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California Dreamin'

Erin Brockovich speaks at Toxic Coalition's annual fundraiser

by Daniel Mart
STAFF WRITER

The Silicon Valley Toxic Coalition held its 18th anniversary celebration on Nov. 16 in the Hinson Campus Center, but half the audience seemed to be there to see only one person. The guest of honor that evening, Erin Brockovich, was enough of a reason to celebrate.

When Brockovich accepted the Debbie Cole Memorial Scholarship Award for her investigation of the PG&E water cover-up in the town of Hinckley, California, people not only cheered, they gave her a standing ovation.

"It is so difficult to stand up here and accept an award when all that I did was an act of human kindness," says Brockovich, the now-famous environmental activist.

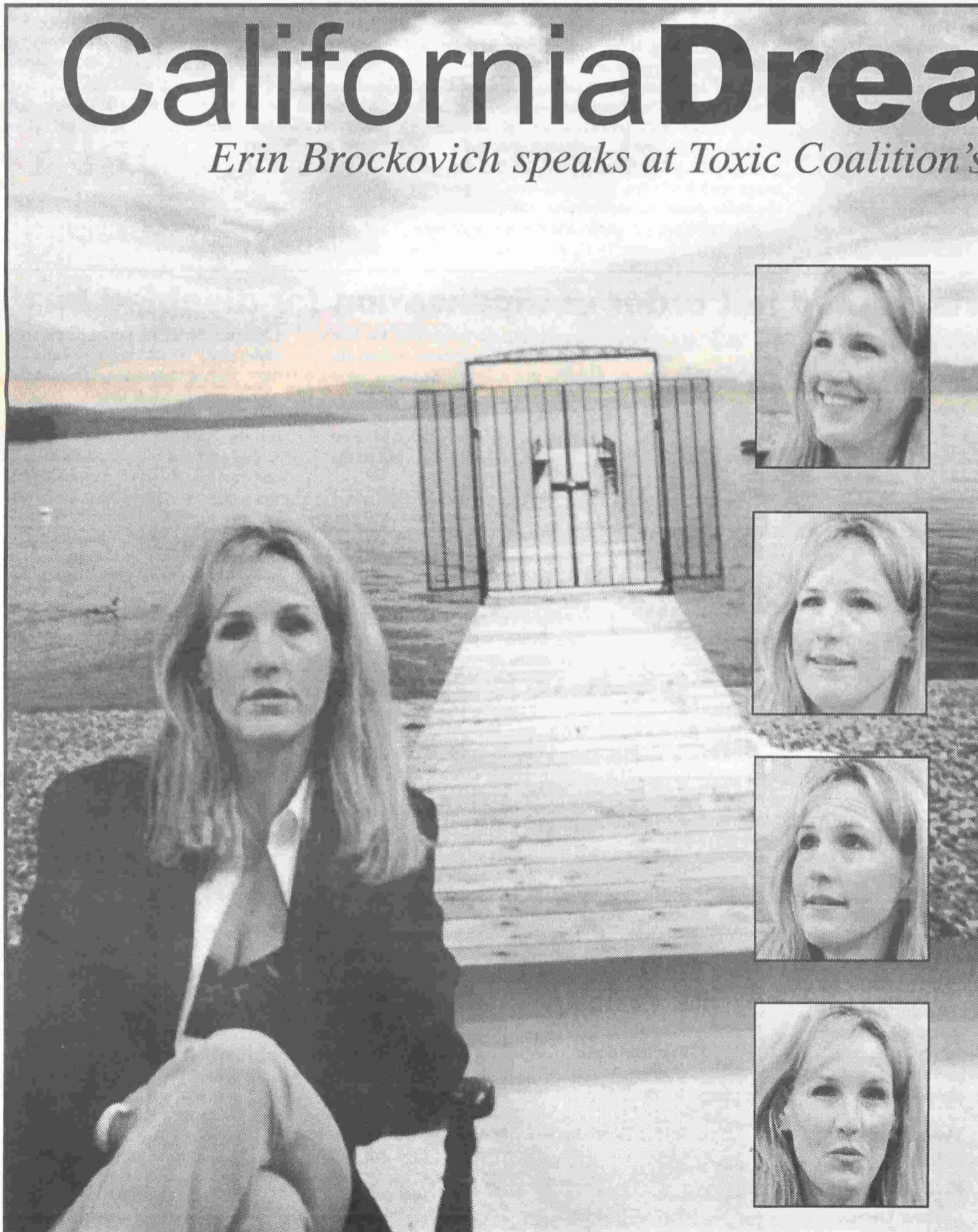
She was presented with an award named for Debbie Cole, the SVTC founding board member who succumbed to breast cancer in 1994. According to the SVTC, Cole was a true catalyst for community empowerment and corporate responsibility.

The SVTC says that Brockovich embodies the spirit of the award because she has worked tirelessly to protect community health and the environment.

"People suffer at the hands of corporations and I'm glad the movie sent out a message." The film she's talking about is, of course, "Erin Brockovich," starring Julia Roberts and Albert Finney.

The movie detailed Brockovich's investigation of a PG&E cover-up of groundwater

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Letters to the Editor

Health educator responds to columnist's smoking opinion



Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to Sandeep Bains' cleverly written opinion article, "If you don't like smokers on campus, go somewhere else," in the Nov. 13 issue. As Mr. Bains mentioned, everyone knows that smoking is unhealthy, so I won't belabor that point.

Mr. Bains wrote about having an exchange with an apparent non-smoker, which ended with the non-smoker calling him a name that rhymes with "glass coal." Our society moralizes particular behaviors which allows us to pass judgement on those who practice those behaviors.

May I remind us all: smoking is a "bad" habit; smokers are not "bad" people. This type of good/bad thinking is not just limited to smoking. We use this thinking when describing behaviors around food and body image, and sex is probably the ultimate behavior with which we apply this dualistic thinking. The following quote by Dr. Richard Keeling, former director of University Health Services at the University of Wisconsin, describes what I mean.

"Our culture's embarrassment and discomfort about things physical, sensual, sexual, and pleasurable (despite our undeniable fascination with sex,

and our exploitative use of sensuality in entertainment and marketing) breed both titillation and disgust.

"Acquiring (a sexually transmitted infection) means one has been worldly (which is both exciting and dangerous, we think). Innocence has been lost, and the transition from innocence to experience is viewed, in this case, as all the more negative because it was, theoretically, avoidable.

"It seems impossible for us to hold in our minds simultaneously the concept of health and the reality of a disease; having one precludes the other. Likewise, it seems impossible for us to know a person as both a moral individual (or as a responsible one) and as someone with (sexually transmitted infection)."

While smoking is not viewed through quite as narrow a moral lens as sex, it does share its "worldly" image that Dr. Keeling describes. The tobacco industry has been very successful in creating the image of the smoker as a rebel, an independent person, and one who bucks society's norms. I think Mr. Bains personifies this rebel image with his "I-don't-want-to-live-200-years-like-these-paranoid-health-nazis" rhetoric.

Another issue I'd like to address is that of individual versus community rights. While I realize

that our country prides itself on our individual rights we also are part of a community and there are community "rights" as well. The unfortunate fact is that cigarette smoke travels and is intrusive even outside. Creating smoke-free areas, even outside, is a compromise to both smokers and non-smokers.

I would also like to respond to Mr. Bains' assertion that the sun, like smoking cigarettes, kills. It is true that melanoma, a type of skin cancer, kills approximately 7,700 Americans a year. That's a lot of people.

But let me also tell you that in this year alone, 157,000 Americans will die from lung cancer, 120,000 Americans will die from smoking-related heart disease, 85,000 Americans will die from smoking-related lung diseases such as emphysema, pneumonia, flu and bronchitis, and 1,400 people will die in fires caused by cigarettes.

And last but not least, Mr. Bains is right: make sure you wear your sunblock as you wouldn't want to get skin cancer!

Sincerely,

Mary-Jo Kane, Health Educator
De Anza College Health Services

French courts should not order compensation for disabled birth

(U-WIRE) LEXINGTON, Ky. - Nicolas Perruche may not have been born if his parents had known of his disabilities beforehand.

On Friday, the French Cour de Cassation court ruled that medical authorities were at fault for allowing a severely disabled French boy to be born instead of aborted, and that these authorities should compensate the parents.

The B.B.C. News, online at news.bbc.co.uk, reported Friday that the boy, Nicolas Perruche, was born partly blind, deaf and with mental disabilities in 1983.

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During the pregnancy, the boy's mother caught rubella, a viral disease that can inflict damage on children in the womb.

The doctor of the mother and a medical laboratory failed to discover the disease before the birth of the boy.

Had the parents, Josette and Christian Perruche, known about the disabilities of their child before birth, they would have chosen to end the pregnancy through abortion, a practice legal in France.

Medical authorities should have discovered the disease and prevented the birth, the parents claim.

The BBC News reported that

Christian Perruche, father of the child, said, "Would my son really have wanted to live if he'd known he had all these disabilities?"

What a terrible, insulting message that the French court and parents are sending the millions of physically and mentally disabled persons who live today, with or without the benefit of knowing their disabilities before birth. And whether a troubled pregnancy should be terminated or not, an excuse for compensation should not be "being born."

We feel that it is wrong for the Perruche couple to benefit from their child's misfortune at the expense of disabled people worldwide.

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DA events raise lung cancer awareness

by **Jon Paul Hoornstra**
STAFF WRITER

Bob Marley. Joe DiMaggio. Duke Ellington. Andy Kaufman. Aside from their fame, these celebrities all share one thing in common: each was a victim of lung cancer.

And while it is the most lethal cancer in the world, claiming the lives of nearly 157,000 a year according to the De Anza Health Center, not even its association with these celebrity names has significantly raised national awareness to the potency of lung cancer. As part of Lung Cancer Awareness Month, several November events were held to encourage student participation in combating the deadly disease.

Speaking to students and staff in the

Campus Center Nov. 15, UCSF thoracic surgery nurse Carolyn Clary-Macy discussed the past, present, and future of lung cancer in America.

"The public doesn't feel sorry for these patients," she said, citing one reason for the current lack of national attention given to the disease.

Indeed, 87 percent of lung cancer deaths are caused directly by tobacco consumption, a predominantly voluntary activity. And while it has been known since the late 1950's that tobacco is a carcinogenic substance, 29 percent of college

students still choose to smoke, according to a flyer by the Bacchus and Gamma Peer Education Network.

Statistical evidence, too, is revealing of the minimal support given to the victims of lung cancer. According to the Alliance for Lung Cancer, the National Cancer Institute spends only \$866 per lung cancer death compared to \$2,283 per prostate cancer death and \$7,895 per breast can-

cer death.

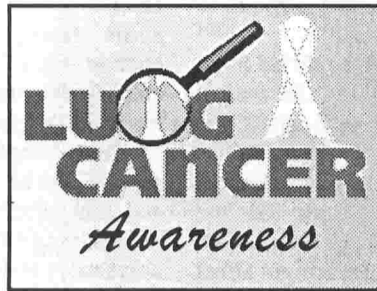
Clary-Macy pointed out that despite the revenues obtained by the state of

California as part of the recent tobacco settlement, Governor Gray Davis has made no specific plans to spend this money either on lung cancer research or anti-tobacco programs.

The Rally for Recognition was held on the steps of San Francisco City Hall Nov. 4 to draw attention to these facts and raise awareness to the problem of lung cancer.

Two letters of petition, one to Davis and the other to local congressmen, were distributed to attendees of the Nov. 15 presentation to be signed and bulk-mailed in hopes of raising government awareness of the problem.

For the 29 percent of us who do smoke, quitting greatly reduces the risk of devel-

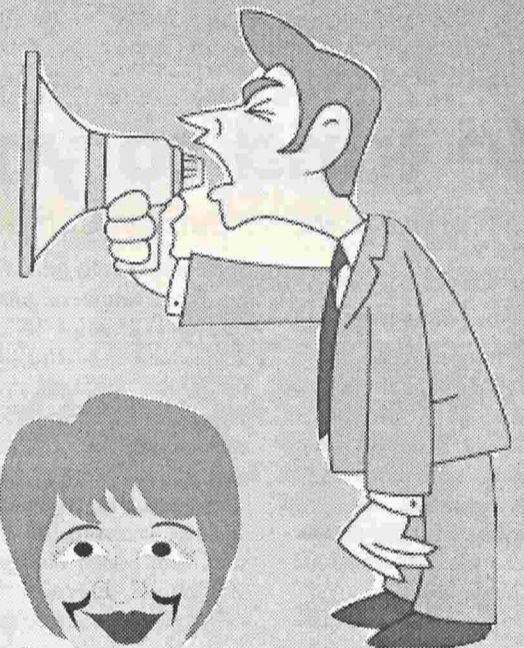


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UC debates tobacco investments

by Timothy Kudo
DAILY BRUIN STAFF WRITER

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES - The University of California Board of Regents tentatively put an end to casual employment and discussed the removal of tobacco stocks from future investments at a meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 16.

The discussion over whether to divest from tobacco companies comes on the heels of a meeting of the Regents' Investment Advisory Committee last month, in which members discussed the feasibility of such an action.

Two dozen public and private universities have already made similar decisions because of the controversial nature of such investments.

The last time of note that companies removed stocks from an index fund was when people began boycotting South Africa by pulling out their investments in the country, said Stephen Nesbitt, senior managing director of Wilshire Associates, the regents' investment consultant.

The UC is planning on investing in the Russell 3000 and Morgan Stanley index funds with about \$45 million of those investments in tobacco.

But several problems can arise by removing the stocks because it makes using the funds as an economic bellwether less accurate.

"Suddenly it becomes more difficult to track that index," Nesbitt said.

He also noted that there could be fiscal impacts and that determining the risk of the fund could be more difficult if the change is made.

From a financial perspective, Regent Judith Hopkinson, the chair of the Committee on Investments, expressed concern as to how the changes might affect the regents' oversight of such matters.

Currently, the regents invest in index funds to make monitoring their stocks easier. By doing this, the UC can maintain a small staff in the Office of the Treasurer and hiring an outside investor is unnecessary.

By making these changes, Hopkinson said, that benefit could be lost.

"The more stocks we exclude from an index, the more we become active managers and it becomes self-defeating," she said.

In addition to the discussion on stocks, the Committee on Finance approved an item that would end the practice of long-

term casual employment throughout the university.

If approved by the entire board today, starting in 2001, retirement benefits would extend to employees who work 1,000 hours during a 12-month period. The change may also be retroactive for employees who were meeting the requirements in the past.

Casual employees are workers who are supposed to be hired on a temporary basis, and thus, don't receive benefits. Unions representing UC employees allege that the university abuses this policy by firing casual workers before university guidelines mandate that they should be hired full-time and receive benefits.

"We believe this (decision) is an end to the abuse of casual employment," said Cliff Fried, the executive vice president of the University Professional and Technical Employees union.

When an employee is eligible for retirement benefits, that makes them eligible for other benefits as well.

In the past year, the issue of casual

employment has been a unifying rallying point for many of the unions, which protested and even held a joint forum to discuss the issue.

Recently, a grievance filed by UC against the university was decided in the union's favor, mandating that the university hire the employee in question as a time worker.

Judith Boyette, associate vice president of human resources and benefits for said that the change was proposed in response to recent victories by the union.

In negotiations with the university American Federation of State, County Municipal Employees union recently negotiated a similar policy to the one approved by the regents.

But the decision came before the regents because they are the only ones with the power to make changes to the retirement system, Boyette said.

Today the entire board will vote on whether to approve the committee's recommendation. Such measures usually pass without question.

Be kind to your lungs

UCSF thoracic nurse, Carolyn Clary-Macy speaks on cancer.

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oping lung cancer.

Nov. 16 was the annual Great American Smokeout, a day in which smokers were encouraged to quit for the day, and non-smokers were encouraged to assist their addicted friends in quitting.

Clary-Macy encour-

aged smokers to quit wisely; most smokers unsuccessfully attempt to quit three times before they finally do. Because smoking is beneficial to arousal and anxiety relief, "don't quit when there's a big stress going on in your life because you will fail," she said. She added that over-the-counter remedies such as nicotine patches, gum,

and Zyban, can work for all smokers, regardless of their age.

In the future, the outlook for lung cancer sufferers will likely improve with efforts today to increase awareness among smokers and non-smokers alike. "With the technology we have now," said Clary-Macy, "we will cure cancer."

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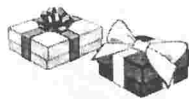


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Environmentalists awarded at event

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contamination that caused devastating illnesses in Hinckley. "Everybody in Hinckley is my hero. I have to accept this on behalf of them," said Brockovich.

In 1996, as a result of the investigation spearheaded by Brockovich and Ed Masry, PG&E was ordered to pay \$333 million, the largest settlement ever paid in a direct-action lawsuit.

"There is greater awareness [today] than there has ever been regarding our environment ... What does worry me in this world today is a lost sense of values and morals in respect for human health and life," Brockovich said.

Student Jane Christol says that she appreciated Brockovich's sharing of the qualities that her mother and father instilled inside her.

Brockovich read a letter that her father wrote for her when she was growing up. Contained in the message is what she calls "the single most important thing. Not only in Hinckley, but around the world. I do believe the finest possession you have is each other: family, love and health."

She says that she hopes when a corporation starts taking things away that no one will ever forget those possessions.

"My mother taught me never to be afraid of who I was," said Brockovich. "And that is something that became so important to me in my work." This is also the element that con-

nects all of the cases that she works on together. "People and how they perceive being deceived. What its done for them. Never being afraid of who you are." She recommended that a person should never give up hope even when the outlook is dismal.

"When you are working in a toxic litigation, volunteering, or have been contaminated yourself," Brockovich said. "It's not the size of the dog that matters. It's the size of the fight in the dog."

"I don't know what the outcome will be. Not every case will result in a \$333 million settlement. What's important is what you've done, the education you've passed on to others, what you've learned about your community and the difference you can make, both as individuals and as a whole."

In closing her speech, Brockovich asked for donations to the SVTC, a group she calls a great watchdogs of corporations.

Brockovich continues her work empowering communities and inspiring residents to demand corporate responsibility.

As director of environmental research at Masry & Vititoe, she has spearheaded subsequent cases of groundwater contamination against PG&E, Lockheed, Dole and Del Monte Foods, as well as a DDT pesticide contamination suit in Fresno.

Monica Krauth, La Voz Managing Editor, contributed to this article.

Alsoawarded



Ai Kuwabara - Ted Zuur Volunteer of the Year

Ai Kuwabara was born in Niigata, Japan and now interns with the SVTC. Since

Kuwabara is fluent in Japanese, she was very instrumental in researching high-tech companies' web sites, comparing the Japanese versions with the English versions. She focused on how companies disclose information about their environmental practices. The SVTC says that Kuwabara wanted to work to share her bilingual skills, diverse cultural knowledge and research skills.



Raquel Sancho - Community Partner

Raquel Sancho has rallied in an effort to create a healthy and safe work environment for Silicon Valley's high-tech

workers. Sancho began her career organizing women in multi-cultural, multi-ethnic and multi-racial communities in the Philippines. After moving to the U.S., she began her work at the Santa Clara Center for Occupational Safety and Health in 1993 as the community organizer for the Campaign to End the Miscarriage of Justice.



Chad Raphael - Community Partner

Chad Raphael has volunteered his time and energy to help facilitate a series of discussions and workshops, which brought

together a wide range of people to address health, environmental justice, and e-waste issues. The SVTC said that his vision, dedication, compassion and sense of humor have inspired many and have served as a role model of how to make academic resources accessible to the community.



Richard McMurtry - Special Projects

The SVTC especially appreciates Richard McMurtry for his contribution in creating the Clean Streams / Clean Bay

Community Monitoring Project. Clean Streams / Clean Bay brings Pioneer and Oak Grove High School students and SVTC staff to local streams to monitor for toxic PCBs using bagged clams. McMurtry continues to work on the Santa Clara Basin Watershed Management Initiative..

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Former sex slave seeks apology for 'war crimes'

by **Sheirin Irvantchi**
DAILY CALIFORNIAN STAFF WRITER

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. - A former "comfort woman" — a Korean sex slave for the Japanese Imperial Army during World War II — told her shocking story at the University of California at Berkeley's Pacific School of Religion Tuesday, hoping to spread awareness about an issue that was kept silent for decades.

"Halmonie" — Korean for "grandma" — Kim Sundok headed up a panel discussion on Korean comfort women as part of three weeks of events to further the international effort to pressure the Japanese government to acknowledge its part in what panelists called "war crimes" and issue an official apology to the surviving comfort women.

Sundok left Korea in 1937 to work at a factory in Japan in order to help her family out of economic hardship.

"We thought we were going to work as military nurses in Japan, but instead we ended up in Shanghai," Sundok said.

"We were 50 women, 15, 16 and 17 years old, crying to be taken home, but they ignored us."

Soon she experienced the horror of being raped 30 to 40 times a night by Japanese soldiers, who were dropped off by truckloads at the Comfort House where the women were kept, Sundok said.

"We were in a three-story house with many small rooms, and the soldiers would line up and call out our number, and we had to go," Sundok said. "They would come every day and hour — there were too many of them — one after another."

In the past, panelists said, Japan has denied any wrongdoing and refused to provide compensation to the women for the years of forced sexual servitude.

From the repeated sexual assault the women suffered many injuries, Sundok said.

"They kept trucks always waiting at the back of the house to take us to the hospital, because we were always getting hurt by the soldiers," Sundok said. "For a period of time I was bleeding constantly, so badly that I couldn't walk and had to stay in bed. A soldier gave me medicine, and when he found out I had gotten better he told me what (the medicine) was and I got even worse — the ground up leg bone of a Chinese man he had killed."

The brutality of many of the Japanese

soldiers was not only felt by the comfort women but also by the citizens of Shanghai, who feared the young women of the city would become targets of the soldiers, said former Berkeley City Councilmember Ying Lee Kelly.

"When I was a child in Shanghai, it was common for the young girls to be dressed as boys out of fear for what the soldiers might do to them," Sundok said. "Older girls had to be hidden altogether. Sexual shame was so high that if you were raped you were expected to kill yourself — it was what was honorable."

Many of the women in the Comfort House did attempt suicide, Sundok said.

"A lot of them died, because they couldn't take it," Sundok said. "I tried to commit suicide twice by cutting my wrists and hanging myself, but didn't succeed."

According to Sundok, after eventually

being released from the Comfort House, many of the women, herself included, felt shame so great that they were unable to return home.

For decades these women lived in silence and finally began speaking out in 1991. In 1992 efforts to raise money to rent a house in Seoul for surviving comfort women began.

This home, the House of Sharing, was established in 1995, and in 1998 a history museum documenting the story of comfort women was opened nearby, said Sharing Hye-Jin, executive director of the house.

"In Korea, many people don't know about what happened to them," Hye-Jin said. "We want people to know and for this to become an international issue. Kim Sundok is 80 years old, but she's still fighting because she's fighting for justice and human rights."

Wrestling club holds match in celebration of new ring

by **Sandeep Bains**
STAFF WRITER

Forget Stone Cold vs. The Rock. Forget Mike Tyson vs. an '82 Buick.

The real match of the century took place at our very own campus Nov. 9, when it was Jonathan Tony "De Anza" Bautista vs. Mark "Mark McMahon" Jaramilla vs. ... Kurt Angle? Angle was actually Robert "Butch" Haugh, a *La Voz* reporter, with a fake gold medal and a blue Adidas sweat suit. The event was put on by the Wrestling Appreciation Club and called WAC Revenge 2K.

Before the match, it was announced that the WAC received money and would be getting a ring, which means when they won't have to fall off a ladder onto a really hard concrete floor.

The match was pretty good, despite the lack of a ring. It started off as a singles match between Tony DeAnza and Kurt Angle. Or "Mini-Kurt." Mini-Kurt took the early advantage in the match, hitting DeAnza with punches, kicks, a lunch tray. At this point in the match it looked like Mini-Kurt had hit his opponent with everything but a small child. Thankfully, none were visible in the crowd.


After the match, Robert Haugh got on the mike and reminded everyone that the whole thing was scripted, it was a show, that he really didn't hate the school, which he had said while cutting a promo before the match.

For those of you who do not watch wrestling for some insane reason or the other, cutting a promo is talking on the

microphone to the audience or your opponent, either to get the audiences approval or to make your opponent mad.

Another WAC event, Turkey Terror 2K, was scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 21, but was cancelled due to rain. The members put on a small demonstration, which mostly consisted of hitting each other with trays and practicing elbow drops from the top of a ladder.

There may be another WAC event sometime before the end of the quarter, which hopefully means the return of Mini-Kurt. I have another idea: Mini-Dudleys who put random faculty members through tables.



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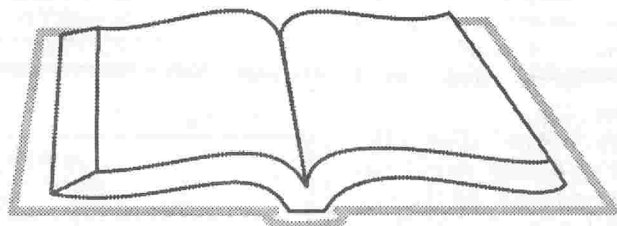
Jasmin Bodmer
STAFF WRITER

The Foothill-De Anza Community College District plans to have its second school campus abroad in Vietnam for the summer 2001 quarter.

Students participating in this program will spend five weeks in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) from June

29 to Aug. 1, 2001. Those who attend will learn about Vietnamese life, culture, literature, history and international business.

In addition, the group will take visits and excursions to historical sites. The program is limited to 40 stu-



dents and selects applicants on a first come, first serve basis. Requirements are a valid United States passport or Green Card, completion of 12 units by the start of the program, and a minimum 2.5 GPA.

John K. Swensson, an English instructor, is one of the organizers for Campus Abroad and shared some background information on the program with me via email:

La Voz: Mr. Swensson, who initiated the summer school campus abroad Vietnam program?

JS: In truth, I did, because I wanted our students to be able to go back to Vietnam.

LV: I understand you have been in the Vietnam War? Did that influence your initiation and participation in this program?

JS: Definitely. I spent two years in the war and came to have a great appreciation for the people and the culture.

LV: Did you learn how to speak Vietnamese during the time you were there?

JS: No way. The language is too difficult. During the program, we will teach basic Vietnamese by a Vietnamese professor.

LV: The flyers say that the basic cost, excluding tuition, books, passport, visas, inoculations and airfare is approximately \$1,990. Do you know what the actual total cost of the trip will be?

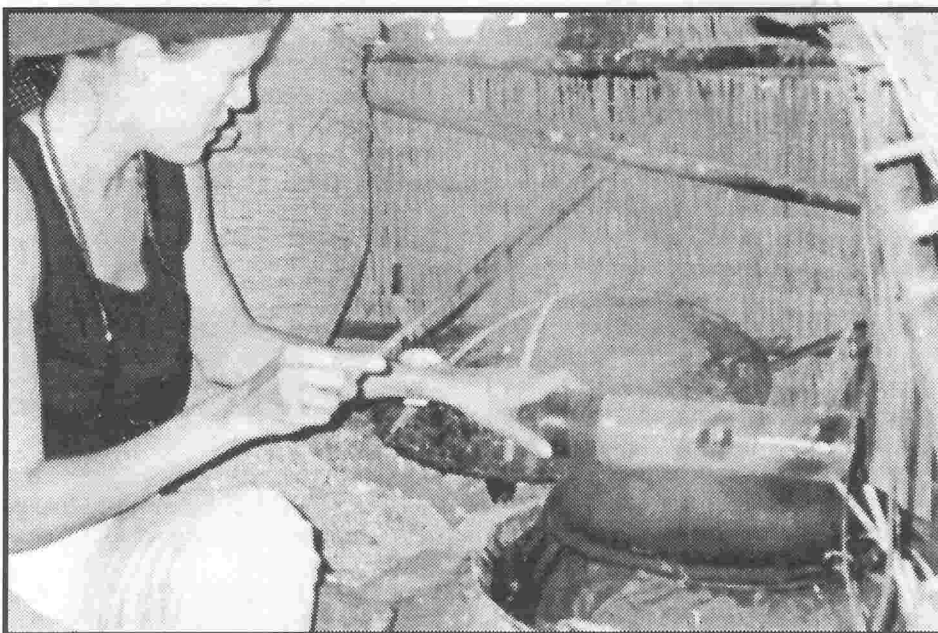
JS: The basic fees are \$1,990. The airfare is estimated to be around \$950.

LV: Last, what is the most important impression that students who took the trip previously have retained?

JS: Our Vietnamese students got the chance to meet their families, many of whom they

had never seen before, and to learn more about their culture.

If you want to learn more about this program, attend one of the informational meetings, to be held at De Anza on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 6:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 1:30 p.m. Program brochures and applications will be available at these meetings. All applications and deposits must be received by Feb. 2, 2001. The location for both meetings is the El Cemente Room. For financial aid help, contact Cindy Castillo at 408-864-8403. If you have more questions, contact Art Turmelle, Campus Abroad Coordinator, at 650-949-7614, turmelle@fhda.edu or John K. Swensson, Vietnam Faculty, at 408-864-8929, swensson@fhda.edu.



Former DASB senator Tabitha Garya makes rice paper.



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English instructor John K. Swensson holds a snake in Vietnam.

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Let it show: Avalanche of movies hits theaters

by Samuel Mckewon
DAILY NEBRASKAN STAFF WRITER

(U-WIRE) LINCOLN, Neb. - The golden Oscars, Globes, and critics' awards are there for the taking.

That's the general attitude of the holiday movie season, which began in earnest one day before Thanksgiving. It's time to roll out the art, the award winners.

Last year, 1999, was an anomaly as the critic grand slams ("American Beauty," "The Insider" and "The Sixth Sense") rolled down the movie carpet in late summer and early fall.

Fall 2000 was a dead zone--bad times plus a couple of flops, a basic mirror of the entire year so far after 1999, which might have been the movie year of the last two decades.

To date in the new century, few, if any, films have set a beeline for definite award pickups save "Gladiator," whose massive scope and sword-and-sandal epic revival play favorably into the hands of many voters. "Erin Brockovich," and certainly Julia Roberts' va-voom title role, will attract serious attention.

So these holidays are a real pressure cooker from here on, especially as an impending writers' strike and poor box returns to date have put studios on watch. So here's a look at the contenders and the purely fun stuff (must-see rankings out of 4 stars).

Oscar heavies:

"Unbreakable" (Nov. 22) - Toward the end of his "The Sixth Sense," director/writer M. Night Shyamalan began to write his fourth movie. He scrapped the

whole idea for a different tale, which will make it to screen here: an Everyman (Bruce Willis) survives a horrible train crash unharmed while a mysteriously brittle comic-book fiend (Samuel L. Jackson) attempts to discover why.

The premise seems outstanding, and Shyamalan's artsy style (What's with the long overhead shots and slow focus work?) creates a distinctive look. But the cocky 30-year-old director

(he shoots sequence, he's basically guaranteed this as a masterpiece) is hit-and-miss. Could be a haunting wonder. Could be a brooding mess.

"Finding Forrester" (Dec. 6) - And this year's entry in being full of blarney - Gus Van Sant's follow-up to "Good Will Hunting" (a lot of hot air that was) finds a budding writer searching out a reclusive genius (Sean Connery), who wrote the great American novel, then walked into a sliver flat in the Bronx. The kid can play basketball like a whiz, too. Another genius-in-making tale.

"Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" (Dec. 8) - Who isn't rooting for a martial-arts drama starring Chow Yun-Fat and Michelle Yeoh that has rewritten the genre in terms of acrobatics and sheer epic drama. Director Ang Lee (of the beautiful "The Ice Storm") returned to his roots and has crafted film that basically drew raves everywhere it has played.

"Thirteen Days" (Dec. 22) - A retelling of the Cuban Missile Crisis finds

Kevin Costner in his second of audience-approved roles - a government insider of sorts that is a little-known adviser to John F. Kennedy (Bruce Greenwood) named Kenny O'Donnell, who may have been a key player in defusing the crisis. After slight accuracy problems doomed "The Hurricane" last year, one assumes getting the story right is the premium.

"Traffic" (Dec. 22) - Steven Soderbergh might get two best director nods in one year for "Brockovich," and this effort, which stars Michael Douglas, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Dennis Quaid in a rise-and-fall epic of a drug lord.

"Cast Away" (Dec. 22) - Tom Hanks is the lone survivor of a crash in the middle of the ocean, marooned on an open island. There are no pirates and no damsel in distress -- just a mostly silent Hanks, a volleyball that floats ashore, becoming his lone friend, and nature. It could work, or it could flop miserably as a some sort of weirdo nature film.

"All the Pretty Horses" (Dec. 25) - Billy Bob Thornton's third movie has been pushed back and back, all the way since June. Is that a good sign? Matt Damon stars as a cowboy drifter who runs across his Mexican dream (Penelope Cruz), whose love will cost him everything, his freedom included.

"Requiem for a Dream" (before Jan. 1) - It has already opened in most major American cities. Darren "Pi" Aronofsky's follow-up has been described as such an unflinching look at heroin and pill addiction that it could play as a full-length public service announcement.

The leisurely or action-packed fare:

"102 Dalmations" (Nov. 22) - Cruella De Ville (Glenn Close) is back. So are the dogs.

"Proof of Life" (Dec. 8) - Russell Crowe attempts life after "Gladiator" as a hostage negotiator in a foreign country. It is Meg Ryan's husband being held. This would be the movie that basically broke up Ryan's and Dennis Quaid's marriage, as she fell into Crowe's arms.

"Vertical Limit" (Dec. 8) - Chris

O'Donnell went from possible matinee idol to taking on a mountain avalanche of Himalayan snow in attempt to save his stranded climbing sister (Robin Tunney) Did I see a Scott Glenn sighting in the trailer?

"What Women Want" (Dec. 15)

Mel Gibson drops by in the comedy genre by suddenly becoming aware of all thoughts of all women. It should have been called "Look Who's Ruminating."

"Miss Congeniality" (Dec. 22) - Sandra Bullock goes undercover from the FBI to the beauty queen circuit to catch a crook. She's gruff to start and demure to end. And she's got a crush on Benjamin Bratt.

"The Family Man" (Dec. 22) - Nicolas Cage is in one of those "It's a Wonderful Life" deals where he gets lead a different life with wife (Tea Leoni) and kids. Can you Capra? Can you say probably not?

New
Movies

Film Review: 'The Grinch - 2000'

by Tina Garcia
SPECIAL TO LA VOZ

As Christmas creeps closer and presents, egg nog, and family time are on everyone's mind, Universal Studio's "Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas - 2000" is just the movie to see.

Not only does this hilarious and comical movie tell the story of how the Grinch stole Christmas but this version alters the original tale to tell why he hated Christmas too.

Josh Evans Scott portrays the young Grinch growing up in Whoville. He was green, hairy and homeless in a world of people who didn't like him. One Christmas day, something hits this green little monster and makes him so mad that he will not leave his little cave high atop Mount Crumpit for many years.

Jim Carrey portrays the older, scarier, small-hearted Grinch who tries to take Christmas away from a little town who rejected him years ago. During one of his trips into Whoville the Grinch meets the young Cindy Lou Who. She is curious about the Grinch and why he is hated throughout Whoville. Throughout the movie the Grinch tries

to scare the people of Whoville and Cindy Lou Who, but she is determined to find a way to get the Grinch's heart to grow. She tries to help the Grinch find his way back into the spirit of Christmas.

See this movie if you need a little help getting back into the spirit of Christmas, too, or even if you don't.



Photo Courtesy of Universal Pictures

Jim Carrey as "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas."

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Men's Soccer eliminated from playoffs

by Robert Haugh
SPORTS EDITOR

The No. 2 seeded De Anza Dons soccer team was upset by visiting No. 7 seed Evergreen College 1-0 in their opening playoff game on Saturday, Nov. 18.

Evergreen vaulted ahead 10:00 into the second half, when they scored on a short kick inside the box.

The Dons attacked Evergreen's goal often, with a 2-1 shots on goal advantage, but did not connect on several scoring opportunities.

"We created a lot of chances and opportunities and it just didn't happen for us ... we played well enough to win, but we didn't come out on top," said Coach Kulwant Singh.

Adriano Toni, team leader in both goals (16) and assists (9) had seven shots on goal, but couldn't get in the net.

With 5:00 remaining, the Dons put heavy pressure on the Evergreen goalie

trying to tie the score.

The refereeing was questioned at this point, when the Evergreen goalie and several De Anza and Evergreen players collided inside the goalie's box. Yellow cards were handed out to both teams.

"I think it was more frustration than anything, we reacted a little strong, but I don't think anything was that questionable," said Singh.

The Dons' 16-2-4 season allotted them home-field advantage throughout the playoffs and scored them a first-round bye. On Oct. 18, Evergreen beat the Dons 2-1, one of De Anza's two losses in the season. Players said that they

had a lot of incentive to beat Evergreen, as the game was at home and that they had lost to them earlier in the year.

"It's always disappointing to lose in the playoffs at home, and it is hard to reflect on our season at this point, but I feel we had a good season," said Singh on the Dons' Coast Conference Championship.

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Above: The De Anza Dons' offense charges to the net. The Dons were unable to connect and suffered a 1-0 loss to Evergreen on Nov. 18. Above Right: Jared Ramsey battles for the ball with an Evergreen defender late in the game. Ramsey had six goals and four assists this year.

Upcoming Sports

Men's Basketball

Tuesday Nov. 28 vs. Alameda at De Anza, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Nov. 30-Dec. 2, Monterey tournament, Monterey

Women's Basketball

Thursday Nov. 30-Dec. 3, COS tournament, COS

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Wrestling ramblings



Robert Haugh
SPORTS EDITOR

Within recent months, the World of professional wrestling has come under heavy criticism and scrutiny by the media and anti-violence groups. Pro wrestling has been scrutinized by the media to an overwhelming abundance in the ratings

based majority.

Several news stations have documented backyard wrestling. There is a legit gripe in this area, but heck, I don't see WWF superstars jumping off of their houses' roofs onto flaming tables with thumbtacks on top. So why is the media putting the blame on the WWF?

They blame the WWF because they are looking for attention, and what better to draw in ratings than a video of a kid jumping into a fiery hell?

The parents of the children who participate in this extreme end of backyard wrestling need to be responsible for what their children are doing.

Backyard wrestling is not a bad thing, but it is when you have irresponsible

parents letting their children do activities that stunt devils would not even attempt.

The media associating WWF with causing children to do dangerous things is completely inaccurate. WWF athletes may be breaking tables and jumping from ladders, but they do not do what these unwatched children are attempting.

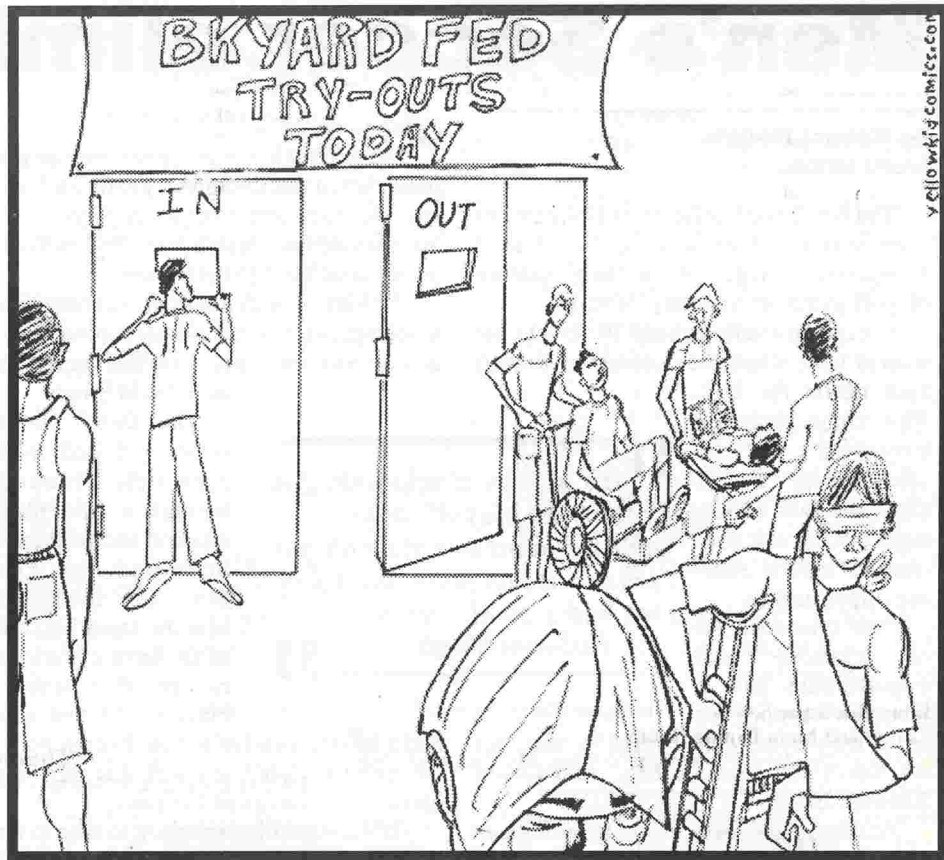
WWF's public service announcements alert children not do what is shown on television at home.

De Anza's Wrestling Appreciation Club says that backyard wrestling is partly to blame for the retarded image of wrestling in the media.

WWF is not to blame on these children's obsession with breaking their bodies into pieces. The media needs to scapegoat something, and the WWF is a perfect example.

If the media wants a real gripe, they should analyze how well those parents perform. Obviously those parents aren't too concerned with what is happening to their children. Who in their right mind would allow their thirteen-year-old son to dive off of a roof into a rolling inferno of flame?

I'll tell you: a parent who does not deserve to be a parent. The people who let their children do this are the people who need to be scrutinized. Don't blame the WWF, blame yourself!



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Backyard wrestling can cause serious injuries if not done properly. Only professionals should attempt such activities. De Anza's Wrestling Appreciation Club says that backyard wrestling has contaminated the image of all wrestling, from the WWF to Greco-Roman and folkstyle.

Early bird special

Fit Camp: new morning PE class being offered in Winter

by **George Chikovani**
STAFF WRITER

The physical education department is offering a new class this winter, and it promises to be the toughest PE class you'll ever take. Fit Camp will meet at 6:15 a.m. (MTWTh) for 50 minutes of intense exercise utilizing plyometrics, resistance training, medicine balls, stability balls, and the body bar.

Instructor Debi Schaeffer-Braun says she hopes to attract the health-conscious "before-work crowd," including De Anza faculty. "We want to incorporate more diversity and fun into people's workouts and get them better motivated," says Schaeffer. Students will have access to the new Wellness Center, which features state of the art cardiovascular equipment, and, according to Schaeffer, is the best in the

South Bay. The class will focus on enhancing strength, agility, and speed to achieve "ultimate fitness."

There will be three fitness assessments starting with the very first day of class. "Although the inspiration for the program is military boot camp, the idea is to let everyone move at his own pace and have lots of fun." Students must sign up concurrently for PE 6U and PE 9 to take Fit Camp.



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Disabled Students Unlimited Officers Meeting 12:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. Student Council Chambers
Muslim Students Association Inter Faith Dialogue 12:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Conference Room B
DASB Travel Committee 1:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m. Student Activities Conference Room
Physics & Math. Club Meeting 1:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. Meeting Room 1
DASB Marketing and Communication Committee 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Student Activities Conference Room
Honors Club 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Student Council Chambers
Iran Zamin Club Meeting 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. El Clemente
DASB Scholarship Selection Committee 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Student Activities Conference Room
De Anza Bible Study Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Student Council Chamber

Tuesday
Holiday Boutique 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Campus Center Lobby and Main Dining Room
Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship Meeting 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Meeting Room 1
Deutsch Club Meeting 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Student Council Chambers
Muslim Students Association Club Meeting Guest Speaker 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Conference Room B
Lesbian Gay Bisexual Association Club Meeting 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Meeting Room 2
Students for Justice Club Meeting 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Student Council Chambers
DASB Programs Committee 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Meeting Room 1
Salsa Club Meeting and Practice 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Student Council Chambers
Wednesday
Holiday Boutique 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Campus Center Lobby and Main Dining Room and Main Quad
De Anza Volunteer Exchange 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Meeting Room 2
Women's Awareness & Allies Club Meeting 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Student Council Chambers
Asian Pacific American Student for Leadership Club Meetings 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Santa Cruz Room
Muslim Student Association Meeting 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Student Council Chambers
United Workers and Allies Club Meeting 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Meeting Room 2
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DASB Finance Committee 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Meeting Room 1
DASB Senate Meeting 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Student Council Chambers
Bottomfish Club Meeting 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Administrative Conference Room
Auto Tech Field Trip 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Military Vehicle Museum

Thursday
Holiday Boutique 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Campus Center Lobby and Main Dining Room and Main Quad
Auto Tech Club Meeting 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. E12B
Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship Meeting 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Student Council Chambers
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DASB Executive Meeting 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Santa Cruz Room
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Phi Theta Kappa Club Meeting 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Santa Cruz Room
Grace Fellowship Meeting 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Student Council Chambers
Phi Theta Kappa Club Induction 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Conference Room A
Auto Tech Field Trip 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Military Vehicle Museum
De Anza Stock Investment Club Meeting 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Student Council Chambers

Friday
Film & TV Guild Club Meeting 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Student Council Chambers
Vietnamese Student Association 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Student Council Chambers
Dance Connection Rehearsal and Club Meeting 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. PE 11U

Saturday
Tai Chi Club 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. PE 14

Sunday
De Anza Team Bridge Club Meeting 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. G 7
Phi Theta Kappa KQED Phone Pledge Taking 2:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. San Francisco
Dance Connection Rehearsal Versatile Styles 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. PE 11U

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 Holiday Boutique until Nov. 30, 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Campus Center and Main Quad.

Cell phone drive on the horizon
 ICC will sponsor a used cell phone collection for victims of domestic violence, which will provide the victims with a lifeline in an emergency.

Book drive for children and teens
 Please donate books children and teens would enjoy reading during the Book Drive Nov. 27 - Dec 1. Bring them to the Student Activities office, downstairs in the Hinson Campus Center. There will be first and second place awards for the most books donated and a drawing for clubs that participate.

Muslim Students Association presents week of events

- Monday, Nov. 27, Interfaith Dialogue from 12:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. in Conference Rm. B.
- Tuesday, Nov. 28, Guest speaker from 11:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. in Conference Rm. B.
- Thursday, Nov. 30, Islam educator speaker from 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the patio.

Senate lends a helping hand for Thanksgiving

Members of DASB senate reached out to less fortunate people when they volunteered their time to the children of the San Jose Homeless Shelter on Wednesday, Nov. 22. They amused the children with bowling, a piñata, face-painting, candle making and rounds of kickball.

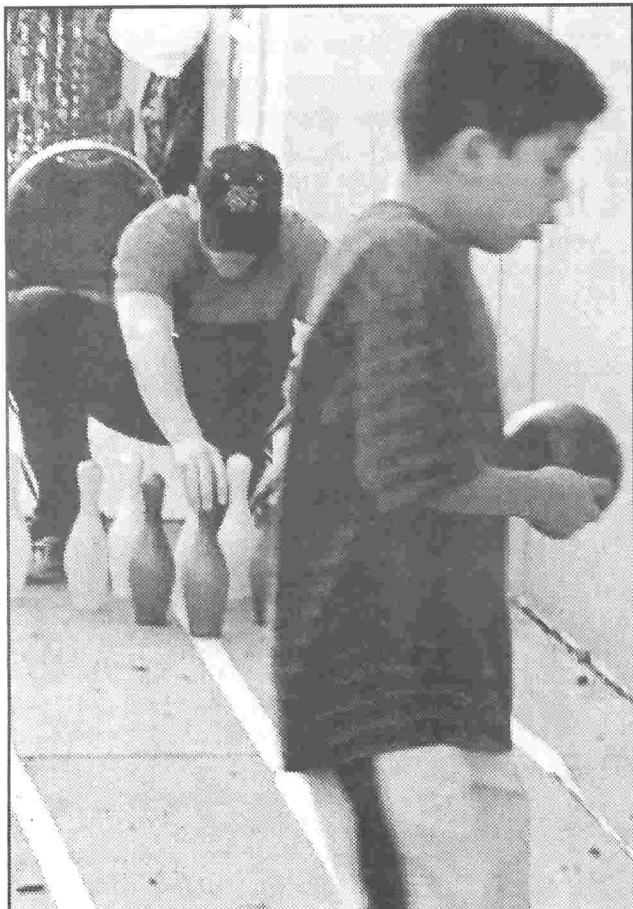


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Children race to gather candy after the star shaped piñata was broken.



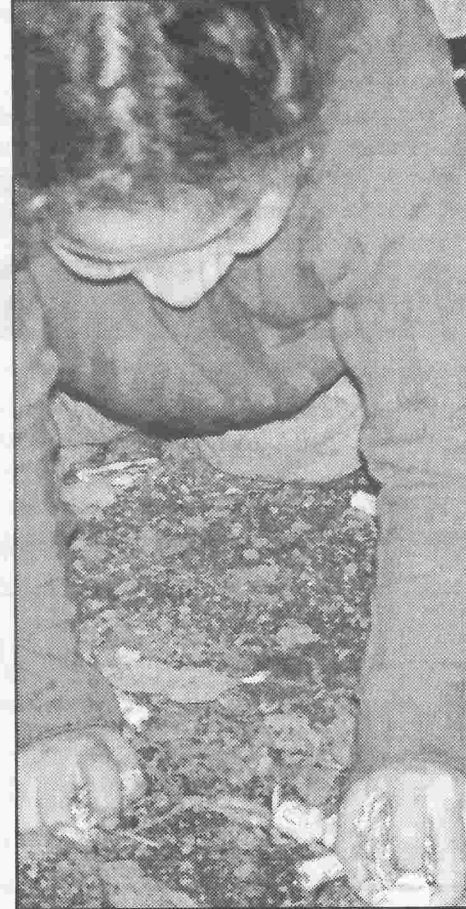
A girl at the San Jose Homeless Shelter attempts to break open the piñata on November 22.



A volunteer sets up the pins while a boy gets ready to bowl again.



DASB senator Shirin Darbani applies face paint while volunteering at the San Jose Homeless Shelter.



A young girl picks up candy after the piñata had been broken.