Matt Mahan becomes San Jose’s new mayor

By Bojana Cvijic | STAFF WRITER

After a year of searching for San Jose State’s next president, the California State University Board of Trustees announced in a Wednesday news release that it has selected Cynthia Teniente-Matson.

Interim President Steve Perez stated in a Wednesday campus wide email that Teniente-Matson, who is currently Texas A&M University–San Antonio’s president, is expected to assume the position on Jan. 16.

When she officially begins her role, she will be the university’s seventh president since 2010, the ninth being Perez, according to the CSU Past & Present Leadership webpage.

Perez, who was named interim president on Jan. 1, stated that he is committed to a seamless transition in leadership.

Teniente-Matson was chosen by the trustee and advisory committees, who were appointed by Wenda Fong, the CSU trustees chair.

Teniente-Matson told Kenneth Mubiru, executive director of strategic content and college marketing, in his Wednesday interview that she hopes to maintain the school’s direction and momentum going into the second half of the school year.

“I’m excited but we have a lot of work to do and I have a lot to learn with you,” Teniente-Matson said. “I want to co-learn, co-pilot, co-conspire on what we’re doing going forward.”

The trustee committee, which includes Fong, has four trustees and the interim CSU chancellor, handled the recruitment, selection and appointment of the next SJSU president.

New SJSU president announced

By Nick Zamora | STAFF WRITER

San Jose State community members differed in their feelings surrounding some speaker events held at the MOSAIC Cross Cultural Center in the past two weeks.

Students for Justice in Palestine held a guest speaker event and solidarity in the center Wednesday night, discussing how Palestinians and Muslims are perceived in the West.

Student for Justice in Palestine is the 2022 chapter of the national campus-based organization that advocates for the human rights of Palestinians, according to its Instagram page.

More than 30 students attended the event, which was promoted and supported by several Arab student organizations including the Muslim Student Association, the Arab Student Union, the Palestinian Student Association, and the Afghan Student Association.

The guest speaker Amir Abdel Malik Ali is the Amir of the Oakland Islamic Community Center.

He is an Islamic title of Arabic origin that can refer to a male monarch, aristocrat or a high-ranking political or military official. It is also used to refer to a leader of an Islamic or Arabic organization, according to Encyclopædia Britannica's Zionism Definition and History webpage.

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“People who are opposed to the existence of the state of Israel are often considered anti-Semitic. But this is a distortion of the truth,” Amir Ali said.

Amir Abdel Malik Ali noted that the current political climate, especially in the United States, has made it more challenging for Palestinians and Muslims to express their support for the Palestinians.

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“It’s a real chance to stop the LGTBQ+ community and members from being isolated, according to the NPR article. John Duroyan, SFSU Young Democratic Society member and political science student, said he thinks it is important to share that people need to fight against the LGTBQ+ community of people around the country are able to protect this bill, and that they’re not going to let this happen. I feel like that puts a lot more pressure on the politicians to refuse the SB 1070, Almeida said. Although the proposed legislation would ban description and depiction of sexual acts and “lewd or lascivious depiction or description of human genitals,” it also acts and “lewd or lascivious depiction or description of human genitals,” it also adds more to the LGTBQ+ community.

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The Spartan Speaks Series welcomed Tara Houska, a climate justice and Indigenous advocate and citizen of Couchiching First Nation, to share her experience in the Student Union Ballroom Wednesday.

Houska, who is also a tribal attorney, discussed her work from politics to her transition into the climate-activism space as it affects the Indigenous communities.

“Indigenous communities are impacted first and worst by the climate crisis, because we are in relationship to the land so closely,” Houska said. “There are spaces where the outdoors is not just a place to be, it’s where our ancestors are and where our loved ones are going underground.”

Houska said she started her career as an attorney where her days consisted of practicing law and protecting the Keystone XL pipeline during her lunch breaks.

She said she later became the Native American Climate Group and in 2016 the first Indigenous woman to be a 2016 presidential campaign adviser, while simultaneously working for Honor the Earth, a nonprofit raising awareness and economic support for indigenous environmental causes.

Houska said she spent the same year fighting against the Dakota Access Pipeline, which she said was the largest response by American Indians to a decision of the federal water board to issue a permit for the pipeline.

“Everything I was taught was that you protect your homelands, you protect where you come from, from the deep-seated wishes to U.S. consumers,” Houska said.

“I’m going to bring this in,” Houska told the audience, where she also asked the students to consider who they are and where they come from.

Mortimer Webster defines a Semite as an “Arab” by race, a fatuous notion that has been around for hundreds of years and is only the current manifestation of antigalalotism, xenophobia, Holocaust, and Arabs. This is the Nativist logic that is still being pushed.

She said she came to listen to Houska discuss two-spirit led frontline resistance to protect the land and the people from the political power of the climate activism.

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“[This was] a daily reminder of certain things like keeping yourself in check and doing what you can’t do, but can’t, so it’s just an accountability process,” DeGrasse said.

Houska is also one of the founder of No Your BS, an organization dedicated to informing individuals and mobilizing groups to comb the public misperception of Native American imagery according to its website.

“The United States has a long way to go [in] addressing some of our history and the present,” Houska said.

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Celebrity deaths are not for clicks

By Vanessa Tran
STAFF WRITER

Dead celebrities deserve to be mourned and honored respectfully, not used for clicks on social media.

Although celebrities are already in the limelight, it doesn’t make it right to sensationalize their deaths. People seem to forget that celebrities are still human and videos or photos of their deaths should not be given out like candy.

It has unfortunately become normal for people on social media to search for a video of a celebrity’s death. I don’t understand how people can yearn to watch something so sick and pass it around.

American rapper and singer PnB Rock was shot dead in South Los Angeles on Sept. 12, inside of Roscoe’s House of Chicken ’n Waffles, according to a Sept. 13 article by CNN. The video of PnB Rock on the floor with paramedics around him circulated all over Twitter the night it happened.

It’s disgusting to think about pulling out your phone and pressing record when someone is dead in a puddle of blood. How is that your first thought when you see a lifeless body?

PnB Rock’s girlfriend, ShanteTakena, was present at the scene of the shooting. She’s been circulating conspiracy theories against her. In a recent social media post, she set up to get rehired after posting an Instagram story with the location tag.

After witnessing her boyfriend die, the last thing I would expect was for people to target her instead. There was no “conspiracy” of rock dying, I quickly wanted him to be shot dead, it was an innocent date that she wanted to share with her followers. It was unbearable how people wanted to twist this horrible and turn it into a conspiracy.

I can’t even envision how the rapper’s friends and family members felt seeing the video being repeated all over social media.

Can you imagine how you would feel if someone close to you passed away and their dead body was going viral?

Anyone closely associated with Rock should be mourning in peace and not be bombarded with the recording whenever they open the door to their home or turn on their phone.

American rapper Takeoff, 25, reportedly had a recording session at 8128A, a source for breaking news and weather from Houston. The video of him with a gun mathed to his head kicked it to Twitter several hours after his passing.

It was heartbreaking to hear his uncle, Quincy, screaming in agony over his love’s body. The pain in his voice can easily be heard and felt through the screen.

Just because someone is famous, doesn’t mean their passing deserves to be put on display for the world to see.

These celebrities deserve more than this; they deserve to rot in peace just like any other person. The media knows how to strategically evoke interest by bringing up deaths that happened years ago. Diana, Princess of Wales who died in a Paris car accident on Aug. 31, 1997, was brought up on news outlets constantly when Queen Elizabeth died on Sept. 8.

Princess Diana is an iconic figure who we should let rest and stop exploiting for entertainment. People were bringing up her name for more content rather than actually caring about the troubles she went through with the royal family.

Did did media outlets really care about her? Or were they simply used as content filler?

Unfortunately this happens online but, still offline too. Los Angeles County was sued by Vanessa Bryant in August for negligence and invasion of privacy over coverage of her deceased husband and daughter, Kobe and Gigi Bryant, according to an Aug. 24 article by Washington Post.

First responders who were there on scene at the helicopter accident on Jan. 26, 2020, took pictures of the father and daughter and proceeded to show them to Buca di Bacco bar & Grill in Norwalk.

Wearing a badge on your chest and showing pictures of deceased individuals as a hobby?

There is no excuse to offer such graphic photos to strangers, insisting that you have something so “exclusive.”

Just because someone is famous doesn’t mean their passing should be the first instinct to open up their social media and share everything on social media.

It’s not right to put their phones down and realize that yes, it’s nice to see videos of someone dead is a significant person to someone else.

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About our cover story

The day of PnB Rock’s death, it was an unwelcome reminder of how fragile life is. Along with the news of PnB Rock’s passing, people were also mourning the death of30-year-old music producer and singer JuiceWrld on Dec. 8, 2019.

Music never dies, it’s just transformed into something new that people are now connecting to and listening to.

Safety should be everyone’s priority. As a society, we should be trying to ensure that all artists are taken care of and loved.

However, it seems that we are living in an age where people, including celebrities, are just a number to the public.

There are no breaks and artists are no longer an individual. The moment an artist dies, they are then seen as just another fruit in the media’s basket.

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Saumya’s album of the week: “The Sale” by Julien Chang

Anytime is the perfect time to go and listen to Julien Chang’s “The Sale.”

Chang is an exciting artist because he is an unsung hero in the music industry. His music might be under the radar but his sound is unforgettable.

If you are new to Julien Chang, “The Sale” is a perfect starting point.

It was psychedelic and effervescent. It’s the kind of album that can only come from a teenager recording music in his basement in secret, hidden in view until it is ready to be put into the world.

Chang grew up in Queens but he spent his childhood in Korea. Chang’s album is unconventional, inspired by everything around him.

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It came out of nowhere but garnered a massive amount of listeners and critics alike who were impressed by his masterful production.

Chang recently appeared on TV’s “The Talk” April 21 where he surprised to announce his latest album and his latest hit “The Sale” is here.

It’s funnier, featuring more soulful guitar riffs than his previous songs, it’s changing in style.

But it is still an exploration of everything music can offer.

Chang continues to push experimentation at the forefront. His songs always contain something new on top of each other. His voice fuses into the background, along with his multi-instrumental sensibilities take the wheel.

We drift through deep bass, subtle guitar and soothing drums. It’s never clear where we are going, but listeners can’t wait to reach wherever Chang is taking us.

Chang is an exciting artist because he is unconventional, impressed by everything from classical to piano to stylin’ hip hop. He isn’t here to be “popular” but rather to create enticing music atmospheres for his fans.

Saumya’s soulful Tunes of the week

By Saumya Monga
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

“Air Guitar” by Sohs (released on Oct. 21)

From the bright colors of the album cover to the heavy guitar sounds on the title track, “Air Guitar” by Sobs is a fast-paced, upbeat album that has walked straight into a late ‘90s nostalgia. The entire album tells the story of lead singer Galvin Autumn’s unbreakable relationships. The feeling of butterflies from falling in love for the first time seems to dissipate as time passes and Autumn is left to hang on to whatever the relationship offers.

Autumn’s bright blue hair on the album cover and bluer background already tells listeners that the story will be told from a very, very close, less to most ‘90s rom-com.

It’s kind of the album young girls will dream about while reminiscing about their first kiss from the “one who was there.”

Behind clunky guitars and a strong backbone of drums, “The Guitar” is pop music at its finest. It sounds catchy, but is rooted in sadness.

Pop music used to lean heavy on emotions, but over the past few years, it show away from that teenage angst. Sohs reminds us that there is a subtle beauty to sometimes playing ‘air guitar’ in their rooms while crying about an ex-lover.

“My Mind & Me” by Selena Gomez (released on Nov. 5)

It can be easy to battle the problems of pop stars. They’re surrounded by wealth and people are ready to serve their every need after all.

Selena Gomez has opened up about their mental health struggles and has shown us that no one should be placed on a pedestal, let alone celebrities.

Her latest single “My Mind & Me” was released a day before her documentary of the same name on Apple TV. Gomez has gone through a slew of physical struggles including revealing her lupus diagnosis, an immune system disease, during her 2012 Billboard Music Awards performance. Gomez has also been diagnosed with bipolar disorder, a struggle which is nowhere more evident than in her latest song.

In April 2020, Gomez revealed she was diagnosed with lupus, an autoimmune disease, and has shown us that she is ready to serve their every need after all.

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