California lawmakers will be focused on the state’s $26.6 billion budget deficit in the weeks ahead, but that’s not the only issue on their minds.

They introduced 2,323 bills by Friday’s deadline. That’s roughly 19 bills for each of the 120 members of the Assembly and Senate.

Among them are four bills that grew out of the arrest last year of a paroled sex offender who later pleaded guilty to raping and murdering two teenage girls in San Diego County.

Legislative committees will begin considering those and thousands of other bills in the coming weeks after lawmakers act on proposals to close the state’s $26.6 billion budget deficit through June 2012.

Every seat in the Alice Peters Auditorium was taken on Friday as four experts spoke about the recent events in Egypt.

The panel included Dr. A. Sameh El Kharbawy, professor of art at Fresno State, Nubar Hovsepian, an Egyptian-born political scientist, Sasan Fayazmanesh, professor of economics at Fresno State, and Egyptian-born author Randa Jarrar.

The four covered different aspects of the recent protests that occurred in Egypt that led to the eventual resignation of their leader Hosni Mubarak.

Mubarak ruled over Egypt for nearly three decades. According to El Kharbawy, the revolution did not begin in January, but it actually began last June, when a teenage boy was tortured and killed by their police simply for using the Internet.

After that event, a Facebook page was created to let the world know what had happened to the teen. The page attracted nearly a quarter of a million people. Because of this, technology is greatly credited for the success of the revolution.

Fayazmanesh agreed that technology aided in the success of the revolution. Television, Facebook and Twitter are so common worldwide, and many can access all three with their cell phones.

“We are seeing changes in technology that make revolution easier,” he said.

Even though the government attempted to cut off the Internet to its citizens, there were several who were tech-savvy enough to use the Internet anyway.

“There was no way they could lose,” El Kharbawy said.

El Kharbawy had just returned from Egypt and was able to witness some of the events in Egypt first-hand.

“There is much I hope to forget, but there are a lot of images that will be impossible to forget,” El Kharbawy said.

El Kharbawy called the recent events a beautiful revolution, and also stated that the challenges are far from over.

“There is no question that the events of the past several weeks are historic — a turning point for Egypt and the world,” he said. “But they are also still very recent and still developing. It is too early to speculate on what might happen — but you can be certain that the coming weeks will bring expected challenges and opportunities, just as the past ones brought hopes and aspirations.”

Political scientist Nubar Hovsepian commented that this revolution, along with most others in history, included people who were mostly of a younger generation. He noted that 60 percent of the population in Egypt is 30 years old or younger.

He added that the discourse in the United States is that of fear, mainly for the economic impacts the conditions in Egypt will have in the U.S.

“They need to learn from the young who are struggling and dying for their freedom,” he said. “Instead of recoiling in fear, we must embrace [the revolution].”

Fayazmanesh said the problems in the Middle East have to do with dictatorships.

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THE PINK GHETTO

Paying fields, such as engineering, mathematics and physical sciences, whereas women tend to go into lower-paying fields, such as education and psychology. Many occupations lack workplace flexibility and penalize women for being mothers. Thus the extended leave women must take from their careers to bear children ultimately impacts their incomes and the amount they can earn.

“...These pink-collared jobs...”

There are a total of 178 administrative assistants employed by Fresno State — 173 of them, are women.

ONE-FINGER SALUTE

If it’s on Wikipedia, it’s official. The Knicks landed Carmelo Anthony. The former Nugget is due to make over $20 million a year in his No. 7 Knicks jersey. If you think the Knicks are a bunch of people wearing identical T-shirts, you might not be paying attention. If you think the Knicks can’t win with a team that can’t shoot, you might not be paying attention.

A Florida woman was arrested Sunday for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon after she savagely beat down her roommate with a deadly weapon after she arrived home from a Sunday party. She was arrested at 2:30 a.m. in front of her dorm room, 1265 East Campus Drive. She appeared very agitated and her roommate told police she had been physically assaulted. The woman had a visible cut on her face and was bleeding. Her roommate told police the woman had been beaten with a hammer and a baseball bat.

If you think there is no such thing as a light bulb, you might not be paying attention. One light bulb, at the University of California, San Francisco, was replaced by 178 light bulbs. The light bulbs were replaced on the roof of the building that houses the Medical School. The light bulbs were replaced by the Medical School, not by the University of California, San Francisco.

How many Alzheimer’s patients does it take to change a light bulb? It may seem only to take one thank to the first international collaboration on Alzheimer’s disease launched this month.

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EGYPT: Middle Eastern scholars hold Egyptian panel discussion

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torship, political dependency and economic dependency. ’Many dictatorships con-

Many dictatorships contain lack of basic freedom, secret police and jails over-
defined by the way the world views Arabs to the way Arabs view themselves,
added to the unrest that led to the Revolution. She said that Egyptians stopped believing the stories they were being
told by their own government.

“This time it’s not foreign entities and agents that people on the street are protesting,” Jarrar said. “It’s the very
story they have been told — the story that they are a cha-
otic and savage people that need the iron fist of a decades-
long government for their own

goal, that they don’t deserve
dignity or freedom because they would squander it, and that they are violent and
infantile.”

The discussion actually wrapped up an hour later than expected, due to the flood of
questions the panel received
from the audience. Many were

turned away in disappoin-
tment because the auditorium filled up so fast.

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Club Rome opens at Granite Park

By Luke Shaffer
The Collegian

Lights flashing, music and bass pumping, the crowd swaying in a unified motion — these are just a few elements club goers will find at Fresno’s newest club. For those who didn’t visit the night scene this past weekend, an intriguing attraction called Club Rome made its grand opening at Granite Park on Cedar Avenue near Me-N-Ed’s Victory Grill.

Opening its doors this past Friday night, Club Rome brought many people from far and wide as its particular style and charm attracted a diverse spectrum of clubbers. People of all cultures and backgrounds flocked to this center of entertainment.

“We had a very successful weekend.” Lewis Everk, director of entertainment and promotion for Club Rome, said. “People from all corners of Fresno and Clovis came out, and I believe everyone had a good time.”

With its introduction into Fresno’s nightlife now complete, bringing around 3,000 people, Everk hopes that the club’s initial success will roll over to next weekend. Justin Bobby, who starred on MTV’s series “The Hills,” will be a guest host for Club Rome and Everk said, this should bring even more people to the scene.

“By having this type of big-time club situated in Fresno, people don’t have to take a flight or drive three hours to go to premier clubs that you normally only see in big cities,” Everk said. “Club Rome is unique because it offers this type of experience which you can’t get at any other club in the area.”

Psychology major Leslie Noukhay said she was really pleased with her experience at Club Rome.

“I like the vibe and the building itself, and I also like how everything is setup.”

— Leslie Noukhay, Psychology major

Originally occupied by Cabo Wabo Cantina, a restaurant and bar, the building closed down after an issue came between the developer and operator. After about eight months, the manager of Club Rome decided to buy the space and the plans for instituting an elite nightclub began.

Renovating the building to make both the inside and outside look like a classic scene out of Rome itself, the venue offers not only clubbing on the weekends, but an excellent center to host upscale events.

The club also allows for artists of all styles to spread the word about their music as the facility plays various genres. Staking its claim into the nightlife of Fresno, Club Rome hopes to be on the minds of everyone as young and old as they wait for the start of another weekend.

“Although it is not in the better part of town, it is still the best thing out of whatever we have.” Fresno City College student Ethan Wright said. “It is also a lot bigger than any other place in town such as Swiggs or Club Roe and definitely less ghetto.”
‘A Day Without A Mexican’ brings new perspective to polarizing issue

CineCulture film explores reality of no Latino population

By Karlena Franz
The Collegian

“A Day Without a Mexican,” CineCulture’s latest film, filled every seat on Friday night in the Peters Education Center. The film explores the reality of what California would be like if the state’s Mexican population, 14 million people in total, ceased to exist.

The film opens with a fog enveloping the borders of California, causing any communication in or out of the state to be impossible. One by one, all the people with a Latino background vanish. The fog leaves their cars running, leaf blowers still blowing and a void in the state.

The movie revolves around two different stories, one a Caucasian lady whose husband and son disappear, and a woman named Lila Rodriguez, who should have disappeared but didn’t. Rodriguez is seen as the “missing link” and perhaps the answer to the missing people lies with her, as she is the only Mexican still there.

Panic sets in as people storm the grocery stores to buy fresh fruits and vegetables, since there is no one to work in the state’s fields. Latino teachers, who make up a quarter of teachers in California, disappear. Restaurants that employ Mexican cooks and waiters close, and garbage litter the streets of Los Angeles. It seems to some an apocalypse has begun.

Sergio Arau, the film’s director, did an excellent job of poking at the issues surrounding illegal immigration and the concerns of how Mexicans are perceived in California, but did so in a comical way. The film also illustrated the view of many Californian’s attitudes: If California’s Mexican population disappeared, not only would the state lose out on the jobs those Latinos have, but the rich culture they brought would be lost.

The film itself spoke to conservative attitudes towards Latino workers in the state. Needless to say, the character’s attitudes towards those who disappeared change, something Arau wanted to portray.

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Associated Press

Sergio Arau and his wife Yareli Arzemendi directed “A Day Without a Mexican,” a film CineCulture showed on Friday, Feb. 18.
The daily crossword

Puzzle by Cliff Reed

Edited by Timothy E. Parker

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ACROSS
1 It may be enough
5 Tell secrets
11 Sib, either way
14 Fork location
15 Conan of TV talk
16 Baking amt.
17 Repertoire
19 Auburn Univ. locale
20 ___ had so many children...
21 Type of year
22 Chink in the armor
23 ___ fate
24 Very serious
25 "I see"
26 ___ fatale
27 Very serious
28 "___ had so many children..."
29 Large Asian desert
30 "I see"
31 Type of year
32 ___ fate
33 Very serious
34 Seward Peninsula port
35 Yahtzee category
36 Stemm-to-stern stabilizer
37 Bone just above the foot
38 Move like a river
39 Some fowlers
41 San Antonio landmark
42 Sleuth's quest
43 Whispering birds
44 Food poisoning, e.g.
47 Oct. 31 transport
49 On the other team's turf
50 Diamond and Abner
51 They deliver announcements
52 Is able to
53 Elaborate sham
57 ___ of Biscay
58 Major American network

DOWN
1 Spheres in space
2 Sailor who sent for th a
dove
3 Zoo unit
4 Old Tokyo
5 Emblems
6 Biblical patriarch, originally
7 Utter nonsense
8 Personality quirk
9 Albanian's monetary unit
10 Short dashes
11 Hard, as bread
12 Religion with pillars
13 What salmon seek to do
18 Skeleton's lack
22 Swingle
23 Police may suspect it
24 They're often loaded
25 Japanese wrap
26 Web-footed diving birds
27 "Big Brother" host Julie
28 Satellite of Saturn
29 Serengeti antelopes
31 Slated
32 Tree with sarraras
33 Vene
34 Seward Peninsula port
35 Yahtzee category
36 Stemm-to-stern stabilizer
37 Buffet meal carrier
40 Carefully cultivated plot
41 Stein threepayat?
43 More wintry
44 Noisy parrot
45 Overflowing with water
46 Tail and long- limbed
47 Vague shapes
48 Drill item
51 Sound made by a bell
52 White House assistant
53 Croquet creation
55 Shake, as a finger
56 Outmoded preposition meaning: "before"
57 ___ of Biscay
58 Major American network

Puzzle Solution: http://collegian.csufresno.edu


Word of the Day

Work mouth

A form of self-censorship practiced at work to avoid offensive or cuss words. Typically includes cuss-replacements you learned from your grandma. Potentially embarrassing if accidentally used outside of work at parties or in the company of your drunk friends.

Source: UrbanDictionary.com
Thaddeus will mark the sixth time the women's and men's basketball teams share the same court this season, with the men hosting Boise State and the women hosting Idaho.

With both teams playing on the same night at home, fans get to watch both games right after each other. It allows supporters of both teams to see them play.

Fresno State men's basketball coach Steve Cleveland sees how the double header affects the university.

“We've had a number of doubleheaders and they're always great,” Cleveland said. “It's great to be able to play on the same night, have fans from both groups. It's a positive thing for the school. It helps attendance. It's always good.”

Like coach Cleveland, Fresno State women's basketball coach Adrian Wiggins acknowledged the significance of the doubleheaders, but also gave another reason why Thursday will be a big day.

“The significance of the doubleheaders, it's always great,” Cleveland said. “We played on Thursday before and they have outstanding guards. They're a great three-point shooting team. They've won their last two league games and beat a good Idaho team at home. They went down to Santa Barbara and beat an outstanding Santa Barbara team that was in the NCAA Tournament last year, in overtime. So we have our hands full.”

With the WAC Tournament beginning in a couple weeks, Cleveland knows the significance of each remaining game.

“Every game is big right now,” Cleveland said. “We take them one at a time, but I mean these are all big games in terms of preparing for the tournament but also solidifying seeds. We can finish anywhere from 4th to 8th still so how we perform the next three league games will dictate what our seed is.”

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Makins initially refused New England Patriots' front office before, according to ESPNBoston.com report.

The Tigers were coming off a 51-13 record in 2010, but ran into a hot Bulldogs squad at 4-3.

The Fresno State softball team scored a big win in the San Diego Classic I tournament on Friday afternoon, knocking off No. 8 Missouri.

Mankins, a six-year NFL veteran, has run into contract negotiations issues with the Patriots’ front office before, holding out for a larger portion of the 2010-11 season. Mankins initially refused New England’s offer of a one-year restricted free-agent tender, but ended his holdout on Tuesday, Nov. 2 according to an ESPNBoston.com report.
Derek Benny opened his 2011 campaign with a bang in Saturday night’s season opener. The junior ace gave up one earned run in five innings of work in a 10-4 win over Gonzaga.

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