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Students heard, assemblymen listen Assemblymen join students in dialogue for future

Nolan McDonnell
Staff Writer

California assemblymen and local community college student leaders facilitated the forum Funding Our Future April 19 at De Anza College.

“You have four, soon to be five legislators here to listen to you today, isn’t that great?” said Assemblyman Jim Bealle to the community college students, waiting for tardy Richard Gordon.

The panel, sponsored by the DASB brought Assemblymen Bealle, D-San Jose; Richard Gordon D-Menlo Park; Paul Fong D-Cupertino; Jerry Hill D-San Mateo and Bob Wieckowski D-Fremont with the student panelists; focussed on budget, program and financial aid cuts for higher education.

Wieckowski admitted to not being up to date about the current education budget issues.

“I’m a little embarrassed because when I was preparing for this, I found out that student fees have gone up 256 percent in the UC’s since 2001. I’m here to let you know of my personal embarrassment for that,” Wieckowski said.

Three-quarters of the students in the audience raised their arms when Ohlone College’s Kevin Feliciano asked “How many of



ASSEMBLE - (from left) Jim Baell, Paul Fong, Richard Gordon, Jerry Hill and Bob Wieckowski participate in a panel, engaging students, faculty, and staffers alike to discuss the future of education in the coming years.

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you this quarter or last quarter were unable to get a class they wanted because of class cuts?”

The two-hour assembly allocated the last 30 minutes for audience inquiries.

Two students chose the Q and A segment to direct their frustraion

to the assemblymen by sharing how they have been affected by the budget cuts with elevating voices. One of the students, asked the assemblymen if they felt any fault for the budget cuts.

Panelist Shaila Ramos of De Anza told her story and how

EOPS is needed by students.

“EOPS in the last three years has taken a 40 percent budget cut. There are so many students who need these programs and programs like this,” Ramos said.

When asked about budget cuts to EOPS, Thao Nguyen,

25, Psychology major said, “It makes buying books and going to school very difficult and very expensive. When everything is added up I need to pay \$159.00 per unit, take a minimum of twelve units and it’s very expensive. I need EOPS to get my books after paying thousands of dollars per quarter for my education.”

When asked about professors putting the class literature online, Hellen Shirley, 28, Psychology major said, “I think it’s a great idea. It would be going green and saving me a lot of green as well. It would also make my studies more convenient during travel.”

When asked not being able to add a class this quarter, Richard Smith, 23, Chemistry major said, “Yes. I have tried signing up for Reading 211 for the past two quarters but the class has always been full. It’s frustrating because this is one of the lower level classes that I have to take in order to start taking the classes I really need to take to transfer.”

The California Legislatures petitions can be found online at forcechange.com.

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Athletic committee inducts deserving alumni at Athletic Hall of Fame banquet

Mariah Bravo
Staff Writer

The De Anza College Athletic Hall of Fame Committee inducted the 2012 class of successful De Anza alumni athletes Saturday April 21.

The banquet was held at Three Flames Restaurant in San Jose and included cocktails, a welcome dinner, and personal introductions for the 10 individuals and two former teams that made up the 2012 class inductees. The banquet was an intimate setting, attended by faculty, alumni, De Anza retirees, and friends and family of the inductee class.

The Hall of Fame Committee led by Kulwant Singh (De Anza athletic director), took special time to select those who made up the 2012 class whom they felt were well deserving of the recognition. Ed Bressoud, Sergio Cardoso, Charlie Elder, Jessie Goodmonson,

Tuck Hasley, Billy Pecota, Debi Schafer-Braun, Jeffrey Sevy, Bill Walker, Sharon Chatman, and the 1974-1975 and 1975-1976 Women’s Basketball Teams made up the 2012 inductee class.

Although no special requirements were necessary for the committee to select this year’s class, there were no shortcomings in the realm of achievements from the inductees.

The class included five coaches and two President’s Award recipients.

Bressoud was a former head baseball coach at De Anza and World Series winner with the St. Louis Cardinals.

Pecota played baseball for De Anza before he signed with the Kansas City Royals and spent eight years as infielder in Major League Baseball.

Goodmonson was the first

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Phi Theta Kappa wins honors

Ami Bruce
Staff Writer



HALLMARK - PTK wins the Hallmark Award for its PULSE mentor program.

AMI BRUCE | La Voz Weekly

De Anza College’s chapter of Phi Theta Kappa won honors and a five-star chapter rating at their annual conference held April 14-15 in Nashville, Tenn.

The Distinguished College Project award was given for the chapter’s Peers Unite To Learn Through Scholarly Exchange program. This award is only given to 25 chapters in the U.S.

“PULSE is a peer mentoring program,” Phi Theta Kappa VP of Membership and PULSE Coordinator Christine Yu said.

De Anza College’s Phi Theta Kappa chapter was also acknowledged at the conference as one of the top 100 chapters in the nation. There are currently 1200 chapters of Phi Theta Kappa nationwide.

“Our mentors are not tutors,

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MONDAY, APRIL 30

“PRECIOUS KNOWLEDGE”
1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Campus Center: Conference A & B
Screening of “Precious Knowledge”, a film about Arizona’s ethnic studies ban sponsored by Puente and LEAD. Q&A with the film producer and Mexican-American Studies will be held at 2:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 1

MANAGING STRESS
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Hinson Campus Center, El Clemente Room
Together with Health Services, Psychological Services is providing a series of workshop for students. These are strictly workshops and do not provide any diagnosis or treatment. Contact Mary Sullivan for more information at sullivanmary@deanza.edu.

THURSDAY, MAY 3

1ST THURSDAY- THE OPEN MIC SERIES
5 to 7p.m.
Euphrat Museum in the Visual & Performing Arts Center
The Open Mic Series sponsored by De Anza Black Student Union is being held in the Euphrat Museum. Participation in fusion of spoken poetry and hip-hop is open to De Anza students, faculty and staff. Admission is free. Contact deanzabsu@gmail.com for more information.

FRIDAY, MAY 4

BANNED BOOK DISPLAY
Library
The library’s banned book display will be up all day at the library from May 4 to June 13. Admission is free. Contact Pauline Yeckley for more information at 408-864-8303, yeckleypauline@deanza.edu.

TUESDAY, MAY 8

MEET AUTHOR CHERRIE MORAGA
1:30 to 3 p.m.
Campus Center Conference Rooms A & B
Women’s History Month is the sponsor of the event. The writer and poet Cherrie Moraga will be doing a reading. Student reception for Moraga will be held from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in MCC Conference Room.

THURSDAY, MAY 10

“SLAYING THE DRAGON: RELOADED”
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Visual & Performing Arts Center
Film maker and UC Berkeley professor, Elaine Kim, presents her film; a documentary on the representation of Asian and Asian-American women in film. This screening is sponsored by Women’s History Month. Contact Christine Chai for more information at 408-864-5560, christine@deanza.edu

THURSDAY, MAY 14

FREE CHAIR MASSAGE
3:30 to 5 p.m.
Outdoor Quad area by Fountain & Library
Spring chair massage class will be giving free 15-minute chair massage. Sponsored by Massage Therapy Program Chair Massage Class. Contact Deb Tuck for more information at 408-864-8205, tuckdeborah@fhda.edu

THURSDAY, MAY 15

MANAGING RELATIONSHIPS
11:30 to 12:30 p.m.
Hinson Campus Center, El Clemente Room
A workshop for managing relationships sponsored by Health Services and Psychological Services. Contact Mary Sullivan for more information at sullivanmary@deanza.edu

FOOTHILL

ONIZUKA CAMPUS TOWN HALL
May 3, 3 - 5 p.m.
Room 5015
Foothill leaders discuss information about FHDA district plans to move forward with the development of a permanent site for programs at the Onizuka Naval Air Station.

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT
May 18, 5:30 p.m.
Campus Center Dining Room, Smithwick Theater
Student-run multicultural celebration to start with a banquet at 5:30 p.m. and cultural performances and a fashion show at 7 p.m.. For more information, call 650-949-7105 or e-mail inightmarketing@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE VISITS
May 2:
10 a.m. UC Riverside
11 a.m. California South Bay University

May 3:
10 a.m. UC San Diego
May 9:
10 a.m. FIDM University
10 a.m. National Hispanic University
May 16:
10 a.m. SF State University
11 a.m. California South Bay University

MASSAGE THERAPY PROGRAM
Got tight hamstrings? A research team from De Anza College Massage Therapy Program is currently testing a new massage therapy technique’s ability to improve hamstring flexibility and strength. If you are between 18 and 62 years, have tight hamstrings (the muscles on the back of your thigh), and are not currently suffering from any low back pain, knee pain or knee contact the program. For more information, call 408-864-5645 and leave a voice mail to be contacted back.

FARMERS’ MARKET
May 5
May 12
The De Anza Office of College Life and the DASB present the new Farmers’ Market set up every Saturday In front of the Visual and Performing Arts Center in Rows J, K and L.

SPRING DEADLINES

May 4:
Last day to request Pass/No Pass grade
May 18:
Last day to file for graduation to be included in program.
June 1:
Last day to drop a class with a grade of a “W”.

SPORTS

May 1:
Women’s badminton vs. Fresno, 3:30 p.m.

HAPPENINGS

Send event notices to happenings@lavozdeanza.com by noon Wednesday preceding the publication week. Please type “Happenings” in the subject line. La Voz does not guarantee publication. All events take place on the De Anza College campus and are free, unless stated otherwise.



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<p>MAY 7 DREAM OR NOT TO DREAM Main Quad, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm</p> <p>MAY 8 REAL TALK: UNDOCUMENTED AND UNAFRAID Conf. A & B 10:30 am - 1:30 pm</p> <p>MOVIE NIGHT: 5:30-8:30 pm</p>	<p>MAY 9 LGBTQ & ALLIES CONF. Conf. A & B, 9:00 am - 1:30 pm</p> <p>MAY 10 DARE TO DREAM CONF. Conf. A & B 11:30 am - 2:30 pm</p>
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they basically are here to help increase college retention rates," she added. Through PULSE "we are encouraging [students] to get involved in activities, student government, ICC, clubs, and other student organizations because when you get involved, you feel more closely tied to your school."

Phi Theta Kappa officers took time away from their studies and worked through the holidays on projects to ensure they were completed in time to be eligible for the awards received.

Chapter ratings are based on meeting specific requirements like completing a College Project such as PULSE.

De Anza's chapter hopes the recent attention will bring more interest to Phi Theta Kappa.

"If you are a really good student and you get an invitation and you plan to transfer, it is a really good opportunity because there are a lot of connections like special scholarships that are only offered to Phi Theta Kappa members," President of the Alpha Sigma Alpha chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Bia Mattos Kneisley said.

Awards and educational benefits aside, Lowe believes the honor society offers character to its members as well.

"Phi Theta Kappa emphasizes not only academic excellence but community service. Community service extends beyond the school. It's just a great way to promote community service because you realize it's just beyond your education. It's bigger than what you are." Lowe said.

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Courtesy of PTK.org

TWRT hits cutting room floor

Ed Chuck
Staff Writer

De Anza College has cut the Technical Writing program due to budgetary issues.

The Higher Education portion of the 2011-2012 California State Budget signed by Governor Jerry Brown, was reduced by \$529 million from the previous year; equaling a decrease of \$8.5 million in operating revenue for De Anza. With rising college operating costs, a gap of \$10 million needed to be bridged.

Eliminating the program will save the school approximately \$200,000 from the previous year's budget, accounting for 2 percent of the necessary cuts.

"Our program has done a fine job of helping individuals prepare for employment; update their skills in writing, management,

tools, and design; and achieve their professional goals. I think we have made a significant impact on the lives of hundreds, even thousands, of De Anza students, as well as a significant impact on corporations in Silicon Valley that have benefited from hiring individuals who received training in our excellent program," an email from TWRT's Department Chair and only full-time faculty member, Marrietta Reber said.

Reber is tenured with an English qualification and will be folded into De Anza's English department.

De Anza has one-time reserve funding to take it through the end of 2012, but is focused on making this year a transition period to achieving a balanced budget. As part of De Anza's Instructional Planning and Budgetary Team's recommended cuts, the Technical Writing program is to be terminated.

Classes in the Technical Writing program are being phased out, affecting current students who aren't able to enroll in the final offering of a class.

The program was placed under suspension mode in 2009 due to earlier budget cuts. TWRT was allowed to run three upper-division sections that school year and prohibited from accepting new students.

In the past five years, a total of 68 students have come away with an Associates Degree or Certificate of Achievement in Technical Writing.

Alternative programs for students interested in Technical Writing are available at Mission College, San Jose State University and UC Berkeley Extension.

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WINNERS - [left to right] Mehrdad Khosravi, Christine Yu, Bia Kneisley and Kristine Lowe stand with their award for their PULSE mentor program.

Womyn progress towards end of pay discrimination

Martin Towar
Freelancer

April 17, 2012 was equal pay day. It marked the moment when a woman of any race, creed or color, working from Jan. 1, 2011, would have earned the same paycheck that a man received Dec. 31, 2011 for the same work. Despite equal rights groups and the U.S. government working to correct the gender pay gap since the late 1960s, women are still paid 78 cents on the dollar- a single cent of progress.

In remembrance, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission combined with De Anza College's Women's History Events to host a free workshop April 24 to educate De Anza students and the local community on what they can do to correct the gap, starting with the interview and after they are employed.

In occupations traditionally considered to be "women's roles," such as administration, sales and personal care, showing systemic discrepancies in pay against the national average, women aren't just being paid less, they are paying each other less as well.

"The numbers are boggling," said Linda Li, EEOC program analyst. "It still surprises people who are in the equal pay division."

The numbers are boggling; 80 percent of occupations have a

pay discrepancy, especially the legal field where a woman earns an average of \$70,000 less than a man, and a woman can expect to have missed out on over \$370,000 over the course of her lifetime.

The workshop wasn't just to create awareness of the gap but to correct it, one person at a time.

"If you don't know your rights what are you supposed to do?" Li asked, adding that many of the company policies meant to obscure pay rates are actually illegal, such as policies prohibiting the discussion of pay with co-workers.

According to both federal and state law, employees are fully allowed to discuss their pay with employees. If a company prohibits employees from discussing pay or terminates an employee for discussing pay, employees are urged to report that company to the national relations labor board or the California labor commission.

Employers are also required, by both federal and state laws, to provide equal pay for a "substantially equal job." "Substantially equal" refers to an occupation requiring similar, experience, education, workload and hours.

Aside from providing education to combat unfair and illegal business practices, the workshop also provided a mock interview

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THE STRIP - Consumers browse up and down a food aisle at Cupertino's Farmer's Market on Saturday, April 21. SHADEN ALAMLEH | La Voz Weekly

Support local farmers, support your health

Shaden Alamleh
Staff Writer

There is something so satisfying about purchasing locally-grown food, baked goods and other products. For the past eight Saturdays, the De Anza parking lot is full of farmers who represent their products in booths, waiting for consumers to start their day right with fresh and organic products.

Not only do customers learn about wholesome products, but it keeps money in the community, and helps support home-grown farmers.

Vendors who serve the market weekly are enthusiastic about the atmosphere it brings.

"I like being a vendor here; I see the same people every time, and I get to know more about De Anza," said Carlos Diaz, a vendor for Mellows Nursery Farmers in Morgan Hill.

But with the market still being somewhat new, attendance is still an issue.

"We have not been seeing enough people come to the market," said Johanna Borello, president of Bay Area Farmers. "The only time we get very busy

is when the flea market opens here and that is the first Saturday of every month."

Sanjana Prabhakar, owner of It's A Grind Coffee House, who sells micro roasted organic coffee and tea, said, "We barely see any student from De Anza College come to the market."

"We wish students of De Anza join us at the market," said Ibrahim Hamamjy, vendor and owner of Fresh Falafel in San Jose. "I would love to feed them and other people healthy food and educate them about how and what to eat."

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IN BLOOM - Bright flowers are displayed at the Farmers' Market on an equally sunny day. SHADEN ALAMLEH | La Voz Weekly



STRAWBERRY FIELDS - Fresh strawberries are among the dozens of fruits and vegetables sold. SHADEN ALAMLEH | La Voz Weekly



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USE ME - Trash receptacles and bikes show off their cute styles while waiting to be used properly on April 21. LEILA FOROUHI | La Voz Weekly



SHARE ME - Ashley Michaels, 22, and Ali Masood, 21, discuss being green through bus rapid transit. LEILA FOROUHI | La Voz Weekly



TAKE ME - Wendy Lao, 25, informs event attendees about Kirsch Center's classes on Environmental Studies. LEILA FOROUHI | La Voz Weekly

Earth Day gets local

Leila Forouhi
Opinions Editor

Cupertino's third annual Earth Day celebration to honor Mother Earth brought together local, solution-based environmental organizations on April 21, including De Anza College's Kirsch Center for Environmental Studies.

Environmental Studies academic planning mentor, Wendy Lao, 25, said she was participating to let people know about the variety of classes offered at the center, with transferrable courses in energy management, environmental stewardship, biodiversity and pollution prevention.

Said Foothill College student Ashley Michaels, 22, studying

to be a veterinary technician, "I came down here because it's Earth Day and we live down the street. We didn't get a chance last year."

Political science major at De Anza College, Ali Masood, 21, sat at the TransForm California to advocate for bus rapid transit (BRT) as a way to help students cut down their expenses.

"It will save students money by providing viable, cheap, reliable, comfortable and a stress-free commute. And it would have Wi-Fi," he said.

BRT is a partnership between the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and the non-profit TransForm California. They are planning to upgrade the

public transport service along the Stevens Creek Boulevard and San Carlos Street corridor.

Described as a "light rail on rubber tires," BRT will provide fast transit service every five to 10 minutes, and reduce commute times between Cupertino and San Jose by about one-half, allowing more people to take advantage of public transportation.

Erin Cooke, Cupertino's sustainability coordinator, spearheaded the event. She considers it "a great model of success [because] people are leaving with passionate, new ideas that they hadn't thought of before, which is a great model of success," Cooke said.

Cooke explained that each ven-

dor closely followed the city's "green policy" which laid out the type of materials to be used for distributing food, such as compostable containers, and ensuring that people use the right receptacles for recycling, trash and compost.

We Sushi vendor, Tomas Wu, 34, confirmed that their restaurant follows the city's green policy in that they use compostable take-out containers. All the food service trucks, however, ran on gasoline generators during the event, which Cooke acknowledged as something to be improved upon. At the event, city council member Rod Sinks participated in the city's proclamation to acknowledge Arbor Day in Cupertino,

which the city hopes will encourage tree planting and limit the removal of trees. Sinks touted the city's investment in electric vehicles, pointing to its two electric charging stations located on Rodrigues Avenue across from City Hall.

Other local organizations at the event included ELV Motors, which specializes in electric bicycles, the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority, Community Support Agriculture, and others.

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to highlight where women have traditionally stumbled, resulting in lower wages after employment. The chief cause was a failure to negotiate a higher wage, and when asking, failing to provide what they are worth in a way their employer can understand.

"My son always knows what he's bringing to the company and says it," said Jenny Erwin, U.S. Department of Labor Women's Bureau regional administrator. Women, for whatever reason, have had harder time at this."

This difference in attitude has been supported in studies by Princeton University where women and men were asked to negotiate a higher pay for themselves and for others. Women were able to secure a higher wage for others, regardless of gender, but were unable to secure a higher wage for themselves.

To correct this, the EEOC recommends women not to settle for a lower wage even in the current market, to do research on what the average wage for the position is, and then to ask for it. If wages are fixed, negotiate benefits, vacation days or

frequent performance reviews with the prospect of a raise.

"If you don't care about your review," Li said, "no one else will."

De Anza was chosen as the third workshop held by the EEOC this year to reach out to a younger generation, especially students.

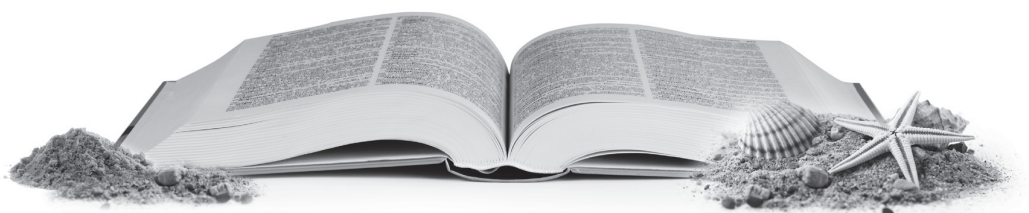
"Last year we drew around 80 folks to a Fair Pay Day event at San Jose State University," Li said. "However, only about five or fewer folks were students. The rest were community advocates, general public, and HR and employer representatives. Based on that experience we decided to try holding more targeted events this year."

More information on negotiation techniques, how to report an employer for violations and where to research a position's average pay can be found on the U.S. Department of Labor's website, dol.gov/equalpay and at owp.sccgov.org.

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physical education and administrative assistant at De Anza. Sevy was the first De Anza alumni to join the National Football League, and Chatman was the first head coach of Women's Basketball at De Anza.

Many inductees said favorable things said about De Anza in their speeches.

"They remembered the De Anza experience that helped them keep going," said Singh. They recalled De Anza as the "stepping stone for the student athletes and their careers."

Until last year there was not a Hall of Fame program at De Anza. It takes several hundred hours to set up the hall of fame program each year, and until 2011, the committee members were the only ones who stepped up and took the challenge to

make this program possible.

"We resurrected the event because we felt like we had a lot of quality students athletes go through here; we have had a lot of top coaches and staff and we wanted to recognize people," said Singh.

Plans are underway to incorporate physical memorabilia to compliment the hall of fame inductees into the new De Anza outdoor arena as construction progresses.

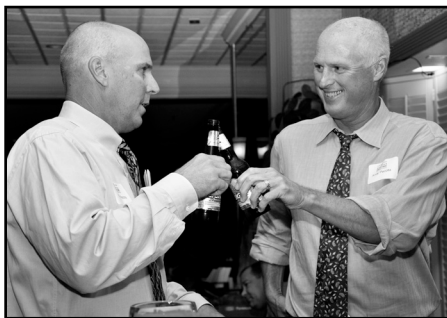
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CELEBRATING - (top left) Retired MLB player Bill Pecota (left) cheers with Andy Pecota after receiving his award.

RECOGNITION - (top right) Awards for the first ever De Anza Hall of Fame Ceremony await to be presented.

REUNITED - (bottom) Members of the 1974 and 1975 state champion womens basketball teams pose with their coach Sharon Chatman (center).

photos courtesy of Julie Ceballos



TRACK profiles: Wade Tsang and Erick Almaguer

Compiled and Photographed by Bryce Druzin



WADE TSANG

Sophomore thrower Wade Tsang is one of two male De Anza athletes to have a state qualifying 'A' mark, which he earned in discus. His best throw this season is 47.5 meters.

Though he said he's happy with his marks, he said he hasn't met his pre-season expectations.

"I feel like I've worked hard and the payoff hasn't been that great yet," Tsang

said. "But we still got a little bit of the season left, so I hope I'll end up where I want to."

Tsang, who stands 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighs 190 pounds, said as an undersized thrower, strength is his biggest obstacle.

"As a small guy, my technique has to be on point to keep up with the big guys," he said.

Tsang said many people don't realize how important technique is for his events.

"You can't just pick up something and just try to throw it," he said. "It's way too difficult."

Besides discus, Tsang leads the team in javelin with a mark of 46.64 meters and competes in hammer throw and shot put, as well.

Tsang said throwers are often stereotyped as being fat. He objected to this and said throwers are "very athletic", but added a caveat.

"Most of them," he said, chuckling.

Freshman distance runner Erick Almaguer set an all time De Anza top-10 record when he ran the 10,000-meter run in 33 minutes and 29 seconds at San Francisco State on April 6. It was also the ninth best time in the NorCal region this year.

Not bad for never having run the event before.

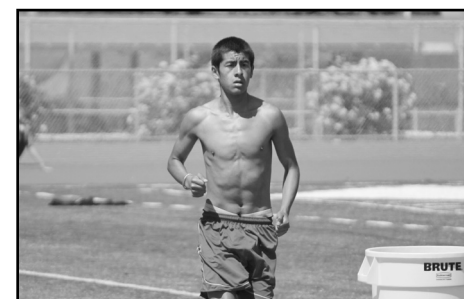
"I think I can run better than that," Almaguer said. "But since it was my first time, I went too fast (in the beginning)."

He ran three years in high school and often suffered from tightness in the hip. Almaguer said he's been doing specific stretches to address the problem and this is the first year he's been injury-free.

Almaguer also holds De Anza's season bests in the 3,000-meter and 5,000-meter runs. He is ranked seventh and 15th, respectively, in these events in NorCal.

He was straightforward when asked how the events are different.

"They're all the same because you feel the same pain, you still have to push" he



ERICK ALMAGUER

said.

He said the 10,000 meter was his favorite event because of the challenge of running 25 laps.

"You just have to be strong in each lap," he said. "Only a few people do the 10K."

Almaguer has his eye on the NorCal finals where he is confident he can run a 10,000 meter good enough to qualify for the state finals

"I just have to be patient in the first three miles," he said. "And then with three miles to go, just execute."

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Political will remains strong despite ethnic studies ban



Jay Chow
Staff Writer

As educated populations of Latino youth will soon be old enough to vote, the Tucson, Ariz. school district decided to ban ethnic and Mexican American studies in retaliation for a loss of right-wing political power.

Anti-Latino sentiment in Arizona is old news. A few years ago Arizona passed the Support Our Law Enforcement and Safe Neighborhoods Act (SB 1070), which has encouraged the police to racially profile Latino immigrants.

The federal government is now challenging the law in the U.S. Supreme Court. Many Arizonans, however, blame the Latino population for stealing their jobs as this demographic continues to grow.

“Latino and Chicano students are 62 percent of the student body in Tucson and within five-years will make up 70 percent,” Richard Martinez, an attorney

representing teachers, said on the radio program Democracy Now!

According to Martinez, Tucson’s multicultural program has helped to close the achievement gap for Latino students. While only one in two Latino students graduate from high school in Arizona, the acclaimed Mexican American studies program saw three out of every four of their students graduating.

Through the loss of this program we can expect the high school graduation, and college admission rate of Latinos in Tucson to drop.

The loss has also sparked a wave of youth political activism, and may act as a catalyst to revolutionize students who would not have otherwise been politically active. Opponents of the ban call it a violation of the First Amendment right of freedom of speech. Activists have held protests and sent copies of the banned books to students who can not afford their own. Students have also formed reading groups to read the banned literature together.

“[These classes are] not just about the books but about opening students’ eyes to a large political problem that we’re seeing in the United States more and

more,” said De Anza instructor Paula Silva, who teaches a reader of the banned literature in her English writing class, along with instructors Marc Coronado and Alex Giardino.

Coronado said the literature has already been part of her teaching.

“I think what we are doing differently this quarter is teaching them in a unique context which is the historical moment going on right now,” Coronado said.

“There’s been a real outcry by the Chicano and Latino authors who weren’t on the list. Authors are asking, ‘Why wasn’t I on the list? I want to be on that list.’ . . . [It’s become a] source of pride to say ‘my book is so important that it scares this group of people.’”

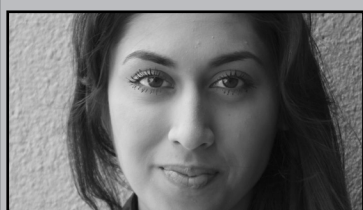
The Arizona Latino community is still a long way from recovering from the loss of their multicultural studies program. But instead of inhibiting the education of Mexican Americans in Arizona, the banning of the Mexican American studies program has created a reason for the youth to become more politically involved.

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Books banned by Tucson Unified School District:

- “Chicano! the History of the Mexican American Civil Rights Movement” by Francisco A. Rosales
- “Pedagogy of the Oppressed” by Paulo Freire
- “Occupied America: A History of Chicanos” by Rodolfo Acuna
- “Rethinking Columbus: the Next 500 Years” by Bill Bigelow and Bob Peterson
- “The Tempest” by William Shakespeare

Silence in woman’s slaying reveals racism



Ailya Naqvi
Managing Editor

If you have just flipped through the channels in the last month, the name Trayvon Martin and George Zimmerman should be no anomaly to you. After neighborhood watch volunteer Zimmerman killed the unarmed 17-year-old Martin in Sanford, Fla., a case emerged bringing up the stereotypical racism prevalent in our society. The case sent shockwaves through the nation through social media, news, and families too, including that of President Barack Obama.

Less than a month after this vile incident, another hate-crime occurred with the same degree of violence. In Orange County, Calif., an Iraqi mother of five children, Shaima Alawadi, was bludgeoned to death in her own home and was found with a note saying “This is my country. Go

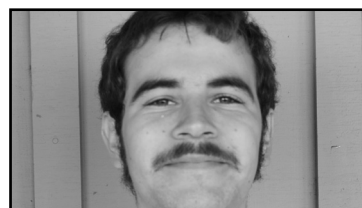
back to yours, terrorist.”

What many of us failed to realize during our “Justice for Trayvon Martin” protests and rallies was that his case was only a tiny microcosm of the hatred rampant against people of color. It’s easy to sympathize with an African-American victim, yet a Muslim woman who was killed much more brutally gets barely (if any) coverage in the media. Even after her death, Alawadi continues to be blatantly discriminated against for being Iraqi.

My point is that racism is a deeply-rooted concept in the origins of this country and most of us seem to hear about the hate-crimes only when the media picks it up (which is pretty rare). Trayvon’s parents are getting some sort of closure, but what about Alawadi? The police of El Cajon, San Diego just dismissed the case as a hate-crime and her murderer is still on the loose. This is an injustice in and of itself.

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Strip searches will silence opposition



Sam Amador
Staff Writer

The U.S. Supreme Court has effectively silenced lawsuits against unwarranted strip searches by police since authorizing the searches for those arrested for minor offenses. Normally, jailers resort to full cavity searches for serious crimes such as drug offenses. With the new court ruling, police can strip search anyone arrested for any reason without a warrant.

Despite the Supreme Court’s supposed tradition of consistency, the issue of unwarranted searches has been resurrected in these post 9/11 times. The majority of chief justices would agree that with the widespread protests

and arrests of Occupy Wall Street demonstrators, the added security measures are justified in order to keep other prisoners and correctional staff safe.

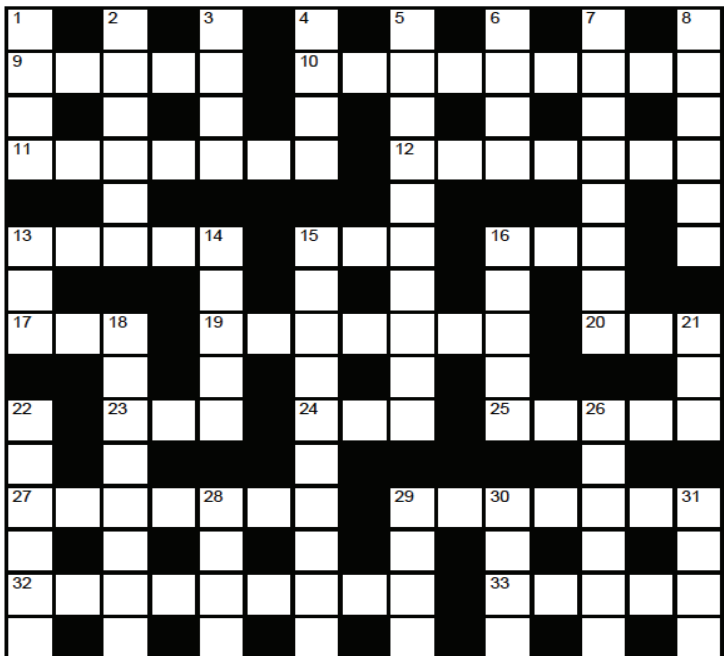
To me, this whole thing smacks of a national plot spearheaded by private prisons and the latex glove industry. But it is most likely part of a typical loophole to humiliate detainees and deter protesters.

In these times of global instability, national laws are becoming more broad and murky each month.

I understand that police can confiscate your phone and cameras, along with any other personal items upon arrest. But to spare us all the time and discomfort, I suggest that instead, the police use the less invasive options of drug sniffing dogs and bomb sensing x-ray machines used at airports.

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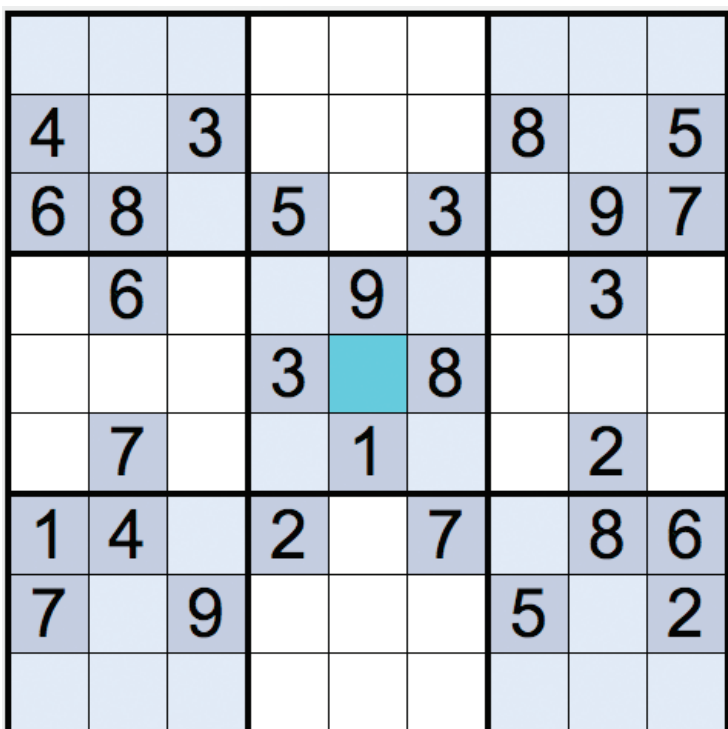
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- 9 Question
- 10 What breaks a camel's back
- 11 Geometric figure
- 12 Lift
- 13 "Too bad, so sad!"
- 15 Deception
- 16 Toward the back of a boat
- 17 Antlered animal
- 19 Tea herb
- 20 Crow's call
- 23 Oz Woodman's makeup
- 24 "For ____ a jolly..."
- 25 Not too brainy
- 27 Aboveboard
- 29 Cautious
- 32 Nab
- 33 Limmericks and such

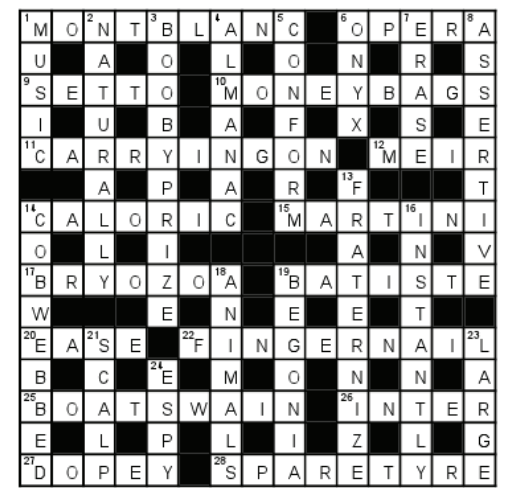
Down

- 1 Aroma
- 2 Puzzle with number squares
- 3 Broadway souvenir
- 4 "Not only that..."
- 5 Intellectual edge
- 6 Bygone Russian royal
- 7 Creative
- 8 Little hooters
- 13 Golf peg
- 14 Tony winner Uta
- 15 Laird or squire
- 16 Anxiety
- 18 McDonald's freebies
- 21 Moo goo gai pan
- 22 O'Neill's "the ____ Cometh"
- 26 B e a rat
- 28 Bistro awning word
- 29 The "C" in U. P. C.
- 30 ____ review
- 31 In ____ of replacing

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