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Facelift in store for SJSU website for fall semester

Nic Aguon
Staff Writer

With the help of students and extensive research, SJSU's website will be revamped by the fall semester.

"We want the website to be more functional and user friendly," said Director of Communications Cyril Manning. "We want to build a website that is beautiful and captures the character of San Jose State."

He said that pitted against other universities' websites, student-based graphic design team Design Creature partnered with SJSU to reinvent the website the university currently offers.

Connie Hwang, Design Creature's faculty adviser, said the organization gives graphic design students the opportunity to work on real-world design projects for the SJSU community and non-profit organizations.

She said Design Creature has created websites for the school of art and design and school of journalism and mass communications.

"Design Creature puts their ideas into action and learn how design functions in enterprise, business, marketing, design strategy, production and client relations," she said.

The process of redesigning SJSU's website began in Fall 2010, and Hwang said a total of 10 graphic design students from Design Creature were involved with the project.

"We hope to capture the energy of the campus community through photography and architecture," he said. "The website will help facilitate a relationship between the students, faculty and campus officials."

Hwang said the new site will offer a sense of school pride as well as easy navigation.

"There are too many success stories from students, faculty and staff," she said. "To alumni, the legacy of the university will be a strong part of the redesign."

The redesign involved several stages, including research and au-

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Photo: Brian O'Malley / Spartan Daily

Disc jockey Joshua Smith, a junior history economics major, hangs out with MC Xavier Volgeniaio, a junior justice studies major, and electrical engineering major Steven Banas as part of A.S. Elections voting day.

A.S. elections draw mixed reactions from students

Francisco Rendon
Staff Writer

Students may wish to get out their hanging chads and turn on their cable news as the 2011 elections for Associated Students government are officially underway.

With election tents posted in two locations — in front of Clark Hall and in the Campus Village Quad — San Jose State University students went to the polls in person and voted online to elect new representatives.

Megan Chan, a junior computer science major, said she enjoyed the process of selecting her new student government.

"It was easy to get on the computer and I got a wristband — sweet," she said.

Despite the simplicity of voting, Chan said she felt more students could be involved.

"Half the people I talk to are like 'Voting, what's that?'" she said.

Jessica Gutierrez, a senior justice studies major, said she simply didn't have time to vote.

"I have too many things going on to go into those booths or to go online," she said. "Plus I don't know anyone (running)."

Despite participating in elections in the past, she said her current goal was graduation in May, and since her departure was coming so soon, she didn't feel the affairs of student government affected her much.

Sophomore business major Raji Bass said he hadn't voted yet, but had received an email informing him of the elections, and saw individuals campaigning on campus.

"I don't know exactly what they do outside of the their job title," he said. "People might want to vote more if they knew what

A.S. actually did."

Bass said that although he had seen individuals giving things away, his perception of the event changed when he realized representatives were paid with A.S. fees.

"You think it's something free, but you're paying them anyway," he said.

The executive board, which consists of the president, vice president and controller, each receive a monthly stipend of \$1,000 and each member of the A.S. Board of Directors receives a stipend of \$500 monthly, said A.S. President Tomasz Kolodziejak, who is running for re-election.

Prateek Gupta, a junior electrical engineering major, said while participation had visibly increased from last year, there was not much going on.

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Employers to students: Do research when job hunting

Leo Postovoit
Staff Writer

A crowd of enterprising up-and-comers met employers in the Student Union on Tuesday for the Spring Job and Internship Fair.

From lower-division students passing through to their next class to graduating seniors eager to find work, the event connected students to 73 hiring companies.

"I've never seen anything like this in recent years," said Career Center Director Cheryl Allmen-Vinnedge, in response to what she says is a 38 percent increase in employer turnout at the fair. "I'm excited."

In addition to this increase, Allmen-Vinnedge said an even larger growth — 59 percent — is visible in the number of jobs on SpartaJobs, the virtual listing the center manages.

Despite this growth in hiring employers, the Career Center faced budget cuts and held the fair in the Student Union instead of its usual place, The Event Center.

"We're limited to building capacity," Allmen-Vinnedge said. "We didn't expect it to be like this."

Caught in a line that snaked through the hallways of the upstairs ballrooms, graduating senior Hitesh Oberoi is itching to find tech work. As a software engineering major specializing in networking, he said he hopes to land a job with a hi-tech company.

"I hope I'll get a job," he said a few minutes before entering the room where tech companies Synaptics and Aruba Networks were set up.

Oberoi said he waited an hour to get through two lines before getting to where he was.

"What's the point of having a job fair?" he asked. "(The employers) just say go online to apply."

Jessica Bothwell Keay, a recruiter for language services provider translations.com, said that feeling is just a myth.

"We're hiring for our San Francisco office," she said. "I'm going to personally pitch the resumes I get today to our departments."

Allmen-Vinnedge said though some students may doubt the importance of these fairs, the employers do track applicants.

"They want to hear stories about relevant internships, related work experience, and applicable skills — they love to hear good stories," she said. "We encourage developing relationships with potential employers."

Theresa Nino, regional manager for First Investors Corporation, noted that her company had seen several students fitting the scope of their open positions. She said one key thing that impresses her is the "opening line" — a pitch that says who you are and what you want to do.

"Approach us as if you're already a first-round candidate," she said.

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■ DISASTER IN JAPAN

Japan nuclear accident approaching Chernobyl levels

McClatchy Tribune

TOKYO — Japanese nuclear regulatory officials Tuesday raised the severity rating at the earthquake- and tsunami-damaged Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant to the highest level by international standards, equaling the 1986 Chernobyl meltdown in the former Soviet Union.

The country's Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency announced that because of the amount of radioactive material released from the plant after the 9.0 magnitude earthquake a month ago the rating would be changed to level 7, a "major accident" on the International Atomic Energy Agency's scale, up from a level 5, an

"accident with wider consequences."

In a nationally televised news conference, the agency's spokesman, Hidehiko Nishiyama, said the decision was based on the amount of radioactive iodine and cesium spewed from the power plant in Fukushima, about 170 miles north of Tokyo.

Nishiyama stressed that the radiation from the Fukushima power plant was 10 percent of the amount at Chernobyl. He also said there had been no deaths linked to the accident at Fukushima, compared to 29 at Chernobyl.

"At Chernobyl, the reactor itself exploded," he said. "At Fukushima some radioactivity has leaked from the reactor but the reactor itself continues to keep most of the radioactive material inside. In that sense, this is different

from Chernobyl."

Before the increased rating, the disaster had been rated at the same level as the 1979 Three Mile Island accident near Middletown, Penn.

But Minoru Oogoda of Japan's Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency said the upgrade came because "the impact of radiation leaks has been widespread from the air, vegetables, tap water and the ocean," the Associated Press reported.

Measuring severity on the international scale involves factors including the amount of radiation released, how wide an area it reaches and how long any problems may last.

Officials said the rating reflects the severity of the problem at the outset, when radiation levels were highest.

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ditng, and Hwang said online surveys and in-person interviews were used to build upon feedback to target the website's weaknesses.

She said the designers presented their findings and design solutions to the university cabinet, implemented changes based on the cabinet's feedback and chose a specific direction for production.

"It was a slow process but I was surprised how fast it has moved forward," he said. "The student process was so strong that it built momentum."

Regarding the production stage, she said the website involved five separate levels of site templates because of the complexity of the information on SJSU's website, and that the templates are going through usability tests, further programming and revision.

"We made many iterations of changes based on campus stakeholders response and feedback," Manning said. "Our next phase to do testing on the website."

Manning said 50 students will be testing the website and asked for feedback. He said he wants to make sure the design team

makes the proper changes to make the website as sophisticated as possible.

"It absolutely makes it a better website by having the students test and design the website," Manning said.

He said testing will take place this month through early May, and that the budget for the redesign had a \$10,000 fee. Susan Kintana, interim director information technology projects & business operations, said the anticipated total project cost is between \$300,000 and \$400,000 over the next five years.

"Working with the students at the design studio was just as innovative, creative and well-run compared to any other professional design studio," Manning said.

Adrian Martinez, a senior environmental studies major, said the current website was complicated in the past but has been better recently.

"Looking for the course roadmap and advising information, I have had difficulty finding answers on SJSU's website over the years," he said. "I've been redirected to the wrong places a few times."

Hwang said all of the project's earnings go to supporting the graphic design program at SJSU, specifically in facility enhancement and supply purchases.



Photo: Brian O'Malley / Spartan Daily

Sophomore aviation major Lloyd Walker battles A.S. President Tomasz Kolodziejak in the jumper at a voting booth near Campus Village.

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"I see so many people walk by, and they don't know what the booth is for," Gupta said.

"They should know now and vote for the right person."

Courtney Byrd, the incumbent A.S. director of extracurricular affairs, said election turnout was already surprisingly high.

"We have a lot more people running," Byrd said. "There is a lot more participation."

Desne James, vice chief

of the election board, said she felt that there was a noticeable boost in student involvement in this election, which partially came from better organization.

"Most of our election board is from last year, so we knew what (to) expect," James said. "We got a lot of feedback that it was better than last year."

She said the candidates also played a large role in drawing in more participants to cast electronic ballots.

"A lot of the people that are running are very passionate about the board of directors position that they

applied for," James said. "We're trying to get people more aware of the voting. Your vote really does count."

Kolodziejak said there was a clear increase in the level of student involvement, which was encouraging.

"I'm almost positive we're going to have record voting," he said. "A lot of people are involved. I'm excited."

"They should definitely vote, whoever they vote for," Kolodziejak said.

Rich Kelley, director of student involvement, said the total number of votes would be released along with the winners on Thursday, after the polls close.

A common thread of employers' desires is the search for the "unique" skill of merging both people skills from the "sales" world to the technical skills of the industry-rich "working world."

One such employer, Baytech Interactive Web Solutions, said they were looking for a systems engineer that had people skills — something they said is hard to find.

Baytech employee Amanda Hsueh found frustration similar to Nino's in unprepared students.

"Do a little research on the companies that are coming," she said. "We're all looking for that right student."

Allmen-Vinnedge said the center's focus is to get students ready for the working world. From review sessions developing resumes to lectures on wearing appropriate attire to events to strengthen networking skills, they host more than 100 workshops and three to five career fairs like this one a year.

"We want to get everyone a job," she said.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY ...



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On April 13, 1983
Spartan Daily reported that ...

- (Above) About 2,000 students rallied on the steps of the Capitol building in Sacramento to protest fee increases proposed by Gov. George Deukmejian.
- University and city officials are debating whether to close the section of San Carlos Street between Fourth and 10th Streets and converting it into a pedestrian mall.
- SJSU rejected a sex discrimination claim filed by a male student who was disqualified from the nursing program after failing two classes.

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Nino said she saw several people approach her table asking the wrong questions about what her company does, wearing the wrong attire and simply not cutting it.

Alex Patel, a sophomore marketing and decision sciences major, said she was told that employers were looking for people with more experience. Despite this, she persisted in trying to find the one internship that would take her.

"I just want to know that marketing is right for me," she said. "I want to get experience without having experience."

The fair was also host to nonprofits such as JusticeCorps, an AmeriCorps subsidiary focusing on law that hires students.

"It was my first job fair today," said Aaron Martinez, a political science major who said he would apply to JusticeCorps. "I really hope I get this job."

U.S. NEWS

Federal agencies to be affected by cuts

McClatchy Tribune

WASHINGTON — The largest domestic spending cut in U.S. history will upend almost every federal agency and slash programs dealing with health care, transportation and education, but will give the Pentagon an extra \$5 billion, according to aides familiar with the negotiations.

At the same time, it preserves funding for some of President Barack Obama's initiatives, including the new health care and Wall Street overhauls and his Race to the top education program. But four of the president's policy czars get the ax: health care, climate change, cars and urban affairs.

House Speaker John A. Boehner, R-Ohio, may be forced to rely on Democrats to pass the bill, however. Conservative Republicans argue that it does not adequately cut programs and services.

"Make no mistake: I oppose this negotiated deal," said Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., founder of the House Tea Party Caucus, in a tweet. She wanted deeper cuts and conservative policy priorities, including elimination of funds for family planning and the health care overhaul.

Voters approve of the deal and credit Obama and congressional Democrats more than Republicans for reaching it, according to a CNN survey released Monday.

The GOP-led House had

hoped to convene shortly before midnight Monday to introduce the bill, complying with rules that legislation be posted three days before a vote. That had been scheduled for Wednesday, but as negotiators continued to work past midnight to hammer out the details, the vote schedule was in flux.

The measure, which Congress was expected to pass, would achieve \$38 billion in reductions in the remaining six months of the 2011 fiscal year and end, at least for now, the threat of a government shutdown.

Money for one high-profile Pentagon project, \$455 million for an alternate engine for the Joint Strike Fighter jet that was to be built near Boehner's district, was expected to be eliminated.

The Head Start preschool program was spared, as was Race to the Top, but summer school Pell Grants for college students were eliminated to save \$493 million. Funding was preserved for implementing the Wall Street regulation law, as well as for Planned Parenthood and the health care overhaul.

But cuts included \$2.5 billion that would have helped launch cooperatives to compete with insurance companies — an experiment the Congressional Budget Office said would be unlikely to succeed.

Nearly \$18 billion in cuts come from accounts that must be funded and sometimes have surpluses — such as nearly \$5 billion from a

crime victims' fund and \$400 million from a Treasury forfeiture account that had record seizures in 2010.

Similarly, \$3.5 billion comes from a health program that rewards states for increasing the number of uninsured children in the Medicaid program with simplified enrollments.

The Democrats' strategy to draw down such accounts was intended to shield other agency programs from cuts that would be politically difficult to reinstate in the future.

The budget deal blocks money to transfer detainees from the Guantanamo Bay detention center to mainland courts. Negotiators also agreed not to reinstate the nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain in Nevada, home state of Democratic Sen. Harry Reid, the majority leader.

A proposal that would take wolves off the endangered species list, possibly allowing them to be hunted in Western states, was retained, but another that would have loosened restrictions on shotgun and rifle sales was dropped. A needle exchange program for the District of Columbia also was eliminated.

Nearly 35 domestic programs were terminated or severely reduced by the first \$10 billion in cuts, which came in a series of stopgap deals to keep the government running during the five-week stalemate. Friday's agreement added cuts worth another \$28 billion.

Earlier trims include more than \$500 million from literacy programs for children and initiatives to reduce high school class sizes, and \$350 million for job training.

Also axed was \$650 million from highway accounts, \$200 million for wildfire suppression and \$276 million for flu pandemics that the administration said could be covered from other sources.

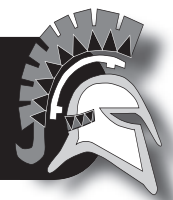
Lawmakers returned to the Treasury nearly \$2 billion left over from the 2010 census, and cut \$30 million to repair the Smithsonian "castle" on the National Mall. Less than \$1 million was reclaimed from a 2009 bicentennial celebration for President Abraham Lincoln.

Congress also relinquished more than \$5 billion in "earmarked" funds that lawmakers requested for various home-state projects — including law enforcement grants and salaries for animal and plant health inspectors.

Monday's cuts take another \$3 billion from transportation and reduce funds for wetlands restoration, crop insurance rebates and rural economic development. A program to combat fraud in the H1B visa program for specialty workers loses \$140 million.

As more details of the agreement emerged, so did political divisions. A coalition of liberal Democratic lawmakers from New York denounced the cuts as an assault on basic government services. Meantime, conservatives ridiculed the severity of the trims.

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Noon - 1 p.m., King Library Rooms 255/257
University Scholar Series: Jonathan Roth
Contact: University Scholar Series @ 408-808-2193 and elisabeth.thomas@sjsu.edu

1 p.m. - 3 p.m., Pacifica Room, Student Union
Peace Corps information session
Contact: Bhoj Raj @ 510-452-8442 and sfinfo@peacecorps.gov

6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m., Morris Dailey Auditorium
Open Mic Night

Thursday, April 14

Noon - 2 p.m., A.S. Barbecue Pit
Meet the new A.S. Board Barbecue
Contact: Brittany Erickson @ 408-924-6242 and berickson@as.sjsu.edu

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., St. Paul's United Methodist Church, between 10th and San Salvador Streets
Open table discussion about Jesus

Wednesday, April 20

3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m., Pacifica Room, Student Union
Environmental Spirituality: An Interfaith Event

Thursday, April 21

Noon - 1:15 p.m., King Library Rooms 225/229
Diversity Dialogue: Understanding Suicide
Contact: Marina Corrales @ 408-924-2263

STATE NEWS

California renewable energy gets major boost in new law

McClatchy Tribune

Gov. Jerry Brown signed into law Tuesday a mandate that 33 percent of electricity in California must come from renewable sources by 2020.

Executives at solar, wind and other clean energy companies said the new regulations could help California reclaim its green leadership position after losing ground to states such as Texas and Iowa.

"This is tremendous," said Mike Hall, chief executive of solar installer Borrego Solar. "A legislative solution provides a lot more clarity and firepower for regulators and proponents."

Brown, along with U.S. Secretary of Energy Steven Chu, signed the bill while helping dedicate a new solar panel manufacturing plant in Milpitas. The facility will produce 75 megawatts a year of panels from SunPower Corp. and is expected to create 100 jobs.

The new law, known as a renewable portfolio standard, is the most aggressive of any state. Several attempts to introduce a federal version have stalled in Congress.

California had previously required investor-owned utilities such as Southern California Edison, Pacific Gas & Electric and San Diego Gas & Electric to generate 20 percent of their electricity from clean sources by 2010, with a

three-year grace period.

The law signed Tuesday will also apply to municipal utilities such as the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, which manage about a quarter of the state's electricity load.

Energy activists hope the mandate will lead to even more ambitious requirements.

"California can power itself entirely on clean energy resources," said Bernadette Del Chiaro, a clean energy advocate with Environment California. "Mandating that the state generate a third of its electricity from renewable energy is a big down payment toward that ultimate goal."

Executives said they were also looking forward to long-term stability. Government incentives lasting just one or two years at a time have characterized the renewable energy market, causing boom-bust cycles when they expire.

"The RPS requirements allow utilities to plan to meet higher renewable energy standards and orient the market towards meeting those goals," said Russ Kanjorski, a vice president at solar panel manufacturer Abound Solar.

The new mandate also requires utilities to draw some of their power from small local projects based near customers — known as distributed generation on rooftops and parking lots, such installations don't require the long transmission lines necessary for sprawling wind and solar plants in the deserts and mountains.

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■ U.S. NEWS

Democrats eager, Republicans wary of vote on Medicare plan

McClatchy Tribune

WASHINGTON — House Republicans will make a defining choice this week on a sweeping GOP plan to overhaul Medicare and Medicaid, and many are not eager for a vote that could put their jobs at risk.

Democrats, however, are eager to see the House take up the Republican 2012 budget plan. They argue it represents an on-the-record endorsement by Republicans of a plan to upend a social program cherished by the growing number of aging Americans.

The House vote planned for Friday will commit the Republican Party — particularly its youngest generation of officeholders and perhaps its presidential contenders — to a perilous political path. Past GOP attempts to scale back entitlement programs, including former President George W. Bush's 2005 attempt to privatize Social Security, have been shunned by voters.

Republicans hope the budget plan, drafted by Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., will convince Americans that only their party is willing to take on the nation's fiscal woes. The plan, unveiled last week, is being moved swiftly through the House, although it stands little, if any, chance of consideration in the Democratic-controlled Senate.

Republicans have widely praised Ryan for moving on a bold plan that addresses the nation's long term deficits. But many have avoided saying how they plan to vote, an indication they may be uneasy with the prospect of taking a vote that will eventually privatize Medicare and hand Medicaid over to states.

Ryan, who chairs the House Budget Committee, has readily conceded he's taking a political risk, and is dragging his party along with him.

Last week, Ryan stood with a dozen of his House colleagues in releasing his budget plan. He argued that Republicans were willing to do what it takes — even sacrifice their political careers — in the name of fiscal responsibility. "We can all do something else with our lives," he said.

Since then, his colleagues haven't sounded so willing to sacrifice themselves.

Rep. Mary Bono Mack, R-Calif., commended Ryan "for his willingness to begin a long overdue and critically important debate." But she "continues to review this legislation," including its impact on Medicare, her office said in a statement.

Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota, who is considering a presidential bid, said the plan "merits our full attention," but didn't go further.

Even members of the freshman class, who ran on cutting deficits and upending political convention in Washington, are treading carefully. Rep. Lou Barletta, a Republican whose Pennsylvania district was held by a Democrat for nearly 30 years before his victory last November, declined to comment on how he will vote.

Rep. Sean Duffy, a Republican freshman from a working-class, erstwhile Democratic district in

northwestern Wisconsin, also has praised Ryan, but not yet signed on publicly to the plan. A spokesman said the congressman wasn't dodging the subject — but was taking his time to review the proposal.

"This is something that Sean ran on, he's not going to shy away from the debate," said spokesman Daniel Son. "He's eager to get into it, but I think just not today."

The GOP budget is unlikely to get a single Democratic vote. There are 241 Republicans in the House, and passage would mean 218 Republicans would have to vote yes. Any more than 23 Republican defectors would result in defeat, or force GOP leaders to pull the bill from consideration.

Among its 87 GOP freshman members, about 30 House Republicans are from swing districts. For some of them, a vote in favor of privatizing Medicare could represent a giant step toward defeat in 2012.

Democratic Party activists, unions and advocacy groups, too, are eager for the debate. House Democratic strategists are spreading messages through more than 50 House districts that were carried by President Barack Obama in 2008 but now are held by Republicans, an effort aimed at making voters insecure about Medicare's future.

"House Republicans choosing to end Medicare as we know it and raise health care costs for seniors rather than repeal tax breaks for oil companies means that voters will be choosing Democrats in the next election," said Rep. Steve Israel, D-N.Y., the chairman of the Democratic Party's House campaign arm.

The Alliance for Retired Americans, an interest group that played a key role in pushing back against Bush's Social Security effort, is mobilizing around the Ryan budget.

"They're trying to undo 47 years of Medicare in seven days," said Richard Fiesta, director of government and political affairs for the organization. "Obviously, this is a high threat level."

The group is planning on lobbying members of Con-

gress, as well as mounting series of public events, during the congressional recess next week. "With this plan that House is going to pass (this) week, we have something tangible and immediate we can be activists about," Fiesta said.

Republicans contend that Democrats are eager to revive a well-worn playbook on Medicare because they're losing the political battle on the Hill over spending.

"I don't see it as being political suicide," said Rep. Allen West, R-Fla., a freshman from a split district. "I think the American people are looking for principled leaders to say there are some tough decisions that have to be made because these are tough times."

Obama in a speech Wednesday will announce his own deficit-reduction plan that will make changes to entitlement programs — although he not expected to propose a makeover as drastic as that in Ryan's plan.

With the GOP plan, some analysts say Ryan and his party risk falling into the same trap as Bush in 2005, when he interpreted his reelection as a sign that voters were ready for changes to Social Security. Bush's private investment plan stalled in a matter of months, and a year later, Republicans lost control of the House.

Bush's Social Security gambit was a "combination of hubris, obstinacy and misreading the audience," said Susan McCue, who, while an aide to Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., helped craft a Democratic push-back effort.

Along with Bush's Social Security misfire, then-House Speaker Newt Gingrich's insistence in cutting Medicare by almost \$300 billion helped trigger the last major government shutdown in 1995, boosting President Bill Clinton's political prospects as a result.

Democrats have made mistakes, too. Proposals by both Clinton and Obama to refashion the nation's health care system were each met with fierce resistance from seniors. And one reason that Ryan and the Republicans retook the House in 2010 was because of opposition to the Affordable Care Act championed by Obama.

NEWS BRIEFS

State

California expands carbon-trading program to three Canadian provinces

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McClatchy Tribune

LOS ANGELES — California officials announced Tuesday that the state will expand its newly adopted carbon-trading program to three Canadian provinces, creating the largest regional cap-and-trade system in North America.

British Columbia, Quebec and Ontario will join California in a cap-and-trade program aimed at limiting planet-heating greenhouse gases from industrial plants and transportation fuel, and that allows companies to buy and sell emissions allowances among themselves to cut their costs.

The Western Climate Initiative, launched by former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, was originally designed in 2008 to engage seven Western states and four Canadian provinces in a trading program. That program, it was hoped, would eventually fold into a broader federal cap-and-trade system to be enacted by Congress.

But since then, support for curbing global-warming emissions has ebbed, and the economic downturn has cut into business profits. Federal cap-and-trade legislation was passed by the House in 2009 but stalled in the Senate.

Arizona, New Mexico, Washington, Oregon, Utah and Montana had signed on to join the initiative but have pulled out of the trading plan.

National

Senate introduces landmark online privacy bill

Compiled From
McClatchy Tribune

WASHINGTON — Sens. John Kerry, D-Mass., and John McCain, R-Ariz., introduced the Commercial Privacy Bill of Rights on Tuesday, which includes measures to address consumer concerns that their sensitive information could be misused.

According to the bill, companies that collect consumer data would have to clearly explain their practices. Those would include requiring consumers to provide clear consent — known as opting in — for the collection of "sensitive, personally identifiable information."

Companies also would have to allow consumers either to access and correct their information or request that the information not be used or distributed.

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Drink of the week

By: Nic Agnon



Bubba Gump's signature Superfruit 1800 Margarita.

Are you in the mood for something fruity and fresh squeezed?

Bubba Gump's in San Francisco has a variety of signature drinks and margaritas. Last weekend, I decided to give one of their concoctions a try.

Ordering a margarita or mixed drink is always refreshing, no matter what your poison is. Bubba Gump's has plenty of indoor and outdoor seating as well as bar seating. I chose to order a margarita to go along with my beautiful view of the bay.

Searching for something succulent with fresh fruit, I chose Bubba Gump's signature Superfruit 1800 Margarita.

With two different sizes to choose from, 18 or 22 ounces, I chose the larger of the two. The price tag was a bit steep at \$10.95, but I figured why not — it's their signature margarita.

The drink consists of 1800 Silver Tequila, fresh lemon, strawberries, blueberries and VeeV Acai Spirit. Presented in a shaker, I was elated to try it out.

The margarita was served on the rocks and was ice cold. The first sip got my taste buds excited from all the flavors of the juice squeezed into the drink.

The fruity taste washed away the bite of the 1800, making for a drink that is easy to handle and not too strong. With the drink being so tasty, the shaker poured out three glasses worth of fruity goodness.

Overall, I enjoyed the drink, but I prefer a drink that is a bit stronger. Nonetheless, I am pleased with Bubba Gump's Superfruit 1800 Margarita and would recommend it to any fan of Cadillac or pomegranate margaritas.

■ COMMUNITY EVENT

Monthly dish-sampling event fills bellies at local restaurants

Eric Austin
Staff Writer

Food lovers rejoice — there is now a new way to sample local cuisine thanks to Dishcrawl, a start-up founded on the concept of bringing together communities around local, family-owned restaurants.

Dishcrawl holds events known as "Dishcrawls" a few times every month in different cities.

Attendees are taken on a tour of four local restaurants where they sample different dishes and are given the chance to meet the owners.

The goal of Dishcrawl is two-fold, said Tracy Lee, founder of Dishcrawl and SJSU alumna, with one goal being to bring together the community and the other being to help small businesses that have been suffering from the effects of the recession.

"There is nothing really like being the glue of a local community," she said. "Doing the Dishcrawl event adds so much value to the community and the small local businesses."

Lee founded Dishcrawl in the Bay Area a year ago and it became so popular that it has already spread to some of the largest cities in North America, she said.

"In the beginning we were doing one Dishcrawl a month," she said. "By the end of last month we were in four different cities including San Francisco, San Jose, Montreal and New York."

A ticket to attend a Dishcrawl is \$26, which may seem steep at first. Bear in mind, however, that this ticket grants you access to four different meals at four different restaurants and the chance to mingle with the owners and the other food lovers who attend these events.

"When do you ever get to meet four different chefs in one night at four different restaurants," Lee said.

Last month, Dishcrawl hosted 10 events, including one in San Jose that took attendees to four locations in San Pedro square in Downtown San Jose.

The approximately 80 Dishcrawlers who came to the San Jose event were able to sample traditional Moroccan food at Morocco's Restaurant, classic Indian street food from Tikka Bytes Gourmet Food Truck, Mexican cuisine from La Pinata Mexican Restaurant and tea and pastries from Satori Tea's.

"I think it's a great idea," Oakland native Jason Shultz said. "I try to make it to any Dishcrawl that I can because I just love food too much to miss out on this."

It is not just food lovers who have embraced Dishcrawl with open arms — restaurant owners in San Jose

are also on board with this new concept.

Eric Guzman, one of the owners of the local Mexican restaurant La Pinata said Dishcrawl helps bring in business and spread awareness of the restaurant through the power of the Internet and viral marketing.

"If we were doing everything how our parents were doing back when they started we wouldn't be as successful," he said.

Dishcrawl has big ideas for the future, Lee said, with plans to have Dishcrawls in San Francisco every week in May in different neighborhoods as part of what is known as Dishcrawl month. Eventually, Lee wishes to make Dishcrawl a regular part of every city dweller's life, she said.

"I hope that we become de facto," she said. "You go to the doctor, you go out with your parents and you go to a Dishcrawl every month."

Upcoming Dishcrawl events

Tuesday, April 19
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Lunch In 60 Featuring Tikka Bytes Truck! (Mountain View, CA)
Cook & Eat At No Worries! 7+ Courses Of Vegan Filipino Cuisine! (Oakland, CA)

Tuesday, April 26
7 p.m.

San Jose's "Restaurant Row" Dishcrawl: Exploring San Fernando Street (San Jose, CA)

Wednesday, April 27
7 p.m.

Magic Dishcrawls Visit The Mission! (San Francisco, CA)

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PROFILE

Students' musical passion births South Bay Composers Collective

Jaimie Collins
A&E Editor

Culture and community go hand-in-hand now that a group of musically inclined students has brought its artistic ability to SJSU's campus.

Branching from SJSU's school of music and dance, the South Bay Composer's Collective is a group of students who write music, organize concerts and support the local music scene through live performances.

This talented group of students is currently made up of four SJSU students — Amanda Mikaelsson, Tristan Perotti, Harlan Otter and Jason McChristian.

"I think it is a great group to help us composers get our music and name out there in the musical world," said Mikaelsson, a senior music composition major.

A group of like-minded artists, the Collective was founded by Perotti, a senior music composition major, and SJSU graduates McChristian, Otter, Corey Keating and Andy Ly.

"The Collective was spawned out of conversations we had about the lack of, and need for us to promote, art music in our own community," Perotti said. "Those of us who wanted to do something with an independent spirit, with encouragement of our professors, decided it was time to make a move and promote our work and try to advance the musical culture in San Jose."

Pablo Furman, coordinator of the composition and electro-acoustic music program at SJSU, is one of several faculty members that challenged students of the Collective to start a program like this.

"Composing the music is one part, albeit a large one, but not all that it takes to produce a venture like this," he said. "We provide them with advice, some seed money and any kind of assistance if they need it."

Other than that, Furman said the students were required to pay for the venue rental and the musicians

who play their music while handling publicity and organizing all the details of the event.

"Having our music performed in public is what a composer works toward," he said. "Besides having their music performed publicly and professionally, they acquire firsthand experience in event production and management."

Since its formation in early 2009, the Collective has produced two full-length live performances of music written by members and performed by a variety of professional musicians based in the Bay Area.

The San Jose Chamber Orchestra was featured in the Collective's first concert in May 2010, with music written for the string quartet and also took part in the second performance, which took place on March 9, boasting a series of vocalists.

Although they are beginning the process of planning their next production, the Collective hopes to have a new concert within a year.

Perotti said he believes groups of this type are important because they develop the opportunity to be cultured and experience the creativity of people in the community.

"We are accessible people who live, operate in and therefore represent a part of the culture in the Bay Area," he said. "I feel every artist needs to promote their work through public exhibition."

Part of becoming a professional in any field post-graduation is having the confidence to put yourself out there and say "Hey, I deserve to be considered."

Mikaelsson said the Collective branches beyond the production of music to encompass a friendly, close-knit group.

"I really enjoy being part of the Collective because it is a good support system," she said. "We are all working toward the same thing and it is nice to have each other there to ask questions and give answers."

Juggling the Collective in addition to full course loads and other activities can make life hectic, Mikaelsson said,

but she feels the group is rewarding and also great preparation for life after graduation.

"I've learned that I actually am a professional and that I have just as much right to have my music played as any composer," Perotti said. "There is a level of confidence and maturity wrapped up in here somewhere which I feel I have definitely grown from."

Although the group currently consists of all students, it is not restricted to SJSU and any composer with a Western art music background is welcome.

"I see this partly as having the potential to be the start of a new network of composers and artists in greater Bay Area, not exclusively SJSU," Perotti said.

The Collective has a passion to bring art to the community, he said, and urges students and community members to contribute.

"Students have a unique role to play in shaping the future of the (San Jose art) community," he said. "There is a lot of potential for San Jose to develop into the artistic center it's always wanted to be and we can all be a part of it."



Photo Courtesy: San Jose Chamber Orchestra

South Bay Composer's Collective and San Jose Chamber Orchestra perform.



Photo Courtesy: South Bay Composer's Collective

From left: Harlan Otter, Jason McChristian, Tristan Perotti and Amanda Mikaelsson are Composer's Collective.

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Bay Area fans choose not to retaliate

The dugouts cleared Monday night at AT&T Park as the San Francisco Giants and their bitter rivals the Los Angeles Dodgers crowded the center of the baseball diamond.

This wasn't the usual fists-and-bats-flying scenario fans are accustomed to, however.

It was quite the opposite.

It felt unnatural as I stood watching from the lower box seats while the Giants and Dodgers held a moment of silence, followed by a few words from Giants relief pitcher Jeremy Affeldt and Dodger shortstop Jamey Carroll.

The two teams' storied rivalry had spilled from between the foul lines and into the Dodger Stadium parking lot nine days earlier, when a Giants fan was assaulted by Dodger fans and hospitalized.

Bryan Stow, the victim, remains in a medically induced coma and is showing signs of brain damage.

The incident transformed the rivalry into an alliance against violence, and its affects spread not only through fans (about \$60,000 donated to Stow's aid fund from each side's fans on Monday alone), but the players and managers as well.

Affeldt had to noticeably hold back emotions during the pre-game event, and similarly with former Dodger manager Tommy Lasorda when speaking with media on the topic.

The moment at the ball park was solemn, but was quickly broken up by my mom asking if "that young guy" — Buster Posey — was pitching, to which I told her to stop being so British.

My mom knows little about baseball, but even she had heard about the incident involving Stow and the rivalry surrounding the two teams.

How the episode will impact the two teams and their fans is yet to be seen, but in the short term it appears to be bringing the two clubs closer together.

The Dodgers ended up defeating the Giants 6-1 in what amounted to an unusually subdued game, both among the players and the fans.

There were the same, old "beat L.A." chants and some passionate words exchanged here and there, but for the most part there was a general camaraderie among Giants and Dodgers fans — at least in my section.

The feared Giants fans retaliation scenario never occurred, though how much credit belongs to the World Series-level security is to be determined.

The Giants, Dodgers and fans have plenty of time and games to get back to their ritualistic hatred of each other, including tonight's final game of the series.

And for the record, I'm all for it — as long as it stays between the foul lines.



Alex Spicer
Sporty Spice

"Sporty Spice" is a weekly column appearing on Wednesdays. Alex Spicer is a Spartan Daily Sports Editor.

The activities I once enjoyed are my vices these days

Growing up as a member of the Millennium Generation in suburbia, I was fortunate to have many different ways to pass the time.

In my younger years I spent my days playing basketball with friends, pretending we were Michael Jordan, or dancing around the house pretending we were Michael Jackson.

High school was full of partying and late night excursions with friends, and the experience of playing music and pretending we were rockstars certainly had its charm.

The amount of time I spent doing these activities pales in comparison to the real hobby of my adolescence: Gaming.

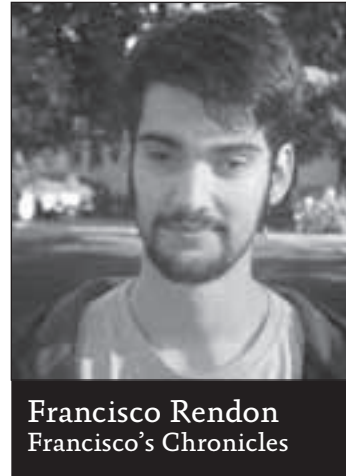
Not this warped term younger generations use to define button mashing and screen shaking, but something much more ... comprehensive.

I'm talking about the chess team. Writing articles for "Magic: The Gathering, Dungeons and Dragons."

I mean 24-hour, no-female-anywhere-close-by nerd sessions filled with cheap soda, dice rolling, video gaming and overstimulation.

I have been many things throughout my life, but I have found that I have spent much of my time as a nerd, getting lost in an imaginary world, slaying bad guys with my incredible skill and fortune.

Recently, after discussing my history of lameness with a friend, it became clear that I no longer look upon dice rolling, card flipping or piece snatching with the same bright, anticipating and joyful eyes I did in the past.



Francisco Rendon
Francisco's Chronicles

I cannot deny the fact that when reflecting on this aspect of my life, outside of some valuable friendships, there isn't much I've gained from it.

I can almost assuredly play "Magic" better than almost any stranger you could pull off any street. My fireballs and brainstorms will leave your life total in shambles.

My level 6 fighter/level 2 cleric is a solid contributor to any party seeking to sojourn in catacombs or tombs.

Yet, none of these skills seem to matter too much when it comes to real-life interactions.

While I was learning how to become a beast in "Super Smash Brothers," my peers were learning how to dance, finding new places and just generally being more social.

Hopefully, this realization is itself, a "leveling-up" of sorts, which unlocks new abilities and allows me to reach new areas never before available.

Although I still sometimes gravitate toward the deck or the joystick when alone, it is becoming increasingly clear that these skills will do little to serve me in my attempts to render service to humanity — to live a meaningful life.

However painful it may be, I am going to have to leave these habits behind if I intend to gain skill points for my adventures in real life.

"Francisco's Chronicles" is a weekly column appearing on Wednesdays. Francisco Rendon is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.



Cartoon: MCT

My friends, lines are only in your minds so get over them

I've known that it comes every semester, but I could never pinpoint the date.

Once again it was "free cone day" at Ben & Jerry's on Tuesday, and I was already eager about going since I heard about it the day before as I headed off campus feeling optimistic.

I went with a bunch of people, but the moment we got there, almost all of them were disheartened by the length of the line.

It had wrapped around the corner and extended a couple hundred feet further.

I went to the end of the line, knowing it would pass, as I had done this before, while most of my friends went to other nearby stores finding sustenance of their own.

I myself have been in this line every semester waiting for free ice cream, so I knew that the line in fact wasn't that bad regardless of how long it got.

People passed by me, however, and were quickly discouraged, saying things such as "This will take hours" and "They're going to run out by the time we get there."

It's funny how the concept of the line can easily shut down any positive thoughts of obtaining anything.

Apparently rows of people seem to scare off just as many people who are willing to get into them.

There's no need to be scared. So you wait around doing nothing, but before you know it, you'll be at the end and life moves on.

I got my ice cream in about 15 minutes, about the amount of time I expected.

On the way back to campus, many people stopped me asking how bad the line was, and I simply told them 10 to 15 minutes, and everyone responded back with "Oh, that's not that bad." Yet, that positive response seems to always turn negative upon actually seeing the line for themselves.

It seems that the line had already formed



Leonard Lai
Senior Staff Writer

in people's heads before even getting there, that's where the problem begins.

The simplest solution that people seem to forget is where one accepts the fact that lines will be there.

Why dwell on the wait instead of just understanding it, and trying to bypass it through whatever distractions are at your disposal?

If lines scare you that much, go in prepared before you get into one.

Obviously going to someplace offering FREE ICE CREAM, one should expect a line, it would be otherwise foolish not to.

Bring a book, check your phone or bring a portable entertainment device, a hacky sack, a pet (establishment willing), a rubber ducky, a friend or heck even make one in line.

People waiting for their ice cream were

talking with one another, brought their kids to enjoy the treat and watching and dancing as KSJS was there playing music (shout outs to KSJS).

By the end of the day, I had gone back and gotten six cones (mmmm, be jealous), and everyone who didn't even get one could have gotten that many too if they had accepted the fact that the line was nothing more than something in the mind.

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BASEBALL

Spartans leave Dons scoreless in vengeful rematch

Melissa Sabile
Sports Editor

The SJSU baseball team took its time at the plate and dominated University of San Francisco, leaving the Dons scoreless in a 10-0 victory.

The Dons, who had beaten the Spartans 10-0 during their last matchup on March 15, showed no sign of consistent defense against SJSU and finished with four errors.

"They really took it to us last time we played them — actually 10 to nothing — so it's something that's been bugging us a little bit," said head coach Sam Piraro. "It's kind of a sweet payback for us. It feels really good."

Innings moved slowly as the Dons were clumsy in the outfield, giving the Spartans a number of chances to score.

"(USF) made some uncharacteristic mistakes and we made them pay for it," Piraro said. "They made a few errors and we sustained some innings because of that."

The bottom of the sixth inning sealed the deal for the Spartans, as the Dons gave up five runs to make the score 8-0.

As Jonathan Abramson came into pitch for the Dons in the sixth, freshman infielder Jake Valdez singled to center field but was caught stealing second.

Senior infielder Danny Stienstra was able to reach first on an error by the USF shortstop, then another single by senior outfielder Jason Martin advanced Stienstra to second.

Sophomore infielder Tyler Christian added another single, advancing Stienstra and Martin. Freshman outfielder Matt Lopez followed with a base hit, the first of his collegiate career, allowing Martin and Stienstra to score.

"I was looking for a pitch to drive — luckily it got through the first baseman and I was able to drive in runs and help out the team," Lopez said of his hit. "We were able to take advantage of their defensive errors. It helped us out. As long as we put the runs on the board, we can win."

Freshman pitcher D.J. Slaton came in for freshman starting pitcher Johnny Melero in the top of the fifth inning and took control of the Spartans' defense.

"I just tried to keep the hitters for USF off balance as much as possible and get everything over the strike zone," Slaton said. "It got a little bit wild, but I stuck with the groove."

Slaton struck out five players and gave up no runs in three innings following Melero's one-hit outing. Senior pitcher John Austin closed out for the Spartans, allowing only one hit in the top of the eighth.

"D.J. showed some composure," Piraro said. "He walked the first two guys and pitched out of trouble. I thought that was very impressive. He used that as a building block for the next two innings. Obviously, he had good stuff. They weren't making good contact off of him."

He said the bulk of the defense came from the three pitchers.

"It was an easy game for us to play defense because the pitchers struck a lot of guys out," he said.

A change in fielders for USF in the eighth inning didn't make much of a difference and the Spartans still earned another run.

"Our pitching did a great job and kept them to two hits and we were able to take advantage on the offense," Lopez said.

Overall, SJSU kept USF held tight, leaving the Dons with no runs on two hits with four errors, while the Spartans finished with 10 runs on 15 hits and no errors.

"They shut us out at their house," Lopez said. "We were looking to come in and get some revenge. It feels good that we were able to put up the same score on them."

The Spartans hit the road Friday for their next conference matchup, a three-game series against the New Mexico State Aggies, and will return home Thursday, April 21, against Louisiana Tech.

(Right) Senior infielder Danny Stienstra looks on from the on-deck circle as freshman infielder Jacob Valdez takes his at-bat.

(Below) Sophomore infielder Tyler Christian slides into home plate during SJSU's 10-0 victory on Tuesday.



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