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There is one way to maximally minimize one's costs for Progressive Snack. That one way is to win. Using the prize money to cover items un-reimbursed is a strategy that can actually bring one close to meeting the Price of Progressive Snack without ponying up some pretty pennies. But even this strategy will encounter obstacles and difficulties. First, winning can be difficult; it will almost definitely involve not only expertise, but also the buying of larger amounts of richer, more expensive ingredients, and this is the price of the gamble. The second obstacle comes in the form of the prize money. You read that correctly; the problem is with the form of the prize money. Because guess what: the deal is the same. You dish out the hard cash now, we will

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was riddled with words like bacán and weón. I could not even begin to recognize what the slang words were, let alone understand what they meant. When my friends asked me to translate what young people were saying to one another, I would simply laugh, shake my head, and say, "No hablo Chileno."

When I returned to the United States, I looked online and discovered that Chile was known for its extensive assortment of unique words and phrases. Chilean slang terms are known as chilenismos, and there are so many of them that there are entire

give you a credit on your student account in several months. So even this strategy will probably not be a practical solution to the Price of Progressive Snack.

Ultimately, Language House students will continue to pay for Progressive Snack. For those of us with jobs, parents, and financial breathing room, this really comes down to a silly sum not worth mentioning, and is a small price to pay for the fun experience of getting to wander all over the House. In fact, reimbursements may just be a courtesy provided by the University that we ought to be humbly grateful for. If that be the case, then I say: give us the money up front. Give us the cash. Because given the form and time frame of the current reimbursement apparatus, it is next to useless.

dictionaries of Chilean expressions. I understood why I had been unable to comprehend Chileno; it really was an entirely different language.

Chile's unique slang is one interesting aspect of its unique culture. I highly recommend visiting Chile to anyone who has the chance, regardless of their Spanish ability. There were plenty of students in our program that did not speak a word of Spanish, and they had an amazing time. To those that do speak Spanish, however, prepare to feel a little lost when people start speaking Chileno!

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From the Files of Tantagiorgio: African Beef

This recipe was given to me by a Peace Corps friend who first used it on beef and other cuts of tough meat in Cameroon—a onetime German and French Colony. You will need: 6-8lbs of Eye of Round Beef Roast. Make sure there is a substantially fatty side., 1/2cup ground ginger, 1 1/2cups Kosher Salt, 4 cloves of garlic. A bag of charcoal briquets to create a pit fire.

1. *Do not remove the fatty side. Pierce the entire roast with a sharp knife, inserting pieces of garlic everywhere.*

2. *Combine ginger and garlic in a flat pan and mix well.*

3. *Roll the roast until totally covered by ginger/salt mixture.*

4. *Refrigerate overnight to absorb the flavors of garlic, ginger, salt.*

5. *Roast will have a triangular shape, the fat side being the base. Place the roast, fat side facing down, directly on the coals .*

Cook 30 minutes

Turn roast to another side of the triangle. Cook for 20 minutes. Turn again to the third side and cook 10 minutes. Brush off coals. Be careful of course not to burn your hands. I have served African Beef with: Asparagus Riccardo, Gnocchi Giovanni, Ensalada Giorgio Splendido. Montepulciano D'abruzzo compliments the meal nicely.

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Voltaire: 'Le travail éloigne de nous ces trois maux: le vice, l'ennui et le besoin'

'Work saves us from following three ills : vice, boredom and want'

Chile: The Slang Capital of the Spanish-Speaking World

By **Niko Schultz**
Guest Writer

Over winter break, I spent three weeks in Chile as part of a short-term study abroad course. I have been studying Spanish since I was five years old, and although the course was taught in English, I thought that it would be a good opportunity to practice my Spanish.

I was delighted to discover that I understood people in Chile when they spoke to me. I would spend hours conversing with my Chilean professor and the various people I met while in Chile. When they spoke to each other, however, it was a different story. The men at our hostel would speak animatedly with one another, and I would listen intently and nod along and then realize that I had not understood a word of what they had said.

"Did you understand?" they would ask me, and when I shook my head no, they would laugh and say, "Of course not! We're speaking Chileno."

This so-called Chileno seemed to be an impossible language to learn. It was almost completely slang, none of which I knew. Every sentence

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The Price of Progressive Snack

By **Hariton Wilson**
Staff Writer

In order for the Language House to hold its Progressive Snack every semester, certain Language House students must pay. They must pay for the ingredients as well as the materials required to provide about one hundred samples of their dish, which roughly equivocates to a miniature feast. They must pay out of their own pockets, and most of the money they spend will be un-reimbursed. Why must this be the case? Because twenty-five dollars is not nearly enough to provide the ingredients and materials for the 100 portions the Language House requires of every apartment.

I do not believe there is a single apartment that has spent less than thirty dollars on Progressive Snack. Actually, on second note, I do know of one; an Apartment Leader spent exactly thirty dollars in addition to using up all of her own flour, olive oil, and sugar. In this respect, the price of Progressive Snack was paid partially in food. Either way, even if there is an apartment out there that is resourceful enough to keep costs under twenty five, whoever bought the ingredients is still in the hole. That hard earned cash that they shelled out to buy tahini sauce will come back in the form of a *student account credit* not to be received for several months. In other words, as good as

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Jewish Film Festival in D.C.

By Ronit Zelivinski

Staff Writer

Washington D.C. welcomed the 24th annual Washington Jewish Film Festival this past Thursday, February 27th which will continue until Sunday, March 9th. This celebration of Jewish cinematography includes films from all around the world, from India to Argentina; genres include cartoons, documentaries, comedies, dramas, shorts among others. Some of the big hits include a film titled “The Wonderers” about a bartender who also doubles as a graffiti artist living in Jerusalem. “Fading

Gigolo” is another big one starring none other than Woody Allen, and is a comedic hit revolving around a ridiculous scheme to start a new business in the Big Apple. Another lighthearted film is titled “Cupcakes,” about an unlikely group of Israeli singers thrust into the world of pop music. The Film Festival is entertainingly a competition for best Feature, Short, and Documentary as well; all of which will be announced at the closing reception- complete with, yes, Cupcakes! For more info and tickets online please visit: <http://washingtondcjc.org/>

Hello from Spain: Meet Rachel



Hey Language House! I'm Rachel from the Spanish cluster, and I'm studying in Sevilla, Spain, through the Maryland-in-Sevilla program. Spain has some distinct customs, the most notable of which are meal times and siesta times. I live in a homestay, and my host mother serves lunch at 2:30 pm and dinner at 10 pm. Most shops shut down starting at around 2 for siesta and

re-open around 4 or 5. People go home and have lunch with their families, and unlike the United States, lunch is the big meal of the day. People here are much more relaxed and less hurried, maybe because of siesta! If you're interested in the Maryland-in-Sevilla program or in studying in Spain, please email me at rachelwallick@gmail.com.

Arabic: Egypt has appointed a new prime minister with ties to Mubarak, Ibrahim Mahlab, the day after the Egyptian cabinet resigned.

Chinese: The Chinese President Xi Jinping has taken over a new government body that will oversee China's cybersecurity in order to turn China into a “cyber power.”

French: Peugeot has agreed to a plan that will issue around 3 billion euros by selling a portion of the company's shares to the French government and Chinese automaker Dongfeng Motor.

German: Germany's heavy dependency on coal is threatening the existence of villages such as Atterwasch that lay above coal deposits.

Hebrew: Ultra-Orthodox Jews demonstrated in Jerusalem against impending draft law

Italian: New Italian Premier, Matteo Renzi, encourages lawmakers to make radical changes in order to revive the economy in his first speech.

Japanese: In Fukushima, 100 tons of highly radioactive water spilled from the destroyed Fukushima nuclear plant, causing one of the worst spills in the last half year.

Persian: Iran and six other world powers have agreed on an outline for negotiating a comprehensive agreement on Iran's nuclear program.

Russian: President Putin has promised not to interfere with Ukraine's political crisis, but is deeply caught within it

Spanish: Anti-government protesters continue to demand that the Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro resign as the country is plagued by very high inflation and murder rates.

Election in El Salvador: Ex-Patriots Voting for First Time

By Moriah Rochlinski

Spanish Cluster

Right now, in Central America, there is an important event that may change the history of the region: El Salvador's new presidential elections are in progress. In El Salvador, they elect a new president every 5 years and there are two rounds, much like in the United States. The first round of elections, similar to our preliminary round, already took place. In the preliminary round, five parties ran but only two advanced to the next round. It is almost always the strongest left party and the strongest right party that advance. When the El Salvadorian ambassador to the USA, Rubén Zamora, visited UMD on the 18th of February, he said that there has been some corruption on the side of the right.

This is the first election that people who have citizenship, but are living abroad, can vote. They can now send their ballots by mail, and therefore do not have to travel back in order to make a difference. I think it is really important that this option exists, because now families who had to leave for one reason or another can make a difference in El Salvador. Whatever the outcome of the election, it is bound to be important in the history of their country, because of the participation of ex-patriots can now have a say in the lives of those still living there, especially the lives of their families.



Fitness Club went Ice-Skating this past Friday, February 28th, in Herbert Wells Ice Rink!

Japanese Figure Skating

By Natasha Brown and Raushan Alleyne

Japanese Cluster

The world of Japanese sports has been in a frenzy over the scintillating performances of their two young figure skating stars, Mao Asada and Yuzuru Hanyu. The former not medaling in this Olympics, while the latter becoming the first Asian male to win such a title. Asada gave a strong showing at the recently concluded Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics and while not able to medal as she had in the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics (for Silver right after Korea's “Queen” Kim Yu Na), redeemed herself in a different light. For Japanese viewers nationwide, Asada's free skate and long program routines provided a riveting experience. In her Long Program she overcame a regrettable fall in her Short Program, which understandably took away her chance at medaling. Persevering until the end, and bursting into joyful tears of relief, Asada finished sixth place.

In contrast, amid the controversy of the male side of figure skating, with Russia's star Evgeni Plushenko's sudden retirement and other dramatic events, Japan's young and talented Hanyu pulled through to win the gold medal. Much like Asada, Hanyu marred his free skate routine by falling on his first jump and fell yet again later on a triple flip. Nevertheless, the results came in and his long program's world-record breaking score of 101.45 points gave him enough of a lead to win the coveted position of first place. The nineteen year old has become something of a symbol of hope for the people of the Tohoku region affected by the March 11, 2011 disaster. With an air of maturity that belies his age, Hanyu's success appears to serve as an inspiration for the millions of people in the area, like his hometown of Sendai, and the rest of Japan as well. Indeed, the future of Japanese figure skating is looking quite bright with athletes such as Asada and Hanyu, as well as others placing in the top ten as well.