Cleansing the palate: Cal Poly graduates invent wine-tasting phenomenon

SanTasti is the brainchild of Andrew Macaluso and Nicole Chamberlain, two wine and viticulture graduates who created the palate cleanser beverage after taking classes in sensory analysis at Cal Poly.

"After doing a sensory panel for our senior project, we looked at another criteria," Macaluso said. "Quality (was given) based on order it was tasted in. The results showed wines tasted second almost always scored better than the (wines) first."

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These days are over. From Harvard University to state pension funds of California, officials are watching the value of their alternative investments shrink. So far, the losses are mostly on paper, but analysts say they could eventually lead to reduced payouts to retirees. Higher taxes so state governments can fulfill their promises, or less cash available for colleges to give as financial aid.

"Everyone was in a desperate search to find relief," said Colin Wrobleski, head of the Center for Private Equity and Entrepreneurship at Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business. "Now they have to face the reality that those investments aren't in great shape.

In recent years, endowments and pensions heaped money into hedge funds — private investment funds that make direct investments into private companies or buy them out. It's too soon to know the depth of the damage from these investments. Annual results won't be in until January for pensions and July for endowments.

But there are already indications that the value of these alternative investments is falling, including disclosures from some publicly traded private-equity firms that some of their holdings are worth less than they were just months ago.

The weakness in those holdings has delivered another punch to colleges and pension funds, which are bracing for the worst.

Harvard University announced this week that its endowment tumbled since July by about $8 billion, or 22 percent, to about $29 billion, and said that "sobering figures" doesn't fully capture its losses because it doesn't reflect declines in its private-equity and real estate investments. It forecast total losses for its fiscal year ending in June 2009 could be as much as $20 billion per month in state annuities.

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ask themselves how they define democracy," he said. "The goal is to get people to think about how they would define it for themselves."

Democracy 24 isn't about being a Democrat or a Republican, but about the subject of democracy as a whole, Alvarez said. "We wanted to keep it as objective as possible. We aren't focusing on political ideologies per say but about how we view democracy," he said.

"Each group chose an hour and country and had two minutes through video and audio technology to demonstrate their definition of democracy," Gillette said. "We wanted them to be a little abstract so people would have to think about the exhibits; they are designed to be short but complex and have exceptions.

"It simulates what it would be like to go through one of the steps required to apply for citizenship," he said.

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Former Assembly Speaker’s son charged with murder

Four Sacramento men, including the son of former California Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, went looking for revenge after being turned away from a fraternity party the night a San Diego college student was stabbed to death, then tried to destroy evidence, according to an arrest warrant released Wednesday.

Esteban Nunez, 19, and the others returned to San Diego on Wednesday to face murder charges, a day after they were arrested in Sacramento. They are charged with one count of murder, three counts of assault with a deadly weapon and a misdemeanor count of vandalism for the Oct. 4 death and face a maximum sentence of life in prison if convicted of murder.

An arrest warrant filed in San Diego paints a picture of a group of friends who went out looking for trouble and then tried to cover up their actions. Police said they had gone to San Diego to party.

After being turned away from a fraternity party near San Diego State University, Esteban Nunez and the others went to a friend’s apartment, where they drank beer and rum.

The friend, Brian Perez, described people in her apartment being ejected by the party. Some said, “Let’s go burn down their house,” she wrote in text messages, according to the warrant.

Perez, 15, had been looking for revenge after being rejected from the party. Some said they were going to come after him and asked why, according to text messages obtained by police.

A friend, Terry Collins, was also around the party. Several witnesses later saw her leaving the apartment with Esteban Nunez.

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Terry Collins and Marcus Wohlsen

Associated Press

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State

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Adobe Systems Inc. released better-than-expected preliminary earnings for the fourth quarter late Wednesday, but said it will cut 600 jobs, or 8 percent of its work force, because of slower revenue growth.

The company said it expects earnings of 45 cents to 46 cents per share; compared with 49 cents per share in the year-earlier period.

Excluding certain items, Adobe said it expects to earn 59 cents to 60 cents per share; Analysts, who typically exclude one-time charges or gains, projected 51 cents, according to Thomson Reuters.

KING CITY, Calif. (AP) — A shooting in King City High School bleachers after a girls soccer game left at least one person wounded.

Greenfield police Chief Joe Grebmeier says one person was shot in the stomach and head at about 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and there was apparently a second victim. King City police aren't releasing any information.

The gunman escaped as North Salinas and King City high school players were congratulating each other after the game, which North Salinas won 4-1.

North Salinas coach Luis Torrez says the gunman came from the top of the stadium bleachers. He was none of his players were hurt.

Briefs

National

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrat Charlie Brown conceded defeat to Republican state Sen. Tom McClintock on Wednesday in their hard-fought race for California's 4th Congressional District House seat.

Brown made the decision a day after counties turned in their final vote tallies to the secretary of state, swelling McClintock with a lead of nearly 1,800 votes out of more than 370,000 counted.

Brown could have requested a recount, but McClintock's lead looked insurmountable and the Democrat called his opponent Wednesday to formally bow out.

GARDEN CITY, N.J. (AP) — The family of a worker trampled to death in a "Black Friday" crush at a Long Island Wal-Mart store filed a wrongful-death lawsuit on Wednesday, claiming the store offered deep discounts "created an atmosphere of competition and anxiety" that led to "crowd chaos.

The lawsuit claims that besides failing to provide adequate security for a pre-dawn crowd estimated at 2,000, Wal-Mart "engaged in specie marketing and advertising techniques to specifically attract a large crowd and create an environment of frenzy and inhumanity and was otherwise careless, reckless and negligent.

International

TORONTO (AP) — Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper says an opposition plan to topple his government is a threat to Canada's democracy.

Harper vowed in a televised address to the nation Wednesday to use "every legal means" to stop the effort to replace his minority Conservative administration with an opposition-led coalition.

Three parties have united in opposition to Harper's handling of the economy since he has failed to present a plan for dealing with the global economic crisis.

A cabinet minister says that Harper will seek to suspend Parliament until next month — giving him time to develop a stimulus package.

MUMBAI, India (AP) — The only gunman captured during the terror attack on Mumbai says he was prompted that his impoverished family would get $1,350 if he died fighting for extremist Islam.

His capture is a blow to security forces who fear that hundreds of extremists are waiting for the same chance to strike.

The victim, 21-year-old Ajmal Amir Kasab, from Fadakot village in the Punjab region of Pakistan, according to the two Indian officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss details obtained during a week of interrogation.
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The holidays are upon us and for many that means leaving San Luis Obispo to spend Christmas at home with family and friends. However, for those who are staying in the area, San Luis Obispo offers a wide variety of activities and events for everyone to partake in this holiday season.

**Santa’s House**

In an effort to make downtown San Luis Obispo holiday friendly and inviting for holiday shoppers, Santa’s House gives people a chance to take photos with Santa Claus. Located in downtown’s Mission Plaza, Santa’s House is open every day until Christmas Eve.

**The 33rd Annual Holiday Parade**

Court Street presents Silver Bells, the annual holiday parade that begins Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. on Dec. 5. The annual holiday parade will bring the community together starting at the Palm and Chorro streets intersection and ending between Nepomo and Monterey Street.

**Cal Poly Choirs’ “A Christmas Celebration” at the PAC**

The Cal Poly Music Department presents Cal Poly Choirs’ “A Christmas Celebration” at the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center Saturday, Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. Composed by Cal Poly music professor Mer-...
4. Holiday in the Plaza Art and Craft Fair

The City of San Luis Obispo Parks and Recreation Department will host the Holiday in the Plaza Art and Craft Fair, Saturday December 6, beginning at 9 a.m. in downtown’s Mission Plaza. More than 40 local craftpeople will be displaying their homemade items. Musical entertainment will be provided as customers shop for the holiday season.

5. Hearst Castle Holiday Feast

Hearst Castle Holiday Feast will feature carols from around the world and a guest appearance by the Cal Poly Brass Ensemble.

6. Classic Carousel in Mission Plaza

From Dec. 8 through the 28th, a magical carousel will delight San Luis Obispo natives and tourists alike in downtown’s Mission Plaza. It usually opens at 10 a.m., but hours vary. Be sure to visit www.downtownslo.com for a complete carousel schedule.

7. Donate to those in need

The holidays are a time for giving and when those in need call for help, there is nothing better than donating to save their Christmas spirit. The Salvation Army is one of the many aid groups raising money for food, clothes and housing this holiday season. The San Luis Obispo station holds an annual Christmas dinner and raised approximately $44,000 last year.

8. Free Movie at Downtown Centre Cinemas

Get yourself in the Christmas spirit and come to a screening of Dr. Seuss’ ‘How the Grinch Stole Christmas,’ free with one non-perishable food item or a $2 donation. The film begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13 at Downtown Centre Theatre. All donations will go to the Food Bank Coalition of SLO County.

9. The Nutcracker and Sugar Plum Tea Party at the PAC

The Civic Ballet of San Luis Obispo presents “The Nutcracker” at the Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Dec. 13 and 14 with performances at 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday’s performance will be at 6 p.m. A production for more than 30 years, it will dazzle all ages. Sugar Plum Tea Party, an exclusive tea party with the Sugar Plum Fairy and her friends, will show at the Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 1 p.m. Photo opportunities will be available. Seating is limited so ticket reservations are highly encouraged.

10. The 2nd Annual ‘60s Rock ‘n’ Roll New Year’s Eve Dinner and Dance Party

Ring in the new year at the New Year’s Eve Dinner and Dance Party, which includes a buffet dinner, dance contest, door prizes, party hats and favors and a midnight champagne toast. Music will be provided by Unfinished Business. The event will be held on Dec. 31 at St. Patrick’s School Events Center in Arroyo Grande. Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. and dancing from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. Tickets cost $60.
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Vote for your favorite in each category. The results will be published in our Best For Cal Poly Edition in February.
KCPR, has officially turned 40. And while there’s a bunch of nostalgic bullshit we could hash, perhaps the most important thing is the forgotten gems that KCPR holds that inspire a certain cool geekdom. Each week, we add 10 to 20 albums and one or two you find are completely brilliant and you watch as they never catch on and fade into the background. But they always stay in the station, locked up in some back cabinet. In honor of these albums, I have decided to review my first find: Page France’s 2005 release “Hello, Dear Wind.”

“Hello, Dear Wind” is the band’s second release and the first that gave it a modest following and one or two you find are completely brilliant and one that tells us even if his dreams of the end time’s aren’t true then at least his religious fervor, for once, proves some kind of love. The album ends with Nau declaring “we will become a happy ending” and it feels warm and gushy rather than sincere and misguided as coming from a preacher. Somehow when it’s about our relationships and about love, we all want to believe those things while perhaps on a greater spiritual level we don’t need to.

“Hello, Dear Wind” got a good amount of plays when it came out, but now it’s abandoned to the back of the bin and the most anybody remembers is its follow-up. Thankfully, KCPR is around to at least introduce a few DJs to this album for a few weeks and that gives the station more validation as an entity than any other sort of self-righteous ironic hipster shit you might hear.

On “Jesus”, Nau sings a song of happiness and someone else’s love, that leads to images of religious happiness and perception as pure song and Jesus dances and drinks wine. In “Dogs,” he sings to a lover about the times after the troubles of the world and the people that treat them like dogs. Rather than promising a house and independent life, Nau dreams bigger saying “That’s it, I don’t know what happens when everything here ends.” But I hope it’s like they say and I hope it never ends.”

Nau sings warmly and the production is intimate building on the naked dusty moments of lovers until he declares that they were made out of each other’s dust and will fly out as particles in the wind. The album works because it extends itself beyond sappy perfect dreams by replacing them with unforgettingly devout to heretical. Like “The Last Temptation of Christ” or Jose Saramago’s “The Gospel According to Jesus Christ,” it avoids what is acceptable on both sides in favor of greater truths. Nau portrays young held down lovers xs the downtrodden faithfull looking forward to the apocalypse when they can truly be happy.

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Mustang Daily Arts & Entertainment
Hipster Bullshit by Graham Culbertson

Out of the cupboard and onto the airways:
Page France makes reappearance

Page France's 2(M)5 release "Hello, Dear Wind" is a majestic indie pop bin with Danielson and Susan Stevens, but that band got thrown into the "good" Christian Pop category and Nu...
The Liberal Lens

by Stephanie England

What is politics? Is it about colors — blue, red, purple? Is it about giving money to the poor or giving money to the rich? Is it about abortion? Gay rights? Is it about making your voice heard every four years? Is it about the great political divide? Or debate?

Our generation has seen ideology dominate political thought. Politicians have become more concerned with proving the veracity of an agenda than with making the world a better place and expanding the horizons of average citizens, and our government has suffered. Americans’ perception of government has suffered. Neither view will fix our economic problems. The best proposals are for a combination of solutions.

The truth is that my political persuasion as a liberal has almost as many flaws as the conservative persuasion.

With a little introspection and sharing of opinions, I think that is clear. The fault lies on both sides of total regulation. I think, in particular, the right is right in the areas of deregulation. Neither view will fix our economic problems. The best proposals lie somewhere between those two extremes.

I see this time in America as historic. This is a time of creation and renewal — even in the midst of this recession. And in January we will finally have a president conscious of the significance of the coming years and aware that the challenges we face are not hardships but opportunities to shape a new world.

President-elect Obama met with governors from blue states and red states to discuss their economic challenges on Tuesday. Governor Schwarzenegger wasn’t there, and I hope he was listening. California is currently facing a dire financial crisis and education is again on the cutting block.

The Associated Press reports that among the Governor’s and Democratic’s proposals to relieve some of California’s financial problems is to “Reduce K-12 education funding by $2.5 billion and funding for the University of California and California State University systems by $132 million.” That is unacceptable.

Instead, I think California should raise the license registration fee at the DMV to 2 percent of the vehicle’s value — the very suggestion that sealed former Governor Gray Davis’ political demise. We should also revoke state legislators’ 6 percent pay raise from last year and the recent pay hikes of 214,000 retirees as reported in the Sacramento Bee.

On Monday, our legislators should cut the Governor’s $212,179 salary and the Lt. Governor’s $159,134 salary, as reported by the California Department of Personnel Administration. I agree with my conservative counterparts that government is getting too expensive. I also think this is the perfect time for revoking those over-elusive corporate tax loopholes, a favorite point of politicians. Wouldn’t it be nice if we actually accomplished it?

Regardless of the final budget decisions on the horizon, it’s clear that both Republicans and the believe that higher taxes will hurt the economy and lead to more uncontrollable spending.

The gentleman does protest too much, methinks. A combination of conservative and liberal ideas — that is cutting programs and raising taxes — is the only way California is going to end this financial crisis. Raising taxes and keeping programs the same makes no sense, and neither does cutting programs and keeping taxes the same.

Both of these options would generate minimal state revenue. There is a need to legislate on our budget. But I believe that standing on the quicksand of their ideology. At least Democrats are willing to bend and cut ourselves.

What is happening in our state legislature is representative of what we don’t need in America anymore — an ignorant adherence to a set of foolish ideas. It’s just roughhousing with issues of great importance.

At Tuesday’s governor’s summit, President-elect Obama made brief remarks to Republicans about the political system he wants to represent.

“We are not going to be hampered by ideology in trying to get this country back on track. We want to figure out what works. That doesn’t mean that we’re not going to have some disagreements, but what it does mean is that if you can show me something you are doing that’s working…then you’re going to have a ready ear,” he said.

Politics represents that it is possible in society, but our rhetoric has been dominated for far too long by rigid ideology. The only way California will pass the budget and America will climb out of this recession is by bridging the great political divide and trying out new ideas — inventive of political ideology, and these precarious times have provided the perfect laboratory for experimenting.

Stephanie England is an English junior and a Mustang Daily political columnist.
Conservatism and the ideology of individual responsibility

I read the papers and Web sites. I listen to the radio programs and watch the TV commentaries. And I am disappointed and shocked at the state of complacency in this country.

I have in recent years been desensitized to this stupidity, because it kept happening. I was hoping people would wake up and welcome reality, but apparently many of you need a bucket of cold water thrown in your face.

A line must be drawn, and I hope it starts with this column.

I write in response to a growing sentiment that many have that the government must solve all our problems and be our provider. These days we want the government to provide us with free healthcare, free schooling and free homes. If we have a failing business, we want a government bailout. If we have a bad loan, we want loan forgiveness or restructuring. We want the "rich" to do everything for us.

We have gotten to a point where we want the government to make all our decisions.

What happened to personal responsibility? What happened to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness?

When did we become a people willing to give up our liberties and freedoms to our elected officials?

This was once a government of the people, by the people, for the people. Now it has turned into a system that takes from the haves to fund the have-nots.

Citizens and voters must take their personal responsibilities seriously. A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist while the voters declare that they can vote themselves larger (money) from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury with the realization that a democracy always collapses under loose fiscal policy, always followed by a dictatorship. The average age of the world's greatest civilizations has been 200 years.

— Alexander Fraser Tytler

Lend Woodside.

— CONSERVATIVE

I hope that if this truly was a fraternity event, that SAC fully takes the blame, and not uses excuses to get out of this without proper punishment.

This truly is sad to see this happen and my thoughts go out to Carson's friends and family.

— Anonymous

Response to "Poly freshman dead after party"

This is a very sad situation for Cal Poly and the entire Greek System. Unfortunately, it is another blunder to the reputation of fraternities.

I hope the University looks at this as a isolated incident and will not punish the entire Greek System.

— Cal Poly Alumnus 2000

Greek Member Alumni

— Roy

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— Claire

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It is truly horrid that this can still happen.

— Anonymous

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Finger pointing will not take all of the blame. Carson is partially to blame also. I am so saddened to see this happen and my thoughts go out to Carson's family members. As the Obama administration comes into power, consider where this nation is going with each new program and expansion of government control on your life. If we continue to expand and redistribute resources, we will continue to enable masses of people who want us to do something for them from the government. What we need is a government that says no, and a government willing to let businesses fail rather than bailing them out, a government willing to let people learn from their mistakes when they get into loans they could not afford. We need a government that promotes personal responsibility so we may grow and prosper together as one nation.

Ian Nachreiner is an agricultural science senior and a Mustang Daily Columnist.
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Girls & Sports by Justin Boris and Andrew Feinstein

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Girls & Sports by Justin Boris and Andrew Feinstein
He chose Cal Poly because of its coaches and environment. The beach, he says, was a big attraction, and he and teammates go surfing every other day.

"I just love it down here," Filip says. "I like everything about the Cal Poly wrestling team. I like the coaches, the guys on the team — we have a great program right now."

Cal Poly coaches reciprocate that appreciation.

"He's an awesome athlete and an awesome wrestler," Mustangs head coach John Arzvedo says. "He's one of the best I've ever seen as far as his wrestling athleticism and mat awareness."

Henmon couldn't agree more.

"He's a great athlete; he has unbelievable talent," he adds. "Coaches love him because he not only excites them, but he generally wins and he usually does something extraordinary to make it happen."

Filip used to play soccer, too, but a previous coach made him choose one or the other and he wasn't ready to give up wrestling.

"What I like the most is that it's the oldest sport ever, and when you go out, you're pretty much by yourself," Filip says. "You don't rely on anyone else; you go out and compete for yourself."

Filip, known as the quieter of the two, says he used to look up to one or the other, and he wasn't ready to give up wrestling.

"I told Filip from day one I think he can do anything," Henmon says. "I think the sky's the limit for him."

Boris, who in high school was a two-time national freestyle champion and a two-time Greco-Roman national champion, followed Filip to San Luis Obispo just a year later.

The two regularly practice against each other, someone everyone seems to agree is beneficial to both.

"Ed says Boris is one of the best workout partners for me," Filip says. "We got to wrestle (in practice) once a while, but now that he's redshirting, he's going to have more time. It's really going to help me throughout the whole year."

Boris agrees, adding that their relationship as siblings only makes them better.

"If I see him do good at wrestling tournaments, it motivates me, and I'm pretty sure he feels the same way," Boris says.

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For a complete recap, please see the Mustang Daily's Web site at mustangdaily.net.
For four years, the No. 11 Cal Poly football jersey has been a frightful sight for those facing it. It was worn by 6-foot-6, All-American receiver Rameses Barden, who set Cal Poly career records for catches (200), yards (4,203) and touchdowns (39).

But he didn't stop rewriting records at just the school level. Barden, whose college career ended Saturday, recently broke Larry Fitzgerald's all-time NCAA record for consecutive games with a touchdown catch (20) and tied Randy Moss' all-time Football Championship Subdivision standard of single-season consecutive games with such a reception (11).

Now, instead of an ominous sight to defensive backs, his uniform will be immortalized as a reminder of his accomplishments.

Barden's No. 11 will be hung at Firestone Grill at 7 tonight, former Cal Poly star receiver Darelle Royal said Wednesday.

Monday, Barden finished fourth in the voting for the Walter Payton Award, which is given to the FCS best offensive player.

He'll play in the East-West Shrine Game in Houston on Jan. 17 on ESPN2, in preparation for the NFL Draft scouting combine in Indianapolis from Feb. 18-24. Other Cal Poly alumni whose jerseys adorn the walls of the grill include Professional Football Hall of Famer John Madden, National Basketball Hall of Fame's Larry Bird and former Major League Baseball All-Star Mike Piazza.

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