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**Nov. 7 through Dec. 1**

**IN THE EUPHRAT: DE ANZA AND FOOHILL FACULTY STAFF/ART SHOW**

Located in the Euphrat Museum of Art.

**Thursday, Nov. 10**

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**Tuesday, Nov. 15**

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**1:30-3:30 p.m.**  
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one of our info sessions. Summer abroad session: July 10-29

**Wednesday, Nov. 16**  
**LA VOZ OPEN HOUSE**  
**Noon-2:30 p.m.**

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**Friday, Nov. 18**  
**Last day to drop with a "W"**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RUN-HIDE-DEFEND TRAINING**

**Tuesday, Nov. 15**  
**9:30-10:30 a.m.**

**Wednesday, Nov. 15**  
**9:30-10:30 a.m.**  
**5:30-6:30 p.m.**  
**Conference Rooms A&B**

Foothill-De Anza Police will

provide "Run-Hide-Defend" active shooter training for De Anza College students, faculty and staff.

**Tuesday, Nov. 15**  
**VETERANS SERVICES Q&A**  
**11 a.m.-1 p.m.**

De Anza is hosting a Q & A about transferring to SJSU. The representative, Andrew Boyce, is a former De Anza student who can provide useful info about transfer and transition into SJSU. This event is first come, first serve.

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**CORRECTIONS**  
The photo on page 7 of the Oct. 24 La Voz News should have read: "Co-hosts Pedro Enriquez, 24, philosophy major and Nassim Nouri, political activist, talk on the side during the transition into breakout sessions. Rob Means, presenter on County Transportation Measure B, prepares to engage audience members in discussion."  
Measure B would raise sales tax in Santa Clara County by half-cent and would bring in an estimated \$220 per year. An Oct. 24 story reported incorrect amounts.  
See any corrections in a published story? Let us know by email at: lavoz@fhda.edu

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<p><b>Monday 11/07</b></p> <p><b>Soup</b> Tomato Bisque</p> <p><b>Pizza</b> Asian Chicken</p> <p><b>Burger</b> Burger of the week</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 11/08</b></p> <p><b>Soup</b> Broccoli and Cheddar</p> <p><b>Pizza</b> Hamburger Cheddar</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 11/09</b></p> <p><b>Soup</b> Chicken Noodle</p> <p><b>Pizza</b> Margarita</p>	<p><b>Thursday 11/10</b></p> <p><b>Soup</b> French Onion</p> <p><b>Pizza</b> Sun-dried Tomato</p>	<p><b>Friday 11/11</b></p> <p><b>Soup</b> New England Clam Chowder</p> <p><b>Pizza</b> Chef's Choice</p>
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EXECUTIVE ADVISORY	SENATE OFFICE	SUNDAY	10:00 AM

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# Mike Honda, Danny Glover hold campaign event on equality

**Andrew Pouliot**  
News Editor

Congressman Honda arrived to applause in a campaign meeting purposed to garner support for his bid to Congress.

Guests dressed in semi-formal attire crowded his small office off of South De Anza Boulevard on Tuesday, Oct. 25. He said he hopes to get re-elected for his 17th year so he can bring change to Washington D.C.

“Lethal Weapon” actor, Danny Glover, assisted the campaign event.

“I was campaigning for Bernie Sanders earlier this year,” Glover said. “I knew that somewhere the narrative was changing. Young people were finding their voice as citizens, ordinary citizens, who come together and use their power, their energy, their passion to make real change, and that’s what it has to be about.”

Glover has been a political activist since his college days. Glover did not finish his degree at San Francisco State University because he went on strike in 1968 when the college would not adopt an ethnic studies curriculum.

“It was the first school for ethnic studies in the country,” Glover said. “Today, it is the only school for ethnic studies in the country.”

Honda demonstrated that he

is no stranger to inequality. He spoke about how when he was 1 year old, his family was sent to a Japanese internment camp in Colorado as a part of the mass internment of Japanese-Americans by the US government in World War II.

“We were segregated from the community,” Honda said. “We had our constitutional rights set aside, and from that, we learned that no one should ever have their constitutional rights set aside. This is why we are doing the work we are doing now. It doesn’t matter what religion you are, what color you are, it doesn’t matter what your orientation is or who you love, because all of that is protected under the Constitution.”

Dolly Sandoval, former mayor of Cupertino and a volunteer for the Honda campaign, has known Honda since he was elected to the San Jose Education Board 32 years ago.

“Mike Honda’s race has been tough,” Sandoval said. “He’s been in office 16 years so far.”

Sandoval said Honda was a high school teacher and loved working in the classroom, as well as working on behalf of the community.

Sandoval said Honda has spent the majority of his time in office working with the nonprofit West Valley Community Services,

which helps low-income students pay for housing, food and bills.

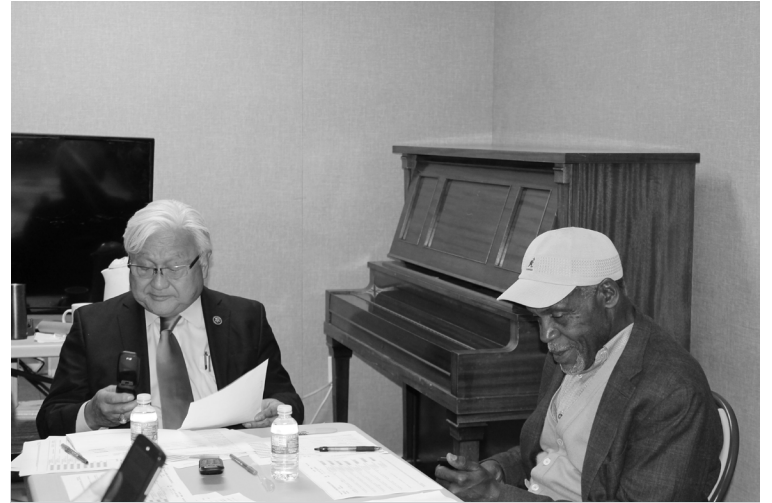
Sandoval said one of Honda’s largest successes was securing federal funding for a Los Gatos food bank for senior citizens. “It was great to be able to do that for the elderly because they need help sometimes too,” Sandoval said.

Congressman Honda has also been an ardent supporter of transgender rights.

“He read an article in La Voz last year about a transgender girl who wasn’t getting the proper services from the college,” Sandoval said. “To him, that is unacceptable.”

“It’s about making sure everyone is safe,” Honda said. “Transgender rights are human rights ... My granddaughter is a transgender woman and I am really proud of her.”

Honda said that when people take an oath of office, they aren’t taking an oath to the government but to the Constitution. “This is why we want victory in the White House, in Congress ... there are unconstitutional laws on the books, and I want to take those laws down.”



**Above:** Congressman Mike Honda and Actor Danny Glover phone bank in hopes of winning over undecided voters.

**Below:** Congressman Mike Honda greets guests, and discusses policies and issues.



# Gavin Newsom and Ro Khanna visit De Anza, present gun control and marijuana plans

**Andrew Pouliot**  
News Editor

Congressional candidate Ro Khanna and California Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom arrived at De Anza to promote their platforms, as well as Propositions 63 and 64.

Khanna voiced his support of Newsom’s progressive ideals during the Oct. 27 campaign meeting.

Taun Galagali, Policy Director for the Ro Khanna Campaign, said, “We wanted to thank Gavin Newsom, because he has spent his own money on supporting same-sex marriage, an issue that Ro Khanna also supports.” Galagali said Gavin was one of the first supporters of Ro Khanna.

“I am so excited for Gavin’s future leadership for California,” Khanna said. “The reason I have long admired him is because he was for progressive politics before it was fashionable.”

Khanna said Newsom predated the Bernie Sanders revolution and supported marriage equality and LGBTQ rights.

Khanna said the Democratic Party “wouldn’t even let him into the 2004 Democratic convention because they were afraid of how his politics were playing.”

Khanna also talked about

his campaign being one of the first not to take donations from corporations or political action committees. However, according to VoteSmart.org, seven of his top 10 donors are corporations like Morgan Stanley and Salesforce.

“Ro Khanna has only accepted individual contributions to the campaign,” Galagali said. “Mike Honda was investigated for using taxpayer money for political contributions.”

“Ro Khanna shares my concern for progressive issues such as student debt,” Gavin Newsom said. Ro Khanna stepped in to say, “I’m still paying my student loans off.” This was met with laughter and applause from the students in the audience.

Gavin Newsom took the time to support Proposition 63 and 64, which he proposed and authored. Proposition 63 passes sweeping gun control laws and Proposition 64 legalizes marijuana.

“He was talking about the shootings in schools and the need to have safety when it comes to guns well before it was popular,” Khanna said. “It is time we had some common sense gun laws in California.”

Newsom said he worked with the Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence and the Gabby Giffords

Group to put Prop 63 on the ballot.

“Law abiding citizens should not fear it because nobody is trying to take away their guns,” Newsom said. “The only people who should fear it are felons and people who have committed violent misdemeanors.”

The Newsom administration toured the state with the Blue Ribbon Committee, a group of Democrats and Republicans who wrote a government white paper, or research report, on marijuana use.

Newsom said that Prop. 64 contains an expungement provision, that would clear criminal records of past drug offenses.

“I want to legalize marijuana because it has become part of social, racial and economic justice,” Newsom said. “The War on Drugs was an abject failure. It destroyed lives, and I was tired of seeing marijuana being criminalized.”

Newsom said he also supported Prop. 57, which would allow non-violent offenders to receive parole instead of prison time.



**Above:** Ro Khanna and Gavin Newsom pose for photos on De Anza College’s campus with politically active students.



# DASB senators argue over dissolution of tech committee, endorsing Measure B

**Aysha Rehman**

**Virgilio Gonzalez**

STAFF REPORTERS

The DASB senate debated over whether to endorse Measure B, abolish the Technology Committee and whether they should hold a retreat trip to bond with one another.

The DASB voted to not endorse Measure B Wednesday. Measure B would increase sales tax by half a percent, and use the revenue to fix local roads, make VTA transit routes more accessible, add on to the Light Rail System and make biking and pedestrian trails safer and more comprehensive.

Over the course of an hour and thirty minutes of debating, the Senate voiced their concerns, primarily regarding the effectivity of the measure, and the the fact that the the money was coming from a sales tax.

“Another concern I have is why we’re not being more progressive and focusing on Google, Apple or any of the corporations with loads of money,” said Executive Vice President Stephanie Rigsby.

Senior associate for Transportation and Housing from the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, Chris O’Connor, was in attendance to respond to the senate’s concerns, and advocate for Measure B, along with a member of the Foothill Voting Senate.

Foothill College voted to endorse Measure B.

“We were trying to get every single student government in the county on board. De Anza will be the only one who decided not to join,” O’Connor said. “So it’s unfortunate, but we’re confident that students at De Anza will be supporting the measure.”

During the Oct. 26 meeting, Senate Vice President Stephanie Rigsby and Chair of Administration Indu Kundam also proposed to dissolve the Technology Committee, presenting the case that the committee was not living up to its responsibilities, and that the committee only had two members, both of whom the Senate leadership considered inactive due to their lack of results.

This led to a half hour long debate with Chair of Technology, Mohammad Tabrizi and various other members of the senate.

“Any project that the tech committee does takes a long time to do,” Kundum said. “Why keep

**“Any project that the tech committee does takes a long time to do. Why keep a committee that can’t do its own projects?”**

-Indu Kundum, DASB  
Chair of Administration

a committee that can’t do its own projects?”

Tabrizi responded with a list of projects the committee was currently working on, including getting the senate its own website and installing CCTV cameras on campus to aid police officers.

The cameras took three months to find before they were purchased, as Tabrizi was looking for the cheapest available.

His defense was met with harsh criticism by Senator Holly Long, as well as other members such as Chair of Environmental Stability, Chi Tran, and De Anza Student Trustee Elias Kamal.

“Wow, you bought cameras in three months. What about the website? It’s so easy,” Tran said. “How can I expect you to finish huge projects?”

The sentiment was shared by Long and Kamal, who both mentioned that simply intending to finish projects was not satisfactory.

Long added that the Administration Committee can buy a cheap vacuum and not expect the same praise for the cameras Tabrizi mentioned, eliciting laughter from senate members.

The Senate then voted to shut down the Technology Committee, as they only had two members.

The DASB also discussed who should be sent to the General Assembly, a statewide convention for community college senates in California.

The biggest obstacle was deciding how many senators to send. Senators ignored repeated requests from President Matthew Zarate, who asked the senate to move forward with their choices as the debate spiraled.

Eventually, the senate agreed to send four of its members to General Assembly, senators Kundam, Tran, Ola Elatta and Dara Streit.

Later in the meeting, the Senate scrapped plans for a bonding retreat that was being organized after significant interpersonal issues made themselves present at previous meetings.

Rigsby had previously suggested the senate rent a cabin in Lake Tahoe and stay there a weekend in hopes of bettering communication and interpersonal skills, but it was discovered that they were not allowed to travel that far because Lake Tahoe is not in their district.

## De Anza may switch to semester system

**Maria Coll**  
STAFF REPORTER

Most California State University campuses have already switched to a semester system, as have most community colleges. De Anza, Foothill and Lake Tahoe community colleges are the last schools on a quarter system.

UC Berkeley was the first of 113 college campuses to change, in 1983. CSU Northridge and CSU Bakersfield

are the most recent schools to adopt a semester system, having switched Fall 2016. California State campuses in East Bay, Pomona and San Luis Obispo are expected to adopt a semester system in the following four years.

The biggest switch from quarter to semester is the period of study, a change from typically 11 weeks to 16.

Since it’s based on a 16-week timeline, there is often better quality of instruction and more overall time for each subject. Students are given more time to prepare

for projects, midterms and finals, as well as time to recover afterwards

Semester schools graduate a month earlier, giving students access to the job market earlier than their quarter system peers.

This change is not cheap. In 2003, CSU Bakersfield President Horace Mitchell estimated the switch to semester would cost \$3 million. In addition, quarter units would have to be converted to semester units.

The Los Angeles and Bakersfield CSU

campuses helped students transition by providing a course conversion chart as well as a Semester Conversion Handbook.

Although there is a push to convert California State Universities, the quarter schedule is still the popular option. One of the advantages is the wide variety of classes and how quick is to finish them. Students can take a wider variety of classes in a shorter time, with less commitment.



# Presidential election politics a major cause of stress, study finds

**Jonathan Dupin**  
STAFF REPORTER

Election stress is at an all-time high, with more people feeling the effects of a tense presidential race than ever before.

A study from the American Psychological Association found that adults feel the election is a significant source of stress.

De Anza's campus isn't exempt from the wave of teeth grinding news cycles, warring social media and family tensions, which all work together to strain students who already have a lot on their plates.

International students Yuming Wang and Yiming Wang (not related) said they were concerned most about the outcome of the election affecting their ability to live and work in the United States.

"I worry about us as international students, visas are really hard to get," Yuming Wang said.

Their concerns surround how laws could change and make it harder for immigrants to find a home.

"As an immigrant, it's harder than it was in the past," Yiming Wang said.

The APA published tips and tricks to relieve election stress, advising a reduction in media consumption, and to "read just enough to stay informed."

Students are feeling the effects of the election, said De

Anza student Diego Robles, but especially people of color.

"The sense of racism has become stronger throughout the nation, and fear of its acceptance as well," Robles said.

He said he thinks about it everyday because the outcome will affect him directly, and that the outcome scares him "no matter who wins."

Justin Russell said he especially feels the effects of the election on social media, not with strangers, but with his mother, who is a Republican voting for Trump. Russell said he tries to get people to see both sides, but "when people are one-sided or extreme, I get stressed about it."

When something hits close to home, the effects can be even worse.

"I had an anxiety attack after receiving a disturbing message from my mom," said Russell, who wishes people would try to understand others, no matter where they're coming from.

"It's basically a feeling of dread," said Lisa Stefanko, who isn't feeling confident in either candidate. "It's caused tension in my family because my parents are likely voting third party, and I'm more interested in voting Hillary."

The APA encourages people to "channel your concerns to make a positive difference on issues you care about. Consider volunteering in your community, advocating for an issue you support or joining a

## SOCIAL MEDIA AND ELECTION STRESS

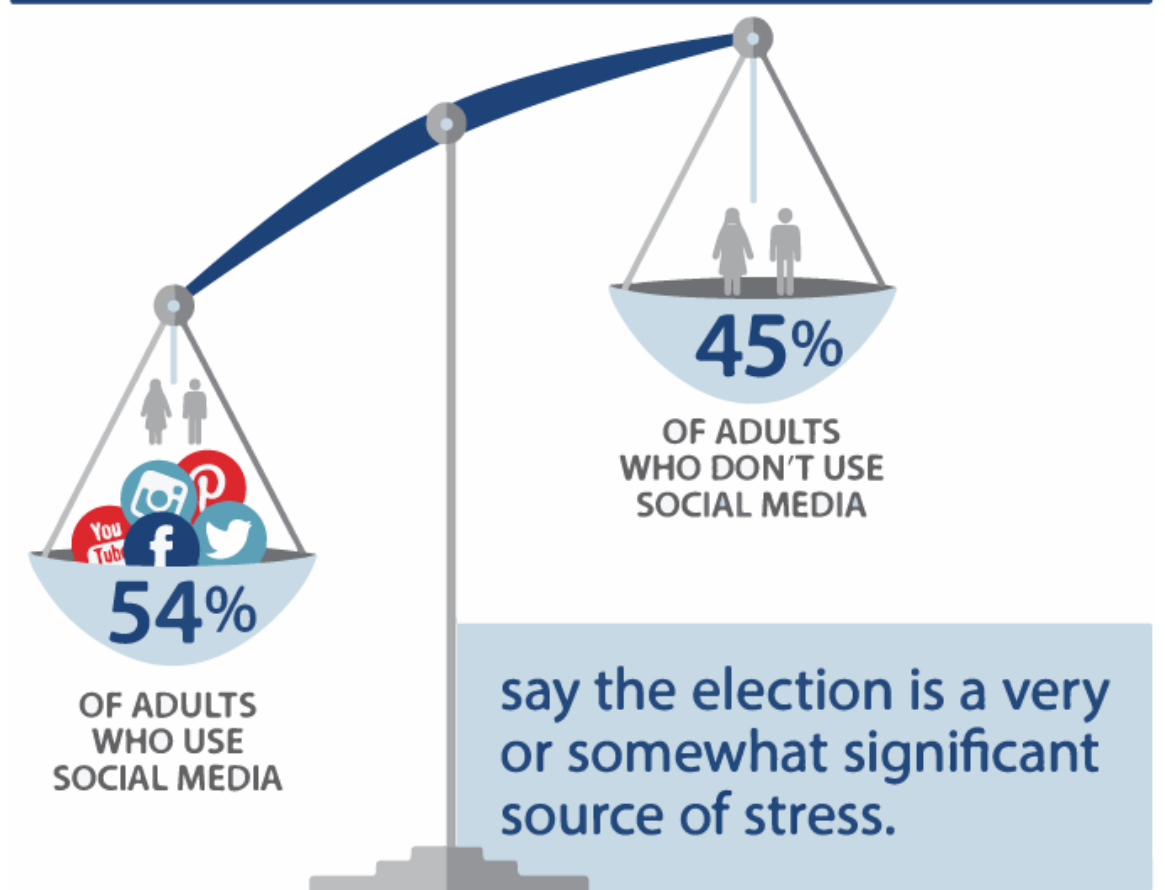


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local group."

It may not be long before Nov. 8, but the draining, polarized process of the election may make it hard for students to look forward to the next one.

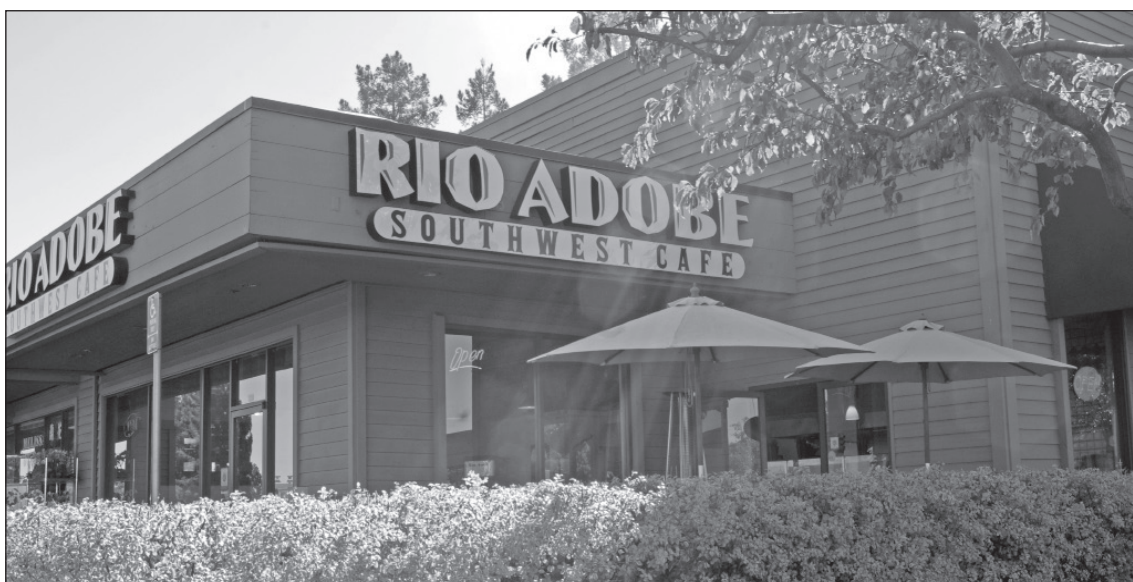
## Marijuana likely legal after Nov. 8

### A simple breakdown of what to expect

**Neil McClintick**  
OPINIONS EDITOR

Proposition 64, legislation aimed at legalizing marijuana, is on the Nov. 8 ballot and is currently polling heavily in favor of the "yes" side. Changes to the law, as well as fiscal impacts are as follows:

- Will allow for legal possession, sale, and purchase of marijuana for all individuals under 21 years of age
- Will also legalize the use of industrial hemp production
- Will create two new taxes – a cultivation and a sales tax.
- Will allow individuals to possess up to 28.5 grams of marijuana and 8.5 grams of concentrated marijuana
- Will mandate that businesses must apply for a sales license; sales will not be permitted within 600 feet of a school.
- Will reduce law enforcement costs, possibly saving up to \$11 billion over the next decade
- Will reduce rates of incarceration and lessen the overcrowding of prisons
- Will direct revenue toward preventative youth substance abuse and drug education
- Will favor small scale marijuana producers over large producers; large producers' licenses will be delayed for five years upon passage of Prop. 64.



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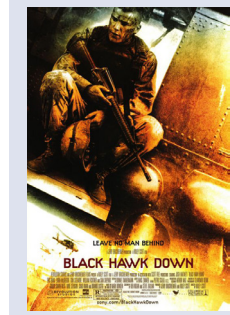
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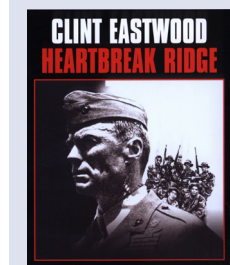
### Five war films to watch on Veterans Day

**Andrew Pouliot** NEWS EDITOR This Veterans Day, take a moment to view these war films, which tell the story of Americans at war in various conflicts.



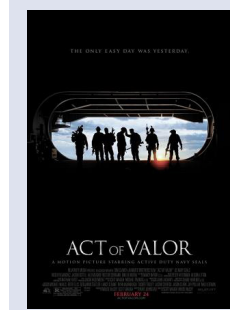
#### “Blackhawk Down”

The film dramatizes the story of the U.S. Army Special Operations Forces as they work to end the Somali civil war and bring down warlord Mohammed Farah Aidid. The emotional film, directed by Ridley Scott, accurately portrays modern combat. The movie depicts the hopelessness in the seemingly impossible task of returning to base through crowds of hostile locals.



#### “Heartbreak Ridge”

Clint Eastwood directs and stars in this film about the US intervention in Grenada in 1983. Eastwood plays Gunnery Sergeant Thomas Highway, a grizzled U.S. Marine veteran who must lead a misfit platoon of Force Recon Marines. The film is an accurate study in leadership, as Highway is able to bring his platoon up to Marine Corps standards and lead them to war in Grenada, where they engage the enemy in a brief firefight and accomplish their objectives despite sustaining casualties.



#### “Act of Valor”

“Act of Valor” is unique because the film utilizes actual Navy SEALs and was fully supported by Naval Special Warfare Command. Directed by Mike McCoy and Scott Waugh, the story follows members of SEAL Team 7 as they rescue hostages that have information on a terrorist attack targeting the United States. Since it was filmed on-site at actual U.S. Navy training sites, the battle sequences come across as realistic. The military is portrayed positively and accurately in their training, communication, weapons and tactics. While the film received negative reviews for poor acting and character development, the action scenes were highly praised.



#### “Lone Survivor”

Peter Berg directs the film adaptation of the book Lone Survivor, written by Marcus Luttrell and Patrick Robinson. The story is about a Navy SEAL team sent into Eastern Afghanistan to capture or kill a high-level Taliban leader, but they are discovered by locals and are ambushed by Taliban fighters. The film does an outstanding job portraying the culture of SEALs, such as the brotherhood shared by servicemembers. It has a theme of perseverance, as the SEALs are forced to push through their grievous wounds in order to take the fight to the enemy and survive.



#### “Saving Private Ryan”

Steven Spielberg’s Oscar winning war epic portrays Army Rangers and members of the 101st Airborne Division during and after the D-Day landings 1944. The film showcases the relationships between soldiers and their civilian lives and how they intertwine during combat. The infamous battle of Normandy, shown in the first twenty minutes of the film, is among the most graphic, honest and sobering battle scenes ever filmed.

#### Honorable Mentions:

- “The Siege of Jadotville,”
- “Ninth Company,”
- “Glory,”
- “Full Metal Jacket,”
- “Band of Brothers,”

## Dia de los Muertos celebrated at De Anza



**Above:** The Latino/a at De Anza promotes Dia de Los Muertos with its own traditional style altar decorated with candles and calavera, representations of the human skull. **Upper right:** One LEAD altar is dedicated to Tamir Rice, a 12-year-old boy who lost his life to miscommunication amongst police. **Lower right:** A pomeranian is celebrated with dog treats and cute emojis. **Below:** Students feature their commemorations of family and friends who have passed at De Anza’s Casa Azul, or the Blue House, to help them along their loved one’s spiritual journey.



## Zombie fatigue: Are undead finally deceased?

**Andrew Pouliot** NEWS EDITOR

For over half a century, zombies have appeared in motion pictures and television shows. Not only are they used as a scare tactic to frighten audiences, but the undead also provide commentary on a wide array of topics. Racism, consumerism, war, survivalism, globalization and disease are examples of themes tackled in the zombie genre.

Due to the over-abundance of zombies within the media, critics have likened zombies to vampires: labeling them tired and cliched. After the cinematic abortion that was the “Twilight” saga, it is easy to see why vampires have become mundane. The same cannot be said for zombies.

George Romero’s “Dead” series, comprising the films “Night of the Living Dead,” “Dawn of the Dead,” “Day of the Dead,” “Land of the Dead,” “Diary of the Dead” and “Survival of the Dead” all carried a contemporary theme. “Night of the Living Dead” used zombies to address racism, while “Dawn of the Dead” addressed modern consumerism. The films intentionally used poor special effects to add to the satire in addition to attempting to avoid a revenue-killing

X-rating, with the crew for “Dawn of the Dead” utilizing orange fake blood, which made the movie harder to take seriously.

Despite the dip in zombie popularity in the 1990s, the 21st century became a bastion for zombie lovers with the release of Danny Boyle’s “28 Days Later” in 2002. The film, set in England, detailed a coma patient’s survival after waking up in a hospital to find London devastated and all the people seemingly missing. The movie used contemporary outbreaks of Mad Cow Disease, Foot and Mouth Disease and the flu, along with globalization, as themes to show the destruction of modern society at the hands of a deadly virus. That same year, the popular video game franchise “Resident Evil” turned to film, with a story of corporate malfeasance and scientific meddling that creates zombies.

Why zombies themselves are scary is self evident. People become traumatized when they witness their loved ones get attacked and turned. Others may find themselves incapable of killing someone who until recently had been a family member or friend. Zombies, with the exception of the “Dawn of the Dead” remake and the “28 Days Later” universe, are slow and lumbering corpses, a play on human kind’s impending fate; death.

Other films, like Romero’s “Day of the Dead” and the television show “The Walking Dead,” use zombies to highlight human survivalism and other aspects of the human condition in the wake of the apocalypse. These themes are no less relevant today than they were at the release of these programs; “28 Days Later” is just as relevant today as it was in 2002 when genuine fears of disease wiping out cattle and jumping to humans filled the minds of people the world over. With “The Walking Dead” in its seventh season, the zombies have begun to look gnarly and heavily decomposed, but the threat they bring is just as serious. “The Walking Dead” is unique in the zombie trope because it also uses humans as a threat to the survivors; not all people who survive the zombie apocalypse are good. The show, based on a comic book series that began publication in 2003, has had such dastardly villains as The Governor and Negan, who have both been featured on the show. Zombies often take second chair to the people Rick’s group encounter throughout the show.

Each story is self-contained within their characters and themes. While “Resident Evil” has some physics-defying monsters and fight sequences, such action is heavily discouraged in Max Brooks’

“Zombie Survival Guide,” and downright fast and devastating zombies like “World War Z” and the Korean hit “Train to Busan,” zombies as a plot device are far from irrelevant today. Some films, such as the comedies “Shaun of the Dead,” “Fido” and “Zombieland” make light of the zombie apocalypse, using heavy doses of comedy to undermine the gore and violence.

“Shaun of the Dead” was a parody of “Dawn of the Dead” that incorporated a love story and British comedy to the story, while “Fido” showed that zombies aren’t always the bad guys, especially when zombies are enslaved by humans. “Zombieland” illustrated American culture with the availability of guns and gas-guzzling SUVs even after zombies have obliterated most of the human race. A cameo by Bill Murray certainly helped the movie along too.

The hope is that zombies will remain on the big screen, and never arrive in city streets. Thematically, zombies are surely entertaining but also useful; they aren’t cognitive or intelligent like vampires, but in hordes zombies are a force to be reckoned with; solitary zombies allow viewers to get a closer, more detailed look at humans as they never want to see them: in death.

## Black Mirror Season 3: Netflix’s newest binge-worthy series



**Amanda Penrod** STAFF REPORTER Similar to the chilling 60’s sensation, “The Twilight Zone,” the haunting Netflix original “Black Mirror” leaves its audience on the edge of their seats, wondering what twist might happen next. Creator Charlie Brooker hits the mark with the poignant dystopian anthology series. This well-scripted and exquisitely lensed program showcases numerous up-and-coming actors alongside seasoned performers.

The charming and well developed characters come across tangible and most importantly: relatable. In the first episode “Nosedive,” written by “Parks and Recreation’s” Michael Schur and Rashida Jones, a perfection seeking, pastel-loving character named Lacie attempts to receive acceptance and admiration in a world where one’s one to five social media rating is projected for all to see. Equipped with an all too familiar rosegold smartphone, actor Bryce Dallas Howard, delivers a spectacular performance as the tightly wound Lacie with quirkiness and over-the-top charisma.

She sets out on her quest to improve her social media presence by kissing ass and posting carefully prepared photos of beautiful coffee art and aesthetically pleasing cookies. This doesn’t sound all that different from our own media obsessed society.

The familiarity of the world the characters of Black Mirror inhabit is what’s most eerie about the show, with the appearance of car charging stations, drone bees, 3D printers, Twitter-like social media and self-driving cars often put to use for the nefarious deeds of the government, corporations, or an out-of-reach evil doer.

Brooker also sheds light on societal topics such as new medicinal practices, virtual reality in gaming, the importance of self-image on social media, the possibility of drone bees and governmental manipulation to showcase a harsh and darkly exaggerated reflection of our possible future.

With a separate storyline, fresh set of characters and mind-altering dilemmas in each episode, even the hardest of hearts will be brought to tears. The episode “San Junipero” is arguably the most heartfelt and brilliantly engaging work to be found in all of television this year.

Black Mirror is by far the most topical, emotionally uplifting and impactful show on television: simply a must see.

## Transcend: One-man performance of multimedia, cultural stories



**Amanda Penrod** STAFF REPORTER In the dim light, a lone man presented his story of an assault against both inner and external demons.

Through a multimedia performance, Kilusan Bautista, writer and performer of “Transcend”, presented his struggles with racism, abuse and family substance addiction. Kilusan Bautista’s one-man show, “Transcend,” was held Oct. 27 at De Anza College in Conference rooms A and B.

“What made me want to be a performer, and also a teaching artist, is to represent my story in the way and fashion that only I can tell it,” said Bautista.

Through dance and spoken word, Bautista reenacted a powerful scene between his five-year old self, his drunken father and an anthropomorphic representation of drugs and vices.

“I want to connect with different cultures – different communities from all over the world – so that we can build a stronger and deeper sense of community amongst each other,” Bautista said.

He engaged the audience through partner

games, discussions and poetry; allowing the audience to reflect on their own lives and origins and to connect with their roots and identity. Audience members were encouraged to share their own thoughts and experiences.

Bautista said he wanted to be a performer and a teaching artist because he wanted to represent his story in the way and fashion that only he can tell it.

“You have the opportunity to change the world with one story, one poem,” said Bautista.

Bautista considers himself an indie and theatre artist, and travels the world performing his one-man show with the help of other artists and directors; primarily performing in theatres located in the lower east side of Manhattan.

Bautista said he believes that when one creates art based off of their personal narrative, it brings everyone closer together.

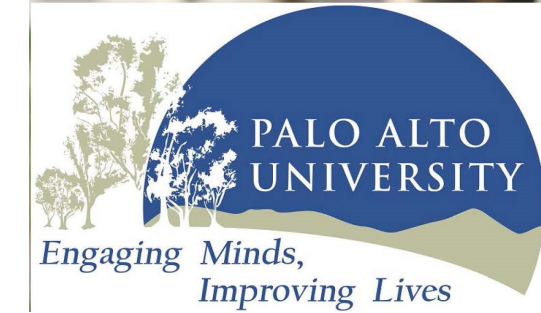


**Top:** Attendees pose for a group photo after participating in Transcend **Above:** A student volunteers a poem as the mic is shared with the audience

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# Student club continues Sen. Sanders' movement

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With the rise and fall of Vermont Sen. Bernie Sander's presidential campaign in the past year, the De Anza for Bernie Club found its goals challenged and reinvented.

The club plunged into political activism in Fall 2015, inspired by Sanders's ideologies. Students participated in near daily phone banking, door-to-door endorsement, information distribution and debate watch parties.

The political science department at De Anza fostered the organization's growth by requiring civic duty hours, or volunteering with a political organization. The club found 30 to 80 students per quarter coming in to help build the campaign.

At the height of De Anza's political energy, celebrity surrogates from the campaign such as Kendrick Sampson from "How to Get Away with Murder" and Max Carver from "Desperate Housewives" held events to encourage voter registration on campus.

The local District 17 organizer, Eliana Jimenez, would often use De Anza as a headquarters for organizing.

"Push for Progress," a self-described volunteer grassroots organization, would join the organizing efforts on campus. De Anza for Bernie offered rooms, projectors and other facilities in aiding the campaigning.

Eddie Cisneros, president of the club, said members worked really hard for a year until the California primary came.

"It was quite the disappointment, to say the least," Cisneros said. "But like Bernie said, 'It's not me, it's us,' and that win or lose we need to push this political revolution."

The transitional period found many clubs shifting their focuses. For example, UCLA's Bruins for Bernie changed their name to Young Progressives Demanding Action.

President of the UC Irvine's BernEaters, William Léonard, said that the group kept their name because whether or not Sanders won does not change where they came from or what they stand for.

"Just because we founded the club in light of Bernie's revolution does not mean we stop after Bernie is elected or loses," Léonard said.

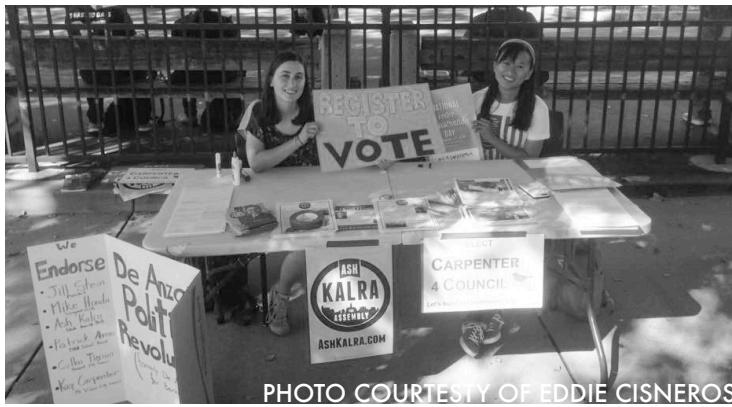


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**Above:** Aleks Niewczas, 21, environmental toxicology major and Megan Fernandez, 21, history major encourage students to get politically active in the main quad on Thursday, Sept. 29.

"We still support local candidates with progressive values like ourselves."

De Anza for Bernie initially wanted to change its name to "De Anza's Our Revolution," replicating Sanders's movement, "Our Revolution".

Cisneros said some people found the name to be problematic due to Sanders's endorsements of presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, and wanted to stay separate.

"We kind of wanted to go back to the original message that Bernie Sanders was saying," Cisneros said. "We need this political revolution to happen whether he wins or not and we're also there for the people

who don't support his decision in endorsing Clinton."

The club settled on "De Anza's Political Revolution."

Cisneros said the club is trying to figure out how to engage students because the upcoming election has such high stakes.

"It's hard to organize because there was a divide after Bernie left the race and endorsed Clinton. I've seen friendships end, many times, over this," Cisneros said.

The club would continue pushing for the values Bernie endorsed, such as education, healthcare, voter rights and the environment, he said.

The club now focuses on endorsing candidates from a national to local level. Some

examples are Ash Kalra for state assembly, Patrick Ahrens for the Foothill-De Anza school board, as well as city council members Cullen Tiernan and Ken Carpenter.

"I think even just getting some students involved in one local campaign is already a huge thing to bring," Aleks Niewczas, vice president, said. Niewczas said the club aimed to help people figure out how to participate politically.

"It's your local representatives that are supposed to be advocating for your needs to Congress," Cisneros said. "We want to give the opportunity, and the experience, for students to be able to find what they're passionate about and give them the tools to organize it themselves."

Cisneros said he wanted to empower community members, including international students, with the knowledge that they have power to create change in the political system.

Cisneros said the club infrastructure is nearly finished being built and ready to start being tested.

"Things may work, they may not, and that is what we're going to have to learn," Cisneros said. "We're going to continue to keep trying, because this is so important not only for our future, but our children's futures and everyone around the world."

## Finding a healthy balance in a stress filled world

**Mary Sullivan**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

Attending college is a monumental challenge that can bring along chronic stress.

During the first seven weeks of classes, you may have experienced the stress response, the rapid heart rate and breathing, often with a sense of anger or fear and hyper alertness.

For example, when a car unexpectedly pulls out in front of you, you may react with either fight, flight or freeze to avoid harm. This stress response to sudden change is nature's way of helping you stay alive. However, chronic stress can occur when the alarm and crisis response is constantly active.

College life is full of stressful situations, such as dealing with major decisions, day to day tasks, parking, time management, balancing work and school, confusion about classes and career paths, homesickness and too much partying. This could result in low energy and mild depression.

As you settle into the seventh week of Fall quarter, your reactions should be steady. This state is our goal at Student Health Services, as helping maintain balance allows students to thrive.

According to Dr. Adam Burke, the director of the SFSU Holistic Health Institute, "Darwin's main point in the change filled day to day world that we inhabit is our ability to learn. It is not about being smartest, fastest, strongest. It is about being able to successfully adapt to changes in the environment."

- Take time to congratulate and celebrate your progress to week seven.
- Check in with yourself frequently and strive to bring a positive attitude to each day.
- Mental well-being is just as important as physically well-being. Make use of the free psychological services in the Registration and Student Services building.
- Talk with an instructor and ask about progress.
- Seek out the friendly tutorial centers on <http://www.deanza.edu/studentsuccess/>
- Develop social connections to support yourself and others. Consider extending a smile to others around you. It will make you feel better too!
- Look into clubs or outside activities to build connections for learning and job opportunities.
- Avoid hiding your habits of over indulgence in food, alcohol. The action of "swallowing" your anger, fear or anxiety keeps the stress inside. Ask for help, you're worth it!
- Take a break from your phone as you walk. Look at the clouds, trees and people, and as you eat look at your food and enjoy the flavors and textures. Experience life away from electronics.

The problem is not the mistakes we make, but how we learn and move forward. Come into Health Services for a friendly smile, and help with finding resources here on campus to maintain your balance.

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# Mainstream coverage of Dakota Access Pipeline – middle finger to journalistic standards



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North Dakota – where once there was only dirt, sunflower seeds and barley – has become the hottest destination in the country with millions checking-in on Facebook to Standing Rock, North Dakota, while simultaneously sitting in comfortable armchairs, with more than a thousand miles separating them from the scene on the ground. While this form

of informative slacktivism was but another example of social media’s reactionary culture that we have come to accept, it has been immensely disheartening to watch the well-accepted, mainstream media indulge in the same reactionary, superficial behavior.

For weeks, Democracy Now and other alternative on-site coverage publicized the protests prior to any semblance of meaningful discussion from the media conglomerates. As

journalists, documentary crews, Native-Americans and their allies were arrested left and right, cable networks remained focused on coverage of the Bundy crew, an armed white militia that occupied federal lands in Oregon.

While it is not reasonable to expect all works of journalism to aspire to the levels of Woodward and Bernstein’s investigation of Watergate, prior to the

massive corporate-influenced consolidation of the media, there was once a standard of investigative journalism which sought the why and the how rather than just the what.

Once social media was positively spilling with trending hashtags and overwhelming support of the cause, little attention was given to how the situation came to be or why particular parties are acting the way they are. Instead there is a determined focus on stories such as how friends and family are checking in on Facebook.

There is an aspect of the current dynamic that is being glossed over, steam-rolled by a media machine looking for agitation and violent protestors where they will only find peaceful water protectors at odds with tanks and armed police; one officer even went so far as to warn the protestors that they should not shoot with their bows and arrows, a statement showing a profound lack of understanding.

Aside from the shallow narrative propagated by the corporate media, there is also a startling lack of timeliness. While Democracy Now featured boots on the ground,

extensive coverage of the livid yet peaceful protestors as early as mid August with an extensive series which inevitably resulted in the arrest of one of its own reporters, CNN’s sparse coverage of the pipeline is mostly scattered throughout the months of September and October, where it is entirely overshadowed by an extensive diary of every breath that Donald Trump takes, going so far as to feature cable coverage of Trump’s habit of eating fried chicken with a fork.

While it requires a fair bit of generalizing to repeatedly use

the term mainstream media, such a term also exists because major networks and websites tend to share similar habits and coverage tendencies. Thus, while CNN may be rotten in this context, one bad apple tends to spoil the rest as well.

According to Nexis News Database, a repository for media coverage, of the three largest broadcast networks, CBS was the only one to feature any coverage of the Dakota access pipeline prior to Sept. 8, nearly a month after the original

transpirings occurred. Yet, the attempts of journalism were no more than a gesture which amounted to 48 words that were read at 4 a.m.

Thousands of protests, from native tribes from all across the country, marched in unity against not only a pipeline designed to run through sacred lands, but also an aged ideology which expresses utilitarian benefit even at the cost of continued use of fossil fuels and an acceptance of the possible desecration of the region’s most abundant source of water. This is a fight against a disregard for an entire people which this country has been mistreated, killed, enslaved and cheated for centuries.

The new script for corporate media has already been written, bought and tested, and thus media pundits will begin to voice their uninformed opinions on the matter if and when there is a peaceful resolution reached, or if, in by some unfortunate circumstances, someone is killed. It is the nature of the modern, reactionary style of sensationalist, corporate media.

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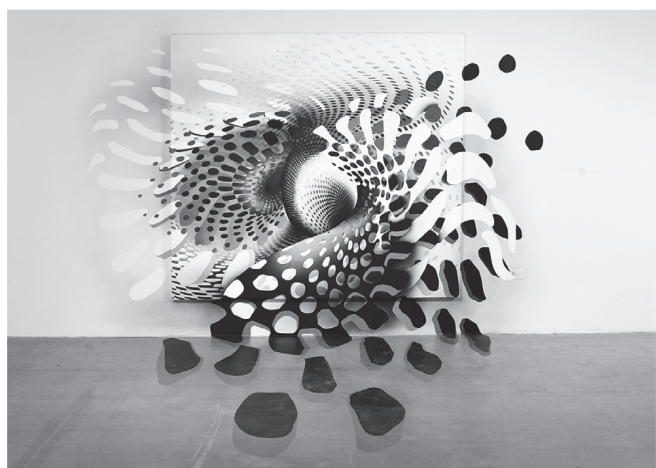
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# #MovingtoCanada, eh?

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If you're planning a day-after-Election Day move, here are some suggestions for blending in.

First, learn the metric system. The freezing point is 0 degrees Celsius. A yardstick is about 100 centimeters. Then there's everything else you can weigh or measure: height, width, depth, weight, distance, kilometers per hour, liters of gas etc.

## Beer and liquor

In most of Canada, you can drink at age 19, but in Quebec (pronounced kay-BECK), the drinking age is 18.

You can buy a "mickey" of liquor, which is 13 ounces (375 ml) or a two-four of beer (case of 24). The two main Canadian beers are Molson Canadian and Labatt's Blue. Do not order "Lablatz" unless you want to be outed as an American.

And speaking of Quebec ... the official language in La Belle Province is French. In Quebec, unlike other parts of Canada, you do want to identify yourself as American because the Quebecois (kay-beck- WA) will be more forgiving of your Americanized French accent.

Be sure to order "poutine," (poo-TEEN) which is fries covered with gravy and cheese curd. Travel deep into Quebec for the best poutine. Don't settle for McDonalds' version, which uses Cheez Whiz.

Your food and drink will come with a "serviette" (napkin), the only word known to have traveled from French to English via packaging.

Oh yeah, all packaged goods are labeled in French and English.

## Coffee

Although you will see a Starbucks here and there, most Canadians drink brewed coffee from Tim Horton's. If you want cream and sugar, order a "regular."

If you want twice the amount of cream and sugar, order a "double-double." Note that Canadian sizes are smaller than U.S. sizes, so a small from a Tim Horton's in Buffalo will be a medium in Toronto.

## Milk and Soda

What Americans might call "regular" milk, in Canada is "homo" milk. It says so right on the package. Also, in many parts of Canada, milk comes in quart (oops, one-liter) bags, which you serve from a special pitcher. Learn to say "pop" instead of "soda."

After all that drinking, you may need to use the facilities. Ask about the "washroom" or "restroom." "Bathroom" sounds vulgar to Canadians.

## Food specialties

Canada is a culinary heaven. Think maple syrup, ketchup-flavored chips, Canadian bacon, butter tarts (pecan pie with maple syrup and raisins, and no pecans), beaver tails (fried dough), Montreal smoked meat, donairs (actually Turkish gyros), Nanaimo bars (indescribable).

## Apparel

Go ahead and wear the "Canadian tuxedo" – a jean jacket over jeans. Wear a jean vest as a sleeveless top with nothing under it. Wear "shit-



kickers" – cowboy boots or other types of non-winter boots. Bring your beanie with you and in Canada you'll be timelessly fashionable in your "toque" (pronounced TOUK).

## Money

Three units of currency have disappeared from the Canadian monetary system: pennies, \$1 bills and \$2 bills.

"Loonies," a gold-toned coin so named because they feature a loon (it's a bird) on one side and Queen Elizabeth on the other, are the new \$1. "Twonies," so named because they are worth \$2, are two-toned coins, gold-tone in the middle and silver-tone on the outside.

Pennies have been eliminated, so all transactions are rounded off.

Canadian bills are made of polymer, not paper. Besides bright colors, the bills feature translucent windows and metallic images of parliament buildings. They do not fold like paper money does.

## Other weird things

In hockey, "deke" is a move in which a player gets by an opponent by faking. In Canadian lingo, to "deke" means to dash in or to go somewhere suddenly.

Mounties patrol remote areas. In most parts of Canada, electricity is known as "hydro" because of hydro-electric power.

The government system is parliamentary, so there's no electoral college. The current prime minister, Justin Trudeau, is a self-proclaimed feminist who named the most diverse cabinet in Canadian history.

Oh, by the way, his father, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, dated Barbara Streisand in the early 1970s.

OK, there you have it. Canada from Eh to Zed (Zee).

## DA Voices: How do you view Wikipedia's use in academic research?

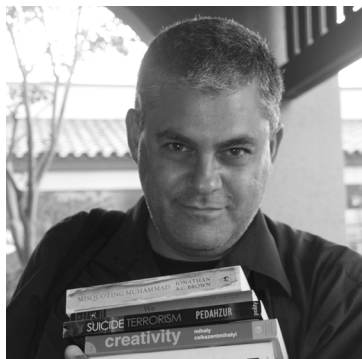
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"I rarely used wikipedia when it was first developed, which was while I was a college student. To this day, I only used websites like I would IMDB. If I wanted to learn about a celebrity or if I wanted a watered-down summary of a term or topic, I searched for the info using wikipedia.

"I'm still an old-school journalist who depends on credible sources, academic or otherwise. Although Wikipedia has somewhat improved in terms of establishing its credibility and contributing sources, I still see the website as a one-stop shop for our students, which doesn't help develop their critical thinking skills to dig deeper and filter through to find who and what supports their views. Wikipedia is just a springboard to finding deeper understanding."



**Professor Rashi Jackman,**  
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"I grew up in an age where we had to go and use books for things. As the internet developed, most of the sources I used were academic sources; so things that were published by scholars. When I'm looking for things usually the richest material I find tends to still be from scholars, so that's where I go first. I have never not been able to find what I was looking for with traditional sources.

"That being said, if I were looking for something contemporary that wasn't scholarly like for instance where was Steve Jobs born? I'm sure that Wikipedia would be fine. But if I wanted to know the details of what happened when the council of Nicaea in 325 convened under Constantine I wouldn't go to Wikipedia for it.



**Professor Vivian Bejarin,**  
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"Wikipedia is not reliable and I wouldn't recommend it for academic research. The information on Wikipedia is not verified and is not necessarily posted by experts. Anyone can post material on this site.

"Also, some of the posts are old and outdated. I would just use Wikipedia to make myself familiar with a topic, it can provide some background information for someone who is planning to do a research."

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# Prop. 63: Gun control likely to pass, but has flaws

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Prop. 63 is a piece of gun legislation written and promoted by Gavin Newsom, the lieutenant governor of California, but there isn't much about it that promotes gun safety.

Proposition 63 is a blatant attempt at gun control, and does nothing but punish law abiding citizens, increase financial burdens on gun owners and make a weak attempt at targeting actual gun crime by making gun thefts a felony instead of a misdemeanor.

The legislation's most notable proposal requires background checks on ammunition purchases, the first of its kind in the United States. It also makes firearm thefts a felony – regardless of the weapon's monetary value – and bans the possession of high capacity magazines. Current California law prohibits guns from loading more than 10 rounds at a time, however, most handgun magazines typically hold 12-15 rounds, and rifle magazines up to 30.

Gun control is overwhelmingly proposed and supported by members of the Democratic Party, and is almost always an emotional knee-jerk reaction to so-called mass shootings.

According to Mother Jones, the United States had 355 mass shootings in 2015.

This number is false.

The FBI defines a mass shooting as one in which "four or more people are selected indiscriminately and killed, not counting the perpetrator, in a public setting." While there is no widely accepted definition for a mass shooting, FBI figures typically do not include gang-related shootings, accidental firearms discharges, and shootings which kill less than four people.

By this definition, there were four mass shootings in the United States in 2015.

While gun violence has drawn outrage and frustration from the media and politicians, homicides involving guns killed less than 9,000 people in 2012, according to FBI crime statistics. Compared to the number of deaths claimed by preventable heart disease, gun crime ought to be the least of America's worries.

Prop. 63 was engineered in response to events such as the San Bernardino shooting in December 2015 in which two Islamic terrorists killed 14 civilians at an office party with illegally-obtained rifles.

Liberal groups like Mother Jones, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense and the Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence have stated

that 33,000 people are killed by gun violence annually, because they include firearm suicides (which numbered 15,000 in 2015) to blow up numbers and garner support for anti-constitutional legislature.

The forced background checks Prop. 63 would enact costs money – quite a bit in fact, which even then may not cover the cost of conducting the searches.

In California, one must be at least 18 years old to purchase shotguns and rifles, and 21 years old to purchase handguns.

Dealers already require safety tests to demonstrate that one can safely and responsibly handle the firearm, as well as a written test to obtain a Firearm Safety Card. Buyers must also pass a

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**Gun control laws only affect people who follow the law; we seem to have forgotten that gun crime is overwhelmingly committed by criminals, people who often obtain weapons illegally. Criminals will not follow any new gun control legislation.**

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background check conducted through the state, which takes 10 days.

The background fee is \$60, but there is also a \$35 processing fee. After clearing the background check, one can pick up their purchased firearm from their licensed dealer.

With California's gun culture as it is, from the impossibility of obtaining a concealed carry weapons permit, to the banning of the AR-15 rifle as of 2017, further gun control measures will do nothing to deter or limit gun crime in California.

Gun control laws only affect people who follow the law; we seem to have forgotten that gun crime is overwhelmingly committed by criminals, people who often obtain weapons illegally. Criminals will not follow any new gun control legislation.

Law enforcement and counterterrorism experts all stand in opposition to Prop 63,

including the California Police Chiefs Association.

According to the association, "Prop. 63 fails to meet the balance between public safety and individual gun rights."

"I generally oppose any legislation that puts any more restrictions on citizens having an ability to possess firearms," San Bernardino County Sheriff and member of the California Police Chiefs Association John McMahon said.

One of Prop. 63's provisions bans the possession of 30-round magazines; a previous measure banned the sale of said magazines but grandfathered in people who already owned such devices. California law enforcement cannot be reasonably expected to easily enforce such a draconian measure.

The Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence argues that gun deaths in California decreased from 5,500 in 1993 to 2,935 in 2010 as a result of the enactment of stricter gun laws. However, gun deaths decreased by 50 percent nationwide over 20 years, correlating directly with a 400 percent increase in the purchase of firearms by civilians nationwide and a 250 percent increase in the issuance of concealed carry weapons permits nationwide between 1993 and 2013, according to the National Rifle Association.

A report on the Huffington Post incorrectly states that firearms are rarely used in self-defense inside the United States; the article, written by Josh Sugarmann, the executive director of the Violence Policy Center, merely seeks to stick it to the National Rifle Association by falsely portraying gun crime figures and the number of instances firearms are used to stop crime.

According to a CDC study commissioned by President Obama in 2013, firearms were used an average of 2.5 million times nationally to stop robberies, rapes, assaults, and break-ins.

The report expresses uncertainty about "whether gun restrictions reduce firearm-related violence" and also that there is "no evidence suggesting right-to-carry laws increase or decrease violent crime." The report also indicated that "proposed gun turn-in programs are ineffective."

Prop. 63 is not the answer. The only way to fight gun crime is to empower law enforcement, and to be more educated on gun rights as a society. Everyone has a right to self-defense, and owning and using a firearm is still a constitutional right.

## Going undercover as a Trump Supporter



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I could not miss out on the opportunity to see what it truly feels like to embrace the greatness that could be America. I donned a cheap knock-off Chinese-made Trump hat and a brunette wig to make myself look believable, as most people have yet to see a Trump supporter with short purple hair like my own.

Speaking of greatness, only few are capable of crossing the threshold at which point even the most basic of material goods become associated with that individual.

Kanye West did just this when he somehow sold a plain white t-shirt for \$120. Donald Trump has done just that – with one \$25 red "Make America Great Again" hat at a time.

Bewildered by this strange appropriation of red baseball caps, I walked the corridors of De Anza College, and while it was clear that De Anza students were not ready to make America great again, the results were surprising.

Now, it's key to understand that there are a couple presuppositions about De Anza and its students. First, parking is more perplexing to most students than magnets – how do they even work anyway?

Pertinent to my adventures as a fake Trump supporter is the second assumption – one which assumes that De Anza students are borderline communists with no tolerance for dissent.

Both days I was met with odd stares, quick glances away, wide eyes and quickened paces.

Considering the frequency Trump speaks with, lets say, somewhat of a questionable nature with regard to minorities, awkward stares from an extremely diverse campus were the least I expected.

But what did surprise me was the tolerance. A campus located in the heart of the hyper-liberal Silicon Valley seemed to respond rather mildly. There was almost (though not quite) a grudging respect to my act of nonconformity, the promotion of greater diversity in thought and politics.

That said, the older individuals – students or faculty – had a tendency to stare a lot more intensely than their younger counterparts. Maybe they know how uncomfortable I'm making people, or maybe they just really really hate Trump. Either is, to be fair, a fairly valid reason.

While Donald Trump's hat may simply seem like just another graphic hat, there is undoubtedly an extreme connotation which it carries. According to the Washington Post, Trump's campaign has actually spent more on hats than on polling. One thing is for sure – I don't think I can ever look at a red hat the same way ever again

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# Volleyball Dons crush Canada Colts 3-2



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**Above:** Anna Craig jumps to shoot the ball back to Canada College.  
**Far Left:** Amelya Vu and Esther Ho celebrate their win against Canada College.  
**Left:** Head Coach Dawnis Guevara coordinates defensive plays against the Canada Colts Oct. 21 at De Anza College.

# De Anza football destroyed by Diablo Valley Vikings



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**Above:** Wide receiver Devin Johnson, guards the ball from Diablo Valley players  
**Above middle:** Defensive back Austin Cascio, and linebacker Waylen Lindsay, halt Diablo Valleys' rush to the end zone.  
**Right:** De Anza and Diablo Valley in ready positions to face off in this Coast Conference game.



**Above:** Head coach Tony Santos watches as De Anza defends against Diablo Valley Vikings Oct. 22 at De Anza College.