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CELEBRANDO CON CALAVERAS - Vanessa Sun, 18, paints a sugar skull design on Kayla Tidwell, 18.

Noor Hakim Freelance Writer

In American society, death usually isn't a cause for celebration. In fact, death is often a taboo subject. But the Mexican holiday Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, honors those who died and attempts to portray death in a more positive manner. "Dia de los Muertos is a traditional celebration observed throughout Latin America

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Benefit concert strums community heartstrings

Lydia Tuan Staff Writer

Violin and guitar artists collaborated on a world premiere Paganini piece at a classical music concert to benefit De Anza music students.

De Anza College hosted a Benefit Concert for music students in the Visual and Performing Arts Center Friday Oct. 26. The ambience of the concert was calm and casual. Many De Anza students and Bay Area locals showed up to the event in support of funding the scholarships.

The music student scholarships are funded primarily by the U.S. Immigration Investment Center, and about \$3,600 was raised for the scholarships before intermission by student donations alone.

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CLASSICAL MELODY - Guitarist Jaume Torrent and violinist Joseph Gold perform Oct 26 at the Visual and Performing Arts Center on campus

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Election '12: What's at Stake for De Anza President Murphy lays out reasons why students should vote

Ifra Iftikhar **Staff Writer**

On Monday, Oct. 22 students and faculty gathered to examine what is at stake for De Anza College students and the community in the Nov. 6 election.

De Anza President Brian Mur-

counterbalance to this, the only way it works, is to vote."

Cynthia Kaufman, faculty director of the Institute of Community and Civic Engagement, said young people are fooled into thinking it is not politically important for them to vote.

"We have become disillusioned, "Kaufman said. "What we don't realize is that all of this is deliberate voter suppression. With the current incarceration rates, the war on drugs, and unfair ID laws, it is easy to see who those in power are trying to discourage from voting." nection between those that make the laws and those they are making the laws for," she said.

"We all complain that education is getting expensive, we all complain that we want to get paid more, we all say that we don't like our current prison system. Point being, we all have opinions, in our budget if Prop 30 does not pass this election," he said. "That means a total loss of 28,000 student seats at De Anza.

"On the other hand, if Measure D passes, 40,000 workers in San Jose will have on average an extra \$4,000 that goes back into the local community and boosts the

why we matter

- The right to vote cannot be taken for granted
- The act of voting

phy urged those eligible to vote to do so, and expounded on what would happen if they don't.

"With the Citizen's United Act and the growing inequality in distribution of wealth, it is more crucial than ever before that we make our voices heard," Murphy said. "We have a profoundly dysfunctional democracy controlled by media and corporate interests of astonishing power. The only

DASB senator Cynthia Ouandji also commented on the importance of voting.

"Sometimes we forget the con-

and all the issues we care about ecc are on the ballot.

"Not everyone can go to a protest, not everyone can stand around signing petitions, and not everyone can go to marches. But everyone can do one simple thing that can make a difference – they can vote."

Nicky Yuen, a political science faculty member, talked numbers. "There will be a \$6 million hole

out economy."

Yuen continued to encourage the audience.

"Every generation reinvents itself," he said. "Every generation says 'What kind of a society can we be?' It's our turn right now."

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can counteract the power of media and corporate interests

- Many ballot issues affect young people
- The youth vote could determine outcomes

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TUESDAY, NOV. 6

4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Conference Room 202

Student & Community Services Bldg., 2nd Floor

General guidelines on how to submit the fall 2013 University of Callifronia online application for admission. Admission to the workshop is free. For more information visit www.deanza.edu/transfercenter/workshops. html

NEDNESDAY, NOV. 7

UC APPLICATION WORKSHOP

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Conference Room 202, Student & Community Services Bldg., 2nd Floor

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THURSDAY, NOV. 8

CSU APPLICATION WORKSHOP 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Conference Room

202, Student & Community Services Bldg.,

2nd Floor

General guidelines on how to submit the fall 2013 Califronia State University online application for admission. Admission to the workshop is free. For more information visit www.deanza.edu/transfercenter/workshops. html

FRIDAY, NOV. 9

UC APPLICATION WORKSHOP 10:30 a.m. to Noon.Conference Room 202, Student & Community Services Bldg., 2nd Floor

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SATURDAY, NOV. 10

FUJITSU PLANETARIUM SHOWS

5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Fujitsu Planetaruim A night of astronomy and laser shows. To view the schedule of Saturday shows go to www.deanza.edu/planetaruim/

MONDAY, NOV. 12

OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY

Campus will be closed in observance of Veterans Day.

TUESDAY, NOV. 13

UC APPLICATION WORKSHOP 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.Conference Room 202. Students & Community Services Bldg., 2nd Floor

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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14

UC APPLICATION WORKSHOP UC APPLICATION WORKSHOP 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Conference Room 202, Student & Community Services Bldg., 2nd Floor

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THURSDAY, NOV. 15

TRANSFER ADVISING: UC BERKELEY

10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Transfer Center, Student & Community Services Bldg.,

UC Berkely representative Christina Tinslev will be on-campus to provide one-on-one advising with prospective transer students. Students will be seen on a drop-in basis only. Admission is free. For more information visit www.deanza.edu/transfercenter/ repvisits.html

UC APPLICATION WORKSHOP 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Conference Room 202, Student & Community Services Bldg., 2nd Floor

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3rd THURSDAY FILM FESTIVAL: AMERICAN BLACKOUT

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Location TBA The African American Studies Department is hosting an evening of film, snacks and dialouge. Film festival is held each 3rd Thursday of the month. For more information contact Julie Lewis at lewisjulie@fhda.edu

FRIDAY, NOV. 16

LAST DAY TO DROP A CLASS WITH A GRADE OF "W"

Last day to drop a class with a grade of "W". Go to www.deanza.edu/registration/adddrop.html for more information.

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MYSTIC DANCE 9 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. Conference Room

A/B, Hinson Campus Center The Inter Club Counsil and DASB will be hosting a night of dancing with live DJ music. For admission, tickets in advance are \$7, and \$10 at the door. All proceeds will benefit the ICC Emergency Relief Fund. For more information contact La Donna at YumoriKakuLaDaonna@deanza.edu

FUJITSU PLANETARIUM SHOWS

Nov.17, 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Fujitsu Planetaruim

<u>In Remembrance</u> Anna Sandoval (1990 - 2012)



Anna Isabella Sandoval June 15, 1990 - Oct. 26, 2012 Resident of Santa Clara

Anna Isabella Sandoval died Friday, Oct. 26, 2012, at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center after suffering a severe asthma attack two nights earlier. She was 22.

Anna was a sweet, compassionate young woman and talented artist who cared about the environment and loved all kinds of animals. Her eyes twinkled as she smiled and her laugh was infectious.

She taught dozens of children how to swim and was a coach at the Santa Clara International Swim Center for several years.

Anna was born June 15, 1990, and graduated from Santa Clara High School in 2008. She had been taking classes at De Anza College in Cupertino, and worked as a sales clerk for a Le Boulanger bakery and cafe in San Jose.

She is survived by her parents, Elizabeth Sandoval and Peter Kane; her brother Paul Kane; grandparents Joyce Kane and Robert and Maricela Sandoval; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

ROSENCRANTZ AND GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD

oothill's Theatre Arts Department will stage Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead Nov. 1 to 18. The performance times and dates are as follows:

- Nov. 8 and 15 at 7:30 p.m.
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- Sunday matinee shows Nov. 11 and 18 at 2 p.m.
 - For more information on ticket prices, visit www.foothill.edu/theatre

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LEARN ABOUT THERAPY 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. El Clemente Room

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A night of astronomy and laser shows. To view the schedule of Saturday shows go to www.deanza.edu/planetaruim/.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

ART OF EDUCATION: **DE ANZA & FOOTHILL** ART AND FACULTY SHOW Through Dec. 7

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De Anza students navigate Transfer Day and weigh their options against budget cuts

Christine Jehng Staff Writer

For Maria Zavala, a college representative from Berkeley, Transfer Day at De Anza College is a perfect opportunity for colleges to dispel any myths about college admissions.

"Many times, students come up to us and ask the 'is it true...?" question and it allows me to directly clarify anything they may have heard," she said.

More than 20 colleges gathered in the Hinson Center cafeteria on Oct. 25 to find out more about prospective colleges.

Julia Kovalenkova, a second year business and economics major at De Anza College, said Transfer Day is a great way for students to ask questions.

"I am an international student so this is a really good opportunity to kill multiple birds with one stone,"she said.

"I like having all the colleges in one place for me to meet with and ask questions."

The annual event equips stu-

dents with crucial information about transferring.

"You get a lot more value from talking to a representative then a website," said Louis Martin an admissions counselor from CSU Monterey Bay.

"It's information that you couldn't really pull off the Internet."

Mia Segura an outreach coordinator at San Francisco State said the process of transferring can be overwhelming.

"Our purpose is to help educate and guide students so that they have the smoothest transition possible. SFSU has a lot of transfer students so we know what it can be like."

A major issue concerning public colleges this year is the inevitable budget cuts that threaten admission and tuition.

The situation is making students think twice before they apply and in some cases, they opt for a private university instead.

"The budget cuts are really unfortunate but it has increased the amount of applications we get," said Andrew Haesloop, assistant director of admissions at Notre Dame de Namur University.

"It gives us a chance to work with a group of students who wouldn't have considered looking into a private school."

Kelly Erland, a representative from University of California, Santa Barbara agreed.

"I think that students are definitely being more cautious and are looking for different options because of the budget cuts," she said.

Most of the representatives agreed that although the budget cuts haven't reduced the number of interested prospective students, tuition is increasing and the number of available faculty and classes is decreasing.

Sarah Dragovich, a college representative from San Jose State said, "Oh, we can definitely feel the toll the budget cuts are taking on public education.

"Tuition is greatly affected but San Jose State University actually hired two additional staff members to try and compensate."



Kevin Singh, a second year biology major said he is still interested in the public school system. "I want a more open-ended education but the budget cuts are really affecting my acceleration into a four-year university because the amount of available general education classes are decreasing," he said.

Linda Meyers, a college representative from Rochester Institute of Technology in New York State, said students should consider outof-state options. "We see the detrimental effect that the budget cuts are having on education here in California and it's hard," she said.

"This is my first time at De Anza and I like that students who are going through this tough process get a chance to learn about all these different schools and can weigh their options."

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New payment rules to be implemented in Spring '13 discussed at DASB meeting

Kelsey Purpura Staff Writer

De Anza College students will have to pay for classes immediately after registering, starting Spring 2013, Tatyana Grinenko, the chair of marketing, announced during the DASB senate meeting on Oct. 24. In the spring quarter, De Anza will get rid of the "Pay to Stay" program in which students were given five days to pay their fees or be dropped from their classes. But students will have options: pay for classes immediately after registering, pay a lump-sum payment or a scholarship, or see a counselor to set up a payment plan. "It's going to be down to either you pay immediately or the other two options," said Grinenko.

Prop 30 in the main quad. The senate will promote red on that day.

The senate announced that the chair of the student rights services, Wagio Collins, is stepping down from her position. Katherine Perng will replace her as department chair. Senator Karin Novak reported that campus police will now give tickets to people smoking outside the smoking zone. "If you smoke, or have any smoker friends, make sure to warn them because they will be giving tickets out," advised Novak.

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She also announced that on Nov. 5 there will be a rally for

Visitors from Foothill College were also present to experience the senate meeting.

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Final showdown: DA students discuss last presidential debate

Arooba Kazmi Staff Writer

Students gathered at De Anza College and discussed the presidential debate regarding foreign policy between President Barack Obama and Gov. Mitt Romney.

The African American Studies Department and the Office of Equity of De Anza College, hostred a viewing on Oct. 22, followed by a brief discussion.

When asked which candidate had a better vision of foreign policy, the department chair of African American Studies, Julie Lewis said, "The last debate was more of the same, two individuals with completely opposite ideas wanting to run a country that needs to move forward.

"I think deciding who had the better vision is such a personal matter. While both candidates, as well as the others running for the position, may very well be capable of running the country, I believe that deciding whom that individual will be, comes from a very personal place."

Ramsey Ghamrawi, a 19-yearold political science student and DASB senator said he believes Obama has a better foreign policy agenda than Romney.

"I believe Romney is more of a hawk and we will probably go to war with Iran with him as president," he said.

"I don't want that happening because we are already running two wars." Ghamrawi said he believes Obama is more capable of maintaining relationships in the Middle East.

"I would vote for Obama because I'm a Democrat, and most of my views are the same as his," Ghamrawi said.

Student Shriya Sharma, an 18-year-old biology major, had a completely different opinion about the recent debate.

She said she felt the candidates didn't answer the question directly.

"They just go off topic and try to mention points that would help them, but at same time, they don't answer the question," she explains.

Although Sharma is an undecided voter, she said she would vote for Obama, because she believes he stands up for the middle class more than Romney.

Lewis advised the public to make rational decisions when voting.

"I would hope everyone who is registered and voting in this election chooses the person that best aligns with his or her personal needs, values, and expectations of a political candidate," she said.

"If that is done, I have no doubt the person who is the next President of the United States will represent this nation well."

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FLAGS OF DIFFERENT COUNTRIES FLY - The last presidential debate focused on foreign policy and national security of the United States

De Anza community advocates for Prop 30



photo courtesy of YesOnProp30.com

Lydia Tuan **Staff Writer**

Posters all over De Anza illustrate the efforts that students, faculty, and staff are putting into helpting Proposition 30 pass.

The proposition on the Nov. 6 ballot would raise taxes for education and avoid large budget cuts.

Kim Nakagawa, a student mentor for professor Nicholas Yuen, says that she has been advocating for Prop 30 by spreading awareness to family and friends and urging them to vote.

She said she believes that the importance in spreading awareness for Prop 30 helps students, especially community college students, get an education that will benefit them in their futures.

Prop 30 also extended to funding for social programs for younger students.

Nakagawa also believes that Prop 30 will present these students with more opportunities for academic success. But a recent Field Poll showed Prop 30's support falling below 50 percent. Failing to pass this proposition could cause devastating effects.

Prop 30 also affects students who are transferring to California four-year colleges after graduating from De Anza.

If Prop 30 fails to pass, both the University of California and California State University systems will get a \$250 million cut.

The UC system would likely increase tuition by a minimum of 20 percent to respond to the shortfall.

The CSU system would also be likely to raise tuition and admit 20,000 fewer students.

Community colleges would get another \$338 million cut in the middle of the 2012-13 academic year, and faculty could expect more job losses and furloughs.

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De Anza College Menu: Dining Services Nov. 5 - Nov. 9

For all of your on-campus dining needs, visit the FOOD COURT in the upper level of the Hinson Campus Center

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

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- Soup: Chicken Noodle
- Pizza:Vegetarian Combo
- Salad: Chinese Chicken
- Pasta: Beef Stroganoff
- Soup:Tomato
- Pizza: Margarita
- VIETNAMESE
 - CHICKEN SALAD: Grilled Chicken, Shredded Napa & White Cabbage, Carrot, Cucumber, Mint Cilantro, Crushed Peanuts with a Sweet and Spicy Dressing
- Soup: Minestrone
- Pizza: Hawaiian Ham & Pineapple
- Salad: Spring Greens, Fresh Apple, Candied Walnuts, Cranberries, Blue CHeese and Oil & Balsamic Dressing
- PENNE PUTANESCA: Penne Pasta, Marinara, Kalamata Olives, Italian Sausage and Portobella with Fresh Basil and Parmesan
- Soup: Tortellini Vegetable
- Pizza: North Beach Pizza
- Salad: Southwestern Chicken
- Pasta: Broccoli Bow Tie
- Pizza: Chef's Choice

FRIDAY

Soup: New England Clam Chowder

Burger of the Week: Santa Fe - Angus Beef, Pepper Jack, Mild Green Chile, Avocado, Lettuce, Tomato and Chipotle Mayo

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By the end of the night, over \$4,000 was raised for the music student scholarships.

Joseph Gold, professional violinist, spoke with the press prior to the show on why he was willing to perform at the concert.

"Education is for the future," said Gold. "We must give the best quality education. People play at a higher level now than they ever did in the past. Students play things that were considered impossible in previous generations."

The concert featured many set pieces from Italian violinist Niccolo Paganini, including a world premiere of song Ricordanza di Paganini. Gold and his colleague Jaume well renowned Torrent, guitarist, who flew from Spain for this stop of the tour, arranged this piece specifically for this concert.

"I did the arrangement originally for violin and piano, and Jaume made the arrangement-he adapted the piano part for the guitar," noted Gold. "He's probably the most outstanding composer for the guitar in the world."

Most of the audience members consisted of De Anza students completing extra credit assignments and Bay Area residents looking to hear live music, but the overall a nice program, and I'm glad

reaction from the audience was positive.

John Gonzalez, 18, music major, attended the event to listen to classical music and also support the cause of the benefit concert.

Gonzalez noted, "I want to further extend [my passion in music] and use that as a way of revenue, so I'm doing something that I love. I want to understand [music] completely.'

Gonzalez said he has high goals for his music education.

"I want to transfer

to San Jose State and see if I can get a bachelor's or doctorate in music for just composition," he said. "But if I do get the scholarship I'll probably put it towards more education."

Other Bay Area residents also came out to the benefit concert in support of the scholarship fund and to hear classical music. Bruce and Connie Mitchell came to the event searching for entertainment on a Friday night.

"It's [the music program]



DUET FOR EDUCATION - Joseph Gold (left) and Jaume Torrent (right) take stage to raise money for music department scholarships

to see people [music students] pursuing their interests," Bruce Mitchell said.

Violinist Joseph Gold also offered advice to music students looking to pursue a career in music.

"Always be prepared. Be prepared to know a number of pieces you know you can play at a moment's notice, and accept every engagement," said Gold. "Don't turn anything down."

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SUGAR RUSH (TOP) - Students Mariela Garcia, 20, and Luis Flores, 21, enjoy the free cotton candy at the Club Expo Nov. 1.

CLUB PROMO (MIDDLE) - Members of the IMAAS promote their club at the Club Expo while showing off sugar skull face paint.

NOW YOU SEE IT (BOTTOM) -Claudia Nute, 17, performs a magic trick at the Expo in the Main Quad

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Club Expo brings fun even in the storm

Noor Hakim **Freelance Writer**

Undeterred by the cloudy weather and light sprinkling, students gathered at the Main Quad on Thursday Nov. 1 to take part in Club Expo.

With the delicious aroma of fresh, hot cotton candy, many clubs set up information booths to reel people in.

proceeded to pull it out again.

Manning the microphone, ICC Chairman Mike Hoang, enthusiastically made announcements throughout the two-hour event, including the Mystic Dance. Nov. 16.

"Don't forget to bring your masks," he yelled.

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The Inte Club Council, ICC, sponsored event had a wheel of fortune where you could win an In-N-Out coupon, a \$5 Jamba Juice gift card, or a ticket to the Mystic Dance. Complimentary sunglasses and candy was passed out to all attendees.

The Desi Student Association sold mango lassis and delicious looking samosas complete with tamarind sauce and coriander sauce.

Marvelous Magic club promoted by performing magic tricks. In a simple but interesting trick, Claudia Nute, 17, pulled out the four aces from a deck of cards. She placed an ace on the top, shuffled the deck, and magically

The ladies at the IMAAS, Integral Movement for AB 540 Student Success, table had colorful face paint that symbolized the sugar skulls for Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead. They gave out candy and pins that said "NO Human Being is 'Illegal'" or "I Vote for Dreamers."

Between the giveaways and colorful tables, Club Expo provided information to students about on campus activities and offered a glimpse of the wonderful diversity of De Anza clubs.

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Pumpkins and gore creep into the bookstore



JACK-O'-LANTERN - Students participate in a pumpkin decorating contest at De Anza bookstore





COSTUME CONTEST (STUDENTS)

The Joker

(Runner Up)



COSTUME CONTEST (CLASSIFIED)





Rajvir Kaur

To forget the hard times for a moment, the Classified Senate of De Anza College wanted to do something that faculty, staff and students, could enjoy. So what do they come up with? A Halloween contest.

The Classified Senate which represents unionized staff teamed up with the Academic Senate, DASB, senior administrators and the bookstore to create a free event with the goal to get every member of De Anza involved.

Sure enough on Halloween in De Anza's bookstore, you could not tell students apart from faculty members.

The Halloween contest would have one winner from a pumpkin decorating contest and one for the best costume. Both winners would get a \$50 bookstore gift certificate.

Costume participants came in many forms and faces and left you wondering what or who was going to walk through the entrance next.

Karen Chow, president of the Academic Senate, came in as Rosie the Riveter.

Chow said she loved the fact that Rosie represents "yes, we can," and that we can work together to get what we need and where we need to go.

Sculpture art major Areege Haq stepped in as Zelda, from the video game "Zelda." She bought the boots and gloves, but putting the costume together and making a sword and shield took her about three weeks.

Engineering major Victor Noguera became a noble warrior. Inspiration came from his "roots," he said, and wanting to represent a prideful Mayan or Aztec warrior.

Korinne Varner, double major in molecular biology and evolutionary biology, handmade her entire costume. She dressed up as Little Sister from the video game "Bioshock."

Student scarecrow Dan Horning, social science major, made his costume in two days while she-wolf Anna Wicklander, business management major, made hers in three days.

When asked about future events, textbook coordinator and Classified Senate president Reza Kazempour said that if everybody is able to come together and make things like this Halloween contest happen, then why not?

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COSTUME CATEGORY CONTEST (ALL FACULTY/CLASSIFIED/STUDENTS

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during which people remember their ancestors and their deceased loved one," explained English professor Amy Lombardi, who organized a celebration of Dia de los Muertos on Nov. 1 at the Main Quad Along with members of Latina/o Empowerment At De Anza members, Lombardi.

Twenty-two students from the EWRT 211 class participated in the events and made altars in honor of their loved ones or famous figures that have died. Among the altars were some to Bob Marley, Neil Armstrong, and Princess Diana.

were unable to make it to the event, students had fun decorating little sugar skulls with brightly colored icings. A large poster board was available for students to write messages about their deceased loved one, or just to wish them well.

/ERONICA AVI

Binder Full of Women

(First Place)

COSTUME CONTEST (FACULTY)

While Latino music played, a couple face painters, such as Vanessa Sun, painted sugar skull designs onto students' faces. Even professor Lombardi joined in and had half her face painted. One gentleman opted not to have a sugar skull design and instead got The Joker painted on his face.

PRINCESS DIANA - A eautiful altar made for the late Princess Diana at for the Dia de los Muertos elebration.

ART FOR THE DEAD-Pictures drawn to remember deceased loved one hang for the Dia de os Muertos displays in the Main Quad.

ITSY BITSY SPIDER-18 month old Charlie and De Anza student Brian Livingston participate in th Dia de los Muertos event at



Liberal arts major Maria Chavez said she has been making personal altars for loved ones for many years.

"It is for our family and friends, specifically for my father, grandfather, my best friend, and my boyfriend," she said. "We try to decorate the altars with as much bright colors as we can, just to help the spirits find their way home."

Altars are traditionally decorated with sugar skulls, candles, marigolds, and deceased people's personal and favorite things.

"Marigolds are very traditional," Chavez explained. "They are bright at this time of year."

Although the scheduled Aztec dancers

Although students created the altars for the events, most of them had never participated in real Dia de los Muertos altars. But many agreed that the event was a great learning experience.

"I think it's cool to see how the tradition has taken on in California," Chavez said. "Even on campus, I appreciate that people celebrate it now because it makes death a subject that can be talked about, not avoided."

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the Main quad

SUGAR SKULLS - Sugar skulls decorated with icing made by students at the Dia de los Muertos event.

FOREVER LOVING JAH -Altars made for the late Bob Marlev and Niel Armstrong at the Dia de los Muertos event.

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Health Services offers advice for healthy relationships

Ifra Iftikhar Staff Writer

It's hard to maintain relationships, whether friendly or intimate, while also keeping up with grades and work.

De Anza College students attended a workshop for managing interpersonal relationships Tuesday, Oct. 30.

Phil Boissiere, licensed family and marriage therapist, moderated the workshop about solutions for relationship problems and advice for better interpersonal relationships.

Boissiere said we should pay special attention to nonverbal signs in communication because they are usually an indicator of what another person feels. Gestures, verbal expressions, eye contact, body posture and movement subconsciously reflect the attitude towards the speaker.

Intimate relationships, on the other hand, need behavioral interdependence. Couples need complimentary behaviors: they should enjoy being together and sharing hobbies as a couple. There ought to be need fulfillment.

Couples need some emotional attachment and emotional availability. They should be willing to discuss their feelings and work together to improve their relationship. A relationship needs fascination, exclusiveness, and desire.

"Make sure you create time for your relationship," said Boissiere. Here are some tips for improving interpersonal relationships:

• Improve communication. Selfdisclosure is a good way to improve communication. Just gauge what you're sharing and who you're sharing with. Just the right amount of selfdisclosure invites trust.

• **Be a better listener**. The secret to being a better listener is active and reflective listening. When someone is talking to you, learn to respond to them positively.

• **Be assertive:** "It's important to be assertive. You can miss out on so many opportunities – so many important interactions can pass you by if you're not assertive," said Boissiere.









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Suicide awareness motivates walkers

of the DARKNESS

Jannelle Garcia Staff Writer

Awareness of suicide and comfort to families and friends who have experienced the loss of a loved one from suicide were the themes of the Out of the Darkness Community Walk to benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

The goal of this walk is to raise awareness to the public about suicide being a health issue that can be prevented.

Walks take place in over 250 communities across the nation.

The event held at De Anza College Sunday Oct. 28, was the first walk to take place in the South Bay.

More than 100 people met at 8 a.m. at De Anza Parking Lot A.

Tables lined up offered different types of services for the walkers, including drinks, snacks and even prizes for a raffle entry.

Representatives from different organizations in the Bay Area that raise awareness and offer education about suicide occupied a section of tables.

Kathy Forward, director of Outreach and Education for the Santa Clara branch of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, said she thinks highly of Out of the Darkness.

"It's really important to raise public awareness," she said.

When asked about those who have thoughts of suicide Forward replied, "You're not alone. If you get the education, the support and the treatment you can live a good life."

Dr. Mark Giudici from Santa Clara Valley

Health and Hospital System: Suicide and Crisis Service, said Out of the Darkness was "a great way to raise awareness for something that's a big issue in our county."

The walk also offered emotional support for walkers who had lost dear ones to suicide.

Necklaces were provided for the walkers to wear; each color representing loved ones who committed suicide.

There was a mural of a bare tree, where walkers wrote down their thoughts on paper leaves to people who they lost to suicide or words of hope to people who think of suicide.

Walker Cathy Ridenour, whose nephew committed suicide, said she was "struck" by all of the resources for support provided for the walkers.

"I think it's fabulous... I think they did a very thorough job," said Ridenour.

Caroline Bracco, a walker who said she struggles with ongoing depression, was excited that the walk put the act of having thoughts of suicide in the public eye. Bracco said she believes most mental health illnesses are downplayed or ignored.

Out of the Darkness offered peace to walkers who were touched by suicide, and education to walkers who do not know much about the illness. Yet the message of hope to those who think of committing suicide was summed up nicely in the words of Bracco.

"Be patient," she said. "It may get a little worse but it will get better too. Even though the light looks really, really dim, it's worth it when you get there."

• **Control Climate**. Establish proper climate for communication. Try not to judgmental comments and keep an open mind. "Don't ask for feedback if you don't care, or want it" says Boissere. When you ask someone a question, don't appear uninterested.

• Manage conflict: always focus on one topic instead of veering off course and into another argument, be specific, take a break, and think about possible solutions. "Don't think about an argument in terms of winning. Think about it as coming to an agreement, a possible compromise. Something healthy," says Boissiere.

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From Top to Bottom:

LEAD THE WAY - A group of walkers lead suicide awareness walk.

REMEMBRANCE TREE - 17 year old Cathy Vu and 17 year old Jennifer Cantu are placing their leaves on the remembrance tree in honor of their loved ones.

COLORS TO COMMEMORATE -Karen Pineo at the rack of Honor Beads choosing which beads would best define her place within suicide prevention and overall add to supporting the cause.

SHOUTING FOR AWARENESS -Debra Purvis pumps up walkers with a motivational speech.

WALKING FORWARD - Attendees walk around the campus to raise awareness.

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From New York to De Anza |Men's soccer falls to Lucas teaches dance, gains respect from students

Christine Jehng **Staff Writer**

Worked with Oprah in "The Color Purple," toured with Cher in Las Vegas, danced with Michael Jackson and Diana Ross in "The Wiz" - the list of things De Anza dance instructor Warren Lucas has accomplished is impressive.

Lucas started dancing in a jazz company in New York City when he was just a teenager. He eventually started studying dance seriously and attended a dance conservatory in North Carolina where he got a BFA in dance and joined a professional dance company. Lucas has studied all areas of dance and went to graduate school at UCLA where he received his master's degree.

He later went into show business, having worked with the aforementioned people, to just name a few. Eventually, he started teaching part-time in Los Angeles, got married, settled down, taught at about five institutions for almost 10 years, and came to De Anza to become a full-time instructor.

Marlon Datu, De Anza fourth year music major, likes the blend of independence and guidance Lucas brings to the classroom.

"He really pushes creativity and allows his students to figure

out more about themselves," said Datu. "He makes his dancers feel comfortable enough to express themselves in a different way."

Other students enjoy the personality Lucas brings to the classroom.

"There's a lot that I really admire about Warren," said Czarbelle Bato, third year law. "I feel like his personality motivates his students to come to class and the amount

of work he's done is really inspiring. He's humble, diplomatic and he gives people chances even if they don't really deserve it."

Third year undecided student Phillip Jaco enjoys the out of the box things Lucas does during class.

"Warren really is a character," said Jaco. "He makes sound effects when he's choreographing, comes up with weird nicknames for people, and sings the beats instead of counts. I love his mentality about really connecting dance to music."

Lucas teaches new dancers, and after seeing so much change, still loves what does.

"I love watching the growth and progression of the students, seeing them mature and develop their artistic sensibilities is extremely rewarding," said Lucas. "I've been dancing for almost 48 years and it has changed a lot since I started. Teaching at De Anza makes me feel connected to the younger generation and continue learning the new and fresh things out there with which I can update and reinvent myself."

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LIFE DANCER - Dance instructor Warren Lucas shows one of his many influences that have shaped his dancing career over the years.

Gavilan in 2-1 loss

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Jason Leung **Staff Writer**

De Anza Dons fell to the Gavilan Rams in a 2-1 defeat at home on Oct. 26.

The game was decided on a made field goal by Gavilan 89 minutes into regulation time. De Anza had two corner kicks shortly after the 90th minute, but was unable to capitalize.

Both teams came off aggressive early on, with the first field goal attempt from Gavilan two minutes into the game. There are a number of occasions in which De Anza reached the opposition's penalty area and failed to take advantage.

Gavilan made the first field goal of the game 39 minutes into regulation time. De Anza scored its only field goal 13 minutes into the second half.

When asked how the team felt after the loss, Coach Mark Landefeld said, "It's not a simple feeling down the field."

Landefeld praised the team for fighting well and creating opportunities to win at the end of the game. He also pointed out that some players lost focus right before Gavilan scored the game-winning goal.

"It's unfortunate," Landenfield said. You don't want to forget the good you got from the prior 44 minutes because of a mistake you made in the 45th minute. You want to learn from it but you want to build on the prior 44."

Coach Landefeld pointed out Evan Leedeman, a back for De Anza's soccer team, did a good job containing the opposing team ace player.

De Anza now falls to a record of 4-8-3 for the season.

De Anza went on to lose their last home game of the season against Hartnell on Oct. 30, with a final score of 4-1.

The Dons now look ahead to games on Nov. 6 at Ohlone and Nov. 8 at Cabrillo to round out their 2012 season.

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STEAL (ABOVE) - De Anza midfielder Michael Kute (5) tries to come up and take the ball Gavilian forward Fabian Ruis (7) during their Oct. 26 match

BLOCK (LEFT) - De Anza

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goalkeeper Bryan Franco (1) prepares to send a ball back into play towards his teammates during the Oct. 26 match against the Gavilan Rams at De Anza College. De Anza went on to lose 2-1.

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Opinions | 10 **Ballot Measures: Rich people's game**

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Benjamin Pacho Freelance Writer

At this very moment, voters at the polls are considering 11 makeor-break ballot propositions that express the will of the people-a process of direct democracy that has become widely used as a populist tool to dislodge economic interests run amok.

But, four of the initiatives are solely funded by wealthy individuals who are being opposed with equal or greater force in what has become a financial arms race generating \$336 million in campaign contributions- roughly \$25 for every residen1t, according to the California Secretary of State.

While money in politics is nothing new, the idea that one moneyed individual can shape public policy in the most populous state defies all rationale for why California Gov., Hiram Johnson, a progressive who served from 1911 to 1917 fought tooth and nail for direct democracy — which aimed to empower citizen's against wealthy entrenched interests in bed with government.

Albeit well-intentioned, wealthy elites in this election stand unabashedly by their wads of cash as they claim it's in the public's interest to pass their initiatives. Millionaires and their measures have backed controversial efforts to stop human trafficking, raise revenues for education, invest in clean energy, and expand discount cover-

age for insured motorists. Tom Steyer, the founder of a venture capitalist firm, has spent more than \$22 million on Prop 39, which closes a multi-state business tax loophole to advance a clean energy agenda. The need comes from a failed attempt to pass reforms through the State Legislature.

"It seemed as if there was a need for somebody to do something, and I have a bad enough temper that I figured I wasn't going to wait any longer," Steyer said to the New York Times.

Sharing Stever's penchant for government intervention is civil rights attorney Molly Monger and Stanford physicist Charles Munger Jr., siblings who have collectively spent over \$80 million on the Nov. 6 election, according to Maplight, a nonpartisan research organization based in Berkeley.

Charles Jr. has spent most of his \$36 million on Prop 32, which would devastate the political landscape by ceding the influence of public sector unions to corporations for control over worker's rights.

Molly's Proposition 38, polling well below for what she's spent, raises revenue for K-12 educationand is bent on derailing Gov. Brown's rivaling Prop 30, which prevents trigger cuts to higher education from going into effect in 2013

Unregulated campaign contributions have the state in litigation over a recent mystery donation of \$11 million from Americans for Responsible Leadership, a shadowy organization based in Arizona with ties to conservative causes.

The donation funded attack ads on Prop 30, prompting Gov. Brown to hit the campaign trail in Southern California last week.

Brown made his case calling the attacks "Orwellian propaganda," which has caused Prop. 30 to slide in the polls.

"We're fighting to put the truth out to the people of California, but the biggest obstacle is a phony small business committee which is the antithesis of small," Brown said. "It's big, it's powerful, it's secretive and it's deceptive."

Whether big money — transparent or not — in politics translates into electoral success is another question, considering only a third of ballot propositions in California generally pass. But government's inability to do its job in a polarized political environment has placed even greater value on ballot propositions, which special interests have seized to impose their will on the public; negating the grassroots intention behind ballot initiatives.

Increasing public disclosure of funding sources for initiative campaigns and signature-gathering efforts might help voters to decide on whether to preserve the status quo or to usher in much needed change, according to the Public Policy Institute of California.

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Prop 36 redefines three-strike law

Over 3,500 inmates

are currently serving

violent crimes.



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If Proposition 36 passes the state will save over \$70 to \$100 million annually, according to Yeson36.org. It will restore the intent of the three-strike law and

offenders will receive a life sentence only for a serious violent or crime.

Under the current law. if a felon steals from a candy store or is caught with possession of any drug, no matter how small it is, and if they al-

ready have two strikes, they will receive a life sentence.

Overcrowded prisons are causing the release of thousands of inmates a year.

Why should we risk keeping these felons for a lifetime over stealing a pair of sneakers versus a felon beating his wife?

Yeson36.org states, "Over 3,500 inmates are currently serving life sentences under the Three Strikes law for non-serious, non-violent crimes."

These minor offenses should not be categorized with violent felonies, and the incareration of the felons should be based on

the severity of the crime commited.

Ballotpedia.org states, "Inmates that are serving life sentences for these reasons can apply for a new sentence and a judge will determine whether they cause a threat to the public or not."

Felons will not be completely set free if their third strike is minor; they will still have a reasonable sentence to comply to.

So, if it will save Americans tax dollars as well as spending for the government, why are people against it?

People against this proposi-

tion say that dangerous criminals will be set free from prison without any su-

pervision. However, raplife sentences under ists, murders, or child molesters will not have the right to apply for a new sentence since this proposition prohibits anyone who has

> crimes from receiveing the benefit.

Prop 36 will impact only third strikes and not second strike offensives.

On Nov. 6 if you vote Yes on Prop 36, not only will there be more space in prisons for criminals, but it will also save California millions of dollars annually.

By voting Yes, we are not setting criminals free; we are setting a reasonable sentence for their punishment.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor,

As faculty members, we hope that our students start to demonstrate higher thinking skills when they get to college. We hope they learn to evaluate information independently, including statistical data, and the sources of such information. We hope they start to abandon simplistic reasoning, and develop complex rationale. Sadly, the editorial about women's rights from Rajvir Kaur failed miserably at this higher level analysis. First, to use Cynthia Kaufmann as an independent evaluator of Republican/Conservative thought is like using Casey Anthony as an expert on parenting skills. Ms Kaufmann clearly has views that are significantly to the left of the political spectrum, and therefore it is not appropriate to have her comment as an "independent evaluator" on a party or a philosophy with which she so strongly disagrees.

would somehow signal the end of Roe v. Wade is equally dishonest. Governor Romney is probably the most moderate of Republican presidential nominees

almost all the studies show that when compensated for all the factors, gender accounts for about 3 cents on the dollar of difference, and depending on other chosen factors, that 3 cents could be in the woman's favor. As an aggregate, the 3 cent difference is not statistically different from zero. There are instances of gender discrimination, and we have laws that address that issue, but anyone who tries to use the 77 cent statistic as evidence of the need for new laws lacks any true understanding of either economics or statistics. This may be a life changing election for many women, as for many men. Can we afford to sacrifice the future of younger generations as we continue to pile up massive debt that sometime in the future will have to be repaid, all while destroying both economic growth and our entrepreneurial spirit. Women and men must eschew incompetence for accomplishment, and we must not use 6th grade reasoning as an excuse for demogoguery.

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Second, the statement of Todd Akin was roundly and vigorously condemned by Republicans, as it was by Democrats. To imply that it represented the views of Republicans in general, even obliquely, is dishonest.

Third, to suggest that the election of Mitt Romney

in the last 35 years. Even elected Presidents like Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush, who were far more "pro-life" than Gov. Romney, did not end up creating a court that overturned Roe. Stare Decisis has set in, and the likelihood that any elected president will overturn it, let alone Governor Romney, is again lacking in evidence.

Fourth, if you are going to quote statistical data, you should at least make a minimal effort to understand the proper statistics behind them. Every person, be it a college student writing for a college paper or a national journalist, that quotes the 77 cents to every dollar a man makes statistic as evidence of gender discrimination simply is completely ignorant about proper economic statistical analysis. Many factors go into the average wage difference, from education, field of endeavor, years of experience, hours worked, and the like. There have been numerous reputable studies evaluating all these factors (and numerous disreputable ones as well), and

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2012 presidential elections: A hope for same-sex marriage

Adriana Barragan **Staff Writer**

Over the past years, the definition of marriage has been debatable. Those who are in favor of banning same-sex union strongly believe marriage is between a man and a woman. However, the opposing side argues same sex couples should be entitled to marriage.

Samesex marriage is civil а rights issue and it should be important enough to make it a constitutional law protectthe ing LGBT

community from feelings of efits. segregation.

The LGBT community does not get as much recognition as they should. They are restricted from such a simple basic right, which is the pursuit of happiness. Gay people do not get the same benefits as we all do and I strongly believe God and religion have nothing to do with this topic.

Four years ago, Proposition 8 passed, leaving same-sex couples banned from getting married in the state of California.

But why should gay people be treated any differently? After all, equality is stated under the law as one of our rights.

And in what way does the union of people in love threaten the sactity of marriage.?

It is unfair, discriminating, and is the complete opposite of what our constitution stands for.

Those against same-sex marriage argue that it is a sin to marry the same sex because it's stated in the Bible, however, in

the Bible it states also that people who get a divorce are also sinners. Basically, it all boils down to a matter of selective rea-

soning. How is that fair? They are very limited to their ben-

Marriage gives you a social marital status. It is a symbol of unity and also gives their husband/wife a decision regarding their health if they were on their deathbed.

However, this applies only to

"heterosexual" couples.

People against same sex marriages should ask themselves is it really harming our society or rather is it

offending their personal beliefs?

"I believe we should have a federal amendment in the constitution that defines marriage as a relation-

ship between a man and woman, because I believe the ideal place to raise a child is in a home with a mom and a dad." said Gov. Mitt Romney, at the Republican presidential debate in Des Moines, Iowa hosted by Fox News.

Although President Obama, is more liberal in this thought on same-sex marriage. Nothing has been brought up after the public statement given by Vice President, Joe Biden.

In an interview with ABC News, President Obama stated that although he is "evolving," he believes that it might take a few terms for this issue to be decided in court.

How many terms? Presidential terms?

For now, younger people are more accepting of it and supporters have raised far more money than those opposing.

Your race, skin color, ethnicity, religious beliefs, gender, sexual preference should not define who you are allowed to marry. Restricting gay people from having the right to marry is inhumane.

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Massachusetts was the first state to allow same sex marriage in 2004

Eight other states, Connecticut, Iowa, Vermont, New Hamp-

shire, New York, Washington, Maryland and the District of Columbia have legalized samesex marriage.

How would you feel if you did not have the right to marry someone you love because of your gender?

The pledge of allegiance states "...and in liberty and justice for all." This is not justice and not everyone had equal liberty.

It is sad how this country is supposed to be free and have all these rights, yet gays do not have the right to marry.It is absurd and unfair.

This has been going on for many years and needs to come to an end. We need to allow every individual the right to marry and pursue their happiness.

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As stated on smartvoter.org, you will just be asked for your name, address, and signature. If this is your first time voting and you didn't give any identification numbers when you were registering, then you may need a government issued photo identification such as a driver's license or student ID card. Just to be on the safe side, bring a photo ID with you. After you vote and return your ballot, you will receive an "I Voted" sticker. Wear it proudly, because you just participated in what makes our country so notable: democracy.



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To find out about candidates on the ballot, a good source would be the Sample Ballot & Voter Information Pamphlet.

This sample ballot shows you how the real ballot will look like. It also has statements from candidates for U.S. Representatives so you can know more about the candidates, both

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you did not receive the pamphlet, Santa the Clara

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Your Polling Place" and simply type in your address and it gives you the address of your polling place.

It is important to go to the

polling locations are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election

> Day. There is no time limit as to how long you may spend in the polling booth SO you can take your time when

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Giant animals by Cecilia Deck



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"How did you celebrate the Giants' World Series victory?"



Julian Nguyen, Psychology "I was at Disneyland, but I had a Bloody Mary at Trader Sam's."



Talia Alvarez, Psychology "I was at work, nad when they won... I went to the loud speaker and screamed, 'Giants won!"



Cinthia Escalera, Nursing

"I was watching the game with my kids...then I called my parents and we were all very excited. A lot of Jumping around."

Jay Lucas,

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22. Opposite of 12-across 24. ____ manual 26. Clumps of grass 27. Lace tip 28. Left fielder **Gregor Blanco** 29. Winner when heads loses 31. It often comes after poly-32. Adam and Mae 35. Money, in slang 38. Escalator feature 42. Improvises 44. Zoroastrian 45. Sticks a fork in **48.** Calm 50. Sense of taste 53. Shoestring 54. Chill 55. "Not on ___!" ("No wav!") 56. Song of praise 58. Way, way off 59. 1960s do 60. Clutter 63. Fed. property overseer

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