Professors dissect racial terms

Andrew Martinez

A new Arizona immigration law, which aims to identify, prosecute and deport illegal immigrants, problematic the concept of the term Hispanic as both a political desig- nator and social identifier, according to an SJSU political science lecturer.

Keith Farbe-Montoya said the legisla- tion puts more scrutiny on the Hispanic com- munity, regardless of whether these Hispanics are legal or illegal.

“Hispanics always have been viewed as illegal, and this will have a significant impact on people who phenotypically appear to be — or characteristically resemble — Latinx,” he said.

On April 24, U.S. Rep. Brian Bilbray, R-CA, said on an MSNBC show that he would identify an illegal immigrant “right down to the shoes they wear.”

In Monday’s issue of the San Jose Mer- cury News, an article covering early Cinco de Mayo celebrations in San Jose stated that police estimated 8,000 people were in atten- dance and later said, “Most of the crowd ap- peared to be Latino.”

“The term Hispanic doesn’t cause that, but it doesn’t help,” Lucas said. “There’s a huge lack of understanding by the general public, including a lot of Latinos themselves.”

SJSU philosophy Professor Carlos San- ches said that explicitly, in the U.S., His- panic is the right way to identify this group.

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Senior music major Danny Oomen said it’s a better value for him to off campus.

“Hell yes it’s a better val- ue,” he said. “I eat at Good Karma, I eat at Ba-By-Thai, I eat at Tandoori Oven. I eat at Haaghs. It’s cheaper and better food than what’s available on campus.”

Senior art major Donnie Klinker said he thinks it’s less expensive to eat off campus.

“I usually eat off campus, usually at my own place be- cause it’s cheaper,” he said. “But if I must eat out, I go to Good Karma, Ba-By-Thai and Tostos Corn because they’re cheap and they have really good food.”

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of people even though it was imposed through the political process.

“There’s a lot of Hispanics in San Jose State,” Sanchez said. “It’s a term that has been considered to be Hispanic-serving institution.”

He said students aren’t officially referred to as Hispanic in the university because they don’t want to consider themselves as such.

“Personally and existentially, that’s a good choice to have,” Sanchez said. “But politically, all that money that’s not coming to San Jose State because of that, all the things we are not able to do now as a more privileged group, we should be able to exploit that.”

While the reality of the term is part of the political machete, he said Hispanics have to appropriate it for themselves to be politically powerful in that U.S.

“The law itself is not an insult only to Mexican-Americans who are illegal immigrants from Mexico, it is an insult to all Hispanics and we need to be able to do that,” Sanchez said. “It’s a way to call yourself that ‘somewhere else’ for Hispanic,” someone who lives in Brazil speaking Portuguese, “if you are a whiter person of color?” Lucas said. “What does it mean if you are a white person of color?”

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Sociology Professor Carlos Garcia said that from a collection perspective, the term Hispanic is a tidy way of classifying a group of people.

“It is always accurate, or is it always good?” Garcia said. “Well, no, if your goal is to isolate a population, I really don’t see another way of doing that.”

While Garcia said he can see the concern over the term Hispanic, he is more concerned about his own identity.

Junior anthropology major Ray Pineda said by calling a group by one homogeneous name, it’s easier to portray neg- ative or derogatory stereotypes in the media.

“More privileged people, often again using the term ‘Hispanic,’ seem to appropriate it for them. I don’t see another way of doing that,” Pineda said.

Carriquiry-Rodriguez said the term has to work for us now. Let’s put it to work. Let’s see what it means. Let’s do it.

Mexican-American studies Professor Julia Carriquiry-Rodriguez said the term has to do with how people negotiate their presence in American society and wheth- er anybody looks at them and says, “You don’t belong here.”

For some people, she said, it’s about history, legacy and membership.

“Hispanic” still feels like its somewhere else, and there’s no ‘someplace else’ for Hispanic,” she said. “That’s unique.”

It’s a term that has been con- structed, given value and given meaning in the U.S., she said.

“In identity for some is politi- cal, but for others, it’s mem- bership,” Carriquiry-Rodriguez said.

“It’s a way to call yourself that doesn’t bring attention to you that doesn’t make you yourself or outsider or suspect.”

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Google's Goggles provide inconsistent results

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Google Goggles is probably the only app I've ever tried that fails to work more often than it succeeds.

Goggles is a visual search app, which means the user takes a picture of something and Google sends the user some results based on the picture.

I found it interesting to see if it was functional and useful, but it was neither.

Still, it's a fairly simple app and the user interface is easy to use.

The user points the phone at a picture of something, and Google analyzes the image and displays the search results, at least that is what it's supposed to do.

Instead, the app displays things that have no relation to the image used in a loop.

For instance, I took a picture of a movie poster, and it showed me pictures of kittens.

I took a picture of an Apple logo and it showed me a black and white color ellipse.

And I took a picture of the flag of the United States of America.

To be fair, the app does warn the user that it does things some time is to kill, such as when waiting for an appointment or when a class seems to drag on, not that I would advocate playing a game of tic-tac-toe in the middle of a rather boring class.

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Another shortcoming is the instant messaging system — it works, but the whole thing falls apart when people start typing in all capital letters to ask a question. It wasn't even without the annoying updates from Face- book and Google Plus taking a row on their digital property.

The Google Play Store's image collection is the online games which put players in the community against other players in a timed match of Larkin, a version of Hunter's Connect Four, and Dots, a game in which players connect dots to make houses for points.

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The Dots game, which has a title on Shazam — even though it has the best music, it is filled with maps of Jack and coincidence rather than skill, such as Chess, Checkers or Larkin. These games offer a quick bit of entertainment, but it is time to kill.

Since the games are on a social network, the system will track, user profiles and friends’ lists over their games, and includes a chatroom so users can network with other players.

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Except that the app says it can handle product searches — not bar codes, but products.

As in taking a picture of a Chicago White Sox baseball cap and getting similar results to that.

Instead, I get a fish.

Goggles is a great idea though, but even if it didn't work I don't know what kind of use I would have.

I could just as easily go to Google.com and spend eight seconds searching for something.

With Google I have to open the app, take three seconds, then take a picture, which takes four seconds, wait for the app to analyze the picture, which takes about five to six seconds to network with something.

It also doesn't help that the user must ask if there are any women on-line, which means the user takes a picture of something and Google searches the web for results, which takes about five to 10 seconds. While that may seem like a small amount, it eventually adds up, and becomes more and more annoying each time I tried, especially when the app returned the wrong results.

Google is trying some interesting stuff with visual social, but it doesn't work at all. Also, Google needs to give users a reason to use visual search in the first place.

Right now, it's nothing more than something to just use to see the crazy results that follow.

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Staff Writer

These are the results of an informal measure of Wi-Fi Internet connections Friday in Campus Village Buildings B and C, Joe West Hall and the 2nd Martin Luther King, Jr. Library. These measurements were taken using a Toshiba laptop and the Speedtest.net web test for Internet speed.

In campus housing, students can get a wired connection comparable to a dial-up connection at 9600 bps per second.

“Upgrades to a usable 3 MB-bit connection cost $12 a month,” said Graham Rodriguez, a junior management major and a Campus Village Building B resident.

It works fine when you are handling a small-time business, but when I need to download something, or watch online, it is frustrating,” Rodriguez said. “If I could put our reception in one word it would be bad.”

Amanda Talley, a sophomore sociology major, said campus Internet could use an upgrade.

“I can’t use Skype because the Internet is too slow, and I can’t talk to my boyfriend,” she said.

There was no Wi-Fi connection on several floors of buildings B and C, and the only way to get a connection would be to ask a fellow student for his or her password to access the net.

Floor 1 of both Campus Village Buildings B and C has a weak signal of 7250, which is a valid SSID connection on Wi-Fi.

Joe West Hall had the same problem.

Students can look into the cable for 20th Street/Second services, which is OK for uploading assignments, but insufficient for watching YouTube videos or downloading MP3s.

The fourth floor of Joe West Hall had no connection unless you had a cable or fast network source.

The hot spot in Joe West Hall could be found in the third floor study hall. It had a surprisingly fast Wi-Fi with a 4.53-MB download speed and 3.14-MB upload speed. This was the only good, fast Wi-Fi connection found in student housing.

For a speedy connection, students will need to connect on either the fourth floor of King Library, the third floor of Joe West Hall, pay the $8.40 per semester for 24-hour connection in student housing or get a roommate to share his or her network password to share the cost.

That is about four seconds for a 3-MB MP3 download, 30 seconds for a 3.5-MB video and nine or ten minutes for an 800-MB movie download.

King Library’s eighth floor Wi-Fi had an 8.7-MB download speed and 3.14-MB upload speed.

The patio outside the coffee shop on the ground floor of King Library had a 7.9-MB download speed and upload speed of andownload speed of a 4.67 MB.

Simon Wagner, a computer science major, said he was satisfied with his connection in student housing.

“I paid for my 9-MB connection and it works fine for all uses,” Wagner said.
Forty-seven years after his grandfather clinched the still-standing SJSU record for strikeouts in a season, Blake McFarland is leading the Spartans this season in the same category. McFarland has pitched to innings, making him the SJSU and Western Athletic Conference leader this season.

McFarland, who is 5-2 with an earned run average of 3.21 this season, is a first-year transfer student from Santa Barbara City College. "Coming in (from a junior college to SJSU) I knew I was going to have opportunity to compete because we were losing so many pitches from last year," he said. "So, that was a big plus in why I came here."

McFarland, who went to Leigh High School in San Jose, said all of his hard work and training has paid off. "It's just that much higher talent all the way around ... everyone here works hard and wants to exceed in baseball," he said.

He said McFarland has the ability to motivate his teammates on and off the field. "(McFarland) has a good attitude, so he's a good guy to have in the clubhouse," Martin said.

Fellow pitcher John Austin said he and McFarland became friends when they arrived at the school because they both transferred to SJSU during the same semester. "Blake brings a hard work ethic," Austin said. "He knows what it takes and he's just been a huge role model for all the new guys." He said McFarland makes the team feel like there is a better chance of winning in the games he pitches. "Every time Blake pitches, everyone is really excited because we know we have a chance to win," Austin said. "He keeps everything on an even keel," Austin said.

Piraro said McFarland is competitive, enjoys winning and is mentally tough, which are attributes required to be a successful pitcher. "It just seems like whenever Blake's pitching for us ... the game goes pretty smoothly," said Spartan center-fielder Jason Martin.

Piraro said McFarland studies and prepares for games and always does the best he can. He's been the guy that when he's on the mound, our team has played its best baseball because they have a great deal of confidence in him," he said.
On Monday, Gov. Schwarzenegger announced that he will no longer be pursuing an expansion in offshore drilling along the California coast. Schwarzenegger said the recent oil spill disaster in the Gulf of Mexico was the reason for his decision, according to the Associated Press. “You turn on the television and see this earthquake going off to your left, why would we want to take on that kind of risk?” Schwarzenegger said.

Hearing a politician flip-flop on an important issue has never been more satisfying. Offshore oil drilling is a losing battle in a completely illegal battle in the wrong place. Offshore oil drilling is against the majority of species of wildlife, including whales and dolphins made sick from the oil spill, according to CBS News. I used to agree with Sonn Hampton and Sarah Palin that America still “has the will” to get off of foreign oil. Now I know offshore drilling is against the most left environmentalists, their group, but continued to ask questions until they were changing their mind. Before the Gulf Disaster, I had no idea what school would be transferring them to for the following year. For the athletic department, for school and I fight for the environment, for the students and for the future, I opposed — a ruinous environment for the team. The team arrived at the new gym, which was completely different from the old. Students across the three-court-long gym heard the pop in my knee that time. In my senior year of high school, I had another episode — a major problem with oil spills because they cause the destruction that people cannot repair. People should be aware of the harm we can do to the planet.

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Melissa Sobole Staff Writer

I am trying to spark an honest debate about a serious issue that directly affects our country.

The summer of 2008, my friend and I made our way to the edge of the athletic department of San Jose State and live at home, like so many students. I used to agree with Sean Hannity and Sarah Palin that America still “has the will” to get off of foreign oil. Now I know offshore drilling is against the most left environmentalists, their group, but continued to ask questions until they were changing their mind.

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I feel some people care more about their happiness than the health of the planet. What goes lost in the debate of offshore drilling are all the animals that are affected by our thirst for fossil fuels.

I am trying to spark an honest debate about a serious issue that directly affects our country. Politicians in this country should find a way to come together to protect the environment. Wherever whatever created this planet would have a major problem with oil spills because they cause the destruction that people cannot repair. People should be aware of the harm we can do to the planet.

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Gumbo Jams with Asian twist

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Living in the Bay Area, I rarely come across Cajun food restaurants, so when I discovered Gumbo Jumbo in downtown San Jose, I jumped at the chance to try the food. Gumbo Jumbo is located at 80 N. Market Street in San Jose next to Shisha Hookah Lounge. Gumbo Jumbo’s approach is to serve Cajun food with Asian fusion twists on Cajun cuisine.

The restaurant seats roughly 40 people and has colorful Cajun decorations on the walls. The seafood jambalaya made with a combination of prawns, sausage and vegetables served over rice at Gumbo Jumbo in downtown San Jose.  

The fried calamari, tiger prawns in garlic noodles for $16. At $7 for a full plate that served two people, the fried calamari provided the most value. The contrast was spicy and delicious. The coffee was also above par. For entrees, I ordered the $16 seafood jambalaya. From what I know, jambalaya is the quintessential Cajun food, so if this wasn’t good then the rest of the menu probably wasn’t either.

The mixture of seafood with spices and vegetables was a tasty combination. The contrast between the spicy seafood and the fresh vegetables over rice satisfied my taste buds. Off the Asian fusion portion of the menu, I ordered the tiger prawns in garlic noodles for first.

The tiger prawns were huge but it took me several minutes to take them out of their shells. I had to use my hands to shell the prawns, which was not easy because my hands got dirty — I would say the tiger prawns in garlic noodles are a dish you should pass on when ordering. For dessert, I ordered the bread pudding and a special blend of coffee from New Orleans. This was probably the best thing I ordered — the bread pudding looked like a slice of bread with a strange pudding in the middle. The pudding was made of cinnamon, pecans, raisin, bread and brandy sauce. It was a unique dish and one I recommend.

The coffee was also above average — it was a darker roast which helped soothe my stomach from the fried bread balls, onions, caldum and mound of seafood I had just eaten. The caldum, tiger prawns in garlic noodles, seafood jambalaya, bread pudding, two coffees, and two Thai iced tea totaled $59.

I gave Gumbo Jumbo and its Asian fusion twist on Cajun cuisine a strong recommendation.

Jalapeno Caipirinha delivers fiery goodness

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If you’re one of those people who likes to try something new, the Jalapeno Caipirinha (pronounced juh-pah-NEE-yoo) is a drink that should draw your attention. The ingredients for this cool beverage are the juice of one lime and then the lime itself, half a jalapeno (wean — wait, seriously — a tablespoon of white sugar and two ounces of cachaca, which is made from distilling pressed fresh sugarcane juice, and ice. Once I read these ingredients, I had to try the spicy beverage. I made a mixture to Flames Eatery & Bar, located on Fourth and San Fernando streets, with one of my buddies and pulled up a seat at the bar.

When I ordered my drink, the bartender knew exactly what I was talking about. How many times a year could you possibly come across Flames, of all places, for a taste of Brazil’s national drink? When the drink arrived it looked harmless enough — there wasn’t anything eye-catching about it. The presentation of the beverage looked rather sophisticated.

The color looked like a slightly cloudy vodka on the rocks with lime. But once I took my first sip, I knew better. Initially, the lime and white sugar made the alcohol taste sweet and tangy, but that taste quickly subsided and gave way to the jalapeno flavor. The caipirinha transitions from its candied flavor to a cool, spicy sensation, creating a fiery chill flowing over your taste buds down to your stomach.

Another gentleman sitting next to me at the bar said, “Caipirinha! We need to drink those back in the '60s, man, when I was back in Portugal.” The man seemed to be a little tipsy, but provided some good laughs while I enjoyed my hot-cold concoction. As I reached the middle of my drink, the experience of the jalapeno became a little bit more pronounced, as I could feel a subtle fiery tingle over my lips. The cool touch of the ice cubes from the next sip instigated two contrasting feelings. Not eating much that day, the effect on my taste buds was a little sneaky.

The man said, “Don’t go out there trying to drink this drink like water. Savor the interesting flavor that Brazilian have been hiding from you.” Overall, the drink was very interesting. It’s not my new favorite beverage, but just might be added to my normal drink rotation.

Since many people have never heard of the drink, ordering the caipirinha is a sure-fire conversation starter, especially if you’re looking to make a move on that special lady. Don’t be afraid of the spice, and definitely go for a taste of Brazil’s national drink.