

McDonald's nixing some unpalatable ingredients

NEW YORK (AP) — McDonald's, which is trying to shake its image for serving processed junk food, said Monday it's eliminating some unpalatable ingredients from its most popular menu items.

That includes making Chicken McNuggets and other items without artificial preservatives, and removing high-fructose corn syrup from its burger buns. McDonald's did not immediately respond when asked about which specific preservatives are being removed.

The changes come as the world's biggest burger chain fights to win back customers after three straight years of declining guest counts at its established U.S. locations. Major restaurant chains are scrambling to step up the image of their food as they face more competition from smaller rivals promising wholesome alternatives.

"Why go to the position of trying to defend them, if the consumer is saying, I prefer not to have that particular ingredient in my food?" said Mike Andres, president of McDonald's U.S., during an event at the company's headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois, about its "food journey."

How meaningful the changes are to customers remains to be seen.

Michael Jacobson, executive director for the Center for Science in the Public Interest, said the moves by McDonald's don't seem to address the big-picture problem with restaurant food — the overabundance of calories.

For instance, he said swapping out high-fructose for sugar doesn't make burger buns any healthier.

Criticism grows within GOP for Trump's assailing of Muslim veteran's family

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WASHINGTON — Angry and anxious, Republican lawmakers and veterans groups hastened to disavow Donald Trump's repeated criticism of a bereaved military family Monday, but the GOP presidential nominee refused to back down. He complained anew that he had been "viciously attacked" by the parents of a Muslim U.S. Army captain who was killed in Iraq.

Arizona Sen. John McCain, a former prisoner of war, led the charge, saying Trump did not have "unfettered license to defame those who are the best among us." The Veterans of Foreign Wars, the nation's oldest and largest veterans organization, called Trump out of bounds for tangling with Khizr and Ghazala Khan, whose son was killed in 2004.

"Election year or not, the VFW will not tolerate anyone berating a Gold Star family member for exercising his or her right of speech or expression," VFW leader Brian Duffy said.

Democratic President



AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite

Khizr Khan, father of fallen US Army Capt. Humayun S. M. Khan holds up a copy of the Constitution of the United States as his wife listens Thursday during the final day of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

Barack Obama chimed in, too, addressing the Disabled American Veterans in Atlanta. He said of families who have lost family members in the military service: "No one has given more to our freedom and our security than our Gold Star families. ... They represent the very best of our country."

A growing chorus of GOP lawmakers chastised Trump for sparring with the Khans, who appeared at the Democratic convention on behalf of Hillary Clinton.

But like McCain, none revoked his support of the GOP nominee in the White House campaign.

In an emotional appearance at last week's convention, Khizr Khan criticized Trump for proposing to temporarily freeze the entry of foreign Muslims into the U.S. and accused him of making no sacrifices for his country. The billionaire businessman challenged that assertion and also implied Ghazala Khan's religion prevented her from



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Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks during a campaign rally at Cumberland Valley High School, Monday, in Mechanicsburg, Pa.

speaking. On Monday, he tweeted that "Mr. Khan, who does not know me, viciously attacked me from the stage of the DNC and is now all over T.V. doing the same."

In his first rally after the controversy blew up, Trump spoke at length and took several questions at a town hall rally in Columbus, Ohio, on Monday — never once mentioning the Khans. Nor did he mention them at a Monday night rally in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

But when asked about Khizr Khan on Fox News

Channel's "Hannity," Trump responded, "I guess it's part of my life."

"His son died 12 years ago," Trump added. "If I were president, his son wouldn't have died, because I wouldn't have been in the war, if I was president back then."

His running mate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, was confronted at an event in Nevada by a woman who said her son serves in the U.S. Air Force. The woman asked Pence how he can tolerate what called Trump's constant disrespect of American service members.

Hot air balloon pilot was able to keep flying despite drunken-driving record

LOCKHART, Texas (AP) — The pilot of a hot air balloon that crashed in Texas, killing 16 people, was able to keep flying despite having at least four convictions for drunken driving in Missouri and twice spending time in prison.

Whether the pilot's drinking habits had anything to do with the crash was unclear. A former girlfriend described Alfred "Skip" Nichols as a recovering alcoholic. She said he had been sober for at least four years and never piloted a balloon

after drinking.

Nichols, who had been stripped of his driver's license at least twice, "couldn't drive a car but he could pilot a hot air balloon," said an attorney who represented a passenger who sued Nichols in 2013. The passenger said she was hurt when Nichols crash-landed a balloon in the St. Louis suburbs.

Authorities say the balloon, which was operated by Heart of Texas Hot Air Balloon Rides, hit high-tension power lines before crashing into a pasture

Saturday near Lockhart, about 60 miles northeast of San Antonio.

While there were patches of fog on the day of the flight, the ground crew said it was clear when the balloon took off, and there was no sign of any maintenance trouble with the balloon, Sumwalt said.

Had he been a commercial airplane pilot, Nichols probably would have been grounded long ago.

The Federal Aviation Administration might allow a recovering alcoholic to fly commercial jets if the

pilot could show that he or she was being successfully treated, said John Gadzinski, an airline captain and aviation safety consultant. But the agency is unlikely to accept an airline pilot with convictions for driving under the influence, he said.

The 49-year-old Nichols also had a long history of customer complaints against his balloon-ride companies in Missouri and Illinois dating back to 1997. Customers reported to the Better Business Bureau that their rides would get canceled at the last minute

and their fees never refunded.

When pilots apply for a ballooning certificate with the FAA, they are not required to disclose any prior drunken-driving convictions, only drug convictions, said Patrick Cannon, a spokesman for the Balloon Federation of America trade group, who called that a loophole in the law. He noted that the ballooning certificate specifically says not to include alcohol offenses involving a motor vehicle, as those are covered on the FAA's medical application.

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12:00PM - 6:00 PM
- Hot buttered corn-on-the-cob FREE - (Two ears per person)
- Live entertainment:
Downtown Devils Band - (12:00 to 13:00)
Free Whiskey Band - (1:30 to 5:30)
Cascade High School Band - (12:00 to 12:30)
Cascade Strings - (Young in training) - (12:30 to 1:00)
Old Time Fiddlers - (1:00 to 3:00)
Aumsville Community Theater - (Old Time Radio Shows) - (3:30 to 4:15)
Celebration Brass Omen - (4:30 to 5:30)
- 2nd Annual Skate Board Competition
- Food, Crafts, and Community Service vendors
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1:00 PM - 5:30 PM Family Games - (Different age groups for each event)
- Treasure Hunt - (1:00)
- 3-Legged Race - (2:00)
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