

Dear La Voz,

Your reporting reads like a 3-year-old child's first words - incomplete, incoherent and biased. The articles in your paper are not worthy of the term "news." The opinion section is dry, trite and makes no interesting observations. Students should take advantage of financial aid? Give me a break - that's not an opinion. That's wankery.

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Disgruntled Reader

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Survey shows non-smokers want more enforcement

Robert Balicki
LA VOZ

Non-smokers are over four times as likely to support the smoking policy as current smokers, according to a Foothill-De Anza smoking survey.

The survey, conducted during Winter quarter, revealed a significant differences in opinion between smokers and non-smokers on whether and how the smoking policy should be enforced.

Here are some of the highlights of the survey:

	Non-smokers	Smokers	Former smokers
Support the smoking policy:	90%	22%	71%
Support increasing enforcement:	79%	14%	23%
How should the policy be enforced?			
Verbal reminders:	62%	76%	64%
Citations:	65%	14%	55%
Anti-smoking education:	40%	10%	30%
Community service:	41%	5%	28%
Disciplinary procedures:	41%	6%	28%
Believe the policy is effective:	31%	20%	30%

4816 De Anza and Foothill students and staff were surveyed.
The full results can be found at deanza.edu/news/smokefree.html.

Two senate candidates disqualified

Robert Balicki
LA VOZ

Two candidates were disqualified for not cleaning up their campaign posters Tuesday, according to election committee chair Anna Callahan.

Candidate for Vice President of Marketing and Communications Kai Shah left 55 fliers posted around campus, Callahan told *La Voz* in an e-mail.

Jimmy Setiawan, who was running for senator, was disqualified for leaving 37 fliers around campus, she said.

Shah received fewer votes than Pedram Hassani-Azad, next year's VP of Marketing and Communications.

Setiawan received enough votes to become a senator.

Both candidates received enough votes to become junior senators.

'I killed Dolores'

DE ANZA STAFF MEMBER ALLEGEDLY CONFESSED TO KILLING GIRLFRIEND IN TAPED CONVERSATION

Robert Balicki
LA VOZ

Former De Anza staff member Alexandre Hochstraser told his mother he killed his girlfriend, Dolores Gonzales, in a taped phone call presented as evidence at a preliminary hearing Wednesday.

"I killed Dolores," the man on the tape, believed to be Hochstras-

er, told his mother in a collect call from the Santa Clara County Jail following his arrest.

While the tape was being played during Wednesday's hearing, Hochstraser sat quietly and read a transcript of the call.

He was dressed in a black Santa Clara Department of Corrections shirt and red pants. He had short hair, wire-rimmed glasses, and a

goatee. He appeared to have lost weight since his arrest last June.

Hochstraser is charged with one count of murder.

In June, police discovered a dismembered body later identified to be Dolores Gonzales in a maroon Volkswagen Jetta belonging to Hochstraser's mother.

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Hala Hyatt / LA VOZ

Above: A Corvette, an Acura, a Datsun and a Subaru line up for the 37th annual Duel at De Anza Saturday.

Below: A silver Porsche GT2 prepares drive through the course. SEE PAGES 4 AND 5.



Suen, Derflinger win election

Kristen Toner and Robert Balicki
LA VOZ

Tony Suen and Joseph Derflinger were elected next DASB president and student trustee.

Suen and Derflinger received 508 and 316 votes, respectively.

Ballots were counted and election results were announced Wednesday.

Suen will inherit the position from current DASB President,

Anna Callahan. His running mate, Yessenia Ramirez, will serve as DASB Executive Vice President.

The pair defeated Matthew Egan and Lucia Cytrynowicz, who received 259 votes.

Derflinger ran alone and defeated incumbent student trustee Maryam Noor.

Suen and Ramirez have served on the DASB senate for the past three quarters. According to their official campaign statement, to-

gether they bring "experience and passion" to their newly appointed positions.

Suen's goals for his administration will be to improve communication between the senate and students, and to advertise open forums for students to discuss policy changes with senators, according to a profile of Suen in *La Voz*.

He said he supports smoking see ELECTION, page 2

APA Queer Identities panel speaks out

Samantha Robertson
LA VOZ

The coming out process for gay people is a double standard, a San Jose State University communications student told the audience at the Asian Pacific American Queer Identities Panel on May 16.

"Because we're not considered normal, we are put in a closet and have to go through this inner struggle," said Teresa Peralis to more than 40 students at the Hinson Campus Center.

"Straight people don't have to go through any of that," she said.

Peralis was one of three gay Asian-American student and community panelists discussing their personal experiences at the panel.

A "queer advocacy intern" at San Jose State Cross Cultural Center, Peralis said she's been coming out to friends and family for six years.

"It has been a long process for me," said Peralis, who admitted she sometimes grows frustrated with the questions accompanying her coming out.

"When people ask 'How did you become gay?' I want to ask them, 'How did you become straight?'" she said. "It is interesting to me that there are so many words for being gay - transgender, queer, lesbian - but there is only one word for straight."

We never study what makes people straight, she said.

Panelist Derrick Koh, a former De Anza student and San Jose State electrical engineering graduate, said sexuality is fluid and people can't be categorized as simply gay or straight.

All panelists when sharing their coming out stories identified themselves using different words. Koh identified himself as "a gay Asian" and Peralis identified herself as "queer."

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We're hanging out in L-41.

HOCHSTRASER: Police testify about murder of staff member's girlfriend

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In the car, police officers found six blue plastic bins, a Sawzall reciprocating saw, a box of trash bags, a retractable knife and a small step ladder, according to officer Stacy McFarlane of the Santa Clara Police Department.

Police found dismembered body parts in trash bags in five of the bins, he said.

In the last bin, they found a towel, bedding and underwear which were all covered in blood, McFarlane said.

Defense attorney Ken Robinson questioned Sergeant Steve Brauer about whether or not police had probable cause to enter Hochstraser's apartment without a warrant.

Brauer had instructed officer

Tom Liepelt to enter Hochstraser's apartment through an open window after no one responded to police knocking.

"I just wasn't sure that no one was in there," Brauer said.

Brauer said that when he, Liepelt and officer Jennifer Lamendola entered the apartment at around 10:30 p.m., they found Hochstraser sitting in the dark in the master bedroom, staring at a wall.

He was on a mattress with no bedding, Brauer said.

Police then detained Hochstraser before discovering a body, he said.

McFarlane said police found a blood stain on the underside of the mattress.

A crime lab test later revealed the blood was Gonzales's.

In the living room, police found a T-shirt with blood drops

on the couch and an open package of reciprocating saw blades, he said.

One of the saw blades appeared to be used, according to McFarlane.

When police searched the bathroom, they found blood drippings on the bathtub, according to McFarlane.

He said the smell of bleach was noticeable throughout the apartment and particularly strong in the bathroom.

Brauer, Liepelt, Lamendola and two other officers were awarded the Santa Clara Police Department Commendation Certificate for their "courage and exemplary work in initiating a homicide investigation" into Gonzales's murder, according to the 2004-2005 Santa Clara Police Department Annual Report.

Gonzales's family plans to set up a foundation in her name, according to Carol Gonzales, Dolores Gonzales's sister.

Gonzales's family received custody of the couple's three-year-old son three weeks after the murder, Carol Gonzales said.

Hochstraser's arraignment is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. June 5 in Department 24 of the Hall of Justice in downtown San Jose.

At an arraignment, the accused is formally read the charges against him or her and is expected to enter a plea.

ELECTION: Winners to take office during June

FROM PAGE ONE

in designated areas on campus and lengthening the amount of time to pay for classes.

Student Trustee Derflinger

Derflinger supports enforcing the smoking policy, but not fining violators, according to an e-mail he sent to *La Voz*.

"Demonizing smokers to the point of fining seems too harsh," he said.

He supports using Measure C funds to construct new parking structures and install air conditioning in classrooms.

"Excuse me if somehow [air conditioning is already installed]," he said.

"I definitely have not felt it."

He supports extending the Pay to Stay policy to three weeks, so that students can get a feel for the classes before deciding whether or not to take the class.

Derflinger is currently DASB secretary, which is an unelected paid position.

DASB senators and officers will be sworn in at the DASB senate meeting on June 7.

Derflinger will be sworn in as student trustee June 5 at Foothill.

Student senate news and briefs

Funding Programs

The senate voted Wednesday to approve \$5,000 of new funding for the tutorial center to cover salaries and benefits for May and June, \$2,500 to cover bottled water for students attending graduation, \$1,655 for AMC tickets to sell to students, \$1,050 for traditional food and decorations for a Latina/o Student Recognition Ceremony and \$1,000 for food and banquet services for the Black Graduation Ceremony. The senate does not usually fund food requests unless the event cannot be held without funding food.

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Election Results

The senate announced the winners of the senate and student trustee elections.

Next year's student senate

President: Tony Suen

Executive Vice President: Yessenia Ramirez

VP of Budget and Finance: David White

VP of Student Rights and Campus Relations: Yi Jie "Andy" Lau

VP of Administration: Rehana Rehman

VP of Marketing and Communication: Pedram Hassani-Azad

VP of Diversity and Events: Joanna Alday

VP of Student Services: Shrey Prasad

VP of Technology: Takeshi Tsuji

Senators: Magdalena Arellano

Chris Chandra

Henry Chen

Susan Fan

Rameen Fattahi

Cheuk Yee Cheung

Sam Karimzadeh

Sarah Kim

Saagar Kurani

Robert McDonald

Yuichiro Nakada

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what's happening on campus

All events are held at De Anza College and are free and open to all students, unless otherwise noted. Please e-mail events to Happenings@LaVozDeAnza.com by Wednesday noon for the following week's publication.

Work the Polls

De Anza College students can earn \$105 to \$145 and support democracy by working at a voting location for the June 6 gubernatorial primary election. Students should be registered to vote and have a California ID or DL. (Students ages 16-17 may qualify under a special provision.) Contact the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters at 408-282-3050 ext. 7721 or e-mail college@rov.sccgov.org.

Novelist to Speak

Tuesday, May 30, 12:30 to 1:20, L-41 (La Voz Newsroom)
Novelist Laurel Doud, author of "This Body," will speak to students and answer questions about writing and publishing a novel, including submitting manuscripts. "This Body" is being adapted as a film.

English Writing Workshops

Wednesday, May 31, 12:30 to 1:20, SC-3, Science Building
Two workshops for students will be held in the Writing and Reading Center: "Sentence and Paragraph Focus" by Professors Julie Sartwell and Nicole Brodsky and "Writer's Salon" with Professor Suzanne Helfman.

Blood Drive

Thursday, June 1, 9 a.m. to 3 a.m., Student Council Chambers, Campus Center.
Students and staff are invited to give blood at the Health Services quarterly blood drive. Volunteers must be in good health, weigh 110 pounds or more, be age 17 or older, meet blood pressure and pulse criteria during screening, and never have had hepatitis. A photo ID is required. For more information, go to the Web site: bloodcenter.Stanford.edu or call 650-723-7819.

Film Showing: The Glorious Time in Me Thao Hamlet

Thursday, June 1, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. and 5 to 6:30 p.m., Conference Rooms A & B, Campus Center:
"Me Thao Thoi Vang Bong" ("The Glorious Time in Me Thao Hamlet," 2005) directed by Viet Linh, is a film honoring a thousand years of traditional Vietnamese folk music. Set in the idyllic countryside of northern Vietnam,

a love triangle ensures between a widower, a master dan day musician and a ca tru singer. The film won the "Rosa Camuna" award at the 21st Bergamo Film Festival in Italy, and has screened at festivals in Japan, Singapore, Belgium and France. The central character played by Don Duong, and his sister, Susie Bui (mother of Timothy Bui, director of Green Dragon) will be guests at the film's showing. For information contact Lena Chang at changlena@deanza.edu or 408-864-8728.

Speech and Debate Showcase

Thursday, June 1, 6 to 8 p.m., Forum 4
Foothill and De Anza students will perform award winning individual speeches and offer a demonstration of parliamentary style debate. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Alex Kramer at krameralex@deanza.edu or 408-864-8799.

Re: Definition Youth Empowerment Hip Hop Night

Friday, June 2, 6 to 9 pm, Conference Rooms A & B, Hinson Campus Center:
An evening of electrifying music and spoken word performances co-sponsored by the President's Community and Civic Engagement Task Force, Students for Justice, and the Muslim Student Association. This event is free, but donations will be accepted by SFJ to benefit the De Anza 8, students who were arrested for protesting during the Colin Powell demonstration in November 2005. For information contact Christine Chai at chaichristine@deanza.edu or 408-864-5560.

This Week's Transfer Events

Obtain transfer information from college and university representatives. For more information, call the Transfer Center at 408-864-8841.
• UC Davis: Tuesday, May 29, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Transfer Center, SCS Bldg.

This Week's Staff Ergonomic Workshops

Faculty and Staff are invited to attend a workshop to learn the basics of ergonomics, see the office furniture configuration chosen by faculty three years ago and learn tips about how to set up an office. Workshops will be held in LCW-16. Register by e-mail to englenmarykay@fhda.edu.
• Monday, June 5, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
• Monday, June 5, 2:30 to 3:45 p.m.
• Tuesday, June 6, 10 to 11:15 a.m.
• Wednesday, June 7, 10 to 11:15 a.m.
• Wednesday, June 7, 1:45 to 3 p.m.

• Thursday, June 8, 3 to 4:15 p.m.

Faculty and Student Drag Show

Tuesday, June 6, 12:30 to 2 p.m., Conference Rooms A & B, Campus Center:
Drag queen Nova Star will host the Faculty and Student Drag Show. In 2004, Star placed third in the nation at "Miss Gay UsofA at Large," the nation's largest competition for female impersonators. This event is one of several to celebrate De Anza LGBTQ Pride 2006. For more information about the events contact: pantherofartemis@yahoo.com.

LGBTQ Panel

Wednesday, June 7, 1:30 to 3 p.m., Conference Rooms A & B, Campus Center:
A Lesbian/Gay/Transgender/Bi-Sexual/Queer Panel from the Billy De Frank Lesbian & Gay Center will share their experiences, answer audience questions and put human faces on the LGBTQ labels. The panel will be facilitated by Rhonda Mitchell, mother of a gay son and a passionate straight ally to the LGBTQ community.

LGBTQ Slam

Thursday, June 8, 12:30 to 2 p.m., Sunken Garden (between the California History Center and the Campus Center):
Rosaryn Bhudsabourng will host a student and community poetry, spoken word, music, dance and comedy slam.

Classified Staff EOM Celebration

Thursday, June 8, 2 to 3 p.m., Conference Room A, Campus Center:
Staff and faculty are invited to celebrate the Classified Staff Employee of the Month.

Educational Diagnostic Center Informational Meetings

Thursday, June 8, 3:30 to 5 p.m., Educational Diagnostic Center (EDC), Learning Center West, room 110:
An informational meeting for high school seniors and families will be held to explain the Center's services. The EDC assists students in discovering their learning styles, academic strengths and weaknesses, and assesses eligibility for learning disability services. For information call 408-864-8838.

Pride Dance

Friday, June 9, 7 to 11 p.m., Conference Rooms A & B, Campus Center:
A dance, to celebrate De Anza LGBTQ Pride 2006, will be hosted by DJ Justin Simpson.

Students are invited to wear bright colored dresses and suits. Tickets will be available at the door for \$5.

Student Film & Video Show

Friday, June 9, 7:30 p.m., A-11, Choral Hall
For more information, contact Zaki Lisha at lishazaki@deanza.edu

Summer Class Schedules Available

Class schedules for the De Anza summer session are available at the De Anza Bookstore. Summer classes begin Monday, June 26.

Need Help with a Research paper?

Drop-in tutoring to start a paper, expand a paper or to get ideas is available to all students in the Writing and Reading Center in SC-3 (the new Science building). The Center is open Mondays through Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays through Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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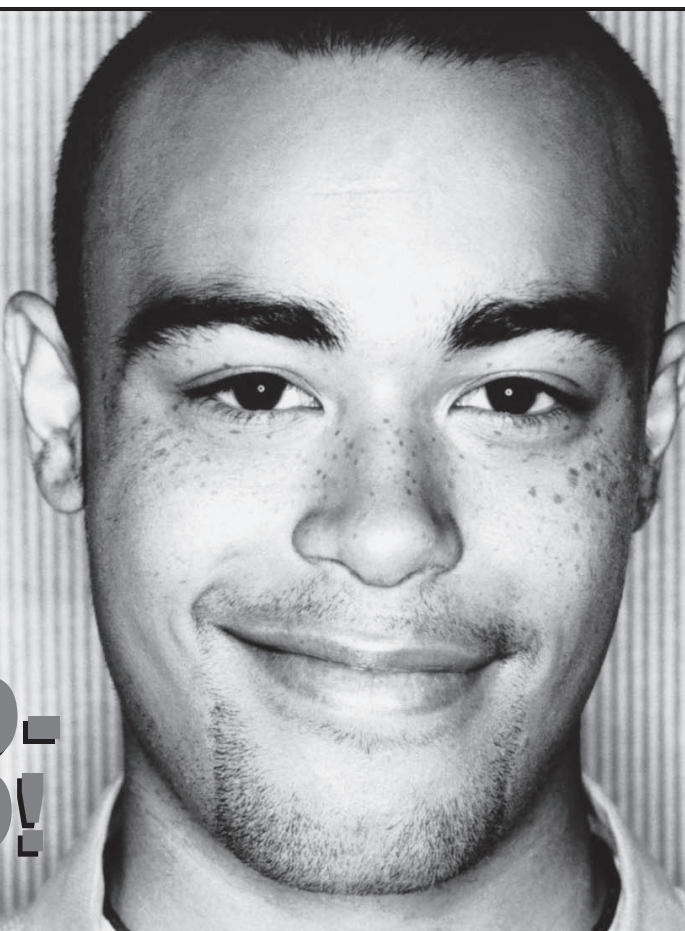
Students can order official De Anza transcripts for a nominal fee online from TranscriptsPlus® 24 hours a day. Information is available at the Web site: deanza.edu/registration/transcript.html. Unofficial transcripts are available for free through the online registration system.

Searching for Former Foster Care/Child Welfare System Students

De Anza College has established a support program for students who have been in the child welfare or foster care system, in order to make their college experience as enriching, fulfilling and successful as possible. For information or assistance, contact Counselor Donna Fung at funndonna@deanza.edu or call 408-864-8514.

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“I always enjoy it when new drivers come out and test their abilities”

37th duel at de anza



Above: a Datsun 510 decked out in hot pink proved popular with the crowd.

Below: Duel veteran Vic Sias was on hand with his distinctive yellow BMW. Sias placed second in last year's race.



Sarah Bogen
LA VOZ

A Sunday afternoon downpour didn't stop racers or loyal fans at the Duel at De Anza autocross May 21.

Spectators braved the rain finding shelter where they could, while the race went on in Parking Lot A.

"This is the most wet it's ever been," an announcer told fans. In fact, 0.44 inches of rain fell, according to weather.com, more than the average rainfall in Santa Clara County for the

whole month.

Mike Brandt, instructor in De Anza College's auto technology program and main organizer of the event, cautioned drivers before they took the cars out in the pouring rain that they shouldn't try to win any trophies or to be smart, but just try their best.

Some cars dealt well with the rain and didn't lose control. Others were equipped with racing slick tires, which are meant for dry ground, and had trouble keeping from spinning out in the corners. Drivers did their best to keep out of the way of the cones.

"No one acted like an idiot," Brandt said. "We finished on time and there were no problems. It was definitely a successful event."

About 1,000 spectators at-

tended.

Some left when the weather started to get bad, but others stood wherever they could get the best view of the race while still protecting themselves from the rain. Some found cover on the second level of the new parking structure and watched the race from the balcony. Other die-hard autocross fans braved the rain and cold to get a closer view of the action.

The 230 cars in the event included many returning drivers as well as new drivers.

"I always enjoy it when new drivers come out and test their abilities," said Jacob Rodak, a former automotive technology student and autocross enthusiast.

"It's hard work, but when Duel at De Anza comes around,

it all pays off because the spectators can see what auto tech is all about," said Bryon Stutts, an automotive technology day program student.

Meanwhile, in Parking Lot B, a vendor had some success selling Duel at De Anza T-shirts from the shelter of her canopy. Smoke billowed into the sky from a busy barbecue stand.

Autocross cars were parked in rows - some belonging to drivers who were finished with their three runs others to drivers who didn't run at all. Car enthusiasts could not only watch the race, but also admire a wide array of autocross vehicles.

"Brandt is the man that made this all happen," said Stutts. "The Duel wouldn't be what it is without him."

“the spectators can see what auto tech is all about”



Above: a Ford Mustang peels out along the straightaway.



At left: a gear-head preps the tires on his classic Ford Escort.

Below: The driver of a bright orange Volkswagen Rabbit waits for the signal to begin his run at the starting line of the course.



Alanna Baunart(3) /LA VOZ

At left: a Porsche GT2 sported some sponsorship stickers and aggressive curves.

At right: Drivers line up, anxiously awaiting their turn on the track.



Hala Hyatt(5) /LA VOZ



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Editorial board from left to right: Dan Sealana, David Gunderson, Kayla Hilton, Robert Balicki and Katherine Nguyen.

Congratulations, advice for new officers

We remember last year's election — disqualifications and reinstatements, disputes, and a low voter turnout that forced an extension of the elections. This year, *La Voz* was anticipating a repeat of last time, and we were more than ready to poke fun at the process.

It was clear at the very beginning of campaigning, though, that this year's elections were going to be different. This year's elections had more energy and generated more interest than last year's. There were more students running, including an 11-year-old boy, and the candidates looked like they were having fun.

Last year, the elections had to be extended a week because they weren't able to get the minimum number of voters — 3 percent of the campus population — to the polls. But this year, with 187 people voting on the first day of

elections alone, ballots surpassed the minimum 665 votes required to ratify the election.

Congratulations to the elections committee for a job well done. Your enthusiasm undoubtedly helped encourage higher voter turnout.

The candidates, especially, should be proud of the job they did during this election. This year, the candidates showed much more enthusiasm. Many of the campaign flyers were funny and creative.

During campaigning, we learned that Vice-President of Marketing & Communications candidate, Kai Shah, was not going to offer any "bullshit promises."

He probably should have made at least one promise to take his posters down. Shah was disqualified for leaving 55 of his campaign flyers up. At

least his poster was funny.

For the newly elected officers, remember that you have an important job ahead of you. Take it seriously. You will be in charge of a budget of over \$1 million dollars that many campus programs will want a piece of.

As all those in leadership positions often have to do, you'll have to make decisions that won't be popular with everyone. You'll have to develop a thick skin and be able to stand by your decisions, whether other students, faculty, or *La Voz* agree with you or not.

Remember most of all that you should have the students' best interest in mind, not your own.

We hope you joined student government so that you can be of service to the De Anza community, and not just to have something nice to put on your U.C. application.

Best of www.lavozdeanza.com hate mail

Here at La Voz, we receive a lot of anonymous hate mail on our Web site, www.lavozdeanza.com. Unlike most the letters to the editor we receive, the anonymous comments left online are often horribly written, offensive, or just plain weird.

As a rule, we usually don't publish these comments in our printed paper, because authors should stand behind what they write and sign their name. But it would be a crime if some of these gems didn't see the light of day. We hope these anonymous online comments entertain you as much as they did us.

Posted 5/19/06:
Response to article, "Student senate needs to motivate voters"

Does *La Voz* have nothing better to do than attack student leadership? Are we all on the same team? Where are you *La Voz*? You'd think you guys were not students, but separate from De Anza College.

I am sure that sure that you will get your gold medals from the Natural Enquirer, which would fit your newspaper more than the title of "*La Voz*."

To address your questions in order:

1. We don't have social lives.
2. Yes, the Dons.
3. L-41.

And to your main point, I think just putting gold medals on the page instead of a name would confuse a lot of people. Thanks for the advice!

Posted 5/15/16:
Response to article, "Within the rules"

This is sensationalistic journalism of the worst type. The front page of the Web site is splashed with a picture of Kai

Shah's campaign flyer as the main image, effectively promoting his candidacy. The article itself is a two-sentence brief that doesn't tell the reader anything about what actually happened. "Concern was raised" by whom? This writing smacks of a news organization who wasn't able to actually send a reporter to cover the meeting in question.

Thoughtless and irresponsible.

Yay! And people say that a bunch of college students operating on a shoestring budget for no pay while still trying to conduct their daily lives could never be called a real news organization. We're so glad that you don't agree with them.

Posted: 5/11/06:
Response to letter to the editor, "La Voz 'interfaith' article misrepresents Islam"

Let me first say I think Aman wrote a beautiful response to the article, "Students seek 'interfaith' room on campus." Although, I don't hold the same religious worldview Aman does, I can certainly appreciate not wanting to be misrepresented. Let those who represent their respective beliefs speak for themselves.

Unfortunately, this is just more of the status quo for *La Voz*. This is the same newspaper that published an article on how to start your own religion and stated something to the effect that the common denominator between all religions is that someone's making money.

The jist of the cartoon could only leave believers of any faith with no other options but to believe that the reporter — and *La Voz* by association — views religion as man-made stupidity.

Please spare me the First Amendment retort. It's about being "tolerant" isn't it my liberal friends? I wonder if a submission to

La Voz regarding the philosophically bankrupt position of atheism would ever see the light of day in print. I'm not holding my breath.

Please show us the religion that doesn't accept money. We'd like to join. Your amazing level of tolerance for different viewpoints than your own and your incredible ability to take a joke, have inspired us. God Bless You.

Posted 5/11/06:
Response to article, "Immigration march shows disloyalty to U.S." by James Schulte

Dude, you need to find a better job than constantly taking the opposition views of every single situation. I don't know if you're trying to enhance your writing skills or what or if you're trying to be controversial.

And, as far as I am concerned, you're not warranted for a spot in this newspaper. Start looking at the real life side of things you write about and stop what you are doing because you're looking like an idiot!

Dude, first of all, James Schulte believes everything he writes. Secondly, La Voz is a forum for student opinion — all student opinions. We thought about running the paper with just the opinions we like, but something about that seemed really repressive. We're crazy liberals that way.

Want to write us a letter?

Email us at:
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Distracted drivers on cell phones are road hazards



mary-joLOMAX

According to a study on driver distraction released in mid-April, cell phones are only one of the many things that cause drivers to momentarily take their eyes from the road.

The study, co-sponsored by the National Highway Traffic

for your health

Safety Administration and the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, found that distracted drivers were involved in about eight out of 10 car accidents or near-accidents.

The study analyzed data from drivers of 100 cars that were equipped with video and sensor devices. About

200 drivers, ranging in age from 18 to over 50, drove approximately two million miles around the Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C. metropolitan area for more than 18 months. Researchers collected 42,300 hours of data.

With all the data they collected, researchers were able to classify not only serious crashes in which the police were involved (16), but also minor crashes that didn't cause any injury or property damage (82), near-crashes in which the driver had to brake or swerve to avoid hitting something (760), and a category they called "critical incidents" in which the driver wasn't aware of a potential risk (8,295).

For more information on the study, log onto the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration at www.nhtsa.gov.

Mary-Jo Lomax is a health educator at De Anza College. For more info, visit the Health Center in the Hinson Campus Center.



SAFE DRIVING TIPS

- In the majority of both crashes and near-crashes, the drivers had taken their eyes off the road in front of them just before the incident occurred.
- Driver inattention was classified into four categories: secondary task distraction (such as using a cell phone, eating, talking to another occupant); driving-related inattention to the forward roadway (doing something related to the task of driving, like checking the rear view mirror or speedometer, that takes your eyes momentarily off the road); moderate or extreme drowsiness; and, other non-driving-related eye glances (taking your eyes off the road for non-specific, non-driving-related reasons).
- Drivers between 18 and 20 years old were about four times more likely to have inattention related incidents than people over 35 years old.
- Cell phones were the most common secondary task distraction. The researchers found that dialing is more dangerous than either talking or listening, but it does not occur nearly as often.
- The three highest frequencies of crashes involved cell phone use, looking at or reaching for an object in the car and passenger-related secondary tasks.
- Drowsiness was a contributing factor in 12 percent of all crashes and 10 percent of near-crashes.

IDENTITIES: LGBT panelists discussed

FROM PAGE ONE

member of "Malaya," a Filipina women's organization, said she only identifies herself as "a person who is attracted to everyone."

Koh concurred with Antonia that a person can be attracted to a variety of people.

"I can look at a girl on TV and think, 'Oh, she's cute,'" Koh said. "I think we all have that in us; we just don't admit it."

Antonia said she didn't come out right away because of the discrimination and unwanted attention she might encounter.

"There was a girl who came out at my high school, and she was the talk of the town," she said. "I didn't want that."

Discriminatory remarks and jokes can have a negative impact on people, especially children, said Koh, who volunteers to speak about his experiences at high schools and colleges in the Bay Area.

"When someone says 'Oh, that's so gay,'" it really hurts," he said.

Peralis said sexuality discrimination is pretty much condoned in society.

"It's not OK to be blatantly racist, but it is OK to be blatantly homophobic," she said.

People accepting and recognizing different sexualities in their own communities is a step in the right direction, said Peralis, who praised the Asian American Heritage Month panel for including a gay identities forum in its month-long schedule of events.

According to the panel, bridging the gap between communities shouldn't be as hard as it is.

"Us being gay shouldn't be an element," said Peralis.

"There really is no huge difference between you and me," said Antonia.

"We don't bite," said Kohn.

Sudoku

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What is Sudoku?

Sudoku is a Japanese game of numbers that has been gaining popularity since its first inclusion in British newspapers several years ago

How do I play?

Simply place numbers in the empty squares so that the numbers 1 through nine are present in each row, column, and three-by-three box on the game grid.

Logic

Can you solve the problem below?

Here at *La Voz*, keeping the peace is a full-time job. One of the tough jobs that come with running the place is sorting out the inevitable conflicts between strong personalities.

Today's problem started when a squirrel charged into our offices. Kayla, the sports editor, hates squirrels and immediately reached for a broom to kill it. Kat, our erstwhile managing editor, saw what she was about to do and flew into a righteous pro-squirrel rage.

Today, you get to be editor-in-chief! You need to get both of these crazy people (and the squirrel) into your office, where you can sort this all out.

LA VOZ FUN & GAMES

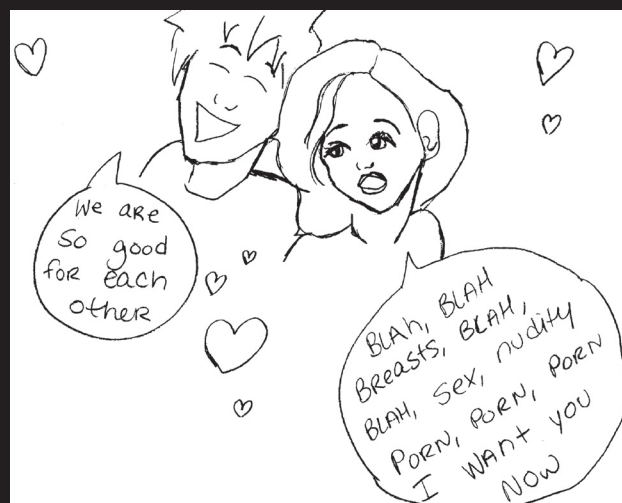
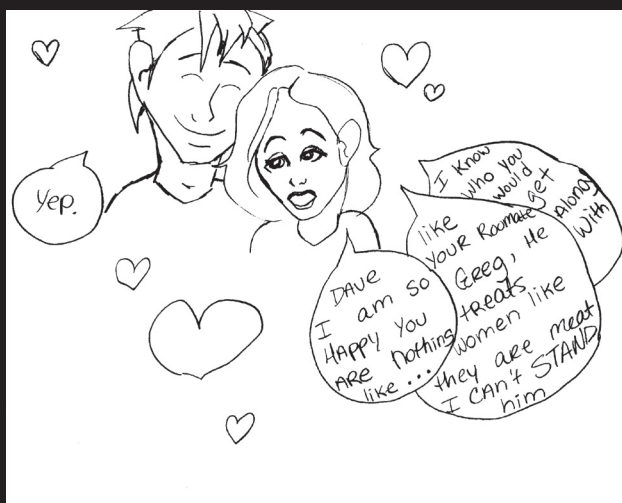
David Gunderson
LA VOZ

Unfortunately, you know from experience you can only move one (Kat, Kayla, or the squirrel) through the door at a time, and you can't risk leaving Kat alone with Kayla, or Kayla alone with the squirrel.

How do you move them around so that everyone gets into your office, and nobody gets hurt?

ANGRY GIRLS

Kharman Aidun
LA VOZ



First basketball camp to begin at De Anza this summer

Kristen Toner
LA VOZ

De Anza men's and women's basketball teams will hold their first De Anza College Hoop Skills Basketball Academy this summer.

Arden Kragalott, head coach for women's basketball and Jason Damjanovic, head coach for men's basketball, will lead the camp.

The Pepsi Corporation will sponsor selected underprivileged children to participate for free in a session at the camp. The children will be chosen by their school district, said Kragalott.

"It's a great community outreach for De Anza," said Kragalott. "We want to get kids involved in activity and basketball is a great world sport."

The camp is geared toward personalized instruction

with positive reinforcement, challenging competition and promotion of academics.

Each session will feature a variety of fast-paced offensive drills and a guest appearance by Coach Gary Zarecky, a successful high school, community college (Foothill College) and Division One head coach.

Zarecky has more than 35 years of experience running basketball camps throughout the Bay Area

and Southern California.

Additional local high school coaches and De Anza assistant coaches and basketball teams will make an appearance to run drills.

Boys and girls ages 8 through 17 are eligible to participate. Each session costs \$125 and includes a camp T-shirt and opportunities to win special awards. Children are welcomed to attend all three sessions.

The camp will be in the

De Anza College gymnasium for three individual one-week sessions, July 10 through 14, July 17 through 21 and July 24 through 28. A week session runs from 2 to 4 p.m.

For more information on the camp, call Arden Kragalott at 408-864-8648 or Jason Damjanovic at 408-864-8743.

A camp flyer and application is available on the De Anza website under basketball.

World Cup 2006: first-round matchups, La Voz breaks it down



James NEWBURG

With the World Cup starting in less than 10 days, here's a bite-sized breakdown of the eight groups for the first round:

Group A

Germany is the prohibitive favorite in this group. Everything is in their favor; not only are they the host country, but they are a class above the three other teams.

Plus, none of the other three teams have a player near the class of middle fielder Michael Ballack. Costa Rica, Ecuador and Poland are all playing for second place and it's anyone's guess which of these three teams will go through to the knockout stage. With veteran coach Bora Milutinovic at the helm, Costa Rica has a slight edge.

Group B

England and Sweden are the clear favorites to advance to the next round. The order of finish is up in the air. England may be on

the short list of favorites to win the competition. However, they have not beaten Sweden since 1968, a span that includes 11 matches (four losses, seven draws).

They also might be without forward Wayne Rooney, who suffered a broken foot in late April. Paraguay might sneak through if they can beat Trinidad and Tobago and earn a draw with England or Sweden.

Group C

Holland and Argentina can win it all, but both sides have a recent history of underachieving in important tournaments. Holland coach Marco Van Basten has reaffirmed his country's place as a soccer powerhouse by shaking up his team's roster, benching overrated veterans and promoting youngsters like forward Arjen Robben.

Argentina's hopes rest on the feet of talented playmaking middle fielder Juan Roman Riquelme. Ivory Coast can advance if Holland or Argentina collapse -- forward Didier Drogba is one of the most underrated goal-scorers in the world.

Group D

This group received its most publicity when rumor spread that Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad might travel to Germany to watch his country's side in the first round. Politics aside, there's not much talent in

this group.

Portugal is the obvious favorite on paper, but that was also the case in 2002 when they finished behind South Korea and the United States. Mexico is well-positioned to claim second place over Iran and Angola.

However, they will be without forward Cuauhtemoc Blanco, who was left off the final roster after feuding with coach Ricardo

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Group F

Defending champions Brazil begin their title defense in a relatively tough group. Australia, Croatia and Japan are not elite

to decide second place.

Group G

France look to shake off their last-place group finish in the 2002 World Cup. The 2006 finals might represent Les Bleus best chance to win a World Cup for many years.

Seven players, led by legendary middle fielder Zinedine Zidane, are over 30 years old.

Coach Raymond Domenech included only one player under 24 in his final roster. South Korea, led by middle fielder Ji-Sung Park, could repeat their 2002 success and advance. Switzerland upset Turkey, which finished in third place in 2002, for the final European qualifying spot. Togo is a first-time qualifier.

Group H

Spain is on a short list of about eight teams that have a legitimate chance of winning the World Cup.

No one questions their talent, but Spain will have to put their past (beating a weak Republic of Ireland and losing to South Korea, both on penalty kicks, in 2002) behind them.

First-time qualifier Ukraine could make an impact and advance of forward Andriy Shevchenko plays to form.

The AC Milan striker has scored 215 goals in 388 club and international matches. Tunisia and Saudi Arabia round out the group.



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Lavolpe.

Group E

The United States could finish anywhere from first to fourth. To advance, they will have to hold their own against European powers Italy and the Czech Republic.

Italy has been rocked by a match-fixing scandal in its professional league, which has snared several players including starting goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon.

The Czechs have middle

teams, but they can give Brazil a good game.

Middle fielder Ronaldino and forward Ronaldo get most of the press for the five-time world champions, but forward Adriano has proven himself a lethal scorer in Italy's Series A and in international competition. With a veteran side, Japan is a very slight favorite to advance, but it will likely come down to a tiebreaker

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