SJSU's baseball team swept a four-game series from visiting Louisiana Tech over the weekend.

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HARRY GIFFORD

US Rep. Jerry McNerney visited students of the mathematics department on Wednesday as part of SJSU's sustainability week.

McNerney, D-Pleasanton, gave a speech to the math colleagues called “From Math to Renewable Energy to Congress,” speaking about issues ranging from renewable energy sources to the “No Child Left Behind” policy.

McNerney holds the distinction as the only member of Congress with a doctorate in mathematics.

“It was a real honor hearing him on campus, sharing his experience as a math major and as Phi Beta Kappa in Congress,” said Randahl Renas, a senior mathematics major. "It was a good, enlightening experience to see what he had to say about the future of technology and the path that this nation is going to.”

McNerney opened the speech with a brief history of the background, including his transition from mathematics to solar energy, and then opened it up to Q & A with the students.

“Ask of the 1970s made me painfully aware of all the different how companies were depending on foreign oil,” McNerney said of how he entered the world of renewable energy. "And some of those challenges seem pretty exciting, the challenges of designing windmills, and making them last for a long time. I got an opportunity to work for them as a

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Education prof awarded for service to campus

JUDITH LESSOW-HURLEY

"I work with teachers to help them know how to make the content of schooling available to kids who don’t have a lot of English."
Once they crawled and fled, now they're spicy and deep-fried

From the Mexican state of Oaxaca, Chapulines, the crispy snacks also known as fried grasshoppers

A heathen fox in a Christian hen house

An agnostic writes about his undercover semester at a conservative university

EILEEN KANG Staff Writer

There are three things in life that absolutely would be impossible without alcohol: karaoke, high school reunions and eating bugs.

Fortunately, the Oaxacan-style restaurant Mezcal in Downtown San Jose makes a stiff margarita to go with its assortment of fried grasshoppers.

Chapultepec, a common name for this Mexican state of Oaxaca, are served at Mezcal for 88 cents, along with chips and avocado dip.

I was more than a little squirmish at the thought of crunching down on an insect, enveloped in what seemed to be a trumpet augur, and I popped a deep-fried crayfish cradled in my mouth and chased captivity.

I attempted to concentrate on the rest of my meal, which included some good and well-seasoned mole, a type of sauce, but my eyes were conically and slovenly drawn to the bowl of fried bug corpses. The critters had orientation that didn’t welcome me, and I asked the waiter to dump them.

So, I ate one and wasted $6 I would have paid three times that to avoid eating the rest.

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Spartans sweep Louisiana Tech in four

Chris Bausinger

The bashes are loaded with two outs in the ninth inning, the team holds a narrow one-run lead. For a pitcher, this situation could be the pinnacle of anxiety. Chris Adams was up for the task. As if from nowhere, Adams struck out the Bulldogs’ most intimidating hitter and then got the following batter to ground into a double play.

The second game, they jumped us early, we fought back solid. The second game, they produced the mercy rule in the first game of Saturday’s doubleheader at Blethen Field. Adams struck out La. Tech’s striking debut, giving up two hits and two runs in two innings, but got the opportunity to do that, got those double plays and get them out of a jam. For our execution and hitting, we work on that every day in practicing and it finally paid off for us this time.

Junior shortstop Kyle Bellows slides into home safely to add to the Spartans’ lead in the bottom of the seventh inning during the first game of Saturday’s doubleheader at Blethen Field.

In the first game, he had a two-run triple, his conference-leading fourth of the year. Sophomore outfielder Jason Martin also hit one out of the park, giving SJSU its tenth home run of the season. The 2009 season in the second base, Junior shortstop Kyle Bellows ranged to his left to field the ball, then stepped on second base and to sophomores first base man Danny Stienstra for the double play.

“It is a big credit to Jack, bases loaded with no outs, he got the big strikeout on Kerton and he gets the two-run double play ball,” Bellows said. “The pitchers gave up the opportunity to do that, got those double plays and get them out of a jam. For our execution and hitting, we work on that every day in practice and it finally paid off for us this time.”

In the later game, Bellows hit a two-ball, a double and a two-run triple, his conference-leading fourth of the year.

In the first game he had two hits and two runs, one of which was a close sliding play at home plate.

In the later game, the Spartans were trailing 4-3 after three innings, but got runs two runs in the fifth and three runs in the sixth to take a 6-4 lead. But the Bulldogs scored a combined three runs in the last two innings that made the fingertips of Spartans fans disappear.

Senior infielder and pitcher Tyler Heil hadritled 3-2 double for the Spartans’ second game rally, for his first college win, in his second pitching appearance since high school.

Spartans senior catcher Casey Valino hit his first home run of the 2009 season in the second inning to get SJSU on the board. Sophomore outfielder Jason Martino hit one out of the yard for his fourth leading fourth long ball of the year.

With the weekend sweep, SJSU has improved to 24-8 on the season and 5-3 in conference play. The four consecutive wins against the Bulldogs extended the Spartans’ home winning streak to 12 games and overall 18-2 when at Blethen Field.

The Spartans play the last game of this home stand tomorrow at 3 p.m. against the University of New Mexico Lobos. SJSU has won all three previous matchups against the Tigers this season.
Why anti-virus software is just a hack

In search of the truth behind the Easter rabbit

Scott Reburn
Staff Writer

Easter has passed, and after being stung by Cadbury eggs and the plastic Easter bunnies, I still want to know about the origins of the rabbit. It’s not about the candy and treats, although, unlike Halloween, you don’t have to work for the candy. Also, Easter baskets are the pre-birthday activity for some kids and I would kill such other rabbits.

But how did the celebrating of the death of the Christian Lord Jesus Christ, and the resurrection of an Easter bunny culminate in an Easter egg hunt? I read an article on this the other day about how the Easter bunny is a Cel-
stimate that 90 percent of the people who participate in these egg hunts never find all of the eggs. The bunnies are there to provide the children with a fun experience, but the accessibility and amount of eggs can be overwhelming for children.

The story behind the Easter bunny is a fascinating one. It is believed that the Easter bunny was introduced to the United States by German immigrants who brought the tradition with them. The story goes that the Easter bunny brings eggs to children on Easter morning.

Some say that the Easter bunny is just a marketing tool for Cadbury, while others believe it is a symbol of the Christian resurrection. Regardless of its origin, the Easter bunny has become a beloved symbol of the season for many people.

In conclusion, while the origins of the Easter bunny may be shrouded in mystery, its impact on our culture cannot be denied. Whether you believe the bunny is a figment of the imagination or a real entity, it has become an integral part of our Easter celebrations.

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Author Kincaid speaks to students as ‘mystery guest’

**SAMANTHA PATTERSON**

Half a dozen students diligently set up microphones and focused their cameras on an empty table that stood at the head of the room with a black fabric backdrop—the environment formed a mock news conference.

They anxiously waited for their mystery guest.

For the students in John Shrader’s electronic media reporting course, this gave them the opportunity of what it’s like in a real news conference, but without knowing who they would be questioning.

A blond-haired woman with blue eyes and a smile walked in and sat in the spotlight. Speaking into the microphones, she answered the first question from the students.

“Nan-”

Author Kincaid, a romance novelist, spoke about her experiences on a plethora of short stories. She begins her tour on April 13.

Tomey said she in her No. 1 fan and she is certainly the most talented person in that family. “I think she has amazing talent, she loves doing it.” Tomey said. “I get such a kick out of watching her at a reading or watching her in a question and answer session about her writing. I think she is just as brilliant in what she does, and just what she achieves.”

“I like all her books” said Tomey of his wife’s work. “As Hot as We Was You Ought to Thank Me” was my favorite book up to this point, but her latest book, “Eat, Drink and be from Mississippi,” I like very well also. “’Thank Me’ was my favorite book but ‘Eat, Drink and be from Mississippi’ was from."

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“’I know nothing about constructing a story’” she said. “I write to find out. I never knew how the story is going to happen or how it will end.”