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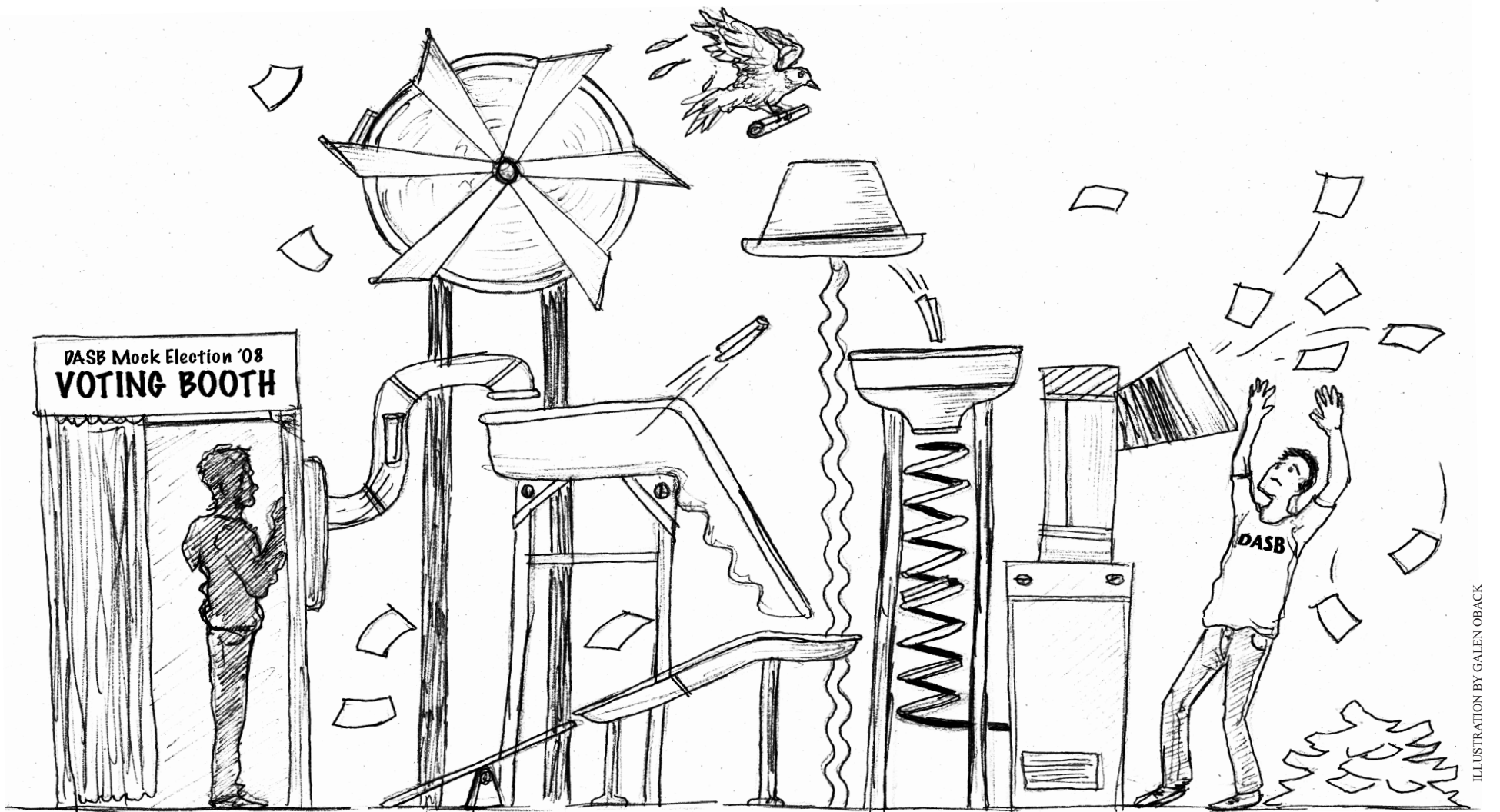


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'No on Prop 8' protest churlish

Rally against gay marriage continued on Monday at De Anza College. Many students report intimidating, threatening behavior from demonstrators.

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Women's volleyball slain

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What happened?!

DASB 'mock' election ballots riddled with inconsistencies; long-awaited results pose more questions than answers

Audrey Barker
LA VOZ NEWS

It had been planned for months. The student body president made it a priority and often emphasized his dedication toward the project in speeches. De Anza College President Brian Murphy and administrators worked in conjunction with other community colleges across the country to help ensure its success.

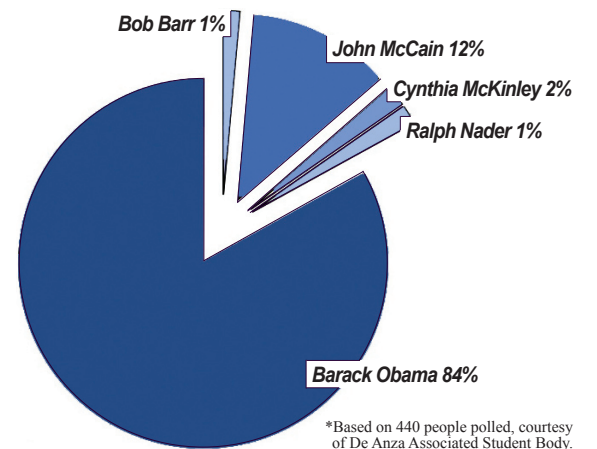
All their efforts and spent resources might very well have been for naught as of the night of Nov. 4. The results of the 'mock' presidential election held last month at De Anza were not released until after the real election was over and Sen. Barack Obama was elected to be the next president of the United States.

"The reason the information did not come out before the election is because the data was compromised," said Associated Student Body President Terell Sterling. "I felt it would be a disservice to release unverified information to the students."

The Associated Student Body Web site originally listed a "Mock Election" tab and included a note on its home page that promised the results to be listed on the site before Nov. 4. As of Monday, the tab and note have disappeared and no mock election results have been posted on the site.

"I understand students wanted the results as soon as the votes were counted," said Yujin Yoshimura, a Student Body senator, "but the

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*Based on 440 people polled, courtesy of De Anza Associated Student Body.

Student groups demand cheaper textbooks

James Chen
LA VOZ NEWS

The De Anza Associated Student Body Senate and several student activist clubs at De Anza College met with faculty and staff at the Academic Senate Oct. 27 to demand that college textbooks be made more affordable to students.

Patrick Ahrens, Student Trustee to the Foothill-De Anza District Board of Trustees, stood beside members of the DASB, WISE37, Students for Justice and other student groups in presenting a resolution suggesting methods to combat the recent hike in textbook prices. "There is a national movement to decrease textbook prices," said Ahrens at the Academic Senate meeting.

The presentation met many pitfalls early on, however. Due to miscommunication between Ahrens and Academic Senate President Anne Argyriou, what was planned to be a ten-minute discussion was limited to only five minutes, and the Senate's agenda had no room for further discussion.

Proposals listed in the resolution include expansion of the De Anza

bookstore's textbook rental program, requiring all courses to include textbook prices in class listings and an increase in the availability and uses of open-source resources at De Anza.

The open-source textbooks proposal is a concept derived from California Assembly Bill 2261, which has been introduced by State

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TEXTBOOKS | Students' push for affordable textbooks part of larger trend

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Assemblyman Ira Ruskin. It would introduce the use of "learning materials or resources as specified that are available for free use or repurposing by others without the permission of the original authors or creators," according to the text of the bill.

The rising cost of college textbooks has recently become a national issue. As the resolution states, "over the past two decades, the cost of higher education textbooks has risen at twice the rate of inflation, and according to the California State Auditor, textbook costs equal 59 percent of the total cost of attending community college in California."

Some estimations are more pessimistic. The bill introduced by Ruskin states that the cost of college textbooks has increased at four times the rate of inflation during the last few years.

The Public Interest Research Group is currently leading an effort to curb the steep rise in textbook costs across

the United States. They report a nation-wide backlash against textbook publishers among college students as well as faculty.

Other colleges across the country are seeking their own way around the problem of high textbook costs. Northwest Missouri State University is experimenting in switching over much of their course texts to e-book format.

The college's goal of switching to a totally paperless educational curriculum is projected to take as long as three years or more.

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CAMPUS EVENTS

Happenings around De Anza College

Tuesday, Nov. 11

STUDENT DIA DE LOS MUERTOS ALTAR EXHIBIT
TUESDAY, NOV. 11, 9 A.M. - 4 P.M., WRC, ATC 309
Pueno students have created Dia de los Muertos altars for public viewing. Stop by to check them out. For more information contact Becky Roberts at 408-864-5764.

YITZHAK RABIN DAY

TUESDAY, NOV. 11, 11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. MAIN QUAD
Come learn about the political assassinations of Yitzhak Rabin, Martin Luther King, Jr. and others. Rabin was the fifth prime minister of Israel and served from 1992-1995. The booth is sponsored by the Jews, Israelis and Friends Club.

Wednesday, Nov. 12

WORKSHOP: INVOLVEMENT OF YOUTH IN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 12, 1:30 - 3 P.M., SANTA CRUZ RM., CAMPUS CTR.
This workshop, sponsored by the Institute of Community and Civic Engagement, will give a history of the involvement of youth in environmental justice. For information contact communityengagement@deanza.edu or 408-864-8349.

Friday, Nov. 14

LAST DAY TO DROP WITH A 'W'
Students who wish to drop fall quarter classes must do so by today.

Saturday, Nov. 15

DARIUSH & MICHAEL LIVE IN CONCERT
SATURDAY, DEC. 15, 8:30 P.M., FLINT CENTER
Persian singer-songwriter-activist Dariush Egbali will perform. Tickets available through Ticketmaster for \$50, \$60 and \$75.

Sunday, Nov. 16

CALIFORNIA YOUTH SYMPHONY
SUNDAY, DEC. 16, 2:30 P.M., FLINT CENTER
Tickets available through Ticketmaster for \$15 for adults and \$10 for students, seniors and children. See <http://www.cys.org>.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

FACULTY DISCUSSION ON CLAUDE STEEL ESSAY
TUESDAY, NOV. 18, 12:30 - 2 P.M., L-21
Faculty are invited to a discussion of a Claude Steel essay, "Thin Ice: 'Stereotype Threat' and

Black College Students," about the internalization of stereotypes that threatens academic performance and success. Participants will reflect on the supportive and effective ways they can reach students by applying culturally responsive practices. PGA credit is available. RSVP to Maryalice Bonilla at 408-864-8883 or bonillamaryalice@fhda.edu or Kristin Skager at 408-864-8542 or skagerkristin@fhda.edu.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

CCP GET TOGETHER: CELEBRATION OF DIVERSITY
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19, 12:30 - 2:30 P.M., CAMPUS CTR. ROOM B
Cross Cultural Partners will be holding their final get-together - a Celebration of Diversity - this quarter. CCP participants are asked to attend to share the experiences they've had with their partners. Please RSVP by Nov. 12 to deanzaccp@yahoo.com. A full buffet lunch will be served.

FILM/TV DEPARTMENT SPEAKER SERIES: FELICIA HENDERSON Q&A

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19, 4 - 6 P.M., FORUM 1
Felicia Henderson, one of the film and television industry's most successful and busiest writer/producers will talk and answer questions about the film and TV business and how to break into it. Her accomplishments include: co-executive producer of the hit shows "Fringe," "Gossip Girl" and "Soul Food"; consulting producer of "Everybody Hates Chris"; and writer/producer of "Moesha," "Sister, Sister," "Family Matters," and "The Fresh Prince of Bel Air." Henderson has also written full-length movies for 20th Century Fox, the Disney Channel and MTV Films. For information contact Barak Goldman at goldmanbarak@deanza.edu.

Wednesday, Nov. 26

WORKSHOP: UNIVERSITIES AND COMMUNITIES WORKING TOGETHER
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26, 1:30 - 3 P.M., SANTA CRUZ RM., CAMPUS CTR.
From the perspective of a community-based organization taking in student volunteers, this workshop helps prepare college students who are getting ready to do youth-related community service work in East Palo Alto. The workshop will cover topics such as issues facing youth in East Palo Alto, the history of East Palo Alto and the dynamics between universities and communities. Students will discuss the complexities of their various roles and responsibilities as "outsiders" coming into the community, varying expectations, and how to navigate through them. For information contact communityengagement@deanza.edu or 408-864-8349.

Friday, Dec. 5

DE ANZA VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLES IN CONCERT
FRIDAY, DEC. 5, 8 - 10 P.M., A-11, CHORAL HALL
The De Anza Vocal Jazz Ensembles, featuring De Anza students, will perform. General admission is \$10, student admission is \$5, children are free. For information contact Michelle Hawkins at hawkinsmichelle@fhda.edu.

JOEL MCHALE IN CONCERT

FRIDAY, DEC. 5, 8 P.M., FLINT CENTER
Comedian, actor and TV host Joel McHale will perform. McHale is the host of "The Soup" on E! Entertainment Television. Tickets available from Ticketmaster for \$32.50.

Saturday, Dec. 6

DE ANZA FLEA MARKET
SATURDAY, DEC. 6, 8 A.M. - 4 P.M., PARKING LOTS A & B
The monthly De Anza Flea market offers about 850 vendor stalls including antiques, hand-crafted items, ceramics, phone accessories, ethnic artifacts, pet accessories and garage sale items. The Flea market is held the first Saturday of every month. Entry to the event is free; parking is \$5.

GUITAR WORKSHOP, STUDENT RECITAL

SATURDAY, DEC. 6, 7 - 9 P.M., A 11, CHORAL HALL
This guitar workshop and De Anza student recital performance is free. For information contact Ron Dunn at dunnron@deanza.edu.

Sunday, Dec. 7

DE ANZA CHORAL CONCERT
SUNDAY, DEC. 7, 3 P.M., UNION CHURCH OF CUPERTINO
The De Anza winter Choral Concert, featuring De Anza students, will be held at the Union Church of Cupertino at 20900 Stevens Creek Blvd. in Cupertino. For information contact Billie Bandermann at bandermannbillie@fhda.edu.

Saturday, Dec. 13

KFJC PSYCHOTRONIX FILM FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, DEC. 13, 7 P.M., FORUM 1
The KFJC Psychotronic Film Festival shows unusual and unique vintage 16mm films that reveal the follies, the faults and the foibles of the recent past. The event is sponsored by De Anza's Film/TV Dept. and Foothill's Communication Radio Dept. Cost is \$5. For information go to <http://www.kfjc.org> or contact Susan Tavernetti at tavernettisusan@deanza.edu.

ONGOING EVENTS

500 YEARS OF POWERFUL LATINAS DIA DE LOS MUERTOS ALTAR EXHIBIT
NOW - THURSDAY, NOV. 20, ADMIN BLDG. LOBBY
¡Lead! presents a Dia de los Muertos altar exhibit dedicated to 500 years of powerful Latinas. For more information contact Marc Coronado at 408-864-8409.

FREE TUESDAY LUNCH WITH JIF
EVERY TUESDAY, NOON - 1:30 P.M., SUNKEN GARDENS
Come meet fun and interesting students from the De Anza Jews, Israelis and Friends club. A free lunch is provided during JIF's weekly Tuesday gatherings.

PLANETARIUM SHOWS
EVERY SATURDAY THROUGH DEC. 20, PLANETARIUM
Journey to the stars with the Planetarium's Infinium S Star projector and full-dome digital

astronomy and laser light shows. Costs range from \$7 - \$9. Go to <http://www.deanza.edu/planetarium> for a list of shows and times.

MASSAGE THERAPY CLINIC
EVERY MONDAY & WEDNESDAY, 6 - 9 P.M. THROUGH DEC. 3
PE 12L & MASSAGE ROOM PE 12U

The Massage Therapy Program clinical class is offering massages every Monday and Wednesday evenings. Appointment times are at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Cost for students is \$10, faculty/staff is \$15, the community is \$20. To make an appointment call 408-864-5645. For more information see <http://www.deanza.edu/pe/massage/clinic>.

FALL QUARTER DATES

Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 27-30: Thanksgiving holiday
Tuesday-Friday, Dec. 9-12: Final exams
Friday, Dec. 12: Last day to file for fall degree or certificate
Monday, Dec. 15: First day of winter recess
Monday, Jan. 5: First day of winter classes

ALERTLOG CAMPUS POLICE

PROPERTY: LOST ITEM REPORTED

Thursday, Oct. 30
Location: Off-campus location

BURGLARY: AUTO FORCIBLE

Thursday, Oct. 30
Location: Parking Lot C

INVESTIGATION: SUSPICIOUS PERSON

Thursday, Oct. 30
Location: Child Development Center
Summary: Tall skinny man in all black gas mask, long sleeves, shiny black vest, black pants.

INVESTIGATION: INTRUSION ALARM

Saturday, Nov. 1
Location: Stelling Parking Garage
Summary: Fire alarm panel malfunctioning due to water leaking from the roof into the alarm panel.

INVESTIGATION: SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE

Tuesday, Nov. 4
Location: Parking Lot B

ASSISTANCE: SICK PERSON

Tuesday, Nov. 4
Location: Dining Area

TRAFFIC COLLISION: ACCIDENT - NO INJURIES

Tuesday, Nov. 4
Location: Off-campus location

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Let us know!

Send event notices to Happenings@LaVozDeAnza.com by Wednesday noon preceding the week of publication. 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.

Beloved English professor Jean Miller remembered

Alejandro Jimenez
LA VOZ NEWS

Family, administrators, faculty and students came together Thursday at De Anza College in celebration and remembrance of the life and service of English professor Jean Miller.

The room was packed even before the memorial service began. Both family and staff members reflected

on the experiences they had with Miller by reciting poetry or sharing stories.

"She was a teacher not only to her students, but to us as well," said De Anza faculty member Christina Espinosa-Pied.

Some of speakers were teary-eyed, others simply nervous, but they all delivered fond memories of Miller's life. Her son, Dave LaFarge, delivered a lengthy speech about what it meant to have been raised by Miller.

Renee LaFarge, Jean Miller's partner of 36 years, spoke briefly, expressing her deep love and sadness about the sudden loss of her "soul mate." She recited one of the night's most memorable poems, a piece about the strength of a woman.

Reading instructor Ulysses Pichon followed with a poem of his own. He read "A Little Piece of Jean," an ode to Miller's teaching style – a style that, according to Pichon, was difficult to describe with "just words."

English professor Paula Silva gave the final speech, a story about the confidence that Miller instilled in her as she began her career. She then introduced the Jean Miller Scholarship, a scholarship for First Year Experience students.

First Year Experience is a program that Miller founded that offers assistance to underrepresented minority students.

"This program was her baby," said Silva, encouraging those in at-

tendance to donate to the scholarship fund.

The memorial with guests sharing hugs and eating a cake that read, "We Love You Jean."

Those interested in contributing to the Miller scholarship fund may contact Rowena Tomaneng at 408-864-8349.

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DA VOICES

What De Anza students have to say

Recently, a De Anza professor put a sign on his door demanding people not disturb him in class with "irrelevant questions." Is that going too far?



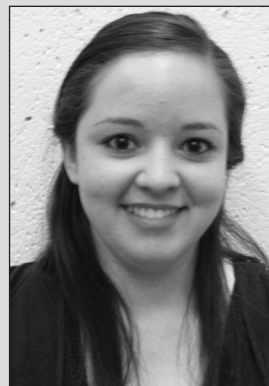
"Not a big deal, not offended, totally understandable."

Craig White, 21,
management major



"That is messed up. Whatever happened to 'There is no such thing as a stupid question'?"

Fernando Batista, 22,
environmental studies major



"'Irrelevant' is like a slap in the face. Whatever happened to 'do not disturb'?"

Kimberly Gomez, 21,
business major



"Understandable; it's annoying when students barge into classrooms."

Sang Min Park, 19,
history major



"Teachers should use polite words to still get their point across."

Juliana Batista, 23,
social welfare major



"It's a straightforward warning sign. I wouldn't want to bother a class."

Kevin Widyatmadja, 17,
business major

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Non-students at De Anza rally against Proposition 8

Soheil Rezaee
LA VOZ NEWS

Pro-Proposition 8 demonstrators, many of them non-students, clashed with members of Students for Justice and a larger crowd opposing the proposed ban on gay marriage in De Anza College's Main Quad on Monday.

While the crowd was smaller than at previous demonstrations, the "Yes on 8" demonstrators were more numerous than before. Still, they failed to equal the number of students who turned out in opposition to the proposed gay marriage ban in California.

"This is not an act of discrimination on any minority group," said Victor Jih, an organizer of the protest. "We are here to preserve something which is very sacred, very valuable to many people."

Officers from the Foothill-De Anza Campus Police were present to ensure that students express themselves without endangering the campus environment and that demonstrators remain in the Main Quad.

As De Anza is a community college, non-students are allowed on campus. However, if non-student organizations wish to hold an organized demonstration on campus, they must first obtain a permit or opt to restrict themselves to the designated "Free Speech Zone" near the Hinson Campus Center.

Despite the presence of police, many who attended the event saw the non-student demonstrators as being hostile and intimidating rather than peaceful.

There were also some worries that verbal arguments could have escalated into physical confrontation. "They were being verbally aggressive to the point that it could have escalated to physical aggression very easily," said Ernest Chavez, a member of Students For Justice.

Members of Students for Justice who were present at the protest had been instructed by police to keep their demonstration peaceful.

"A healthy disagreement adds to the learning environment," said Robert Griffin, Vice President, Student Services & Institutional Research.

Campus police are typically notified of any unscheduled event on campus to provide protection for both students and outside groups while ensuring that nothing be allowed to disturb the learning environment.

"If non-students are involved, that's not good for the college community because they don't have a stake in what happens on campus," said Bob Concilla, Director of Campus Security.

Jih dismissed the claim that "Yes on 8" demonstrators created a hostile environment with their demonstrations on campus, but did admit that some participants acted in an offensive manner toward gays and lesbians.

"There were students who felt strongly about Proposition 8 who went overboard with it," said Jih, "but you cannot label an entire group of people based a few peoples' misconduct."

The De Anza branch of Live Action has been disbanded by the Inter Club Council for their failure to set up a booth on Club Day and for not having attended four previous Council meetings.

Soheil Rezaee is the video editor for La Voz Weekly. Contact him at: soheilrezaee@lavozeanza.com.

CAMPUS SNAPSHOT



ROBERT ERDEI/LA VOZ WEEKLY

A pair of De Anza student vampires taunt a fair lass in the cafeteria, just a few of the horrors visible amid throngs of ghouls and ghosts in the Hinson Campus Center on Devil's Day, Oct. 30.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KURT KUENNE

De Anza filmmaker scores hit

Alejandro Jimenez
LA VOZ NEWS

A film by former De Anza College student Kurt Kuenne will receive a theatrical roll out and a DVD release by Oscilloscope Laboratories in a deal reached Sept. 18. The film, "Dear Zachary: A Letter to a Son about His Father," is an emotional rollercoaster depicting the turmoil found in the aftermath of a cold-blooded murder.

Kuenne graduated from the University of Southern California in 1995, but not before spending some time at De Anza. He was not on campus for very long, but he made sure his time here was well spent.

"I only had the opportunity to take two film courses at De Anza," says Kuenne, "a lighting class taught by Mike Holler and a film history class taught by Susan Tavernetti."

Kuenne said both classes were valuable. "Mike's class helped me learn a lot about light and how to control it to achieve the mood and effect you desire. Susan's class continued to stir my mind about film history, film grammar and stoked the fires of my love of older films."

Like any other student, Kuenne had his favorite professors here. "My two favorite professors from my time at De Anza were Susan Tavernetti and Dave Denny, both of whom remain my good friends to this day."

Kuenne learned of his passion for filmmaking early on, and he developed his skills with the support from the film program at De Anza.

"Kurt was the enthusiastic student who sat front-row-center, wearing one of his favorite movie T-shirts," said Professor Tavernetti.

She says the film program often takes a back seat other programs

at De Anza, but those closest to it know that it's a program worth maintaining. "There are many former De Anza students who didn't excel academically but have gone on to very successful careers in the film and television industry," said Tavernetti. "We don't try to pick winners. We try to help every student become one."

"Dear Zachary" was first screened on Halloween weekend in New York City, and it will continue to open throughout the country over the next few weeks. It will reach San Jose on Dec. 5, playing in the Camera 3 Cinemas. The stars of the film, Kate and David Bagby, will be in attendance there.

The film premieres on MSNBC Dec. 7.

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Are we in the midst of a recession? GDP, it's as easy as 1-2-3!

Well folks, its official – the United States economy contracted in the third quarter of this year (at this point, anyway). To use my always reliable boxing metaphor, after demonstrating incredible resilience to the brutal pummeling the economy has endured over the last few years, it's finally taken a few too many to the chin and is now down on the mat. Even the most optimistic among us (who, me?) have finally capitulated and admitted that we are indeed in the midst of a – perhaps worldwide – recession. And judging by most indicators, things will probably be getting worse before they get any better.

The most watched and quoted indicator as to whether on not the economy is in recession these days is the real gross domestic product (GDP) – or more precisely, any changes in it. One of the more important National Income and Product Accounts, the GDP is a comprehensive measure of economic activity. And, like many of the things that shape our economy today, it was a product of the Great Depression.

Prior to the 1930's, there was no official way to measure the size and/or performance of the economy. Stuck in the dark depths of the Great Depression, Congress decided to develop a consistent, timely measure of national income and output.

The task of putting together the first official national income statistics was assigned to a division of the Department of Commerce. What resulted would eventually become known as GNP, or Gross National Product (GNP was supplanted by GDP as the main gauge of U.S. production in 1991 to capture the growing contribution to our economy by foreign firms).

Though a measure of the economy's production, the most common way of calculating GDP is via the "expenditures approach," which breaks the economy down into four "spending" parts; consumption, or household expenditures, being by far the largest part, making up over 70 percent of GDP. Hence the widespread alarm when it was recently announced that household spending had gone negative for the first time in 17 years.

GDP is, to use the definition I typically give to my classes, the market value of all goods and services in their final stage of production and produced in the economy over a given period of time.

By "market value," we mean that only the exchanges that take place in markets are counted (a market being anyplace where buyers and sellers can gather to make mutually voluntary exchanges). Thus, much is left out of the count; this and other shortcomings make GDP an imprecise measure of social wellbeing.

Also, to avoid what national income accountants would consider "multiple counting," the value of intermediated goods used throughout the various stages of production is not counted in GDP, but simply the sale of goods in their FINAL state of production. For instance, when you buy that \$8 cup of "coffee" from Starbucks (and everyone whines about the economy – gimme a break!), GDP does not include the cost or price of the picking, roasting, packaging and shipping of the coffee beans or the salary of the barista, but simply the final sale price you pay for your quadruple White Chocolate Mocha Grande.

Goods AND services means just that – goods, such as Windows Vista and beer; services, such as Vista Start-

Up Repair and medical treatment for cirrhosis of the liver.

Finally, it counts when and where something is produced. That is, it doesn't matter when the product is sold, but the time period it was made in. And the domestic part of the definition means that, for example, even though Toyota is a Japanese company, the automobiles it produces at production facilities here in the U.S. are included in U.S. GDP – it doesn't matter whether they sell the cars here or anywhere else (FYI, this would be included in Japan's GNP, but not their GDP. Wakari masu ka?).

The Bureau of Economic Analysis, an agency in the U.S. Commerce Department, is responsible for calculating the GDP. The results are released quarterly and come in three different "vintages": "advance,"

which comes out one month after the previous quarter; "preliminary" (two months); and finally, "final" (three months). Hence, a quarter where it appears the economy has contracted or shrunk may eventually turn out to be one that the economy actually expands or grows, or vice versa.

Which goes back to what I said at the beginning about

contraction. That is, according to advance estimates, in the third quarter of this year – from July to September – the economy shrank at an annualized rate of 0.3 percent; meaning that, if you divide by four, you'll know how much less real goods and services the economy produced in that time period compared to the previous quarter. But in this case, don't expect that -0.3 percent to be revised upward into positive territory in future "vintages."

At this point, I should also point out that there is what is referred to as real GDP and nominal GDP. Notice that I have been using the term real when talking about how the economy has been performing; the reason this is relevant is that when prices rise overtime, nominal GDP overstates the size and/or performance of the economy. For example, in the mid-1970's, due to a rather nasty dose of inflation, U.S. nominal GDP rose, while the real GDP fell.

Hence, when taking a look at how the economy is really doing, changes in price levels (typically increases in this case) must be adjusted for. (On the other hand, there have been times in the last decade or so in Japan when their nominal GDP has understated the size and/or performance of their economy. Think about it.)

So, now that you know all of this incredibly interesting stuff (sarcasm), are we, for sure, in a recession? Well, according to the generally accepted definition, a recession is defined by six straight months – or two consecutive quarters – of negative economic growth. So, by that metric, no.

But, though that may be a handy little rule of thumb, the National Bureau of Economic Research – the "official arbiters of the business cycle" – define recession a bit more broadly: A significant decline in economic activity, spread across the economy, lasting more than a few months, manifested by a decline in real GDP, real income, employment, industrial output and sales.

So gang, based on all the above input, I'm afraid there's just no getting around it: we are indeed in a recession. But hey, it's like the t-shirts and bumper stickers say, "Recession Happens!"

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SPORTS



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Led by a strong running attack and dominant defense, the De Anza College football team faced few challenges in a game against the Panthers from Hartnell College.

Dons outrun Panthers, win 25-0

Taylor leads with 141 rushing yards, Evans shines on defense with three sacks in rain soaked game versus Hartnell College

Quan Luong
LA VOZ NEWS

The De Anza College football team avenged their 20-9 loss to Monterey Peninsula College with a 25-0 trouncing of the Hartnell Panthers on Nov. 1. The pouring rain didn't hinder the Dons as they amassed a total of 321 yards of offense and shut out Hartnell (2-6, 0-3).

The Dons got on the scoreboard when running back Chris Mendoza capped off a 12-play, 68-yard drive with a two-yard touchdown run with 4:15 remaining in the first quarter. Place kicker Jose Villanueva missed the extra-point as De Anza took the early 6-0 lead over the Panthers.

"Our team played so well against the Hartnell Panthers," running back Lawrence Taylor said. "We love playing in the rain because it makes the game interesting."

The downpour played a large factor in the game and two different approaches emanated as the Dons ran the ball efficiently, whereas the Panthers passed the ball in the pouring rain.

De Anza struck again; this time on special teams as punt returner Kendall Hendon

returned a Panther punt 44 yards for a touchdown just before the end of the second quarter. Villanueva connected on the extra-point try to extend the Dons' lead to 13-0.

"We're making a lot of improvements this year," head coach Dan Atencio said. "The players have been making a lot of progress as the season passes and they're getting stronger."

Not to be outshone by their own offense, the Dons' defense held the Panthers to minus-15 yards of rushing and 198 total yards offensively. The defense held Hartnell to just 3.1 yards per play, while De Anza's offense averaged almost five yards per play.

The defense had seven sacks, one interception, a forced fumble and also a fumble recovery. Defensive lineman Will Evans anchored the defense with three of the seven sacks, totaling 27 yards of lost offense for the Panthers.

Linebacker Russell Jenkins led the team with 5.5 tackles, including two tackles resulting in a total of five yards of offense lost for the Panthers offense. Cornerback Darell Archie added five solo tackles on the rainy afternoon.

The Dons continued their scoring as

Taylor ran in a five-yard rushing touchdown that ended a six-play scoring drive with 8:27 remaining in the third quarter. The extra point was blocked by Thomas Pace of the Panthers, holding De Anza's lead to 19-0.

"Right now there's a couple players that have suffered significant injuries," Atencio said. "The coaching staff doesn't know when the injured players will make their full recovery. Hopefully we can get our injured players back on our active roster."

With 14:11 remaining in the fourth quarter, Taylor scampered into the end zone on a 59-yard run to finish off the scoring in the wet and cold game. Taylor finished off his busy day with 141 yards rushing on 18 carries and two touchdowns.

"We underestimated them a little bit," Taylor said. "The Panthers played well against us. Our defense shut the Panthers down, preventing them from scoring a point."

After their blowout against Hartnell, the Dons' record now stands at 5-3 overall and 2-1 in Coast Conference play.

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Exhausted Sarah Timon (14) and her fellow women's volleyball teammates were unable to fend off Skyline College Oct. 31, losing 3-1.

Women's volleyball lose in four sets to Skyline College

Matthew Larvey
LA VOZ NEWS

Despite a strong effort from the De Anza College women's volleyball team, the Lady Dons faced constant struggle and were defeated by Skyline College in four games on Friday, Oct. 31.

Facing a solid and consistent team from Skyline, several fatal errors made by De Anza eventually led to their unfortunate doom.

The De Anza girls stayed ahead in the first game, until a late seven point run left Skyline one point away from winning.

The Dons managed to win the second game, but their momentum didn't carry them on through the rest of the game. The De Anza women displayed a strong set of skills and a lot of heart, but Skyline's steady and consistent play and strong teamwork seemed to slowly demoralize the Lady Dons.

"We played aggressive," said Adi Madzar, number 11. "We could've done a lot better, and next time we should have a lot of energy."

Head coach Dawnis Guevara felt that the many errors in the De Anza team's strategy played a major factor in the loss.

"I would give their performance a C," said Guevara. "We do good with the harder aspects, but we are lacking on the basics. We missed 15 or 16 serves and that is way too many points to give the other team."

Injuries have plagued the team this year and several of their veteran players are sitting on the sidelines. "Physically, this is a great team," said Guevara, "but it's a young team. With the vets injured, we have to keep switching the lineups."

The team, who have been the Coast Conference Champions three times since 2000, are now having a rough year.

"I can't ever remember losing to Skyline," said Ivan Guevara, father of Coach Guevara and informal assistant. "We're playing volleyball but haven't developed volleyball players yet."

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Student Athlete of the Week

Vanessa James
Women's cross country
Major: chemistry

Quan Luong
LA VOZ NEWS

In the Coast Conference Championship, cross country runner Vanessa James finished in first place with a time of 19:50 and a pace of 6:24 per mile. This is her second meet victory in a row, and she led the team to its first conference championship since 1992.

What got you interested in joining the cross country team?

James: I had an itch to run. Also, my boyfriend encouraged me to run and to be part of the cross country team.

What are some of your other interests?

J: During my free time, I like to sing and surf.

What college do you plan on transferring to?

J: I'm still undecided about which school I want to transfer to.

What's your major? What do you want to do for a future career?

J: I'm majoring in chemistry and for my career I want to be an optometrist.

What are some of your favorite things in life?

J: I like to eat watermelon, listen to alternative music, watch the movie "300" and I love reading "The Cedar House Rules."

Do you have any siblings in your family?

J: I have two brothers and three sisters, and I'm the oldest.

Student Leader of the Week

Satomi Yokoyama
President of the Japanese Student Association, vice president of the Engineering Club, co-president of Women in Science, Engineering and Math
Major: civil engineering
Dream School: undecided

Sharon Su
LA VOZ NEWS

She used to be one of those students who concentrate on their classes only, but Satomi Yokoyama became a totally different person with differing perspectives by one day choosing to get involved at De Anza College.

Involved in many clubs, various activities and formerly an agent for the De Anza Associated Student Body, it is evident that she manages a lot of work. She merely smiles and replies, "Busy is cool."

Describing herself as a curious, developing and spontaneous person, Yokoyama looks forward to achieving her dream of working in the civil engineering field.

How do you feel about being chosen Student Leader of the Week?

Yokoyama: I was so surprised. I feel special.

When did you first come to the United States?

Y: I came here three years ago. I went to high school for a year then came to De Anza College. I didn't like De Anza at first because all I did was go to classes. But now, I really like it. I got involved.

What do you miss about Japan?

Y: I miss my relatives and friends, but it's okay. I can go back later. I like it here.

What do you like about the clubs you're a member of?

Y: I thought I wouldn't learn anything in JSA, but that wasn't true; I learned a lot. Also, your opinion counts in JSA.



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like, and I'm glad what I'm doing is fun for me.

What motivates you to work so hard?

Y: Results give me confidence. Also, sympathy helps me a lot. I wouldn't do it if I were alone.

What kind of a person would you say you are?

Y: I am a person who tries to smile a lot and does only the things I want to do. I get interested very quickly. I always attempt to improve. I try not to have regrets, because I am who I am.

What kind of people do you admire in your life?

Y: I like people who struggle. I don't like people who are passive, lazy or who do nothing.

What kind of a person do you want to be remembered as?

Y: I want to be a person who is true to oneself. I want to be a person who can be overstressed and yet be happy.

What do you like about civil engineering? Why did you choose that as your major?

Y: I thought that the idea of tiny people making something big and cool was fascinating. I like big buildings and construction projects, like freeways, etc. I like that people work together and make something beautiful by committing themselves to it.

What message do you have for your club members?

Y: Don't let life be boring at De Anza. Reach out just a little more and be more confident. Express your opinions, and the opportunities are here for you. I had nothing, but people were just as welcoming to me. You can fail and still stand back up. You make your own world. Love De Anza. Thanks to all of my friends! I love you all and I love De Anza!

What are the challenges do you face as a student leader of so many different groups?

Y: The challenge I face is leadership. I'm bad at leading the officers of clubs. I was quiet and didn't have a lot of friends. I thought socializing was stupid. I used to do everything by myself, and now I'm trying to learn to rely on people. I try to commit to people.

What do you do during your free time?

I spend time with my family and friends. I go on facebook a lot.

How do you like being a student leader?

Y: It's fun. I only do the things I

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DASB did not want to influence any students' votes by posting the results before the national election."

La Voz Weekly received an email from Sterling on Nov. 3 that included data collected from the mock election. Sterling characterized the data as "rough results" from De Anza, and said he was "standing by for results from Foothill." The email did not include any information on how the data was to be interpreted, making it unreliable, and Student Senate members were unavailable to offer assistance.

The ballots used in the mock election were broken down into subsections that included citizenship status, age, annual income and ethnic makeup before listing the contests for president of the U.S. and California State propositions.

According to the data provided by the Associated Student Body, out of 440 total ballots counted, Obama won overwhelmingly with 84 percent of those who voted in the presidential category voting for him over Sen. John McCain, who received just 12 percent.

Also, according to the results, at least one ballot was counted that indicated a vote for both Obama and McCain, as well as one vote for television personalities John Stewart and Stephen Colbert.

There are many oddities in the results that were provided by the Associated Student Body. According to the data, out of the 440 total ballots counted, only 194 participants chose to vote for a presidential candidate, while 289 voted on Proposition 1A, a bond measure to build a high speed rail system between the Bay Area and Southern California.

The results suggest that more participants chose to vote on Proposition 1A than in any other category on the ballot. However, roughly the same number of participants who chose to provide their age, ethnicity, income level and citizenship status chose to vote in the presidential category.

190 participants voted on Proposition 8 – an amendment to the California Constitution that eliminates gay marriage – which passed in the real election but failed to pass by a huge majority in the mock election.

De Anza was supposed to have received results from similar mock elections that took place recently at other community colleges, but they only received the data from Foothill College. Foothill's results showed some of the same confusing figures. There, 222 people voted in the presidential category, while 314 voted on Proposition 2 and 306 voted on Proposition 7.

The Associated Student Body Senate has suggested that participants filling in their ballots incompletely and only voting in certain categories might be to blame for the discrepancies. The student body president has said that senate members who were operating the voting tables during the mock election failed to properly assist voters. "There should have been more accountability of the senate members in charge of the voting booths," said Sterling. "Voters should have been given better instructions on how to fill out their ballots."

In the official instructions printed on the ballot, it is indicated that an individual's entire ballot will not be counted if they mark more than a single choice in any of the categories. It also indicates that if the voter makes an error on their ballot they should discard it and request a new ballot to start over.

There is no requirement listed anywhere on the ballot which states that the ballot will not be counted if not completely filled out or if the voter chooses not to respond in one or more of the categories.

"But in the end, it really wasn't about the numbers," said Sterling. "Our main objective was to empower students and give them the right to vote, whether they are international students, underage students or registered voters who already voted in the national election."

The student president did express his disappointment in having had such a small turnout for the mock election. "We wanted to get 1,000 voters, but in total we counted only 440 ballots," he said.

Less than two percent of the De Anza student population participated in the mock election.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Mock election madness result of ineptitude

It is now generally understood and accepted that the DASB Mock Election was a failure in virtually every way. Turnout was poor, planning was lax, interest by both organizers and casual observers was little, the results came far too late and the data therein was mostly incomprehensible, and now it seems as if all parties involved just want to forget it ever happened and move on.

Regardless, the entire debacle exemplifies the "business as usual" approach that is so often employed by the Student Senate.

In the aftermath of the student elections last spring, which were themselves chock full of grievances and controversy, student senators seemed

all too willing to clasp tight onto the coattails of the "change" movement.

Unfortunately, it seems that the same mismanagement and squandering of resources that has plagued the student government here at De Anza College time and time again still runs rampant through the DASB offices.

The confusion that arose in the wake of the mock election, the late results, and the discrepancies between the number of individual votes tallied in the presidential contest and California State propositions suggests catastrophic ineptitude in how the project was handled from start to finish.

It should come as no surprise that only 440 ballots were cast – 560 short of expectations, and less than two

percent of De Anza's roughly 25,000 students – what with the Student Senate's history of being so utterly incompetent. 440 is a surprisingly high number of individuals willing to keep the faith that their elected student representatives actually care enough to work out a reasonable, functioning mock election. Should we hope to get a fair and honest student election next spring knowing the very same people who will be organizing that event can't even deliver a fake election?

The mock election concept was admirable, but its success was dependent upon many factors that never fell into place; chiefly, a well thought out organization that benefits from the participation of dedicated individuals who

care about its success and who wish to have a positive effect on students' lives. Our student leaders proved incapable of living up to the hype.

Facing many potential major crises in the near future, including tough state budget challenges, the ever increasing cost of living and attending college, and the rising number of students at De Anza, we need a capable student government populated by competent individuals to ensure students' voices are truly being heard.

Student leaders should right now be focusing wholeheartedly on radically improving their track record of incompetence, or perhaps next spring the De Anza campus may see a new campaign for "change."

OTHER VIEWS

Some thrifty ideas to save cash during the crisis

Lina Kwon
HER OPINION

The economic crisis affects everyone at different levels. Following are some general tips to help you save potential major bucks.

Since we're students, the most immediate relief tactic is to cut down on luxury spending, or at least be smart about spending. If you must spend, take advantage of countless coupons. May I recommend RetailMeNot.com, which consists of a cheat sheet full of retail coupons.

A more specific example: a chronic Starbucks patron who spends an average of four dollars a day on one cup of caffeine will spend close to \$15,000 on coffee every year. Purchase the beans instead, and grind them yourself – it tastes better that way anyway. If you must stick with pre-made coffee, buy brewed coffees instead of soy lattes or caramel macchiato.

If you are truly addicted and must stick with the overpriced, get a gift card, which will grant you free upgrades to soy milk, additional syrups and bottomless refills on brewed coffee.

Just like the Starbucks syndrome, eating on campus every day adds up quickly, even though it isn't all that luxurious. Instead of spending five dollars every day on greasy food, pack yourself nice healthy lunches. If this is impossible, mix the two. This will still increase your money for next month's food by 50 percent.

The clearest tip I can give is to stop wasting. We waste everything from necessities such as water, energy, and



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food to luxury items such as clothes, accessories and wrapping paper. The obvious ways to do this are to turn off your lights when you're not in the room, use low-wattage bulbs that can cut down your electricity bill by half, and think twice before you toss that leftover sandwich or half-full water bottle.

Tips for the holidays: try replacing expensive wrapping and tissue paper with creative ideas using renewable resources such as newspaper and inside-out shopping bags. Search thrift stores for interesting old boxes that can be used as decorative packages. Take colorful ads and excerpts from magazines and decorate a shoebox. When you

go holiday shopping this year, think durable!

Change your driving habits and pay attention to your car. Although it's great that gas prices have recently fallen, there is always more room to save. Accelerating abruptly to bypass a car on the highway or to get a head start at a red light burns more gas than if you were to accelerate gradually.

Make sure your tires are inflated properly. When you are driving over 40 mph, drive with windows up so that there is less wind resistance. When driving at less than 40 mph, drive with windows down instead of blasting the air conditioning.

Unfortunately, there is no single answer to economic crisis. But, cutting back on lavishness and sticking as closely to the essentials as possible should do the trick in the meantime.

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Stifling intelligence aids hip-hop's waning

Joaquin Bartra
HIS OPINION

Growing up, I heard all types of music around the house. My dad would have salsa playing while he washed the car. I'd come inside and find my mom dancing to Bowie while she cleaned. The thumping beat of electronic music would echo down the stairs from my sister's room.

Eventually I fell in love with a style of music that brought together everything I loved: hip-hop. It combined a new energy with a strong spoken message. Rappers wrote whatever they wanted, whether it was about God, partying or social

issues. Regardless of the subject, the point was to be original. Nowadays, all rappers are trying to be the same.

Take Common. His last album made me embarrassed to identify myself as a hip-hop head. He traded his raw flow and dynamic lyrics for commercial success. I was completely shocked when I first listened to his latest watered-down attempt; to my dismay, the rapper that once "Used to Love H.E.R." was now sharing songs with Lilly Allen (no disrespect to Lilly Allen, but c'mon, this is a hip-hop legend).



Sadly, this was only the latest Common letdown – his contract with Gap solidified hip-hop's misdirection. How could a once-underground artist dismiss his roots and sign a major commercial contract that doesn't even have anything to do with music? He signed himself into the rat-race he used to warn youth about.

The honesty and sincerity that once brought hip-hop to the forefront has now been replaced with greed and actors in gold chains. Radio, MTV and BET force mindless music on the masses. 95 percent of the songs on the radio are about girls, money, drugs and cars. The industry has conditioned people into liking garbage.

BET recently banned a music video for being too intelligent for its audience. That's straight up embarrassing: a network that is supposed to appeal to people who listen to hip-hop, banning videos that make them think. Not only does that bother me from a musical standpoint, it infuriates me socially.

As the Blue Scholars put it, "Hip-hop is not dead. It's just malnourished and underfed."

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Neo-conservatism's long-awaited end nears

Soheil Rezaee
HIS OPINION

With the election over, the voters of the nation have delivered a strong message that shows their demand for change in the coming years.

People expect more from their government now. They're tired of politicians saying they love Jesus while wasting time Abramoffing. But we need to be patient, as it will take time to repair the damage caused by the Bush administration and the Project for the New American Century, who have tried to force their neo-conservative utopia upon us.

Imagine, for a moment, this utopia. We would be living in a twisted 1950s America where the fantasy of traditional family values exists. Everyone would shop at Walmart, in a small town with a statue of Ronald Reagan in the center.

What we have instead is even worse: a crumbling economy, a tarnished reputation abroad and an administration both heartless and incompetent.

If the Republicans really wanted change, then they should have nominated someone other than a leftover from the Cold War and a hockey mom with the fiery soul of Strom

Thurmond in her chest.

Americans are not interested in rants about socialism and terrorists. They proved that as they rejected McCain and Palin's fear tactics.

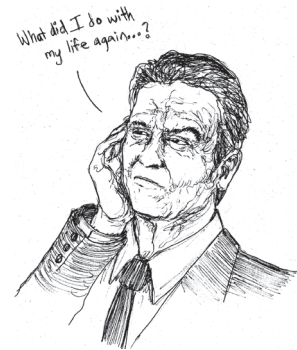
Americans must ignore such fear mongers, along with the con artists of the religious right who use people's faith to empower their own agenda while robbing the nation of rational thought.

With the results of this election, America has told the current Republican party to take their flawed ideology and keep it in their little own fantasy world along with their Reagan worship. Now, all that needs to happen is for every neo-conservative politician and commentator to step aside so Obama can

undo their damage. Nobody is interested in continuing or preserving the legacy of Reagan. That way of thinking became forgotten the minute Reagan forgot about his own presidency.

American voters have decided that Obama is the hope this nation needs. They have sent a clear message to the current GOP: their tired politics will no longer do.

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