if either the research arm or the communications arm of the Republican Party." Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel and senior Obama advisor David Axelrod both came out in support of Dunn. On ABC's "This Week," Axelrod explained, "The only argument Anita was making is that they're not really a news station."

"It's not just their commentaries, but a lot of their news programming. It's really not news. It's pushing a point of view," he continued. Rahm Emanuel also echoed that statement on CBS's "Face the Nation." It's an ongoing battle brewing between the Obama administration and the station that claims to be "fair and balanced," and it is also much more complicated than either side is willing to admit. This issue is really about journalism ethics and the government attempting to interfere with our free press.

I don't wonder why the Obama administration denigrates the journalistic practices of FOX News. Media watchdogs such as Media Matters frequently flag the commentary and commentary programs as thoroughly out of bounds. Moreover, the press is his love for the truth.

The freedom of the press may be the most important freedom granted by our Bill of Rights. The press is the guardian of our freedoms and the educator of society. Without it, our country could not maintain an informed electorate, and our representative democracy would decay into a totalitarian state.

The freedom of press is so important that Thomas Jefferson wrote, "We are, therefore, bitterly opposed to a government without newspapers or a government with newspapers without a government, I should not heur it a moment to prefer the latter."

Obviously, Jefferson understood the gravity of maintaining a free press, with the purpose of keeping Americans informed about the United States, and he saw the importance of free information. But I think it might be a character in the press that is the problem — that is the problem of the press.

**Andrea Tafflemire**

*Response to "Freshmen will get shorter WOVW next year"*

Shortening WOW is a step in the wrong direction. Aside from introducing us to Cal Poly and the SLO community, WOW puts the students through four great awareness workshops on topics including personal responsibilities and SLO life style/respect. By shortening the program, more of the week's focus would be on these presentations and less on the group bonding aspect. This would promote a more negative experience for the WOWies during the week, discourage them from participating with their group, and then they would probably turn elsewhere for before-school activities. Dominating one of the greatest orientation programs in the nation is not the path we need to travel. Instead, a more focused attack on possesses groups who have tainted this week should be tried, eliminating the problems at the source.

**- Andrew Tafflemire**

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It doesn't matter how many alcohol awareness programs are initiated, whether online or in person. Teen drinking is always going to happen. Shortening WOW Week not only fails to solve this problem, but punishes the hundreds of students who don't make alcohol consumption a part of their daily life.

**- Emily**

*Response to "Freshmen will get shorter WOVW next year"*

Thanks for the insight, however, I disagree in some of the facts being made. Whether American people are charitable or not, there aren't enough programs to support the millions of people who are under the welfare and social security program. These programs are meant to help the poor, no more like low income families begin their lives in such a vast country. I am not disagreeing to the fact that the red cross and FEMA aren't doing their jobs to help but are there enough charitable programs for the wealthy to help supply food and shelter for the poor and hungry? Do the rich get to choose who they help? Do the poor continue to be poor because they do not have welfare or social safety? Having been a person under this position, welfare has helped my family tremendously. Our pursuit to happiness needs a charitable or not, there aren't enough programs to support the millions of people who are under the welfare and social security program. These programs are meant to help the poor, no more like low income families begin their lives in such a vast country. I am not disagreeing to the fact that the red cross and FEMA aren't doing their jobs to help but are there enough charitable programs for the wealthy to help supply food and shelter for the poor and hungry? Do the rich get to choose who they help? Do the poor continue to be poor because they do not have welfare or social safety? I personally don't understand why people flaunt after Pollan's ideas yet his background is in Journalism and he has no real experience working in the agricultural industry...I personally don't understand why people flaunt after Pollan's ideas yet his background is in Journalism and he has no real experience working in the agricultural industry...I personally don't understand why people flaunt after Pollan's ideas yet his background is in Journalism and he has no real experience working in the agricultural industry...
The NFL’s rejection of Rush Limbaugh was a bit like the members of the Merion Cricket Club blackballing themselves by excluding the election of Limbaugh to their club based on his politics — they overwhelmingly shun his views, then allow him to join their club in the name of good business.

Consider that over the last 20 years, 78 percent of the approximately $7 million that NFL owners, coaches, players, and their associates have donated to political candidates and committees has gone to the Republicans. The Tracey Proctor list of contributors, every one compiled and studied by the Center for Responsive Politics in Washington.

The San Diego Chargers ($2.2 million, Huntsman family and friends—$261,403) organizations were the NFL’s top political individual contributors since 1997, the center reports. Almost every dime of the $2 million that Chargers owner Alex Spanos — the league’s most generous owner — has donated over two decades has gone to the GOP Texas owner Robert McNair, who has given more than $500,000 since 1990, has contributed almost exclusively to Republicans.

Daniel Snyder (Washington Redskins) and Shad Khan (Jacksonville Jaguars) are also big-time GOP donors. And Robert Johnson, owner of the Charlotte Bobcats (New Orleans Saints) also are big-time GOP donors.

That’s according to figures recently released by the Center for Responsive Politics, one of the oldest and most respected organizations of the kind of fee increase. But he was wrong.

As a result, the owners determined that it was just bad business to add to their ranks someone who would have kept them from doing the things they wanted to do while most choice to fly beneath the radar.

"This is about the future of the United States of America and what kind of country we’re going to have," Limbaugh said last week, casting the show is, it’s impossible for the NFL to try even to predict or gauge the impact of such a vote. After all, the yes-or-no nature of such a referenda and its potential outcomes are not always knowable. There is an unanswerable question that comes with this: If Rush will be discussing on his show, is it impossible for the NFL to try even to predict or gauge the impact of such a vote. After all, the yes-or-no nature of such a referenda and its potential outcomes are not always knowable. There is an unanswerable question that comes with this: If Rush will be discussing on his show, is it impossible for the NFL to try even to predict or gauge the impact of such a vote. After all, the yes-or-no nature of such a referenda and its potential outcomes are not always knowable. There is an unanswerable question that comes with this: If Rush will be discussing on his show, is it impossible for the NFL to try even to predict or gauge the impact of such a vote. After all, the yes-or-no nature of such a referenda and its potential outcomes are not always knowable. There is an unanswerable question that comes with this: If Rush will be discussing on his show, is it impossible for the NFL to try even to predict or gauge the impact of such a vote. After all, the yes-or-no nature of such a referenda and its potential outcomes are not always knowable. There is an unanswerable question that comes with this: If Rush will be discussing on his show, is it impossible for the NFL to try even to predict or gauge the impact of such a vote. After all, the yes-or-no nature of such a referenda and its potential outcomes are not always knowable. There is an unanswerable question that comes with this: If Rush will be discussing on his show, is it impossible for the NFL to try even to predict or gauge the impact of such a vote. After all, the yes-or-no nature of such a referenda and its potential outcomes are not always knowable. There is an unanswerable question that comes with this: If Rush will be discussing on his show, is it impossible for the NFL to try even to predict or gauge the impact of such a vote. After all, the yes-or-no nature of such a referenda and its potential outcomes are not always knowable. There is an unanswerable question that comes with this: If Rush will be discussing on his show, is it impossible for the NFL to try even to predict or gauge the impact of such a vote. After all, the yes-or-no nature of such a referenda and its potential outcomes are not always knowable.
Fate in John Lackey’s hands

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ANAHEIM, Calif. — Forget the money. John Lackey already is a lot richer than most people you know. Before next spring, he’ll be a lot richer than even more people you know.

That is not the issue on Thursday night.

The issue Thursday night is the definition of an Ace, or a One, or whatever you call a dominant starting pitcher in the playoffs.

This is the year CC Sabathia, of the Yankees, has become that guy. And this was the spring in which Lackey, frustrated that the Angels seemed oblivious to his upcoming free-agent eligibility, declared himself comparable to Sabathia.

"Except for his time in the National League, look at the numbers," Lackey said of Sabathia, who had just signed a contract that will pay him at least $161 million over seven years ($23 million in 2010, $23 million more in 2011) and, if he doesn’t opt out, a total of $161 million over seven years.

Usually you have to ruin a major bank to get paid like that.

Lackey was right, at the time. But numbers change.

Thanks to what is a 7.92 postseason ERA when in Cleveland, is the Josh Beckett of this October/November. Yankees opponents have to somehow plan on winning around him. He’s 3-0 with a 1.10 ERA after seven innings and giving up two runs and fanning Mark Teixeira with a curveball in a tight spot.

The Angels won that, 3-4. (Whatever happened to that Angels-hate-the-Yankees number angle, anyway?)

And he’s a certified winner, 31 games over .500.

The only thing that will keep him from becoming one of baseball’s elitest players is the market itself, but Lackey made every start from 2005-2007 and managed 176/3 innings this year, although he didn’t start until May 18. Clubs tend to find money for such players.

Considering how few competent innings one has to throw to become the ‘Dodgers’ top starter these days, Lackey would look very much like a One to them.

The Rangers also seem logical, since Texas is home, but owner Tom Hicks has needed MLB bailouts lately and is negotiating to sell the club to Houston businessman Jim Crane, who made his money in cargo shipping.

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Trailing the Yankees 3-1 in the ALCS the Angels turn to John Lackey to stop the bleeding. Lackey is 1-1 with a 1.38 ERA this postseason.

He was just as resolve against the Yankees here July 12, going seven innings and giving up two runs and fanning Mark Teixeira with a curveball in a tight spot.

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The Mustangs (3-3) will look to record consecutive wins for the first time this season when it hosts Dixie State (4-4) in a non-conference game at 6:05 p.m. on Saturday at Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

With the first half of the season in the books, the No. 19 Mustangs are looking to raise their record above .500 for the first time since 2018 and open Sacrament State on opening day moved them to 1-0.

In order to make a run at the post season, the Mustangs probably have to run the table to finish 8-3, including a season-ending victory on the road at Weber State, the team that knocked Cal Poly out of the playoffs a year ago.

Head coach Tim Walsh was named Cal Poly’s 14th head football coach in January. Prior to coaching the Mustangs, Walsh held head coaching jobs at Sonoma State and Portland State, where he combined for a 117-82 record over 18 years.

With a rough early season schedule Cal Poly has not gotten off to the best start, but its opponents should ease up as the schedule progresses.

Of the Mustangs’ three losses, two have come to Football Bowl Subdivision teams while the third came against the fourth-ranked Montana Grizzlies of the Football Championship Subdivision.

Finishing the regular season last year at 8-2 under Rich Ellerson, Cal Poly was a topic among FCS championship contenders. Last year, the Mustangs clinched a playoff berth and averaged 44.4 points and 487.5 yards per game.

In the first round playoff loss to Weber State, the Mustangs put together 548 yards of total offense, but fell 49-35.

This season, Cal Poly is struggling to find love in the polls with a .500 record, despite the level of competition.

“If we win this week then people will start talking about us again, if not then we don’t deserve to be talked about,” Walsh said. “It’s not in our hands — what we can control is making sure when (the playoff selection committee) has to select the team, we’re one of those teams that they talk about.”

If Cal Poly is unable to remain in the playoff discussion it will almost certainly have to get past a Division II program in Dixie State that program that plays at the Division II level The Red Storm were elevated to Division II just three years ago after playing at the community college level.

The Red Storm offense is led by senior quarterback Judd Thomp­son. He has completed 57 percent of his passes for 2,093 yards with 14 touchdowns and 14 interceptions.

Running back Tuni Vakapuna rushed for more than 100 yards last week against Azusa Pacific and has rushed for 395 yards and five touchdowns, in eight games.

Overall, the Red Storm averages 322.3 total yards per game with a 2-of-4 fourth downs, including a narrow win, the Red Storm averaged 44.4 points and couldn’t find ways to get off the field.

Dixie State and Cal Poly have Southern Utah as a common opponent. While Cal Poly escaped with a narrow win, the Mustangs dropped a 36-7 decision against its in-state rivals on Sept. 3.