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**FORMER SJU PROFESSOR FIRST TO BE NAMED TO POSITION**

Poetry plays a part in creating a region’s culture, and Santa Clara County has chosen an official poet laureate.

Nils Peterson, a former professor at SJU, was chosen as Santa Clara County’s first official poet laureate.

The nation has a poet laureate, and the state has a poet laureate and I think it’s about time that Santa Clara County had a poet laureate,” said Bruce Davis, executive director of the Arts Council Silicon Valley.

Peterson is an accomplished poet and a recognized author and a person who champions the written word.

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The main assignment of the Global Media Initiative: To dig up the stories about lives affected by the worldwide economic crisis.

For more stories, videos, and photography, go to globalmediainitiative.org.

**PARIS** — Desperate times call for desperate measures. Some people have turned to pickpockets to survive. 

"In Paris, we see the homeless and street performers," said Nick Harklewood, a 24-year-old Canadian tourist. "We often see people asking for money on the streets and don't know what to do."

Harklewood, who is in Paris with his girlfriend, said she had been pickpocketed in London and was worried about being pickpocketed in Paris. But he said he didn't know what to do. "Sometimes I think I should just leave it alone."

"I don't care. I'll tell the truth," said an immigrant who didn't want to be identified. "I don't want people to speak English and Arabic. He once attempted to buy a bottle of water from an English store, but the store owner refused to sell it to him. "I can't speak English, so they don't understand." 

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The migrants in Paris

An ethnic neighborhood struggles with poverty, race and cultural clashes

**PARIS** — Barthes Beraud, 33, a Senegalese immigrant who works as a chef, said he has been pickpocketed. "I was just walking down the street and suddenly someone grabbed my wallet."

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