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Hindu celebration showcased at De Anza

Noor Hakim
Staff Writer

The lines were long but spirits were bright. De Anza students gathered in the Main Quad on Thursday Nov. 15 to celebrate the Diwali Festival as part of Diversity Events at De Anza. The Desi Student Association sponsored event which offered free henna tattoos, samosas, and performances.

Diwali, also known as The Festival of Light, is one of the most important celebrations in the Hindu calendar.

The five-day celebration marks the beginning of the Hindu calendar and is celebrated with lots of candles, lamps, lights, and fireworks. People worship Lord Ganesha, the primary Hindu God, and Goddess Lakshmi, the Goddess of prosperity and wealth.

With Bollywood songs in Hindi and Punjabi playing, a professional henna artist swiftly applied beautiful designs on the stubbornly long line of students. Henna is a temporary, plant-based tattoo that is applied as a paste onto the skin and leaves a deep red or orange color.

Near the henna table were trays of delicious-smelling samosas and tubs of coriander sauce and tamarind sauce.

Students were in for a treat, however, when performers began dancing in the Quad.

Five girls with brightly colored skirts twirled and danced to the music as the crowd of students cheered. Their synchronized dance style was enchanting and they received a big round of applause. The students of different nationalities who have come together to celebrate this event were the ones who made this event truly memorable.

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Already stretched custodial staff braces for more budget cuts

Christine Jehng
Staff Writer

Maria Salazares and her staff start their day long before students have arrived at De Anza College.

"I'm not supposed to, but if I can, I like to open everything up and have everything ready by 6 o'clock," she said.

"That way, I have more time during my eight-hour shift to work on other things that need to get done."

De Anza College, like any other public school, is experiencing its share of fiscal issues and budget cuts.

One department that is feeling the devastation is the custodial operations.

"I've been at De Anza for 17 years and this is the worst I have ever seen it," said Salazares.

Donna Jones-Dulin, associate vice president of Finance and Educational Resources agreed.

"I've been here for 12 years and I'm not happy," she said.

The Finance and Educational Resources Planning and Budgeting Team has proposed reducing the current budget by almost 7 percent,

making a serious impact to the way the grounds and custodial staff operate.

Salazares said that the major cuts to her staff affect custodians tremendously as they have to prioritize and reduce their services.

Their main focus is restrooms and classrooms and the rest, whenever they get the chance.

Grounds staff has been reduced from 11 to four employees over the last five years, which results in each grounds keeper individually tending to over 20 acres each day.

Custodial staff has been reduced from 28 to 22 employees and each has to clean anywhere from 36,221 square feet to 51,744 square feet each day.

Jones-Dulin said although De Anza has to face these inevitable cuts, they have tried the best they can in efforts to help the understaffed custodians.

"We've known that there were going to be budget cuts so if people leave either for retirement or other positions, we save those positions," she said.

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Prop 30 celebration held at East Cottage

Sally Lee
Staff Writer

Students and faculty held a celebration at De Anza's East Cottage on Nov. 9 after a successful campaign of various propositions on the Nov. 6 ballot.

Uncertainty and fear of Prop 30 loomed over De Anza since the beginning of fall quarter and had all the teachers and students on the edge of their seats.

To help get out the vote and spread the word about this crucial election, the Faculty Association created an internship program of 10 students from De Anza and Foothill Colleges to work advocate for Prop 30 and San Jose's Measure D.

Bob Stockwell, a political science professor, and Cynthia Kaufman, director of the Institute for Community and Civic Engagement, praised the students and faculty for their efforts.

"All of those were successful and students reached out and reg-

istered students and identified almost 3,000 student supporters," said Stockwell.

Kaufman's office received a \$100,000 grant from the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters to register people to vote.

A past student of Kaufman's was hired to make a video ad.

In addition, Kaufman helped coordinate three groups: My Vote Our Future, the Faculty Association Political Action Committee, and the DASB Senate.

Hoi Yung Poon, campaign director for My Vote, Our Future said this was only the beginning.

"Hopefully this will grasp a good direction for our country and state," she said.

"We need to continue to push it, otherwise, nothing's going to happen. I hope young people will continue to get involved."

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MONDAY, NOV. 19

CSU APPLICATION WORKSHOP

12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Conference Room 202,
Student & Community Services Bldg., 2nd Floor
General guidelines on how to submit the fall 2013 California State University online application for admission. Admission to the workshop is free. For more information visit www.deanza.edu/transfercenter/workshops.html

TUESDAY, NOV. 20

TRANSGENDER REMEMBRANCE DAY WORKSHOP

10 a.m. to Noon
MCC (PGA/PDA)
A workshop on creating an inclusive campus for transgender students, faculty, and staff led by Tiffany Woods. Woods is the program coordinator for TransVision, Tri-City Health Center. For more information contact Veronica Neal Director of Equity Office at nealveronica@deanza.edu

ARTIST TALK

11:30 A.M. to 12:15 p.m.
Euphrat Museum of Art, VPA 101
In conjunction with Art of Education: De Anza & Foothill Art Faculty/Staff Exhibition, Eugene Rodriguez will speak about his work. This event is open to the public and admission is free. Refreshments will be provided. For more information contact Diana Argabrite at 408-864-5464 or argabritediana@fhda.edu

TRANSGENDER REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMUNITY CONVERSATION WITH GUEST SPEAKER TIFFANY WOODS

1:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.
Euphrat Museum of Art
Tiffany Woods is a well-known transgender leader and activist in the San Francisco Bay area. She is a graduate of the CDC/ASPH Institute for HIV Prevention Leadership (2005) where she attained scholar of the year and is currently on Fellows Advisory Committee. For more information contact Veronica Neal at nealveronica@fhda.edu

SLEEP! A WELLNESS EVENT

2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Hinson Campus Center, Conference Rooms A&B
Attend this free workshop with key presenter William Dement, sleep research pioneer from Stanford University, to learn how you can improve your sleep habits and feel energized for your classes. For more information contact Mary Sullivan at sullivanmary@deanza.edu

UC APPLICATION WORKSHOP

5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Administration Building, Room 109 (ADM109)
General guidelines on how to submit the fall 2013 University of California online application for admission. Admission to the workshop is free. For more information visit www.deanza.edu/transfercenter/workshops.html

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21

UC APPLICATION WORKSHOP

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Conference Room 202,
Student & Community Services Bldg., 2nd Floor
General guidelines on how to submit the fall 2013 University of California online application for admission. Admission to the workshop is free. For more information visit www.deanza.edu/transfercenter/workshops.html

THURSDAY, NOV. 22

THANKSGIVING RECESS

The campus will be closed Nov. 22-25 for Thanksgiving Recess.

FRIDAY, NOV. 23

THANKSGIVING RECESS

The campus will be closed Nov. 22-25 for Thanksgiving Recess.

TUESDAY, NOV. 27

LEARN ABOUT ANXIETY

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Hinson Campus Center,
El Clemente Room
This workshop is educational and not intended to provide diagnosis or treatment.

For more information contact Mary Sullivan at sullivanmary@deanza.edu

CSU APPLICATION WORKSHOP

12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Conference Room 202,
Student & Community Services Bldg., 2nd Floor
General guidelines on how to submit the fall 2013 California State University online application for admission. Admission to the workshop is free. For more information visit www.deanza.edu/transfercenter/workshops.html

UC APPLICATION WORKSHOP

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 California online application for admission. Admission to the workshop is free. For more information visit www.deanza.edu/transfercenter/workshops.html

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28

"OCCUPATION 101": DOCUMENTARY FILM SHOWING

3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Hinson Campus Center,
Conference Room B
Students for Justice and the Muslim Student Assoc. present the movie screening and discussion of "Occupation 101", a documentary film about the current and historical root causes of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and U.S. Government involvement. Food and drinks will be provided, and admission is free. For more information contact the Muslim Students Association Club at deanzamsa@gmail.com

FRIDAY, NOV. 30

MLC BUILDING OPENING CELEBRATION

1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Celebrate the opening of the new Media and Learning Center. Learn about its state-of-the-art technology and classrooms, LEED Platinum rating and unique sustainability features. Tours will be held and refreshments will be provided. Free parking in the Flint Center Parking Garage will be available during the event time. To

RSVP or get more information, contact the President's Office at 408-864-8705 or president@deanza.edu

DE ANZA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

7 p.m.
Visual And Performing Arts Center,
Auditorium
Sponsored by the Creative Arts Division, Music Department. Admission is \$5 for students and seniors, and \$10 for the general public. For more information contact Loren Tayerle at tayerleloren@fhda.edu

SATURDAY, DEC. 1

DE ANZA FLEA MARKET

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Campus Parking Lots A and B
The Flea Market is held on the first Saturday of every month (rain, shine or holidays) in Campus Parking Lots A and B. For more information go to <http://www.deanza.edu/fleamarket/>

FUJITSU PLANETARIUM ASTRONOMY AND LASER SHOWS

5 P.M. to 11 p.m.
Fujitsu Planetarium
Admission for astronomy shows is \$7; laser shows \$9. For more information go to <http://www.deanza.edu/planetarium/>

TUESDAY, DEC. 4

LEARN ABOUT DEPRESSION

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Hinson Campus Center, El Clemente Room
This workshop is educational and not intended to provide diagnosis or treatment. For more information contact Mary Sullivan at sullivanmary@deanza.edu

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5

DANCE DEMO

7 p.m.
Visual and Performing Arts Center,
Auditorium
Admission is free. For more information contact Warren Lucas at lucaswarren@fhda.edu

THURSDAY, DEC. 6

1st THURSDAY - THE OPEN MIC SERIES

5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Euphrat Museum in the Visual & Performing Arts Center
Join De Anza students, faculty and staff and participate in the fusion of spoken word, poetry, and hip hop. Admission is free. For more information contact the De Anza Black Student Union at deanzabsu@gmail.com

3rd THURSDAY FILM FESTIVAL

6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Location TBA
An evening of film and dialogue, hosted by the African American Studies Department. The film "Michelle Alexander Presents the New Jim Crow" will be played. This event will be held on the first Thursday for December only. For more information contact Julie Lewis at lewisjulie@fhda.edu

ANNOUNCEMENT

ART OF EDUCATION: DE ANZA & FOOTHILL ART AND FACULTY SHOW

Through Dec. 7
10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
VPA 101
The art show is sponsored by the Euphrat Museum of Art. Exhibits will include work by De Anza and Foothill faculty/staff. Admission is free.
Diana Argabrite at 408-864-5464.

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH PROGRAM

Nominate a Special Staff Professional
As an effort to honor great workers during these hard times of budget cuts and layoffs, please nominate a Staff Professional. Include clear examples of what your nominee does above and beyond regular duties or job description. The more we know, the better we can review your special Staff Professional and make a selection. Please review our website at www.deanza.edu/eom/

October's Employee of the Month:
Melody Cheney
To learn more about her visit www.deanza.edu/eom

JOURNALISM OPEN HOUSE

Join the team that puts out La Voz Weekly. We are seeking reporters, copy editors, graphic artists, photographers, video reporters, cartoonists, illustrators and web producers.

Meet the staff, see our productions lab, find out how to participate and which classes to take. Ask about our AA in Journalism!

Tuesday, Dec. 4
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
La Voz Lab
Room L-41

Refreshments will be served.

"What do you like about journalism?"

Quotes from current and former La Voz editors and reporters

"I like journalism because it's an attempt at understanding the world."
Sara Gobets

"Journalism is taking someone's nuance and essence and boiling it down to two sentences. It's a huge responsibility."
Bryce Druzin

"It's a great learning experience and you get to work with people who are like-minded. At the same time you get to have different ideas and mindsets, yet everyone is working towards the same goal. You get to write your own articles and put your own opinion into it sometimes. It's very personal."
Arthur Huang

"Journalism is great because it lets you share everything that is going on in your community or even the world with anyone who reads your articles. You can inform and raise issues that need to be known. In addition to recording history and important events, you're informing everyone."
Max Keil

"I like that journalism is an interactive experience. It's not like a chalkboard session with the teacher; it's more like hands-on learning. You go out, you report. It's like a business."
Brenda Norrie

"I think that journalism has power to influence people's opinion. The journalism profession is risky but also very influential in society. I want to honor the greatest and bravest journalists who were killed for their job."
Nadia Banchik

"You get to work with a group of people with common interests, who are outgoing and want to get down to the facts."
Radhika Iyer

"It's a class where you're always honing your craft. You're always getting better."
Mariah Bravo

De Anza students clean up campus: Cigarette butts, paper, cups strewn around



photos courtesy of Sally Lee | La Voz

**Sally Lee
Staff Writer**

The DASB Environmental Sustainability Committee sponsored campus clean-up day on Nov. 8.

The people who attended were assigned to six teams that cleaned up different areas of campus to search for items that did not make it into the ‘Recycle and ‘Trash’ bins.

Although it was cut short by rain, many students took the liberty to help pick up litter.

Common sightings all over the De Anza campus are cigarette butts strewn across the sidewalk while random pieces of cups and paper fly around.

While there are trashcans placed in nearly every corner of campus, many seem to find it more convenient to toss it onto the floor.

When a cigarette butt is picked up, another batch of 20 appears out of nowhere.

It’s a vicious cycle between students and the De Anza custodians.

Student Sarah Katleman said she was frustrated at all the cigarette butts in the smoking area.

“It’s mind blowing since the trash can is right there,”

she said.

Campus clean-up day was held to liven up student spirits for a cleaner campus.

“It’s great and we get to help clean up campus,” said DASB senator Veena Bhatia.

De Anza ground-keepers each tend to over 20 acres of clean up every day.

Additionally, budget cuts are dwindling De Anza’s funds and the area each custodian is given responsibility for is expected to increase.

If students take care of their own trash, it will greatly help the overall health of the littered De Anza Campus.

Teachers like Julie Phillips from the Environmental Studies Department helped encourage more students to participate by offering extra credit opportunities.

For more information on where the designated smoking areas are located, a map can be downloaded from the DASB Environmental Sustainability Committee website at www.deanza.edu/dasb/committees/es/cleanup.html.

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With fewer custodial staff members, the responsibility falls onto the students to clean up after themselves.

Jones-Dulin said the staff wants to present De Anza as a very clean and welcoming environment for all students.

All the littering and graffiti, especially on the new buildings are beyond their control.

“For every moment that we have to clean up after students, it takes away from the time that we can be doing something else,” she said.

The number of tedious tasks that custodians have to perform cannot even be completed in a standard eight-hour workday.

But even through all this stress and chaos, De Anza custodians still come to work with a positive attitude.

“I don’t think the students realize that our custodians take a great deal of pride in their work and they’re feeling bad that they can’t do it all,” said Jones-Dulin.

Salazares said she wants to put her signatures on everything she puts her time and energy into.

“Even if no one is watching me it’s something that I

should be proud of. I do my best,” she said.

Salazares said that De Anza is a very important place for her.

“Everything I have come from my paycheck so why should I think differently,” she said.

Looking ahead, Jones-Dulin said she hopes that things get better for the custodial staff.

Staff and faculty always strive to make De Anza students feel as though they are on a college campus and not just a higher-level high school.

And although the budget cuts are working against them at the moment, they will still strive for that goal.

“Hopefully in the next couple years, if the budget picks up, the custodial staff will definitely be high on our priority list of trying to [re-build],” Jones-Dulin said.

“But until then, we just have to work with what we have and pray that we don’t have any more cuts.”

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Prop 30 success: Students relieved

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Staff Writer

The passing of Prop 30 left some De Anza students with the feelings of relief and happiness, while others were oblivious about this proposition and how it directly affected them.

Proposition 30 is an initiated constitutional amendment that was created by California Gov. Jerry Brown, and approved on the Nov. 6 ballot.

Community colleges across the state had a lot at stake if the "No's" on Prop 30 outweighed the "Yes".

Eleven percent of tax revenues from Prop. 30 will go towards funding community colleges, and if 30 failed, a trigger cut of \$6 billion would have gone into effect immediately.

Jamileh Darbaandi, a 20-year-old undeclared major, expressed her relief about Prop. 30 passing, and said that if it didn't pass, she felt it would have added more stress.

"It would have been harder on the students," she said.

Darbaandi said if funds were cut from higher education, the competition to be accepted into

the UC's and CSU's would be raised higher, and students would feel even more pressure and stress because their chances of being accepted into four-year universities would be cut down.

Collin Haworth a 19-year-old undeclared major, was happy at the passing of Prop. 30 and said it showed that voters wanted the best for students and their education.

"It's nice to know that the people still care about us students who are dealing with issues like less classes, less teachers, and less resources," he said.

"By voting 'Yes' on 30, people are telling us that they want us to have the best education we can get."

If Prop 30 failed to pass, Haworth said he would have an "uncomfortable feeling" for the future of higher education in California.

Muhammad McCabe, a 27-year-old history major said he would have been angry and disappointed at the public if Prop 30 did not pass.

"It would just show that the rich people in this state are being selfish and don't care about us students who are struggling to

get a good education," he said.

In spite of the multi-million dollar stakes for De Anza's budget, and despite the huge amount of advertising for Prop. 30 across campus, many students were oblivious to the affect this Proposition would have on them.

Several students admitted that they didn't know enough about the proposition to give an opinion about it, and said they didn't vote on it.

If Prop 30 had failed De Anza would have faced \$5.4 million worth of cuts.

The college's planning and budget committee had been working on proposals for how to make the cuts mid-year if necessary.

Since Prop 30 passed, the college will be spared mid-year cuts, but still must cut up to \$2.8 million from its budget.

The cuts will come from program elimination and layoffs in the area of instruction, student services and finance.

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President Murphy thanks DASB Senate

Kelsey Purpura
Staff Writer

De Anza College President Brian Murphy praised the DASB Senate at its meeting Nov. 7 for its efforts to get out the vote for Prop 30.

The proposition passed with an 8 percent margin which was above Murphy's expectations.

Senators were estatic about Prop. 30's passing.

"I think that because we all got together as a senate and worked on getting the word about Prop 30 out, I feel like that definitely connected us all and made us more together," said Katherine Perng, chair of student rights and services.

Samantha Segovia, the secretary for the DASB, will be resigning on Nov. 21 and the position will be open.

Mary Sullivan, from Health Services told senators about upcoming events.

On Nov. 20, William Dement from the Stanford Sleep

Clinic is coming to De Anza to speak about sleep habits and proper sleep hygiene.

Dement, the founder of the world's first sleep laboratory and the five stages of sleep will be speaking at Conference Rooms A and B.

He will out hand materials needed for sleep hygiene.

"If you have an opportunity, come see it," Sullivan said

The senate also discussed its upcoming midterm senate elections and explained the eligibility criteria.

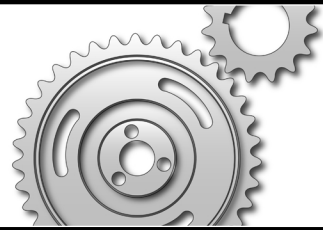
In order to be eligible, one must attend three senate meetings during the quarter.

For more information on senate meeting and how to get involved, contact Pablo Zamorano at DASBPresident@deanza.edu.

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ADMINISTRATION

MONDAY | 5:30 p.m. | Senate office



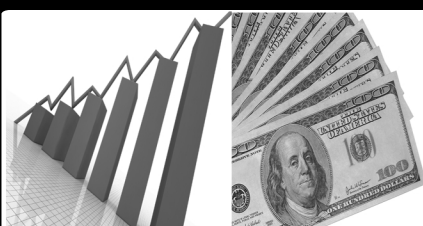
Diversity and Events

MONDAY | 3:30 p.m. | Santa Cruz Room



environmental sustainability

FRIDAY | 1:45 p.m. | Senate office



FINANCE

MONDAY | 3:30 pm | Student Council Chambers B



MARKETING

TUESDAY | 5:30 p.m. | Senate office



STUDENT RIGHTS & SERVICES

THURSDAY | 5:30 p.m. | Student Council Chambers B

Poet couple read their works: Social media helps connect them to new fans



CAUGHT IN THE SPOKEN WORD - Students gather in the MCC building to hear poetry from poets Kline and Perham.
SPEAKERS OF THE DAY - Brittany Perham (left) and Peter Kline (right) share their thoughts with De Anza students about poetry.

Dorothy Holford
Staff Writer

Poetry was alive and well at the “A Killer Poetry Reading,” Nov. 13.

The event was held at De Anza’s Multicultural Center and hosted by Intro to Poetry and English 1A professor Bob Dickerson.

The poets, Peter Kline and Brittany Perham met because of their shared interest for the written word. They’re both accomplished writers touting many letters and awards, yet they manage to maintain writing styles that are different from each other’s.

“I can’t imagine doing this

without her,” Kline said.

Perham writes of family, both hers and others. Her poems find the tender places of love, devotion and strength during tragic times. Perham finds the words to help her talk about her younger brother who is a cancer survivor and shares those words in her book “The Curiosities.”

Kline’s poetry has an aggressive edge that’s challenging and questioning. The passage of manhood and the complexities of love from a male perspective ring throughout his work.

During the Q-and-A session, both shared their struggles as

poets in modern society, pointing out that reading is a dying art, which makes it more problematic for poets.

But social media has helped writers and artist gain loyal fans.

“We have a website; it’s made it possible for people around the world to read our poems,” said Perham. “It feels good when readers take the time to connect with us.”

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DA photo prof, vet, recalls return from war



photo by Michael Mannina | La Voz Weekly

Kim Saminathen
Staff Writer

Twelve months, four days, 16 hours, and 28 seconds. Wilfredo Castaño counted down the time he spent in Vietnam until he returned home to the U.S., the day he regards as the happiest day of his life.

It has been four decades since Castaño’s return from the Vietnam War. Castaño, a Marine Corp veteran, is now a photography instructor at De Anza College.

“For many years I have blocked it out, but lately it’s starting to come back to me,” Castaño said.

He remembers the few happy memories he shared bonding with other soldiers and making friendships.

Castaño developed the love of photography in Vietnam. He bought a camera before he deployed overseas and took pictures of himself, soldiers and the daily scenery. Many of the photos he still keeps.

“It meant more to me at that time than just a hobby,” he said.

Cpl. Castaño’s transition into civilian life was a traumatic experience. He landed at the Tucson, Ariz. airport with all his belongings stuffed in a military issued green bag. While he was waiting at the airport, he watched

a family escort an Army Green Beret in a wheelchair.

“He was missing limbs and half his face,” Castaño said. “Seeing that makes you grateful for all that you have, even if it’s not much.”

Castaño left Tucson and traveled to California to follow his passion for photography at the San Francisco Art Institute. He used the GI bill to earn a master’s degree in English and a B.F.A in art.

He worked graveyard shifts at night, and hacked as a photographer during the day.

He remembers the first photo he took while he was still a student.

“The Union Hotel was on fire, and there was smoke coming out of the window,” Castaño said. “I jumped off the bus and tried to go inside, but the firemen threw me out.”

Castaño took the shot, and ran three blocks to the San Francisco Chronicle newspaper building. They published his photo.

“They gave me a roll of film, and \$35 dollars,” Castaño said. “I rolled lucky 7’s that day.”

Castaño has been teaching photography at De Anza since fall 1988.

Castaño believes that the De Anza Veteran Services is beneficial to student veterans trying to adjust back to civilian life.

“Guys coming back often walk into a void or a vacuum,” he said. “The support and help De Anza gives them lets them know they are not alone.”

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Palo Alto University is a private, non-profit university, located in Palo Alto, California. Established in 1975, PAU has long been a leader in graduate level education in psychology. Most recently, PAU has partnered with the Foothill-De Anza Community College District to offer innovative Bachelor degree completion programs for transfer students seeking specialization in psychology.

Where to donate on campus this holiday season

Second Harvest Food Bank

See list of collection bin locations at deanza.edu/news/2012holidaygiving
Donation list asks for canned meals, canned tuna or meat, peanut butter, low sugar cereals, juice boxes and more. The Holiday Food and Fun Drive continues until Jan. 20

Toys for Tots

Drop off bin located at De Anza bookstore
Donations must be new, unwrapped toys or gifts for infant children through age 18. Toys for Tots drive continues until Dec. 18

West Valley Community Services

10104 Vista Drive, Cupertino, Calif. 95014
Donation list asks for cereal,

oatmeal, canned food items, fresh vegetables, fresh fruits, flour, oil, condiments and more. Adopt-A-Family program offers volunteers to give gifts to needy families through wish list. Go to www.wvcommunityservices.org for more details.

Sacred Heart Community Service

1381 South First Street, San Jose, Calif. 95122
Donations list ask for bus passes, grocery gift cards, hygiene supplies, backpacks, clothing and more. Go to www.sacredheartcs.org/donate for more details.

BLACK FRIDAY MAYHEM



Tips, tricks, and deals for holiday shopping

Lydia Tuan
Staff Writer

While Black Friday is the day for savings and mayhem, don't get caught up in the moment and stampede into the nearest store without being sure which way you're headed.

DoorbusterDeals

According to Shoppers Shop, Old Navy will open its doors at midnight on Friday, and will

also offer free Super Mario Bros U video game for the Wii with any \$40 purchase to the first few shoppers in line. Clothing stores including Banana Republic will be offering 40 percent off entire purchases to their customers.

The must-have Apple Mac product this holiday season will be the MacBook Air, which has dropped to \$700 from its normal price tag of \$999.

But, some of these sales are for a limited time only and may run out fast. Some items at Old Navy only go on sale from midnight to 4 a.m., so head out early if you don't want to miss these deals.

Tech Help

According to TechNews Daily, many Black Friday merchants want to sell older models of devices and off-brands. Many of these devices

are in limited supply. To avoid getting scammed on Black Friday deals, TechNews Daily advises buyers to use Smartphone apps like RedLaser, which compares prices of retail items within the user's vicinity with the simple swipe of the item's barcode. Buyers can use apps like RedLaser to check if they are really getting a good deal.

If you would rather avoid the hassle of crowded malls and crazed shoppers, stores like Levi's have applied their Black Friday discounts to online purchases so shoppers can save money from the comfort of their own home.

The Magic of Gift Cards

For those of you getting started on your holiday shopping this Black Friday, you can also get holiday discounts on gift cards, which will make future shopping cheaper. Barnes & Noble is offering a free \$10 gift card for every \$75 in gift cards bought online or in stores from Nov. 2 to Dec. 2. Target will also give \$10 gift cards when you spend \$50 or more in apparel, accessories and home items, but only from 4 a.m. to noon on Friday.

Match Prices on the Spot

Some retailers like Target will match their store price to online retailers like Amazon, Walmart.com and BestBuy.com. To do a price match, all you have to do is show the current online price to the cashier along with the original receipt of

the product you bought to get back the difference.

But, you must read the fine print before going through with a price match. Target's price match excludes Black Friday deals from Nov. 23 to 26, as well as online prices from Amazon's Daily Deals, Lightning Deals, Gold Box Deals and others. Always read the terms and conditions thoroughly before asking for a refund.

Know the Return Policy

Make sure to ask for the gift receipt and give it to the recipient so they can get their money back if they wish to make a return. Return policy for stores during the holiday season are usually different from the store's normal return policy. Wal-Mart will accept returns made within 90 days of purchase with a receipt. Costco's return policy is more generous; customers have 365 days to return items. Shipping and handling charges made on Costco's online shopping website will also be reimbursed.

To get the best out of Black Friday, come up with a reasonable budget and stick to it. Some Black Friday deals don't save you much at all, and with Christmas just around the corner, there may be bigger deals heading your way.

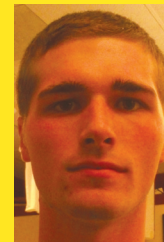
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"What I am thankful for is having family that means everything to me. Knowing that I belong to a gigantic family that doesn't care about my faults or weaknesses. To us, family and friends will always come first."

- Erica Jonoud

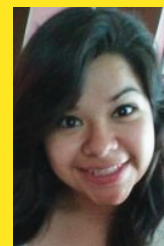


"Im thankful for family and my friends that are in my life. Ohh... and I can't forget about my crazy girlfriend. One love!" - Kyle Owen Dolton



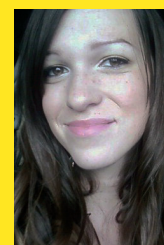
"I am thankful for my healthy children God has blessed me with for having food on the table and my job."

- Alejandra Rosales



"Thankful because my dad went through surgery and thank goodness he made it through and is still with us today. And last but not least I am thankful to have such an amazing boyfriend that cares"

- Erika Anguiano



"I'm thankful for the people and experiences in my life that have made me who I am today."

- Jamie Keddy

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			<p>Burger of the Week: Ze Greek - Grass Fed Angus Beef, Fresh Thyme and Oregano, Cumin & Smoked Paprika, Tzatziki Spread, American Cheese</p>	

Diwali Festival



HENNA DESIGN (TOP) - Shanee Singer, 19, gets an exquisite design by a professional henna artist at the Diwali Festival.
THE SPIRIT OF ART (TOP RIGHT) - Maryam Naseem, 18, looks at artwork for sale at the Diwali Festival in the Main Quad.
INDIAN CUISINE (MIDDLE) - Samosas being distributed in the Diwali Festival.
HENNA FLOWERS (MIDDLE RIGHT) - Professional henna design delicately applied at the Diwali Festival.
HENNA LETTERS (BOTTOM) - Dante Accarizzi, 20 gets a Henna tattoo at the Diwali Festival in the Main Quad.
DEWALI FESTIVAL (MIDDLE LEFT) - Students wait in line to receive a henna tattoo at the Diwali Festival in the Main Quad on Nov. 15.
TRADITIONAL DANCE (TOP LEFT) - Performers dance to a traditional Indian dance at the Diwali Festival.
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Chinese Americans mix traditions

Wen Lee
Staff Writer

Chinese Americans enrich American holidays with little touches of their own culture.

Holidays that celebrate autumn's harvest in the spirit of gratitude are found all over the world too, yet in the U.S., Chinese communities add their own flavor to Thanksgiving meal preparations.

Chinese instructor Francis Lai said depending on the level of assimilation experienced by Chinese-American families, recipes might differ from the traditional prepared Thanksgiving meals, but most will get the family together for a grand meal on Thanksgiving.

"Many Chinese families stuff Turkeys with sticky rice," Lai said.

If you walk into any Chinese market in California and order a Thanksgiving meal from the deli you will get turkey, but don't expect potatoes or cranberry sauce.

A Chinese American Thanksgiving meal will most likely include fried rice, chow mein or both. You'll also get some stir-fried seafood, prawns or crab if you're lucky.

As for dessert, don't expect traditional American apple pie.

You'll likely get decorated sweets made with red beans. Marina supermarket, located blocks away from De Anza, encourages curious partakers to check out a Chinese Thanksgiving meal at their deli.

Even for Chinese communities in Asia, holidays that give thanks for a fall harvest can strike a resemblance to American Thanksgiving.

The rural villages in Southern Taiwan celebrate a holiday called Xie Ping Ahn, "the ritual of giving thanks for peace." Celebrated near Nov. 15, entire villages hold ceremonies during the day and give thanks to traditional Taoist deities for the bountiful harvest of the year, according to Mandarin department chair Hua-Fu Liu.

At night, Liu said, the people put on banquets in the streets and everyone would feast in a big block party atmosphere. "This tradition is mostly in the countryside," Liu said, unlike the way Thanksgiving is celebrated everywhere in the U.S.

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Korean Thanksgiving in August

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Staff Writer

Chuseok is a three-day long holiday starting Aug. 14 of the lunar calendar. It's the time of the year to celebrate nature's bounty, pay respect to loved ones who passed on and reminisce together with family on all the things to be grateful for.

Keonchan Kim, criminology major said he loved to "talk [with family] and take a rest because it's a long holiday."

About two weeks before Chuseok, families clear weed and bushes from ancestor gravesites, called Beolcho, otherwise ancestors will arrive dirty and beaten up to the offerings on Korean Thanksgiving.

On Chuseok, everyone dresses in traditional Korean clothing called Hanbok. Each Hanbok is like a painting of the Korean nation. Bright primary colors are used to symbolize the flowers and rivers of Korea, while the blank canvases of the fabric inspire empathy.

Cultural sites, like ancient palaces and temples, help advocate wearing Hanbok by allowing free entry if attendees are dressed in Hanbok on Korean Thanksgiving.

Cha-rae, a celebration of cooking for ancestors, is the first priority for families. All the meals must be made using freshly

harvested vegetables during the celebration of nature's bounty. From eldest to youngest, family members pay their respects by bowing to ancestors and enjoying the food together.

The celebration continues until the evening to celebrate the time of the year when the moon is the brightest. Since ancient times, farmers used the moon to mark when to end or start harvest.

Families dance and make Songpyeon, rice cake. Seongpyeon is about the same of a small golf ball and it's filled with different kinds of beans like red beans. Each filling has its own meaning such as wish to fulfill one's studies. It's a tradition that the person who make the most beautiful songpyeon will meet a good spouse or give birth to a beautiful baby.

Dancing is an important tradition to remember Korean history. During the Joseon Dynasty of Korea (1392-1910), women dressed in military uniform with the men and circled around the mountains of enemy troops to bluff the size of the Korean military resulting in many wars won through scare tactics.

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Fact or Fiction: Thanksgiving Quiz

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1 What foods were known to have been served at the very first Thanksgiving?
 a. Fowl and fish
 b. Turkey
 c. Mashed potatoes

2 About how many pounds of turkey are consumed during Thanksgiving annually?
 a. Seven hundred thousand
 b. Seven million
 c. Seven billion

3 The modern Thanksgiving holiday as we know it traces its origins from a celebration that took place in what year?
 a. 1621
 b. 1776
 c. 1492

4 The first Thanksgiving is thought to have taken place in the Plymouth Colony, which was in what present-day state?
 a. Virginia
 b. Massachusetts
 c. Connecticut

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5 Prior to the declaration of Thanksgiving as a national holiday, the following were the only other US national holidays in existence except for:
 a. Independence Day
 b. Christmas
 c. Washington's birthday

6 Who said this quote: "I love Thanksgiving turkey. It's the only time in Los Angeles when you see natural breasts."
 a. Hugh Hefner
 b. Donald Trump
 c. Arnold Schwarzenegger

Women's basketball preview

The women of De Anza basketball share thoughts on the upcoming season



RAJVIR KAUR | La Voz Weekly

LADY DONS - The 2012-13 women's basketball team of De Anza College smile as season starts.

Jason Leung Staff Writer

After a 15-13 season and a first round knockout in playoffs, the De Anza College women's basketball team is looking ahead to this season.

This year's basketball team features 12 freshmen on a 13-player active roster.

Head coach Arden Kragalott said the inexperience of the players at the collegiate level contributed to a loss against East Los Angeles in the Mission College Tournament finals held on Nov. 9, 10 and 11.

The Dons placed second in the tournament championship after losing to East L.A., 47-41.

"We had a wakeup call," Kragalott said.

She said the team needs to improve on the physical and mental aspects of the game in order to have a successful year.

As far as team chemistry goes, Kragalott said it is not a problem.

"The more you play together, the better the chemistry gets. I definitely preach team basketball," she said.

"What we run on offense and what we do on defense, you have to have a certain role you have to play. The

kids have bought into that."

The Dons will be playing four straight away games after the home opener against San Joaquin Delta College.

Kragalott said, "Being on the road as far as how the season is scheduled is actually going to make us tougher. They really need to be locked in and focused."

On the offensive end of the game, Coach Kragalott said the team will be running a motion offense which features very few isolation plays.

"Guard play is one of our team's strengths," she said. "That's why we're doing a lot of pick and roll, dribble drives right now."

On the defensive end of the floor, the coach said she wants the team to be solid.

"We're lacking right now in our man-to-man skills, which we're working hard at every day, and our help side defense is not real good yet," she said. "So, we're playing a lot more trapping zones right now, and trying to catch up on our man principles. We're not a gambling defense. We want to be real solid - limit second chance opportunities, box out."

Alex Scoffone, the sophomore

center, is considered to be the most important player on the team.

Kragalott said, "I think opponents will start getting more physical with her and try to double down on her, so that should open up our guards a lot more."

She praised Scoffone's leadership and focus.

Looking ahead in the season, Kragalott said the team's goal will be to make the playoffs.

"We've made the playoffs in the five out of the last seven years. Having a successful season is getting a chance to play in the playoffs."

Freshman pointguard Shayla McPhearson said that as long as they work as a team and work hard, "we [can] go far and accomplish a lot."

Point guard Melissa Cabrera added, "If we work hard together as a team, we [can] win the Norcal Conference."

The Dons' first home game will tip off tomorrow, at De Anza at 3 p.m. against the San Joaquin Delta College.

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Women's Basketball Schedule 2012-13				
Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Tuesday	Nov. 20	San Joaquin	De Anza	3 p.m.
Tuesday	Nov. 27	Diablo Valley	Pleasant Hill	5 p.m.
Friday	Dec. 21	Chabot College	Hayward	5 p.m.
Friday	Jan. 4	College of San Mateo	De Anza	5 p.m.

TIPS TO AVOID BINGE EATING

Adriana Barragan Staff Writer

The holidays are coming up. That means many parties, food, and drinks.

Especially on Thanksgiving, it is very easy to overeat with all the temptations surrounding you.

The smells, the clatter in the kitchen, the laughter, kids running around stealing food, you might be tempted to sneak away some for yourself.

Here are a few helpful tips to guide you in the right direction so you won't have to worry about a dress or suit fitting for New Years.

1. Be active

According to examiner.com, before eating dinner, plan something active whether it be playing catch, ping pong, basketball, or football. It is a great way to burn some calories and make room for all those calories you'll intake later.

2. Eat breakfast

You may think that by skipping out on breakfast you won't gain as much calories but think again. Msnbc.com states that "Meal skipping leads to overeating later." Those who skip breakfast will be the first ones to go for the

appetizers and will lose control over their food choices since they are overly hungry.

3. Balance out your meal

Before heading straight to mash potatoes and turkey, try loading up on your vegetables first. Don't like the taste of vegetables? Squirt some lime on them, it'll give them a tasty citrus taste and also adds antioxidants.

4. Take a walk

Nutritionist Christina Major recommends taking a short 15-30-minute walk after eating instead of taking a nap. Walking will help fight off your sleepiness and help digest the food you ate. Walking will also speed up your metabolism.

With a dinner table full of food, it can be easy to overload your stomach. But taking a few minutes to watch how you eat may help you keep off an inch or two.

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Men's basketball dominates Skyline

After a slow start, Dons take lead and beat Skyline College, 63-46

Rajvir Kaur
Sports Co-editor

The De Anza College men's basketball team took charge Thursday night, Nov. 15, and fought its way to victory against the Skyline Trojans.

After a tough start to the season, when the Dons lost both games in the Las Positas Tournament, the team came together and took the lead at Skyline and never gave it back.

Playing consistently for the full 40 minutes, all players contributed to the win and did things they didn't

do the previous week during the tournament said head coach Jason Damjanovic.

With starters Abu Tratter, Shaquille Gilbert, and Devontae Bryant fouling out with two fouls each early in the first half, Damjanovic pulled players off the bench and put them into play.

"The bench contributed quite a bit to the win," he said. "They [played] a lot of the first half."

At the end of the first quarter, Skyline trailed De Anza by 3, with a score of 28-25.

Coming back in the second half, Tratter was "extremely active" as Damjanovic put it, ending with eight rebounds and a total of 11 points.

Guard play, which has been a strength for the men's basketball team from the start of the season, also played well, with combo-guard Dawson Johnson led the way with consistent scoring and

ball distribution.

Johnson ended the game with four field goals, 7-7 free throws and one three-pointer, a total of 16 points.

Point guards George Henderson and Denzel Copeland also played a good game, coming together to score a total of 13 points.

Damjanovic gave his players all the credit for the win. "I [told] them before the game ... this game is on you guys."

Sure enough, the players pulled themselves together and put the team back on track.

Road games being as hard as they are, with a crowd cheering for the rival team, Damjanovic said he was proud of how the team "went in there and took care of business."

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LEAPING HIGH - De Anza sophomore George Henderson (4) leaps above Skyline's DJ Harvey (10) and Agustin Arroyo (15) for 2 points.



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HEADED FOR THE NET - Henderson (4) goes up against Skyline's Matt Ennis (32).



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EYEING THE NET - De Anza freshman Devontae Bryant (24) goes for the shot.



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SAVING THE BALL - De Anza sophomore Nolan Williams (30) keeps the ball in play as he falls out of bounds.

Recap of women's soccer season

Women's soccer team ends season and looks ahead

Lydia Tuan
Staff Writer

The De Anza College women's soccer team, headed by coaches Cheryl Owiesny and Andrew Ransome, played 17 games this fall with six wins, 10 losses, and two ties.

The team started the season with a loss of 6-1 against Ventura College and ended with a loss of 8-1 against Evergreen Valley College.

But the women on the team, along with Ransome, felt positive about the season and are looking forward to next season.

"Our second half play, the girls really stepped it up," said Ransome. "Unfortunately, there were a lot of times when our backs were against the wall, but in the second half of the games, we definitely came out with a lot of fire and just the willingness to play for the full 90 minutes."

During the second half of the season, the team pulled in a couple of wins. The team won

a match against Hartnell College on Sept. 28 by a score of 2-1. In a match against West Hills College in Lemoore, the Dons pulled ahead 3-0, and continued to win in a match against Cañada College on Oct. 16 with a score of 8-0, the peak of the season.

"We had a number of players who had some good performances," said mid-fielder Cat Comesana. "I think Sam Beall, who played center back for us, was probably the most consistent player, and Cat Comesana, who is very tough in mid-field, also stood out this year."

"It was always a struggle against our top rival teams, which are Foothill, Evergreen, and West Valley, but those [the matches] were also the good moments because the team for next year now know what to work on," said mid-fielder Cat Comesana.

Center back Sam Beall's personal best was when the team played Cañada College.

"We lost 1-0, but we still fought the whole time," she said. "They

were really dirty players, but we didn't stoop down to their level. We came out."

Teamwork is key in women's soccer. "Probably the most memorable were the friendships that I made and all the players that I got close to," said Beall.

Even with losses, the Dons were able to highlight what was working well, and what needed improvement.

"Even though we didn't do so well against them, those games brought us closer together, and it kind of highlights as an individual what we needed to work on and also what we were good at doing," said Comesana. "A personal best game for me was Evergreen because I was able to really be challenged physically and mentally to help my teammates out."

Ransome also has goals for the team next season. "I think just consistency [is what we should work on] more than anything else, making sure we match out the first half of play with how

well we play in the second half," Ransome said.

"And a little more soccer knowledge for the girls, and I think with the group coming back, you know, we've got some work to do, but they're more than capable of adjusting."

"Between now and when we try out in August, fitness is very important. Being sure that they [prospective players] come into the season fit. Making sure they come out, get familiar with the coaches, get familiar with the types of things that we're looking for, and get familiar with the returning players," said Ransome. "That really would be the key."

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RUNNING ACROSS FIELD - The women's soccer team beat opponents Cañada College Oct. 16

Whether to pay attention to the weather



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Staff Writer

Since Hurricane Sandy's attack on the East Coast made national headlines in late October, the controversial topic of climate change has been brought into discussion. Even though politicians are beginning to stress the dangers of climate change, a few are adamant in refusing to acknowledge its existence.

Gov. Mitt Romney recently voiced his disbelief in the existence of climate change at the Republican National Convention. "I'm not in this race to slow the rise of the oceans or to heal the planet," said Romney.

Multimillionaire and reality TV show host Donald Trump recently took to his Twitter account to publicly announce his views on global warming as well. "The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive," tweeted Trump.

However, De Anza College envi-

ronmental science professors Kristin Sullivan and Mark Sullivan beg to differ. They eco-friendly couple extend their love of environmental sustainability from the classroom to their own home.

"We're dedicated to demonstrating that taking measures towards sustainability and the environmental cause is not as drastic as one might think," said Mark Sullivan. The Sullivans make use of natural and other reused, sustainably harvested material in their house, right down to the insulation of the house made from rice straw. "Our whole lifestyle is geared toward trying to live more sustainably on the earth, and that includes issues pertaining to climate change," Mark Sullivan said.

When global warming became a heated topic of discussion in the late 1980s, many people thought it was hoax even though scientists and politicians had begun to take note of its increasingly problematic interference with the environment.

But the issue of global warming and its foray into the public spotlight didn't take off until the 21st century.

"About 20 years ago, there were some valid questions about whether the Earth was warming, whether the humans were causing it, but that has been locked down, and the scientists no longer question what [global warming] we now know to be scientific fact," said Mark Sullivan.



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has implemented many policies to reduce carbon pollution by collecting greenhouse gas emissions data. The EPA proposed a Carbon Pollution Standard for new power plants that would "set national limits on the amount of carbon pollution that power plants can emit," according to the EPA website.

While these policies have shown serious changes in the environment, it is ultimately up to the citizens of the world to decide whether or not to face the realities of climate change or to ignore it like many of America's current politicians.

"Living democracy is everything you do from the time you wake up till the time you go to bed, how you act as an individual but also as a member of society," said Kristin Sullivan.

Her advice to students seeking to

join the environmental movement is that committing to sustainability is a "living democracy."

"Now the questions really remaining are how soon, how fast, how bad is it going to get in the near term and in the long term, and a lot of that has to do with our responses at the policy level," Mark Sullivan said. "As California, we're moving towards minimizing greenhouse gases, but on a federal level, we're really not."

The health of the planet rests with its citizens, and until people start admitting to the existence of global warming and climate change, there will be many more than just a hurricane to live through.

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Thank you!



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With the end of a crazy election cycle and Thanksgiving approaching, we should all reflect on small moments that make us smile and give thanks.

People play a huge part in our lives. Good or bad, people enrich our experience and often teach us things about ourselves.

Let's be thankful for the little things people do to make us smile.

Brittany Ly, 19, economics major and treasurer of De Anza College's Circle K club, said she is "extremely thankful for the random voicemails that my loved ones leave me throughout the day."

Cinny Yang, 27, a hospitality management major, certainly has friends who care for her. Yang said she was thankful "when my coworker brought me breakfast. When my friend dropped off some seasonal fruit to my work. When a friend called me to check up how I was doing."

Victoria Tse, 19, major undecided, said, "Right now, I'm thankful to my friend that gave me a pocket hand warmer because she saw that I was sick and somewhat cold."

Small things count in life in larger ways than we expect it to.

You can be thankful for those little life boosters too.

Chung Yeoh, an engineering major, said he is thankful for "a light breeze when it rains so I can feel it against my face. Good wake me up."

Janelle Monroy, 20, an industrial design major and president of the Social Internship club, said she is thankful for her USB drive, something a lot of students can relate to.

Chris Su, 20, an art history major, said he is thankful for "the random moments of watching the sunset while running to my late class."

Sarah Wong, 19, echoes the sentiment of many drivers stuck in traffic. Wong said she is thankful for "having music to listen to because it makes my drive home a lot less lonely!"

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Black Friday: Holiday madness



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October, November and December are my favorite months of the year. Free candy from generous strangers, an extravagant feast with family, and lavishing presents under the tree paired with the ever popular holiday beverages, tacky sweaters, and festive decorations; what's not to love?

I even love Black Friday, the one time of year when stores open their doors at midnight with incredible sales and outrageous deals to hundreds of crazed, coupon cutting, customers.

Most people would assume that this would be my rant about how crazy Black Friday is and how out of the four major holidays towards the end year, Black Friday resembles dirty, deranged Uncle Jim who sits in the corner, drunk and yelling at the kids at every family gathering. Every family has an Uncle Jim but

regardless, they still love him anyways.

When I think of Black Friday, I'm reminiscing about silly traditions my family used to partake in when I was younger.

I think of how my parents would bundle my sister and me up in layers after layers of jackets, scarves, gloves, and hats.

I remember standing in line when the moon was up and the stars were out, eyes bright with excitement and nose dripping with snot.

And I think of the warm, delicious, pancakes we would get at McDonald's after a job well done. Coming from an Asian household, being allowed to eat McDonald's is a major reward. Trust me.

My dad would always show me what he hoped to grab and I would try my best to remember what it looked like.

I figured, since I was small and fairly cute at the time, and my dad did so much for me every day, I

could tunnel my way through all the grown-ups and snatch whatever it was that he wanted for him.

Even when I got older and Black Friday became more of a tradition among my friends, it was still exciting to me.

Walking around, feeling accom-

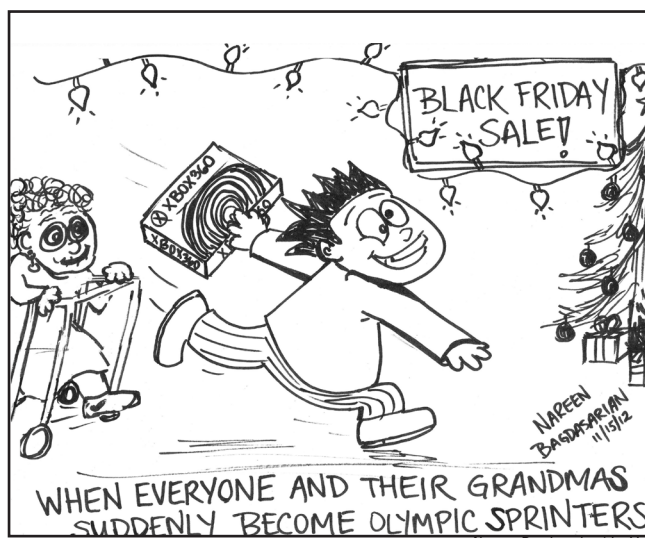
got trampled to death. People camp out in the freezing weather all night to hit up the biggest sales. Pick pocketing is at an all time high, injuries beyond your wildest dreams, and there's hundreds of people where there shouldn't be. My friends have told me that they would get elbowed

in the face and pushed and shoved in all different directions if they stood in the wrong spot. People can get crazy. I myself have experienced the psychos and lunatics but I still enjoy myself on Black Friday the best that I can.

I mean sure, the ridiculously long lines and the almost scary number of people who turn up is annoying but to me, but it's all a part of the experience.

I know this probably makes me sound like one of those overexcited, insane people who start decorating their house in July, singing Christmas carols in February, and finding their Halloween costume over spring break, but holidays are a blessing in disguise. Just enjoy it.

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plished, with a big bag of stuff that you just saved a busload of money on, your eyes sore and your feet probably screaming in protest but it's a euphoric feeling. Retail therapy at it's best.

It's the scary, outrageous stories that give Black Friday a bad name. I've heard stories about people getting killed at Walmart because they

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FDA's policy discriminates against gay men



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Vincent Mendoza walked up the stairs of the Hinson Campus Center to the blood drive in Conference Room A & B at De Anza College. He wanted to donate blood and make a difference, but he soon realized that he couldn't as his eyes trailed down the eligibility form and got stuck on one question in particular.

"From 1977 to the present, have you had sexual contact with another male, even once?"

"I was surprised," said Mendoza, 26, English literature major and student trustee for the FHDA Community College District Board. "It felt terrible actually to go and then have them say that I couldn't give blood because I have had relations with men and that I was at a high risk and couldn't give blood."

The Stanford Blood Center prevented Mendoza, a gay male, from donating blood based on a policy constructed 30 years ago during the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the gay community. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration put this poli-

cy into effect and has never since revised it, instead turning down thousands of healthy gay men from wanting to donate blood.

The FDA is segregating a section of society - 3.4 percent of the total U.S. population identify themselves as being gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender on a recent study done by the pollsters at Gallup.

Although statistics do show that men who have had sexual relations with men are at a higher risk for contracting the virus than straight people, with the advancements in technology and screening processes available in the 21st century, having gay men tested for HIV/AIDS provides accurate results, accounting for those who are not affected and hence allowing them to donate blood.

And a person, from a moral standpoint, would never think of donating blood if he thought that he could be infected and jeopardizing another person's life to being with, eliminating almost all gay men who know and think they are possibly infected from donating altogether.

The blood supply in the U.S. is at its lowest in 15 years. The Bay Area is facing a drop in blood donations and supply to meet demand, according to the American Red Cross.

Healthy potential donors who practice safe sex and are in a monogamous relationship should not be subjected to discrimination. This whole idea of basing the viability of blood on sexual promiscuity of the

donor is simply a hasty generalization that gay men practice unsafe sex, which is not only offensive, but also demeaning to the LGBT community.

With countries like Italy, Spain and Britain adopting a less restrictive policies

of allowing men who have not had sexual relations with men over a year to donate blood, the U.S. really does need to access the implications of such a dated policy - making the policy more lenient and hence not secluding a portion of healthy donors in the time of a shortage.

"It's an archaic policy and I think it should be lifted or amended at

least," Mendoza said.

He said he was concerned that, in general, people have a notion that men having sex with men results in AIDS/HIV and that this has been etched into the minds of people.

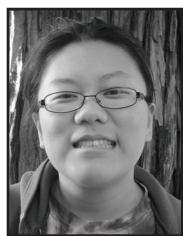
According to the American Medical Association "While gay men still are at a higher risk of HIV infection today, more advanced screening technology may render the ban unwarranted."

U.S Representative Mike Quigly, who is making efforts on having the policy reassessed and the necessity of the ban, during a CNN interview on the examination of ban on gay donors mentioned that it was a matter of life and death, and that over 50,000 healthy men who wanted to donate blood were being turned away. "It makes absolutely no sense, and it's very rare that we can solve a discrimination problem at the same time that we can solve a public health problem," said Quigly.

So allow healthy gay men to donate blood. Responsible gay men would do their part in having tested for HIV/AIDS, and blood donation centers would have to do their part, or rather responsibility, in ensuring that that already viable blood is a 100 percent safe and can be used to address the blood shortage.

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Note to Trump: Shave your head and shut up!



Lydia Tuan
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On Oct. 24, Donald Trump started off a wildfire of political controversy on video, calling out President Barack Obama as the "least transparent president of our country" and demanding the president release his applications and records for college and for a passport.

Trump, not being satisfied after Obama released his long form birth certificate last year, now seeks more than his 15 minutes of fame with yet another publicity stunt, even after being humiliated at the White House Correspondents' Dinner by the ever-so-witty Obama.

"If Barack Obama opens up and gives his college records and applications and if he gives his passport applications and records, I will give to a charity of his choice - Inner City Children of Chicago, American Cancer Society, AIDS Research - anything he wants, a check immediately

for \$5 million," Trump said in a recently posted YouTube video. "The check will be given within one hour after he releases all of the records so stated."

Trump's request, or rather ransom deal, to Obama gained a mixed bag of reactions from his Twitter crowd, with one person tweeting Trump to "Stop being an asshole - donate the money to NJ & NY so they can use the [five million] towards rebuilding efforts."

Mark Cuban, owner of the NBA's Dallas Mavericks, sized up Trump's offer by offering Donald Trump \$1 million to shave his head, even adding on Fox 4 News that he would sweeten the deal to \$2 million if Trump wanted.

The president's response? "It's always good to ignore Donald Trump."

And rightly so, Mr. President. The President of the United States should not have to bow down to a reality TV star's request, especially since Trump has not made a request to any white

president to release his personal records.

The president, like every other American citizen, should have the right to privacy and should therefore not have to release his birth certificate or college transcripts to the public because some rich reality TV show host is suspicious.

Following Obama's rejection of his offer, Donald Trump took to his Twitter account and further vented his frustration with outlandish comments like "Obama thinks he can just laugh off the fact that he refuses to release his records to the American public. He can't" and "Why is Obama playing basketball today? That is why our country is in trouble!"

A reporter from the New York Daily News blatantly called Donald Trump out on his racist behavior as well.

"This [Trump's offer] is what racism looks like. Please save the, 'Oh you are a typical liberal always playing the race card' response and take a

moment to hear me out. First, racism is not a card. It's a reality for many black and brown people in 2012," writes New York Daily News reporter Zerlina Maxwell. "Assuming things are just better because we can drink at the same water fountain isn't sufficient."

Since Obama's reelection, Donald Trump has further called for "revolution!" and urged his 1.8 million Twitter followers to "march on Washington and stop this travesty" after election results came in, according to CNN's reports.

His efforts proving to be futile, Trump has since calmed his revolutionary fervor and has instead taken to criticizing the U.S. electoral structure.

"The voting booth process was a total disaster—it could and should be much better and more efficient—tremendous room for error!" Tweets Trump, "The electoral college is disaster for a democracy."

The first African American president has been more than gracious in dealing with such an act of racism and orthodox thinking, and that speaks volumes.

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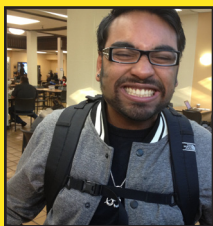
DeAnza voices

“What are you looking forward to buying on Black Friday?”



Suher Ahmed, Speech communication

“I am looking forward to buying a camera for my sister back in Sweden for her birthday.”



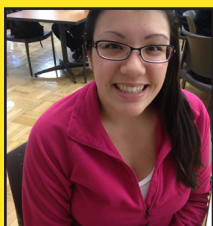
Saumil Patel, Hospitality, tourism, culinary arts

“I am going to buy a PlayStation Fit, and I’m going to get it at Target because I work [there] so I will get better discounts.”



Angel Rivera, Film

“Computer parts and accessories so I can build a computer on my own.”



Katherine Lee, Animal science

“I am planning to not attend any Black Friday shopping. I don’t think Black Friday offers deals good enough [for me] to be apart of all the chaos.”

-photos and interviews by Jason Leung
Staff Writer

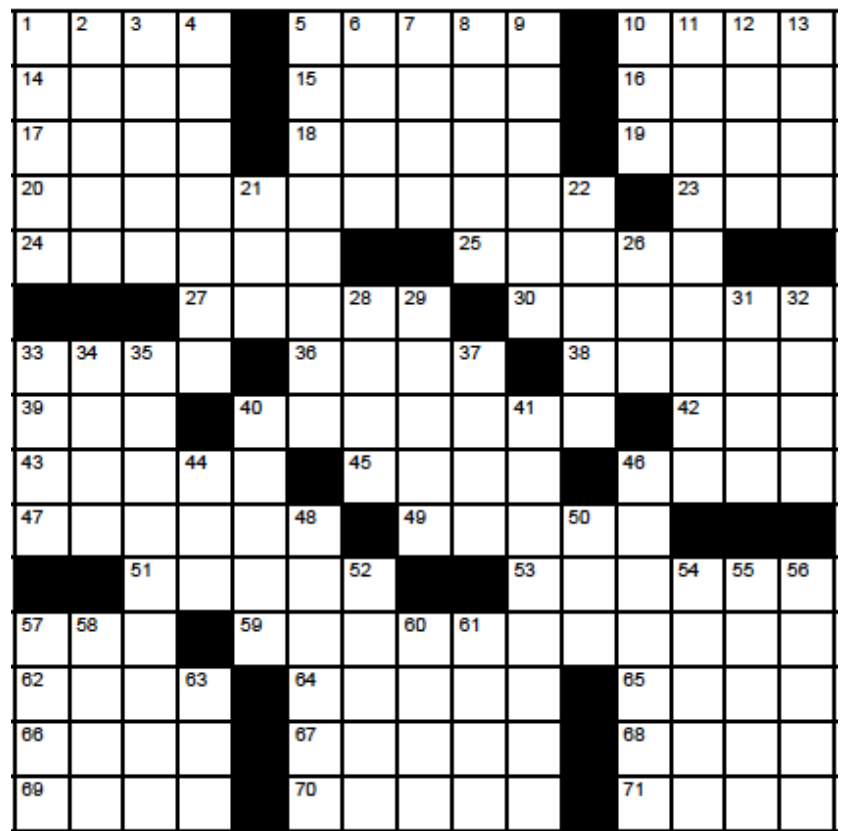
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14. ___-retentive
15. Money, in slang
16. Cut of meat
17. Andes capital
18. Online diaries, e.g.
19. “___ and the King of Siam”
20. Low-low prices on ...
23. Band booking
24. Fine wool
25. Wooden pin
27. Cruising
30. Cleaned (up)
33. Tab
36. Vacationers’ stops
38. Navigational aid
39. Dedicated poem
40. “Get the latest ___ before they sell out!”
42. Stat for Tim Lincecum or Matt Cain
43. Hold off
45. Storage cylinder
46. “Check this out!”
47. Glossy fabric
49. Fraternity letter
51. Bread spreads
53. Show no mercy to telemarketers
57. Actress Tyler
59. “Shop early to get the ___!”
62. Bad day for Caesar
64. Clothesline alternative
65. Daughter of Zeus
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67. Inclined
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69. “... or ___!”
70. Cousins of ospreys
71. Cleave

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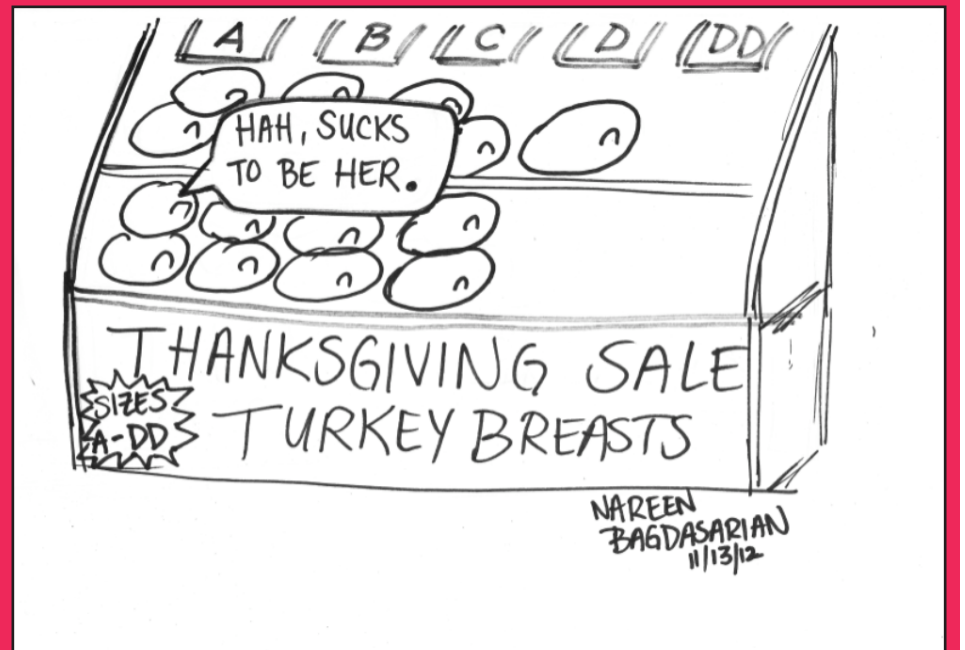
1. “The Crucible” setting

Black Friday by Cecilia Deck



2. No Clue
3. Finger-pointer
4. Like ice sheets and bergs
5. Food of the gods
6. Aria, e.g.
7. Sometime today, say
8. Cold
9. Lou Seal for the San Francisco Giants, e.g.
10. ___ mode
11. Be prepared to stand in _____
12. Peewee
13. Catch
21. Atlanta-based station
22. Cheese choice
26. Tokyo, formerly
28. Aims
29. Con men?
31. All ___
32. “Dang!”
33. Muscle mag pics
34. “The very ___!”
35. It’s what’s for dinner
37. Arias, usually
40. Let go
41. Dairy aisle buys: Var.
44. Moray, e.g.
46. Black jungle cat
48. Noggin
50. More, in Madrid
52. More tender
54. “Silly” birds
55. From the city
56. Pretentious sort
57. Tiny parasites
58. “American ___”
60. Actress Meg
61. The “B.” of N.B.
63. “Comprende?”

Why turkeys should never get implants



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