Poly student dubbed World’s Best Barista

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Noise violations in San Luis Obispo will end in costly results. Back in February, the San Luis Obispo City Council voted unanimously to pass the new Unruly Gathering and Social Host Ordinances.

These ordinances can rack up to thousand dollar fines, with the Social Host Ordinance also placing a misdemeanor on a violator’s record.

A press release from SoCalGas on Sept. 17 stated that the company will make more information about gas pipeline safety available to customers being close to transmission pipelines. Additionally, it will add information on transmission pipelines from the Department of Transportation on its website. Over the next month the company will also survey transmission pipelines under San Luis Obispo. The Social Host Ordinance is punishable when minors under 21 have been provided with and/or possess alcohol. Besides a misdemeanor on the host’s record, time in jail and a steep fine are also consequences.

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If a residence receives more than two warnings within 60 days, it is equal protection under the law,” President of Beta Theta Pi Andy Deal said.

Deal, whose house was recently given a noise violation, believes that while students are getting these violations every weekend, there are families having noisy barbecues and parties that should be subject to the same treatment.

Anitha Tingmarr, the neighborhood services manager for the San Luis Obispo Police Department, said sometimes the noise can be the same, but with Cal Poly students making noise later at night, it affects the families living around them.

University Police Department (UPD) Chief of Police, Bill Watson, said they do not just respond to complaints for college parties.

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I only took four months working as a barista for mathematics senior Jessica Ontiveros to be declared the best in the world.

On Aug. 4, the 22-year-old competed in the 2010 Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf World Barista Competition in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. After competing against fellow Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf Company baristas from all around the world, Ontiveros was declared the winner for her signature drink, the cosmocino.

The cosmocino is a raspberry-infused drink that, unlike any other coffee beverage, is pink. The ingredients consist of espresso and milk steamed with raspberry sugar, which was discovered while Ontiveros was practicing for the competition.

"I went to the backroom (of Coffee Bean) and saw the raspberry sugar and wondered if it would dis­solve. I mixed it, and it turned pink right away. I poured in into a cup, and it was the most amazing thing ever," Ontiveros said.

After creating the drink, the only thing missing was a name. So Ontiveros took a picture of the concoction on her cellphone and sent it to her manager, who told Ontiveros it reminded her of the popular HBO series, "Sex and the City." The women on the television show regularly drink pink-colored alcoholic beverages called Cosmopolitans, so her manager altered the name to be more coffee-suitable: cosmocino.

Going along with the theme, the drink was put in a martini glass with lemon curls while Cyndi Laup­er's "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" played in the background.

It was really scary presenting the drink to the judges, but then again, I worked really hard (to get there). I presented it to them and said, 'This is my pink drink in a martini glass.' I added the lemon curls on every glass because it brought a bright crisp taste to the drink," Ontiveros said.

Not only did the drink capture the attention of the judge but so did her creative theme and delivery. "It's a simple drink, but I think her win was based on performance. She was really outgoing, spunky and had a good presentation (with the martini glasses)," Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf employee Tricia Harris said.

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Private companies owe California more than $1 billion in sales taxes

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California is owed nearly $1.4 billion by auto dealers, restaurants and other businesses that collected sales taxes from buyers but didn’t pass the money to the state — a situation that is aggravating California’s budget crisis.

The tab is up about 25 percent from a year ago and has almost doubled since 2007, state records show.

That money could make a significant dent in the state’s $19.5-billion budget gap. watchdog groups say the state’s failure to collect it is particularly galling because much of the tax money has already been paid by consumers — just hasn’t been turned over by merchants to the state Board of Equalization.

“All of us want people to pay the tax they legally owe before lawmakers go looking to raise taxes,” said Jean Ross, executive director of the California Budget Project, a Sacramento nonprofit that advocates for lower-income Californians. She said the Board of Equalization “needs to be more aggressive” in collecting from delinquent taxpayers.

Jon Coupal, president of the anti-tax Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn., said part of the problem is the state’s antiquated collection methods.

Consumers pay sales taxes at the time of purchase, but merchants remit those taxes to the state on a monthly or quarterly schedule. The money can go uncollected when a retailer goes out of business or is otherwise unable — or unwilling — to pay.

Board of Equalization officials blame the tide of uncollected taxes on the sour economy, which has pushed more businesses into bankruptcy. But they also complain that the Legislature has been reluctant to put substantially more resources into tax collection efforts.

“Money, technology and people” are what’s needed on California’s tax collector’s docket, said Betty Yee, chairwoman of the Board of Equalization, which collected $3.95 billion in sales and use taxes last fiscal year.

Bigger budgets would pay for new computer systems that could keep track of tax delinquents, Yee said. She also wants more money to hire tax collectors, who Yee said bring in $4 in new revenue for every $1 spent on salary and benefits.

The total of uncollected sales- and use-tax revenue — including unpaid penalties and interest — stood at $3.4 billion as of June 30, according to the Board of Equalization figures obtained by a Times review of state records.

One of those is Big Valley Chrysler Jeep Dodge of Van Nuys, which owes the state about $1.2 million, according to the Board of Equalization.

Owner Howard Sellz said he closed his Big Valley new-car dealership, which was still in business, to sell used cars and providing repairs from the 3-acre lot where he used to sell new Chryslers.

He said he couldn’t pay the sales tax he had already collected because that money was mixed in with the revenue from car sales and wasn’t segregated in a tax-only account.

“We were paying bills at the time and we were paying vendors and that’s how we got behind,” Sellz said. “You multiply the tax by three months and it adds up.”

Sellz said he would remit the taxes when he sold the car lot.

At least one other person on the list of tax delinquents — Mohammed Suleman, identified as operating Auto Warehouse in San Leandro — also continues to hold a license to sell vehicles in California. He owes almost $800,000, according to the state. Suleman could not be reached for comment.

There is no requirement for merchants to set aside the sales tax they collected, board spokesperson Anita Gore said. Retailers are required to take the amount they have collected and send it to the state either monthly or quarterly, depending on their size and payment plan. Board officials are considering ways to improve collections from auto dealers. But Yee said requiring dealers to isolate sales taxes in separate accounts would be tough to enforce.

“A better option” would be to set up a “daily remittance” system with the California Department of Motor Vehicles, she said. DMV computers would track a car’s vehicle identification number when it changes hands and make sure that the tax gets collected immediately upon registration.

But the DMV wouldn’t need new funding to upgrade its data processing system, Yee said.

An option, now being studied, Yee said, would require wholesale auto auctioneers to collect the tax when they sell the vehicle to used-car dealers.

Until some change is made, retailers have plenty of leeway in paying sales tax as long as they meet current deadlines. If they don’t pay, they typically get notified of the delinquency within about 30 days. They are also subject to fines for missing deadlines.

Sen. Denise Ducheny (D-San Diego), chairwoman of the state Senate Budget Committee, said she would support cracking down on car dealers that have collected sales tax from buyers but haven’t passed it along.

Peter Welch, president of the California New Car Dealers Assn., said the board had been lax in getting retail­ers to pay $4 million in taxes.

“If you shorten the time you have to remit sales taxes, that has a huge effect on the cash flow of dealers,” he said. “Ninety-nine percent of the dealers are all paying their sales taxes on time, and I would hate to see them penalized by having to front all of that money every day.”

California attempts to recover unpaid sales taxes by mailing notices and contacting the tax debtor, Gore said. If that doesn’t work, the agency attempts to seize assets such as bank accounts and credit card receipts.

In 2007, the state began putting out quarterly news releases naming the 250 largest debtors in an effort to embarrass scofflaws. Officials credit that effort with getting retailers to pay $4 million in taxes.

mission pipes in urban areas that have not been surveyed within the past six months.

Since the San Bruno disaster, the city leaders of San Luis Obispo have contacted SoCalGas and will hear a presentation from the company in October about new safety measures.

“We appreciate the effort the company is making, and once we hear the presentation we’ll do our best to make sure that any new protocols are followed,” assistant city manager Michael Codron said.

Gas line safety on campus is another concern. The gas pipes under campus are maintained by the school, not SoCalGas. In May, Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) was alerted to a gas leak over Drexel Lawn.

“We got a complaint of a natural gas odor on Dexter Lawn, and when I went out there I found that it was a small leak in a very open area,” director of Environmental Health and Safety David Ragdale said. “It looked like the pipe was starting to fail, but after evaluating it we concluded that the problem could be safety alleviated when the campus was not so busy, and we fixed it after school ended in June.”

According to Ragdale, the pipes running under Cal Poly operate at a lower pressure than the pipe that exploded in San Bruno. A pipe as large as the 30-inch transmission pipeline in San Bruno would not move enough gas for the area it serves without running at high pressure, while the smaller gas lines under other campus runs at a standard pressure and do not need to move as much gas, Ragdale said.

“Usually the issues that Facilities Services and EHS deal with are small, but we still respond quickly to calls about this kind of thing,” Ragdale said.

Cal Poly students have opinions about gas pipeline safety as well. Nutrition senior Eric Melling said though SoCalGas isn’t Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), the company has the same risks.

“I don’t know too much about the issue, but I think that if people want help or information on it, the company should provide it,” Melling said.

SoCalGas recommends that anyone who smells gas or hears any sound that might indicate a leak to call their hotline right away. The company also sends employees to mark the natural gas lines if a customer plans to dig or do construction in his or her yard.

“You have to always be aware of the natural gas lines whenever you do things like shower or cook, because they’re everywhere,” Gordillo said. “We have nearly 5,000 employees ready to respond if there’s a problem.”
Barstow (MCT) — Members of a Barstow High School club and local adults are working on an ordinance that would target party hosts who allow underage drinking in their homes.

Students involved in the high school’s Sober Club and adults in the community have formed a coalition dedicated to researching and drafting a social host ordinance. The ordinance would hold hosts who own, rent or lease property under age 21 and drinking occurs at legally responsible.

Cooperation members plan to bring the ordinance before the Barstow City Council eventually.

Depending on how the ordinance is written, homeowners and those who lease or rent property under age 21 are drinking would face criminal misdemeanor charges and civil fines, according to Sandra Espadian, prevention specialist from the Institute of Public Strategy.

A man who had lost the president’s trust is back in the Kremlin. Medvedev will choose one.

RUSSIA (MCT) — Russian President Dmitry Medvedev fired Moscow’s popular mayor on Tuesday, three weeks into a high-level public spat that analysts said exposed a battle for power inside the Kremlin.

Medvedev issued a decree stripping Yuri Luzhkov of the job he has held since 1992 on the grounds that he had lost the president’s trust.

Analysts said from the outset that the media campaign against him was less about his management of Russia’s capital than a battle for power in the Kremlin.

The governing party will nominate three candidates to be Luzhkov’s permanent replacement, and Medvedev will choose one.

Barstow (MCT) — A disturbance in the Caribbean Sea has formed a tropical depression, the National Hurricane Center reported around 11 a.m., prompting a tropical storm warning for the entire Keys, the southeastern Florida coast and parts of Cuba, the Bahamas and the Cayman Islands.

Sustained winds in the system are “very close to tropical storm intensity,” the NHC said in the first advisory at 11 a.m. The storm is forecast to be south of the Lower and Middle Keys Wednesday morning and cross the Upper Keys during Wednesday with sustained winds around 45 mph. Heavy showers and gusty winds are forecast for the Keys from Tuesday afternoon through Thursday.

Pennsylvania (MCT) — A pediatric dermatologist at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, has released a finding on the potential health effects of heat exposure from the misuse of a laptop.

Although the name “laptop” may suggest resting the unit on the legs of the user, Dr. Howard Pride, assistant professor of dermatology and pediatrics, said continued heat exposure from a battery may lead to a brown skin discoloration. Pride said although the pathogenesis is poorly understood, it is associated with chronic, repeated exposure to moderate heat from an external source such as a heating pad, hot water bottle and, more recently, laptops.

To prevent heat exposure, Pride recommends placing the laptop on a table allowing dissipation of heat and free ventilation.

Florida (MCT) — A slow, slugging search by rescuers is under way on Tuesday after a powerful landslide crashed into an indigenous village in the southern Mexican state of Oaxaca as residents slept.

Despite fears of widespread loss of life in the town of Santa Maria Talabotoppec, however, only a handful of people were missing by Tuesday evening. Poor road and weather conditions throughout the day had hampered rescue efforts and attempts to fathom the full scale of the slide. Swedish, chocolate-colored rivers sweep over their banks in places. Some bridges were washed out.

The landslide was triggered by days of heavy rains spawned in part by Hurricane Karl and Tropical Storm Matthew. A embankment fell into Santa Maria Talabotoppec between just before 4 a.m.

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The focus of the recent U.S. operations has been the Haqqani group, the violent Afghan insurgent organization that has long used North Waziristan, just inside Pakistan's border, as a base of operations.

In addition to the drone attacks, the U.S. military command in Kabul confirmed that NATO helicopters crossed into North Waziristan last Friday to pursue Haqqani fighters who had attacked a U.S. airbase along the border. More than 50 insurgents were killed, NATO said.

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The situation points up the complex calculations in Washington, Kabul and Islamabad as the Afghan conflict reaches a critical phase. For years, part of the Pakistani security services have nurtured ties to militant groups, including with the Haqqani network, but now are under pressure from the U.S. to turn against these organizations.

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Another factor in the latest round of strikes, according to a U.S. official not authorized to speak publicly about sensitive intelligence matters, is a concern that there is an increased risk of a terrorist plot underway in Europe or the U.S.

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Maegen Loring always knew she wanted to own a restaurant. "I have wanted a restaurant from the time I was a little girl," Loring said.

Loring pursued her early fantasy; catering for 16 years and then owning a successful restaurant in the Railroad District of Atlanta for seven years subsequently led her to where she is today — the co-owner of The Neon Carrot, a breakfast and lunch café located on South Higuera St.

Born in San Francisco and growing up in Sea Side, Calif, with her mother, Loring moved to Canada at 15 to live with her father. These two different environments, she said, influenced her cooking styles.

"My mother was an artist, she was sort of a fearless mother who cut me loose, and I've cooked from day one," Loring said. "And my dad was a mathematician, and I moved to live with him when I was 15. We'd open a Julia Child cookbook and make cassoulet; we'd start from scratch and do all these things."

Ager years of developing her style, Loring began a catering business. Maegen Loring Catering. Around the same time, Loring married her husband Jeff, who is the co-owner of The Neon Carrot.

The two opened a dinner restaurant, The Park, which was in business for seven years until closing in July 2009. Although the restaurant was successful, Loring wanted to find a medium between running a full-time catering business and owning a restaurant — an all-in-one area to satisfy both ends.

So earlier this year on May 5, the Lorings opened The Neon Carrot, a breakfast and lunch café. Although located off the beaten path, the clean and unique interior elicits a much broader range — for me — for cooking," Loring said.

Francisco and Mallet agreed that the clean and simple atmosphere is comfortable and relaxing. "You can tell just by their furniture that they put a lot of effort into it; I like that. It gives you that feeling like you want to come back," Francisco said.

And the clean interior didn't happen by accident. Jeff Loring, who is a Cal Poly architecture alumnus, turned the café into his architecture lab, tinkering and experimenting with the design.

"I've always said that every architect wants to own a restaurant — you get to create your environment and see people react to it all the time," Jeff said. "Most times when you do a building as an architect, people come and they go 'yeah that was great,' and it's kind of over with. This renews itself."

The seating area is open, with a large central dining table surrounded by smaller tables. This, Loring said, creates a space for hosting events, such as private parties and business dinners.

"What's nice about this location is that we can do the night time programs — we can really dress it up," Loring said.

The new atmosphere has also brought Loring opportunities to broaden her menu. Although she loved owning a dinner restaurant, she said, she now enjoys playing with breakfast and lunch items.

"I love doing the breakfast and lunch thing because I didn't really get to do that in the old restaurant. I get a much broader range — for me — for cooking," Loring said.

The surface of the menu looks similar to what one might find at any café, with sandwiches, soups and salads. However, Loring combines different and distinct flavors, adding a different take on café classics. And, with meal items such as flatbread topped with carrot-ginger puree, grilled veggies and greens and treats like coco coconuts with chocolate créme brûlée, she's created items worth sinking your teeth into.

"I like fresh flavors and real flavors," Loring said. "Just things that are an expression of what's going on in the season."

The Lorings also purchase local market produce as well as working with fruits and vegetables that are in season. As environmentalists, they use serving materials that can be composted and later sort the day's waste into their kitchen. "It's kind of over with. This renews itself," Loring said.

The Neon Carrot opened in May of this year, and is located on S. Higuera Street.
**The Secret Life of Squirters**

To some, it is a fantasy come true, a scene straight from porn. To others it is the source of the phrase "most embarrassing moment ever!"

It isn't getting a visit from Aunt Flo that's considered the most embarrassing. It is "squirting." Square pegs in round holes — not that either of these are desirable sexual occurrences. But if you are curious, you can get answers to some questions that might even come of use in a pinch.

The matter at hand is female ejaculation, better known as the act of "squirting." Believe it or not, every woman ejaculates. It just depends on where and when the burst of love juices is expelled.

Squirting is typically shunned and denounced as disgusting, and, when faced with an acquisition, is fought against tooth and nail until the claims have been dropped. Simply because it is wrongly associated with urinating on a partner, the bed, couch, floor or wherever the dirty is found. Taking place, squirting is considered to be a disgraceful act.

So, just to clarify — despite popular belief, squirting is not urine. Hopefully this is a relief to anyone who has experienced female ejaculation firsthand. No longer can it be said that "a much more intense orgasm" will be the reward.

It is even noted that lesbians are more prone to be squirters because they experience stimulation focused mainly on the clitoris and G-spot regions of the vagina — both of which are heightened pleasure zones when trying to orgasm — basic sex ed people. Combine this with their less self-conscious sexual views, and it is the perfect recipe to uncover the hidden talent of squirting.

According to Dr. Laura Berman, a sex and relationship expert and frequent guest on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," all women experience ejaculation during intercourse, but most women are not relaxed enough to actually squirt.

Instead, once the Grafenberg spot, or G-spot, is pleased continuously in a rhythmic pattern to the point of orgasm, women experience "retrograde ejaculation," according to Berman during an appearance on "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

For all those who haven't been able to locate a woman's G-spot yet, where were you in Sex Ed? But a quick route is to feel for a squashy area a few inches into the vagina in the direction toward the bladder. Berman said that retrograde ejaculation occurs during an intense, G-spot stimulated orgasm because "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

Every study referenced collected samples from women after orgasm. The juices expelled by squirter were compared to the urine of non-squirters. Both samples showed the presence of a prostate stimulating antigen, or PSA.

Berman said that PSA is a chemical originating in the Skene's glands, or what is now referred to as the "female prostate." PSA is similar to the semen generated by the male prostate glands, so it is easy to see the comparison between the two.

The trickiest part of it all is getting the woman to relax enough to shoot out instead of in. If it is mastered, Berman said "a much more intense orgasm" will be the reward.

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So how much sexual eruption can someone who encounters a squirter expect? This question is yet to have a definitive answer.

According to Chalker, it depends on factors like environment, lifestyle, diet and testosterone levels in women. However, those who experience the phenomenon of squirting say they can expect anything from a few drops to four ounces of love.

Four ounces is more liquid than there is in a double shot, not that one would want to take a double shot of these juices, imagine what the chug would be.

The women who tend to expel larger amounts of liquid surpass the level of squirter and are known as "gushers." Women classified as gushers must take extra precautions when becoming a freak in the sheets.

Extreme cases have even reported that doing the deed on top of towels doesn't provide enough material to protect sheets from the flow. One woman quoted in "The Clitoral Truth" said she had to revert to performing intercourse on the floor until she began to use a "lampshkin mat" that successfully soaked everything up before the sheets were ruined.

Since then, the "Love Blanket" has hit the market. The Love Blanket...see Squirters, page 8

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Where does reality end and myth-making begin in the Facebook creation-myth movie "The Social Network," opening Friday? That Facebook fable has been debated ever since the movie's source — the Ben Mezrich bestseller "The Accidental Billionaires: The Founding of Facebook: A Tale of Sex, Money, Genius and Betrayal" — was published in 2009 amid the author's admissions of making up scenes and dialogue and calling his own work "a best guess."

And for director David Fincher, all of that is about as relevant as comparing "I don't know how much the movie really is about Facebook," Fincher, 48, says over the phone from Stockholm, where he's shooting the U.S. remake of the 2009 Swedish film "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo," based on Stieg Larsson's novel. "Let's hope it's about a lot more than that."

"Fundamentally, it's about a very big American theme, which is loneliness and reinvention," the movie's producer, Scott Rudin, 52, says in Manhattan. "It's Garfield," he adds.

That is, the Garfield of nowhere North Dakota, who stood. Oftentimes when my character feels uncomfortable, he tends to invert and almost appear stoic, and I kind of have a similar reaction."

"Was finding the quality that makes Zuckerberg's character isn't so much suffering fools' — which is an interesting comment, since the character isn't so much suffering fools as he is putting down people with perfectly valid reasons to castigate, break up with or sue him. The movie's spine is a deposition in a lawsuit by golden-boy twins Cameron and Tyler Winklevoss (Armie Hammer in a dual role) and their business partner Divya Narendra (Max Minghella), who contended that Zuckerberg stole their idea after agreeing to work with them, and then sabotaged them."

"As for what really happened, I wasn't there, and the people who were there disagree." His concerns were more simply logistical — helped Eisenberg, 26, do what he needed until it was time to drop him — was anything like Facebook prime mover Mark Zuckerberg, a less-than-ideal avatar of the American dream. A brusque, dismissive tech geek who labels himself "awkward" and whom Fincher says people call "borderline Asperger's." Zuckerberg comes across in lawsuit testimony and elsewhere as a bitter, alienating and vindictive jerk reinvented as a CEO superstar after creating a social-media phenomenon with his Harvard-dorm roommates."

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"Zuckerberg's saving grace as a movie character, at least, is getting to deliver some of the choicest Aaron Sorkin dialogue since "The West Wing" or "Sports Night," in a script where words and ideas volay like a U.S. Open, top-spinning with delicious sarcasm, sophomoric grandiosity and, somehow, an empathetic humanity."

"That humanity, to much extent, comes via star Jesse Eisenberg, who despite accolades for films like "Roger Dodger" (2002), "The Squid and the Whale" (2005), "Adventures of Burt Wonderstone" (2009), says self-effacingly over the phone, "I actually do feel very uncomfortable in settings that might also make my character uncomfortable."

"When I was preparing for the movie, I watched every interview that was available with the real guy, and I noticed he seemed pretty uncomfortable in interviews, and that's something I immediately understood. Oftentimes when my character feels uncomfortable, he tends to invert and almost appear stoic, and I kind of have a similar reaction."

"That visceral identification with one aspect of the real Zuckerberg — who did not cooperate with the making of either the book or the film — helped Eisenberg, 26, do what he calls his "job, which was defend my character. The challenge, he says, was "finding the quality that makes him enigmatic and kind of detached but which is coming from a real place filled with feelings of loneliness and social insecurities and wanting to connect with others, and just not having the emotional wherewithal to know how to do that in the best way."

"In the movie, that awkwardness manifests itself as pertaining partner toward Facebook co-founder Eduardo Saverin (Andrew Garfield), who fancied himself Zuckerberg's best, indeed only friend. But as the movie paints it, the relationship was simply expedient for Zuckerberg. Saverin was the money guy Zuckerberg needed until it was time to drop him in a gratuitously humiliating way."

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"I was serving with her for maybe about a year, and I told her when we were at a private party in Shull Beach, I really want to cook. And she brought me in and I've been here ever since," Peter said.

"That quality behind the counter translates to satisfied, loyal custom­ers. With line licks out the door on a daily basis, the Loves has created a restaurant whose heart lies in the kitchen. And although the seasons are changing, The Neon Carrot isn't going anywhere."

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"As for what really happened, I wasn't there, and the people who were there disagree." His concerns were more simply logistical after getting the script and agreeing to do the movie — which, Rudin says, "is a bad formula for something that should be embraced and celebrated by society, instead of just glorified in the porn industry."
Print first, make corrections later

The news business, in my experience, has always been bipolar, given to unpredictable mood swings between exuberance and despair. For much of this decade, the industry has been in a purple huff.

It wasn't just that the crumbling of the century-old pillars of advertising support had raised doubts about whether a new microeconomics of news was feasible. There was also dark brooding about whether journalism still had a place in public life, or whether a professional practice of fact-based reporting about contemporary realities would vanish, and be replaced by a dearth of opinion mongering, speculation, gawking and manipulation by marketers and publicists.

But suddenly, it seems, the clouds are parting. We've entered a time of dreams and hopes, of growing buoyancy. I know this from the glut of industry gatherings. There are conferences as far as the eye can see - conferences on new media, social media, old media and new uses, entrepreneurship, journalism, travel-sopo journalism, transnational journalism, investigative journalism, new business models, new life for old business models. Sometimes little conferences ride alongside big conferences, like sidecars on motorcycles, or tag behind them, like cabooses on freight trains, or precede them, like cowcatchers. And that's not just in the United States, it's overseas too.

And there's money. Not sustainable new investor sources, unfortunately. But foundation money and philanthropic money and philanthropic foundation money for cool new ideas. Never has there been such an outpouring of funds for promising media experimentation. A comparable outflow devoted to, say, eliminating poverty in this country couldn't fail to ensure the next generation of underemployed newshawks a lifetime of good health.

But OK. It's more of a bubble than a boom; it still bears the bust we've been seeing. Besides, we're facing the greatest explosion of communicative capability since the advent of speech, and we all benefit from having smart people trying to make sure the emerging era of media abundance is shaped with intelligence and good intentions.

Because at the moments I look around, and shudder. With the unprecedented proliferation of channels, with more people empowered not just to hear but to speak, more information and commentary from an expanded array of sources. In short, a vast democratization of discourse, what can we conclude? Is the population more knowledgeable, better prepared to approach the things that matter most in their lives, more confidently engaged with the duties that a sovereign people in a democratic system must carry out?

I don't see it. To me, it seems more people are ill-informed than ever. Alarming minorities believe that the president was born abroad and, hence, was elected illegally, that the previous president conspired to destroy the Twin Towers on 9/11 — a crime which, still others believe, Saddam Hussein took time away from his nuclear program to sponsor — that health reforms empower bureaucrats to deny care to old people, that our great-grandfathers

At the same time, the frantic metabolism of 24/7 news creates such a raucous hunger for conflict and turndown that it continuously rewards the most extreme, twitchiest, most irresponsible assertions with prominence and repetition. And these statements flow onto the grid from everywhere: The system is more porous than ever, and the big media whose gaze used to connote significance are terrified to filter out things that are being touted elsewhere even if they don't meet elemental standards of veracity or newsworthiness.

Once that would have been called exercising judgment. Now instead we have media-as-enablers, bringing us balloon boy and the Quran-burner. And New Gingrich's latest utterance. Worst, to me, is the belief that this new informational world is self-correcting. Unconfirmed, even implausible, stuff can be published with impunity. If it's wrong, well, it'll fix itself later. Veracity is now launching them before the public is deemed ready. It's pointless. The reality, that falsehoods do harm, that people who engage in public communication have an obligation to exercise care, is a hindrance to today's news ecology.

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decided to acquire the Dodgers the following year.

Jeff Ingram, the chief operating officer of the McCourt Group, testified the company’s “asset-rich, cash-poor” real estate operations — even before the Dodgers acquisition — had driven Jamie’s desire to secure the homes.

In a 2001 e-mail entitled “Could be an interesting summer,” Ingram warned Frank and Jamie they could run out of money in six to eight months. Ingram testified the couple never did.

However, in a 2003 e-mail entitled “Whoa, Nellie,” Ingram cautioned the McCourts to restrain spending on such items as “Redecorating the room next to Frank with plasma screens and custom tables and lord knows what else” and “Possibly having a renowned artist paint a mural in Frank’s office.”

In a subsequent 2003 e-mail entitled, “Here we go again,” Ingram expressed Jamie’s concern that she could run out of money for family expenses in three months. Ingram wrote that “the bar mitzvah and related activities (landscaping)“ would cost nearly $500,000.

In that e-mail, Ingram wrote of the McCourts’ “love-hate relationship with cash (love to have it, hate to keep it lying around).”

Ingram said outside court that the Dodgers have no deal on the table from Fox to extend the team’s television contract. USA Today reported Monday that Fox had agreed to a 20-year, $3 billion deal with the Texas Rangers; the Dallas Morning News and Houston Chronicle reported the deal would be worth $1.6 billion.

Fox also had held discussions with the Dodgers for an extension likely to be worth more than the Rangers deal, multiple sources have told the Los Angeles Times. Such an extension could double the Dodgers’ annual television revenue and could help Frank finance a settlement payout to Jamie.

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and go to the (NCAA) tourna­ments,” Graven said.

The only thing the players want right now is a bit more support,” Smith said.

“We had a great crowd at our first home game, but we would love for every (student) to come and help us get more fired up,” Smith said.

Some matches to watch for this season are a match-up with Big West powerhouse Long Beach State on Oct. 2 and a contest against UCSB on Oct. 9.

“As a senior, I want to finish as I started,” Olowolafe said.

Olowolafe, who was a freshman when the Cal Poly team went to the Regional Semifinals in 2007, wants the incoming class this year to get the same introduction to college volleyball as she did.

“In a way I already feel accomplished,” Smith said. “I’m glad that we pulled off the wins (so far), but we are not satisfied yet.”

Cal Poly will not be satisfied until November, when they can hopefully get to bands on a Big West Championship and a ticket to the NCAAs.

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We’ve got plenty of distractions.
Women's volleyball set to start conference play

The women's volleyball team has piled up 10 straight wins this season, bringing their record to (12-3, 2-0 Big West).

Women's volleyball set to start conference play

So far in 2010, the Mustangs have notched wins against Arizona, Marshall, BYU and Oregon State among others. The team hopes these wins against well-known schools will propel them into its conference games.

As a senior I definitely want to be out there, but I am so proud of the team for working so hard.

— Dominique Olowolafe
Volleyball outside hitter

Busch references alleged affair in testimony in McCourt divorce

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Outside court, Dennis Wasser, an attorney for Jamie, called that testimony "scripted," a "low blow," and said it was not relevant under California's no-fault divorce law.

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Busch was one of five witnesses Monday, each of whom testified that Jamie had told him about her urgency to isolate the couple's businesses in Frank's name and the residences in her name as well as others could not touch the homes.

Jamie's lawyers have repeatedly said she did not consider the purchase of the Dodgers a particularly risky proposition, a point on which her side appeared to stumble during cross-examination of the Dodgers' chief financial officer, Peter Wilhelm.

"Did you ever hear Jamie McCourt say, 'Don't make the deal, Frank?'" asked Jamie Fox Miller, an attorney for Jamie.

"Yes," Wilhelm said.

However, Graven is not the only outside hitter pulling her weight. Outside hitter Christ Smith was named Coca-Cola Cal Poly Athlete of the Week after recording five aces with double figure kills versus Cal State Bakersfield on Sept. 19.

The outside hitters are not the only ones leading the team to victory. In the Mustangs' win against UC Irvine on Sept. 24, sophomore middle blocker Jennifer Keddy pitched in 15 kills while sophomore opposite hitter Holly Franks added nine kills, along with freshman middle blocker Marianne Gera with six.

In addition, libero Alison Mort led the team with 27 digs while libero Lauren Law added 22 in the match against the Anteaters.

With almost every player in the starting lineup showing some form of success on the court, the Mustangs are expecting even more for their squad this year.

"Our goals are apparent... we want to win the Big West Championship," Graven said.

Jamie McCourt as the Los Angeles

The McCourts will have their final say with the closing arguments in their divorce case set for Sept. 29.

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Wilhelm said that conversation occurred in late 2003. Wasser said the conversation was not relevant since the McCourts ultimately

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