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Steven Cabana/ LA VOZ

As daylight savings time forces students to drive home in the dark. Increased caution on the freeway becomes necessary. Go to <http://www.nsc.org/library/facts/nightdr.htm> for tips.

## Campus Updates

### Two De Anza students die in auto accident

BY STEVEN CABANA  
LA VOZ

Returning home from evening classes on Monday, Oct. 25, two De Anza College students lost their lives as a result of a solo vehicle accident on the rural roads of the Almaden hills.

According to the California Highway Patrol accident report, driver 21-year-old John Teel and brother 19-year-old Andrew were driving southbound on Old Almaden road at 10:45 p.m. when John Teel lost control of his 1989 Ford Ranger and ran off the road striking a telephone pole and flipping.

Teel's vehicle continued out of control and hit a tree. John was pronounced dead on the scene.

Public safety personnel transported Andrew Teel to Santa Clara Valley Medical Center where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

The accident is under investigation but preliminary indications are that alcohol was not a factor in the crash.

John Teel was at De Anza studying engineering while Andrew Teel was working on a certificate animation and film.

### Terrorism expert offers analysis at De Anza

BY JEFF MCGREW  
LA VOZ

Former counter-terrorism expert Richard Clarke delivered a speech on Oct. 23 at the Flint Center in an ongoing campaign to educate the public since his leave from the Bush administration in 2001.

Recalling events and issues of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, Clarke used a nine-point format which is also outlined in his New York Times bestseller book, "Against All Enemies." Clarke has served under five different presidents and is referred as the czar of counter-terrorism.

With an anti-Bush administration agenda, Clarke started his speech with issues of terrorism and security, claiming that no one in the administration was asking the "right questions" and that "the patriotic thing to do is ask questions."

Referring to the connection between al-Qaeda and Saddam Hussein, Clarke pointed out that analysts, after a year of research and collaboration, have found no direct link between the two. Yet due to an onslaught of convincing speeches combined with media coverage, 84 percent of the public thought there was a direct connection.

As a result, 300,000 soldiers were sent to Iraq with a mindset of wanting to avenge the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks according to Clarke.

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## FINDING HIDDEN TREASURE PRESIDENTIAL PHOTOGRAPHS HIGHLIGHT THE CAMPUS IN CENTER'S NEW EXHIBIT

BY SARAH JOY CALLAHAN  
LA VOZ

As the Nov. 2 elections consume minds and campaign buttons decorate backpacks and bookbags, a De Anza College museum mirrors the political atmosphere.

The California History Center Foundation, a large pillared white house located between the Hinson Campus Center patio and the Flint Center parking structure, opened a non-partisan exhibit this fall titled "Presenting the President."

The show is a collection of press photographs focusing on U.S. presidents and presidential candidates who visited the Santa Clara County and the San Francisco Bay Area, most commonly motivated by winning votes for an upcoming election.

The famous faces reach across decades,

from Ulysses S. Grant to George W. Bush. The purpose of the display is to "bring national politics into focus with the local scene as the backdrop," according to museum curator Mary Jo Ignoffo.

The photographs feature Herbert Hoover posing on the Stanford campus, John F. Kennedy shaking hands at Moffett Field, and George H. W. Bush followed by a large dragon while walking through Chinatown in San Francisco.

One photograph of former president Jimmy Carter standing in front of a wall with "Flint Center of the Performing Arts" inscribed on it reveals that the nation's leaders walked on the same ground that De Anza students walk every day.

Carter's speech in 1988 at De Anza was also accompanied by speeches of former presidents Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan.

Although he did not visit the Flint Center, former president Richard Nixon visited Westgate Shopping Center during his time in the Santa Clara Valley in 1970.

Despite the global impact of the men pictured in the exhibit, the show itself is simple and a large portion of the display room is left empty.

The majority of the black-and-white photographs came from the reference collection of the Palo Alto Times newspaper after its closed in 1991. Ignoffo decided to save the pictures for their own display at an appropriate time.

"We took photos from the source and made a simple exhibit with the hope to create more interest in elections," said executive director Tom Izu.

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# Disputing politics with integrity

## Editorial

Leaving a flaming bag of dog poop on your neighbor's porch because he has a sign on his lawn supporting a proposition you dislike does not count as political discourse. This hasn't happened to anyone at De Anza College, as far as we know, but this election cycle has been pretty contentious. On the eve of the election, we're calling on all our readers to express themselves – but to do so with integrity.

Even those who agree with you will be turned off if you make your point with insults and anger. On Oct. 19, the *Gilroy Dispatch* reported that vandals defaced several political campaign signs and that many private residents complained to their local party headquarters about having campaign signs stolen of their lawns.

Elections are a big deal. It's natural to be passionate about the issues and campaigns that matter to you. There's

nothing wrong with having a heated debate about politics. But if your debating skills are limited to mudslinging and vandalism, then please stop. Just ... stop.

Nobody wins a debate by being the guy who can shout the loudest. Vandalism is illegal as well as counter-productive. Defacing others' attempts at political expression doesn't do anything except make them feel angry and victimized. It's certainly not going to inspire them to vote differently.

In life, you're not going to have a newspaper editor peering over your shoulder shouting, "Cite your sources!" or "That's a straw-man argument, you fool!" every time you voice your opinion. But you should be doing some mental checking before you decide to make a statement – especially if you're not planning on using your indoor voice.

If all you can do is regurgitate a party line, you should do some research before you head to the voting booth. Political campaigns use marketing strategies to come up with those slogans, just like companies do to sell products. The choice of who or what to vote for, however, is probably more important than what brand of toothpaste you choose to buy.

When you try to convince others that your stance is correct, it's an insult to their intelligence – and your know-it-all image – to do so without having information to back it up. Some people just have fundamentally different priorities, and it's important to respect that.

We become better citizens and voters by discussing our beliefs and examining them critically. But until you learn to construct logical arguments based on convincing information, please, stick to arguing on the Internet.

## Letters to the Editor

### Preaching Propaganda

Dear Editor,

The articles by Moumita Chakraborty regarding Bush's wars and by Ryan Bell about Dr. Al-Qazzaz, the visiting speaker offering analysis against the war, demonstrates once again a major failure of De Anza College's faculty and administration in providing a proper education for its students, particularly in the area of critical thinking and political analysis.

The article about Dr. Al-Qazzaz from CSU Sacramento shows once again how a determined band of extremist faculty has hijacked the speaker series in order to put forth a monolithic group of equally extremist speakers from one end of the political spectrum.

The concept that a college should be a place where students are exposed to a wide variety of information and ideas from which the student can evaluate seems completely foreign to both this group of faculty and the administration, and one can conclude that one possibility is these people have no desire to truly educate students, for that would mean that their propaganda would be far less effective.

Ms. Chakraborty offers us her opinion, the same old ones against the administration, but highlights it with a set of half-truths regarding veteran's benefits and income taxes.

Her opinions on the war use false statements and ridiculous assertions.

This is not surprising given the climate on this campus, but she then uses additional misleading information or incomplete information to try to attack the Bush administration on both veteran's benefits and tax policy.

The implication that Bush is attacking veteran's benefits in order to give tax cuts to the wealthy is a flat out lie.

Dr. Al-Qazzaz on the other hand is just the latest in the long string (over 10 years) of anti-Republican, anti-war, and at times anti-American speakers that have been the sole viewpoint of the visiting speaker series.

His ridiculous claims that the invasion of Iraq was about oil, and the even more ridiculous claim that the idea that WMDs existed was probably false (all the world's major intelligence agencies, including the French, concluded Hussein had WMDs, but Dr. Al-Qazzaz and Sean Penn knew better) demonstrates that Dr. Al-Qazzaz was brought onto campus to provide political propaganda, not an even handed analysis.

Scott Peterson, Math Instructor

### Did you know?

De Anza College was named after Spanish captain Juan Bautista de Anza, whose 1776 exploration party camped out where Stevens Creek Boulevard intersects with McClellan Road.

Fees at De Anza College average \$1,974 a year, while Stanford University's tuition \$28,563

## De Anza Voices

COMPILED BY SARAH GAHAN AND  
ANNA CALLAHAN  
LA VOZ

### Are you planning on voting this Nov. 2?



“ Yes. As Batman, my other personality ”  
— Marc Pidoux



“ I wish I could vote, but I'm not a citizen. But if I were I would definitely register to vote, and I've registered people to vote. ”  
— Hytham Abouyoussef



“ Yes, I'm planning on voting. I think it's very important, because the biggest terrorist is our president. ”  
— Shamsia Razaqi

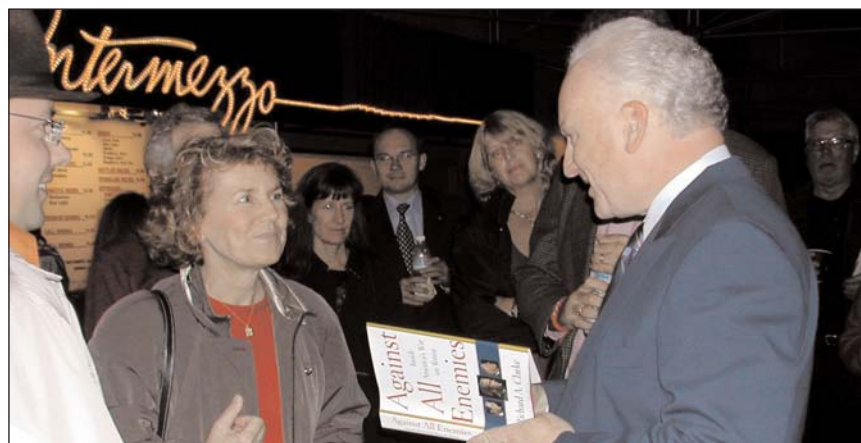


“ Yeah, I thoroughly believe in voting. It's the only way you're going to get your voice heard. And the system works. ”  
— Bertha Pace

## Corrections

“ Visiting speaker offers analysis of war ”  
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UC Sacramento was misstated. It should read as CSU Sacramento.

## Clarke | Insights into terrorism and Iraq war



Richard Clark meets with audience members at a post-show book signing after the Oct. 23 speech held at De Anza College's Flint Center

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"What a terrible thing to do," said Clarke, continuing that Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld stated that he also has never seen a direct link to al-Qaeda and Hussein.

One topic of discussion was the realistic threat of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. "Even if there were chemical weapons, they didn't pose a threat," said Clarke. "Iraq has had chemical weapons for 20 years, but never used their agents against us, and never gave them to a terrorist group."

On both the initial invasion of Iraq and Afghanistan, Clarke set out to claim that the United States were under planned and low on troops.

"We sent 1,100 troops to Afghanistan," said Clarke. "We have more police officers in Mahattan. We left the back door open for Isama bin Laden to get away."

Clarke spoke on how the current administration complained about media coverage, and they weren't doing a great job covering the success stories.

"Well you know, cause there aren't any," said Clarke.

Showing frustration, Clarke continued to

point out that there are about four times as many insurgents as they originally thought.

He told the audience about the letter he received from appointed chief U.S. executive authority in Iraq Paul Bremer and how they had few troops and were unable to gain control.

With a sigh of desperation, Clarke cited public-opinion statistics from around the world that show disapproval of the United States' actions.

"We're breeding another generation of terrorist because of Iraq," said Clarke. "If Saudi Arabia had an election today, al-Qaeda would win."

In closing, Clarke asserted three priorities. He said the United States needs to get on the offense and get back on trail of al-Qaeda. Focus on homeland securities, and reach out to the Islamic community and work to prevent a jihad.

Undermining civil liberties through the Patriot Act was a major concern for Clarke, who said that if something like Sept. 11, 2001 were to happen again, rallying around the flag would not be the best course of action.

"Let us debate, ask questions on how to handle the response," he said.

## Duke professor speaks on Iraq war

BY LISA GU  
LA VOZ

Students taking Global Studies might not have the slightest idea what unilateralism and multilateralism is, let alone the connection both words have with the war in Iraq. The problem is should they know.

Political Science professor at Duke University Robert O. Keohane said there are several reasons to why students should pay more attention to this topic when he came to speak with Cole's class on Monday at 2 p.m.

"One is they are citizens and it is the most important voting policy right now before the country: should we be involved in a war," he said. "It affects the safety of the country and the world you live in because if the critics are right that the war in Iraq is generating more and more hatred for the United States ... it is a much worse world for you to live in than if it hadn't happened."

"He is one of the most famous political scientist in the United States," said Cole. "He has worked for years on questions of foreign policy."

During his speech, Keohane explained that unilateralism is when a country acts alone without the consent of other countries and multilateralism is when countries come together to discuss what they should do.



Keohane

The war in Iraq is one of the most important times where the United States should have used a multilateral policy, but didn't, Keohane said.

Cole invited Keohane to speak with her class as an act to promote her peace studies class.

"I need to attract more attention to that class because I need more students to sign up for the class," said Cole. "When a new store opens up they have a grand opening event and give away free food and stuff. This is an academic equivalent of having a store opening."

At the end of the discussions numerous students asked questions about what Keohane said. "He stated his position clearly and I agreed with most of what he said," student Erik Peterson said.

## Campus Events

UC Santa Cruz transfer advising  
Monday, Nov. 1  
9 a.m.

UC Davis transfer advising  
Monday, Nov. 1  
9 a.m.

Academy of Art Univ. Visit  
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## CHC | Presidential showcase



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The photographs are in display cases along with old cameras, a door hanger from 1968 reminding home owners to vote for Robert F. Kennedy, and handfuls of campaign buttons featuring such president hopefuls as Jessie Jackson.

Izu said that beside the state's visits from presidents, the photographs also documents California's transformation from an agricultural state to electronics, prompting increased interest from campaigner.

The California History Center worked to promote student interest in this year's presidential elections by hosting De Anza political science professor Greg Druehl to speak about the elections in conjunction with the exhibit.

The center is selling a booklet with reproductions of many of the photographs that details on each president's visit on sale to help offset the cost of the exhibit.

The California History Center is on the southwest side of campus, near to the Flint center.

The show will be open until January.

## Election to end New York Times trial

### De Anza / Times partnership completes this week

BY ANNA CALLAHAN  
LA VOZ

For the month leading up to the Nov. 2 elections to the Friday after them, racks will be set up around the De Anza College campus containing copies of the New York Times.

De Anza student's free access to a paper with over 14 million worldwide users was part of a joint effort by De Anza President Brian Murphy, the De Anza Associated Student Body senate, and the Times. Intended to get students informed and interested in this year's presidential election, the newspaper is in cooperation with student initiatives for voter registration.

Over the last two and a half years, Murphy has been working with the American Democracy Project, a civic engagement program sponsored by the New York Times, and The American Association of State Colleges and Universities which represents state colleges and universities all over the United States.

The project aims to create programs for students to participate more in the lives of their local communities and in their own political power.

De Anza was the first community college in the country invited to participate in the American Democracy project.

Murphy and John Politoski, Northern California education manager for The New York Times, decided that providing free copies of the newspaper

would support students by generating interest in the election and in voter registration.

A thousand copies of the newspaper are distributed among 10 racks around campus and the copies have run out every day.

"People are responding well," said Nadine Foster-Mahar, DASB president.

She said that she would like to see students become more knowledgeable on issues that are out there, not just politics.

When approached by the DASB and New York Times representatives, *La Voz* Editor in Chief Steven Cabana formally approved the presence of the publication on campus.

He said that it brings more readership to newspapers in general and that "any kind of increased newspaper readership is good."

The Times also works collaboratively with faculty in curricular projects.

They will provide workshops on the use of the newspaper in course content, which can also be required like a textbook.

The New York Times has been working with colleges and high schools since the 1930s, said Politoski, but has a new emphasis to reach out to community colleges.

Brian Murphy said, "The New York Times has the most comprehensive national coverage of political, cultural, social, scientific events in the world."

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## Vegan doctor/chef to visit campus

BY DINA HERUTY  
Special to LA VOZ

Michael Greger is a professor at Cornell University and a well-known social justice advocate. He will be speaking at De Anza College this Monday, Nov. 1 as a guest of the De Anza Nutrition and Health Club. He comes to California to speak at the UC Berkeley Liberation Now animal rights conference, presenting his lecture entitled "Corporate Globalization: Trading Away Our Right to Protect Animals."

"This is medicine on a broader scale. This issue deals with the health of our planet," says Greger, a teacher and physician.

"These trade agreements hamper our ability to enforce existing environmental, labor, and endangered species laws and prevent the creation of new laws. It is this generation of students who will inherit the consequences of our inability to act." "The World Bank ruled that the right to water is not a human right," he says, referring to the 1999 sale of Bolivian water rights.

The Bolivian government leased the country's

water rights to a subsidiary of the San Francisco-based Bechtel Corporation in 1999. The company hiked water rates, doubling or even tripling them, and imposed restrictions requiring special permits for community wells and private rainwater collection.

This is the kind of unchecked power that agreements like GATT and NAFTA allow, he says.

The Bolivian government backed out of the deal after months of revolts and after declaring martial law.

"These things are happening in your home countries, where your families live. International and local students need to understand the issues and vote to protect their own future," Greger said.

He sees the "We can't protect endangered species such as sea turtles and whales, we can't regulate the destruction of wildlife habitat, and we can't hold international corporations accountable for contaminating our environment."

Greger's lecture will be held in the Campus Center conference room B at 4-6 p.m. on Nov. 1. Students, faculty, and the public are all welcome to attend.

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## The Citibank sports column of the week



JLARA

You wouldn't know it just by reading the column week in and week out, but I'm a very expensive accessory at La Voz. It's true, the good ones don't come cheap – God forbid we win an award, then our head inflate the size of Texas.

Texas is a big state.

Not too long ago, Steven Cabana, the editor in chief of this newspaper, was fielding calls left and right from my agent, trying to convince him that the only way to maintain a talent of my caliber was to get "the man" involved – a newspaper the greatness of La Voz should not bypass the opportunity to have certain writers and certain stories go

without being sponsored by those willing to put down the money.

But Steven is Jesus 2004, without the movie.

And for that, Steven should be commended, because temptation is everywhere and having an extra thousand or two to buy some more equipment for the staff is tempting and a bag of chips. But, truth be told, if sports took the same approach as we do at this newspaper, the world would be a better place.

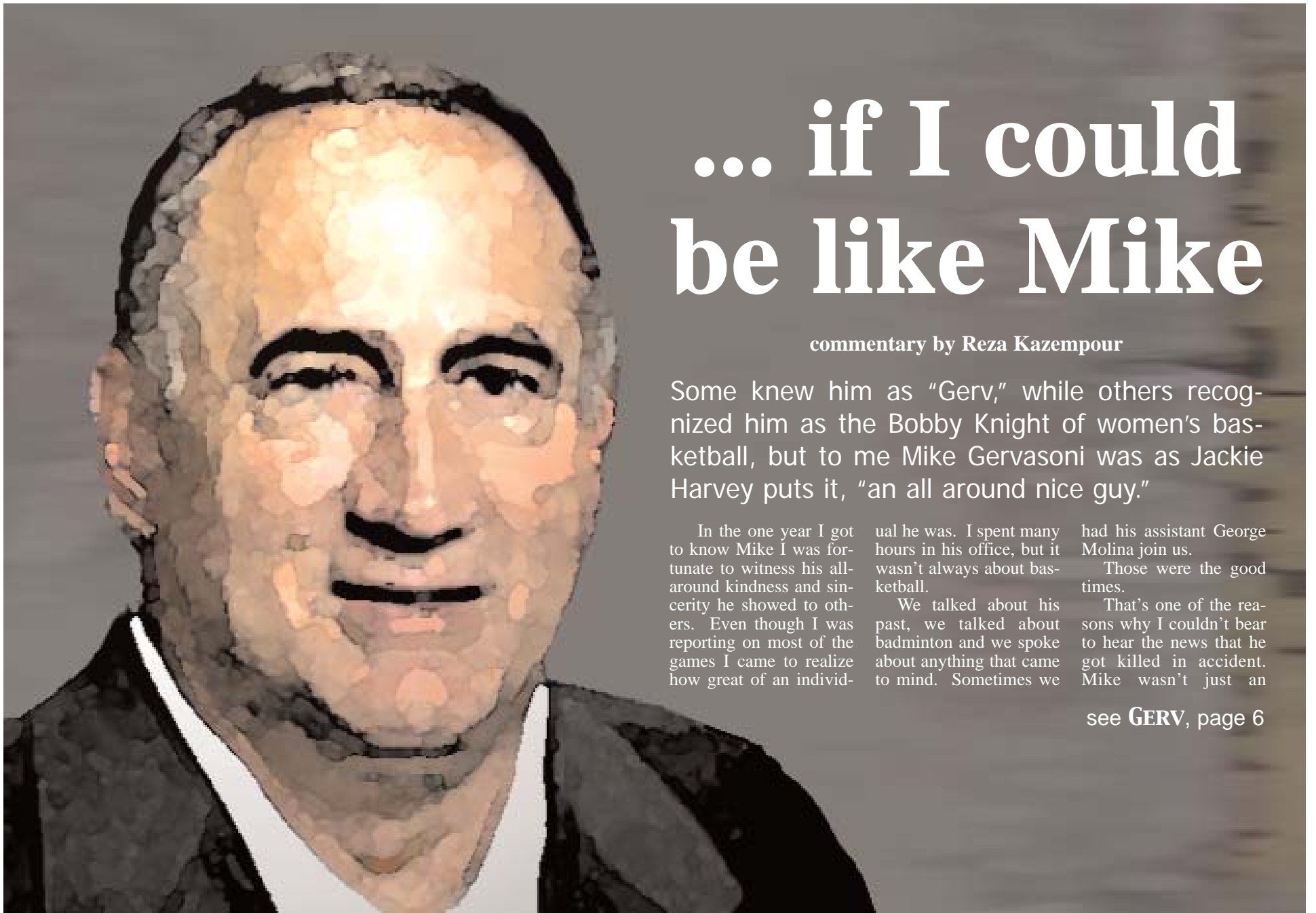
It's kind of hard not to turn on the television on any given sports day without being bombarded with advertisements for every-

thing under the sun. And if that wasn't bad enough the world of corporate sponsorships is threatening to totally unpurify sports – if it hasn't already done so.

Most recently college football was faced with a situation where it would have been incredibly easy to wash their hands and take the money that they were being given.

Both the University of Michigan and Ohio State University were offered \$260,000 a piece for the next two years to sell the rights to their annual Big Ten clash to SBC-Communication. The deal would have

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# ... if I could be like Mike

commentary by Reza Kazempour

Some knew him as "Gerv," while others recognized him as the Bobby Knight of women's basketball, but to me Mike Gervasoni was as Jackie Harvey puts it, "an all around nice guy."

In the one year I got to know Mike I was fortunate to witness his all-around kindness and sincerity he showed to others. Even though I was reporting on most of the games I came to realize how great of an individ-

ual he was. I spent many hours in his office, but it wasn't always about basketball.

We talked about his past, we talked about badminton and we spoke about anything that came to mind. Sometimes we

had his assistant George Molina join us.

Those were the good times.

That's one of the reasons why I couldn't bear to hear the news that he got killed in accident. Mike wasn't just an

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## Women's soccer keeps on rolling against Owls

### DE ANZA TAKES CARE OF VISITING FOOTHILL COLLEGE

BY DOUG MEYER  
LA VOZ

It was business as usual for the womens soccer team last Tuesday against Foothill College.

De Anza's women soccer team looked strong as picked up their third win of the season by defeating Foothill 3-1 on Tuesday. Strong defense was played throughout the game and helped the Dons dominate the Owls.

The Dons defense was smothering and the majority of the first half was spent in Foothill territory with De Anza on the attack. Foothill was not able to get anything going and it seemed like the defensive pressure really took them out of their game.

De Anza drew first blood in the 24th minute when Lizbeth Corona scored on a

header from a crossing pattern. The assist was credited to Laura Perry, on what was a perfectly designed cross play.

The Dons did not let up after that however as they later scored again in the 8th minute with a nice midfield shot by Crystal Velez on what looked to be a misplayed ball by the Foothill keeper.

The Owls showed some resiliency in the 6th minute however when they got a goal off an inbound play that seemed to keep them in the game at the time.

De Anza put the game out of reach in the 35th minute of the 2nd half when Megan Finney scored on a perfectly placed shot from the right side of the field that

beat the outstretched hands of the Owls keeper.

There was a scare soon after when the Foothill keeper was kicked in the face by a sliding De Anza midfielder. She seemed to be in great pain and laid on the floor for a few minutes, but was able to shake it off and continue to play, and surprisingly enough not allow anymore goals.

Anne Guina was charged with the foul and received a yellow card in the incident.

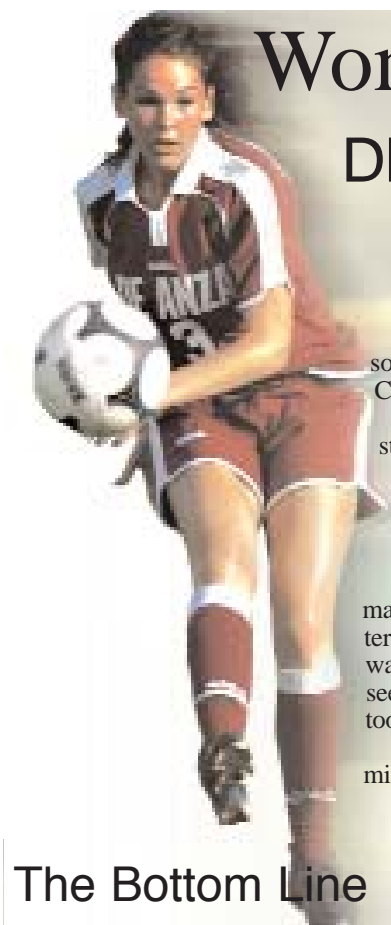
It seemed to be incidental but the referee felt that the play was deserving of a yellow card and no one was injured.

De Anza's defense took over after the final goal, and although they applied much less pressure they were able to hold and preserve a 3-1 victory pick up their first victory of the season.

### DE ANZA 3, FOOTHILL 1

A close game at first, De Anza closes with a big third set for win.

**Monday:** Los Positos at De Anza, 4 p.m.



## Sports this week

### Tuesday

Mens Soccer @ CCSF 3:00 p.m.  
Womens Soccer @ West Valley 3:00 p.m.

### Wednesday

Volleyball @ Hartnell 6:30 p.m.  
Womens Water Polo vs. Hartnell 6:30 p.m.

### Friday

Volleyball vs. Monterey Peninsula College 6:30 p.m.

### Saturday

Football vs. Hartnell 1:00 p.m.

## This week in De Anza sports history

### October 1994

Late touchdowns by John Goldston and Dewayne Johnson secure the Dons first victory of the 1994 campaign, 27-21 against Cabrillo College.

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have allowed a logo of the game featuring the company to be posted all over the stadium in Ann Arbor – a place where no advertisement has gone before.

Although the idea of having corporate sponsors for a college football game isn't foreign (SBC sponsors the Red River Shootout which involves Oklahoma and Texas), the idea had a reported 80 percent of fans in an uproar over the proposal (www.espn.com) and such a reaction presents a good question: where should sports draw the line?

Sponsorships allow for our favorite teams to have some of the players we cheer for week in and week out.

They also allow our tickets prices to stay respectable, whatever that is anyways. In all honesty, the infiltration of corporate sponsorships has become a form of oppression in our society in that we don't really care, we just eat it up, even if we aren't hungry.

Really, is there always room for Jell-O, or did they just make that up too?

Be honest now, if this column took the next thirty seconds to present you the advantages of using Discover – the card that pays you back, or if this article was somehow brought to you by the amazing people at Comerica Bank every week, it wouldn't bother you

in the least bit.

Or if La Voz had to change its name because Visa kept feeding us checks to tell you that it's everywhere you want to be, would you dare complain?

Such rhetorical questions are useless in the sports realm because, well, the eagle has already landed and the anti-Christ has taken over.

Feel good stories like the one out of the Big Ten and Major League Baseball (who four months ago decided that promoting Spiderman 2 was a bad idea) are a step in the right direction, but it just might be too little too late.

But maybe trying to



avoid the inevitable really is useless and two weeks from now this article will be brought to you by Citibank Inc. They're good people, really.

So for now, enjoy, because the honeymoon might soon be over and the world of corporate sponsorship that has already taken over the sports realm (but La Resistance lives on gosh darn it!!) might be coming to a school near you and the education you receive at De Anza College might be brought to you by Hewlett Packard.

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instructor that coached here on campus, but he was more of a colleague, a friend, and an all around nice guy people could go to.

I would sometimes after lunch go and shoot hoops after talking with him and I got to understand how much he was appreciated by his players. He participated with them in practice. He created binders to show them how they performed. He wasn't just doing his job, but he was helping them get better. He was a coach that wanted the fundamentals of basketball grinded into his player's head.

Other coaches have different way of coaching, but Mike was concerned about his players learning the game. I remember when I first interviewed him, and all he spoke about was fundamentals. He mentioned that nearly 25 times within the 30-minute interview. I guess those fundamentals worked as he posted a .750 win percentage in his 16 year span here at De Anza.

I was sad when I heard about Mike

leaving to University of Nevada Reno.

When I heard the news, I went to his office and asked him why he's moving. I remember it as if it was yesterday. He was sitting on his old chair that would lean back and he explained to me that after so many years of coaching and being separated from his wife Kim, that it was time for him to move on and join forces with her to not only better the UNR team, but to better their relationship. He informed me of his decision prior to the end of the season.

The final home game of the regular season rolled around and sticking with tradition, Mike handed out roses and spoke briefly of his sophomore players who were playing their final games. As he handed out roses you could see it in his eyes that he knew this was the last time he would coach a "great group of gals" at De Anza college.

Yet he kept his head up.

The last time I spoke to Mike was at Merced where De Anza was playing them in a playoff game. The winner would move on to the next round. Merced had

the upper hand but it was De Anza that was playing for heart. It was the most upsetting game to watch as De Anza just fell short of a game. But it was after the game that made me realize the good character behind Mike.

As his former badminton player Ruby Mark said, Mike was a father figure. And that night after the women's basketball team suffered an emotional loss, it was Mike who was there for them. He wasn't there as a coach, but more of a father who understood what his girls just went through.

After the game, I shook Mike's hand and told him, "That was helluva game coach. Thanks for all the good times."

And that's what Mike provided. Good times. He coached badminton and played alongside his players. He coached basketball and shot alongside his players.

He answered all my questions (and I had a lot of questions in my interviews) and he did so disregard of all the other stuff he needed to take care of. The world has lost a coach, a father figure and an "all-around nice guy."

After the game, I shook Mike's hand and told him, "That was helluva game coach. Thanks for all the good times." And that's what Mike provided. Good times.

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La Voz breaks down "the biggest election of your lifetime," the question is, who will you choose?

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# Election 2004

*The time to make a change is now, vote Democrat*

**NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, KERRY IS BEST**



**STEVEN CABANA**

In the last election, I cast my vote for the Republican ticket, buying into President George W. Bush's claims that he would be a "compassionate conservative." Four years and two wars later, the situation is vastly different. Our economy is faltering, civil liberties have dwindled. What President Bush did to us as a country deserves the same pink slip given to Americans whose jobs have been outsourced.

I plan to vote across party lines this Nov. 2; President John Kerry definitely has a nice ring to it. Kerry has over two decades of service in public office, not including his service in Vietnam.

As a recipient of a bronze heart and three purple hearts, Kerry has a proven record of service to his country. Instead of skirting the responsibility, he did his duty, serving as a navy officer from 1966 to 1970.

After three years as a prosecutor in Middlesex County, Kerry found a higher calling as Lt. Governor of Massachusetts.

Kerry went on to become senator in 1985 and in that twenty year span has served on the Senate foreign relations committee. These is a man whose experience and knowledge of foreign policy will help rebuild America's reputation in the world's eye.

Kerry has worked for veterans rights, heading up the committee on POW/MIA affairs. Because of his record as an advocate for veterans, Kerry can be counted on to use America's troops judiciously and treat them justly.

A vote for Kerry is a vote for better environmental stewardship. Kerry plans to reverse recent roll-backs to the Clean Air Act. According to the Kerry Web site, 45 percent of our nations waterways do not meet the standards of the Clean Water Act, and Kerry plans to clean them up.

This writer backed President Bush when he began his crusade against terror, justifying the war in Afghanistan as an empire striking back at Al Qaeda. President Bush sold the war in Iraq to the American public as necessary, but failed to develop a clear exit strategy.

Getting the troops out is an appropriate manner should be the first priority of the new president. This is something Senator Kerry is more likely to be willing to do. In the Sept. 30 debate Kerry's exit strategy was made very clear.

"I will make a flat statement," Kerry said. "The United States has no long-term designs on staying in Iraq. Our goal ... would be to get all of the troops out of there with the minimal amount you need for training and logistics ... to sustain the peace."

The dotcom boom and blistering hot economy was a welcome relief after the sluggish early 1990s. But it took only the past four years to increase our deficit to \$7.4 trillion. Both candidates plan to give Americans tax cuts, but looking at the figures, Kerry's plan better benefits the common people.

Implementing tax cut roll backs from the rich but maintaining the cuts from middle and low-income families. Kerry's plan will raise the rates on individuals making more than \$200,000 a year.

In a 10-year-period, his plan would bring in approximately \$560 billion. This plan would lessen the burden of debt placed on Americans' shoulders over the past few years.

As president, Kerry will work to offer a \$4,000 tax credit to college students and help individual states to keep the cost of college tuition from increasing. A National Education Trust Fund will provide funding to schools to improve the No Child Left Behind program.

The fund will reward schools that improve their standards. Imposing incentives for companies to keep jobs in the US and raise the minimum wage to seven dollars will increase the standard of living for every American. Kerry's intention to invest in advanced technology and train American workers to build them are the cornerstones of his plan. In a June 24 speech in San Jose, Kerry emphasized the need for emerging technology.

"At the dawn of the 21st century, the possibilities are limitless. But they won't just happen," Kerry said. "We have to invest more in our people and their ideas."

With the help of private sector funding, Kerry proposed \$5 billion to fund a 10-year plan to develop hydrogen as a viable fuel source, reducing our dependence on petroleum.

The Kerry-Edwards plan will give every American access to the range of high-quality, affordable plans available to members of Congress and extend coverage to 95 percent of Americans, including every American child.

Their plan will also fight to erase the health disparities that persist along racial and economic lines, ensure that people with HIV and AIDS have the care they need, end discrimination against Americans with disabilities and mental illnesses, and ensure equal treatment for mental illness in our health system.

Kerry will create a higher standard of living in America. His service and experience make him a great candidate and the right choice.

Tomorrow, cast your vote for John Kerry.

**WELL, BOYS AND GIRLS, IT'S TIME TO VOTE. AND LIKE THE GOOD NEIGHBORS THAT WE ARE, HERE'S A LITTLE HELP IN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS. GOOD LUCK AND DON'T HURT YOURSELVES**

*Sick of the same old centrist policies? Vote for a third-party candidate*



**SARAH GAHAN**

Forget the Democrats, forget the Republicans. Vote for a third party candidate. The dominance of the two major parties has stifled political debate in America and, unless voting habits change, ensures minority viewpoints will never have proportionate representation.

There are several third-party choices on the presidential ballot in California, and you should check out what they have to offer before you head to the polls tomorrow.

Ralph Nader, probably the best-known of the third-party presidential candidates, is not on the ballot in California. Of course, if you're a Nader supporter you can still cast a write-in vote for him. He's running as an independent. If it's the Green Party you like, David Cobb is the 2004 presidential nominee.

According to the party Web site, a major part of the Green Party platform is the belief "all people have a right to food, housing, medical care, jobs that pay a living wage, education, and support in times of hardship."

The Green Party supports the decriminalization of victimless crimes, such as the possession of small amounts of marijuana, but does not support full repeal of drug prohibitions. Ralph Nader's campaign supports similar measures, and the Peace and Freedom Party also supports drug legalization, positions outlined on their Web sites. Neither the Democratic or Republican parties support drug decriminalization.

Both the Republicans and Democrats still support the death penalty, though it is more expensive to have an inmate executed than serve a life term and the death penalty has never been proven to be a deterrent to crime.

The Green Party, the Peace and Freedom Party, and the Nader campaign all support the abolition of the death penalty.

The Libertarian Party, and the American Independent party did not make the death penalty a major part of their platform. The Libertarian

Party, with Michael Badnarik as its presidential nominee, supports the creation of a system where prisoners would be forced to work while in prison to pay restitution to their victims.

The Libertarian party advocates limited government, the rights of individuals, and deregulation of industry. In essence a Libertarian is someone who opposes government regulation of both business and social behavior.

If you've never managed to come to terms with Roe v. Wade, oppose the separation of church and state, and believe America should pursue an isolationist foreign policy, the American Independent party might be for you.

Where Libertarians believe the government should be strictly limited in its ability to regulate business and society, the American Independent party supports doing both.

The American Independent party is backing Michael Peroutka of the Constitution party. Part of the party platform is a push for legislation preventing American companies from outsourcing and a promise to, if elected, pull out of the World Trade Organization and the North American Free Trade Agreement. Domestically, the party opposes gay marriage and abortion and supports "a return to a Republic of self-governing states whose laws are rooted in Biblical principles."

Not all Americans are centrist Democrats and Republicans. Estimates indicate approximately 25 percent of voters are registered as independents. Explore your political options.

If you support both government deregulation of industry and expanded civil liberties, check out the Libertarian party. If you support universal health care, decriminalization of marijuana, and think corporations should be regulated for safety and environmental reasons, check out Ralph Nader's campaign, the Green Party, and the Peace and Freedom Party. If you think the Constitution should be scrapped and the American republic redrawn as a confederacy of states governed by "Biblical principles," check out Michael Peroutka's Web site.

Third parties make the process of government more interesting. One flaw of our system of government is that a two-party system leads to "lesser of two evils" voting where voters choose the candidate they least dislike rather than a candidate who actually represents their position.

As long as we keep voting this way, the sys-

tem won't change. Support for a third party candidate makes a difference even when that candidate doesn't win. When the major parties see voters leaving them for other candidates, they are going to do what they need to do to draw them back. It's not the name of the party that matters, it's the policies. Before you vote this Nov. 2, you need to figure out what you want out of the political process, and who is really going to give it to you.

**WANT TO KNOW MORE?**

**You've got one more day to figure out which candidate to vote for. Spend your time wisely.**

**Ralph Nader's campaign:**  
<http://www.votenader.org>

**Libertarian Party:**  
<http://www.lp.org>  
<http://www.badnarik.org>

**Green Party:**  
<http://www.greenpartyus.org>  
<http://www.www.votecobb.org>

**American Independent:**  
<http://www.usiap.org>

**Constitution Party:**  
<http://www.constitutionparty.com>  
<http://www.peroutka2004.com>

**Peace and Freedom Party:**  
<http://www.peaceandfreedom2004.org>

**Web site advocating Leonard Peltier's release from prison:**  
<http://www.freepeltier.org>

VOTE FOR



*We should all be happy with four more years*

**BUSH IS BEST, NO DOUBT ABOUT IT**



**DAN SEALANA**

When the Republican Party met at Madison Square Garden in New York this year for their convention, the thousands in attendance repeatedly asked the United States to give President George W. Bush "four more years," and that's exactly what we should do.

After the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the Bush presidency took on an even more vital role in world politics.

Lingering disputes and bitterness about the 2000 election took a back seat as we all focused on the new war on terror. After the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C., George W. Bush needed to step up to the plate and lead the fight against terrorism, and that's exactly what he did.

Bush not only declared to the world the United States' intent to aggressively fight global terror, he also demanded that other civilized countries take a stand, by telling the world, "You are either with us, or you are with the terrorists."

With the overwhelming support of the world community, American forces led the fight to liberate Afghanistan and to drive out the ruling Taliban. Because of the intervention of the United States, as well the continued U.S. military presence in the Afghanistan, the country was able to hold a presidential election on Oct. 9, 2004.

When the United Nations failed to give the United States official authorization to go to war with Iraq, Bush stood firm on his principles. American troops, along with other members of the "coalition of the willing" toppled the Hussein regime. This pre-emptive action, which has been coined the "Bush Doctrine," showed the world that the refuses to sit back and wait for another terrorist attack before taking action.

George W. Bush has also taken brave, public stances on issues important to Americans with traditional values. Bush has never been shy about admitting that his Christianity is a large influence on his presidency. Bush's deep-rooted religious beliefs cause him to be unwavering in his opposition to abortion.

In 2003, President Bush signed a bill limit-

ing late-term abortions. The bill is still making its way through the courts in the process of judicial review. The president's faith also inspired him to propose a Constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

Both George and Laura Bush have been open about their opposition to stem-cell research. Bush, along with other members of the anti-abortion movement, believe that life begins at conception, and that using fetuses for medical reasons is morally unacceptable.

One aspect of Bush's personality that angers many is his ability to stand alone. Instead of being a slave to the polls, an effective leader must lead. The United States is a democracy, but it is a representative democracy. We do not have the time or information to vote on every issue. The job of our elected officials is to make decisions for us and to determine which decisions would be in our best interests.

Many times, good leaders, like Bush, are forced to sacrifice popularity for the sake of making a decision they believe is right.

One central issue voters usually focus on when going to the polls is the economy. Along with causing fear and anxiety for Americans, the attacks of Sept. 11 also devastated the U.S. economy. Since September of 2001, both job growth and the economy have been shaky.

Although there are some steps that a president can take to influence the economy, it is unfair rest blame

entirely on him. There are some signs, though, that the economy improving. According to the Bureau of Business Research at Ball State University in Indiana, the United States unemployment rate dropped from 6.1 percent in September 2003 to 5.4 percent in September of 2004. Also, between the same time period, retail sales rose from \$287.1 billion to \$308.6 billion.

Bush is not afraid to be a true leader, and is not afraid to do what he feels is best for the American people. A vote for Bush is a vote for tax relief. A vote for Bush is a vote for the continuation of an aggressive war against global terror.

Bush is not perfect. Just like any person, he has made mistakes in his past, and will continue to make mistakes in the future. He may not be a polished public speaker, and he may not be beloved around the world. But during the last four years, President Bush has shown himself to be a brave leader, who wants what's best for the American people. Tomorrow, head to the polls to help Bush continue to be a great leader by giving him "four more years."



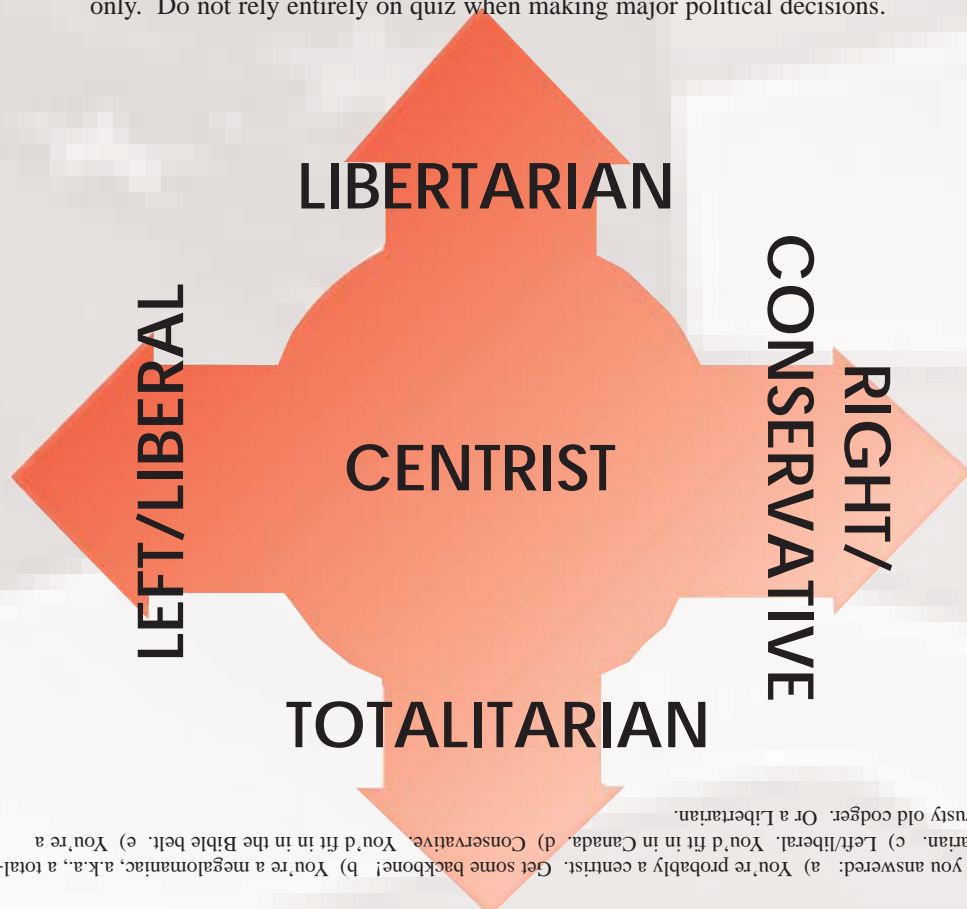
## SEE WHERE YOU'RE AT ON THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM

Take this political quiz to find out where you belong on the spectrum!

How do you think the country should be run?

- a) I don't know. Things are fine, I guess. More holidays would be nice.
- b) I think business and individuals' behavior should be strictly regulated. Preferably by me. Yes ... bow down to me and fulfill my every wish!
- c) I think we should have greater civil liberties, but keep a close eye on businesses.
- d) People do a lot of things that I think are morally wrong. We should regulate those things, but regulate businesses very little.
- e) We should keep beaurocracy as limited as possible. I don't want the government interfering with my business or my personal life.

Answers can be found below the spectrum. Quiz is intended for entertainment use only. Do not rely entirely on quiz when making major political decisions.



## Top five election news sources



SARAHGAHAN

If you're a political junkie or are just psyched about this election, you want to know some good places to get your fix. We've taken the liberty of compiling the five best places to get your election coverage. Happy election day!

1. OK, we admit it. Here at La Voz we're a more than a little in love with "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart." For biting wit aimed across the political spectrum and the media itself, nothing beats "The Daily Show." They're answering our prayers with an hour of live election coverage tomorrow night at 10 p.m./9 p.m. central on Comedy Central. That's an hour earlier than their usual time slot, so double-check your TiVO if you're not planning to watch it live.

2. National Public Radio. If you're in your car, you're probably not watching TV. In fact, even if you can watch TV in your car, please don't. At least not while you're driving. Listen to NPR instead for in-depth, articulate coverage. NPR also plays BBC broadcasts, so you'll get to hear what the Brits think of the race. Set your radio to KQED-FM 88.5 or visit <http://www.npr.org> to find the NPR stations in your area.

3. Maybe you feel like playing Everquest and checking on the election at the same time. Don't bother getting out of that chair! Election cov-

erage is only a click away. Portal of Evil, a Web site devoted to the evil, weird, and downright peculiar in the world, features a wide variety of news at <http://www.poe-news.com>. Check out the forums for lowbrow but entertaining commentary. If you want your news brief and hilariously inaccurate, check out <http://www.pointlesswastefortime.com> and their regular "News Skim" updates and caption contests. If you want actual legitimate news, fine, be boring. Read the New York Times online at <http://www.nytimes.com>, check the latest CNN headlines at <http://www.cnn.com>, or get an international perspective at <http://www.bbc.co.uk>.

4. Cable 24-hour news networks. We had a hard time deciding which we disliked the least, the 24-hour networks and the regular networks. But election news can only be regurgitated so much on an actual election day, so the 24-hour networks have a slight lead. They'll be breaking stories all through the day. Just remember to take regular breaks, those news tickers at the bottom of the screen have unsettling hypnotic powers.

5. The heyday of network news is over. While on a normal day, network news does a decent job of summing up what was actually newsworthy that day in a few hours, on election day we want more. While normally the constant recycling of the same half-dozen or so stories grates on our nerves, 24-hour networks do hold a slight edge on days when new information will actually be coming out constantly. But network news still beats getting your news by telegraph, pony express, or tomorrow's papers, and does a decent job of putting the day's events in perspective.

# California: Keep it Rockin'

BY LA VOZ STAFF  
LA VOZ

The California Voter Foundation's complete online voter guide can be found at <http://www.calvoter.org>. Here is a brief summary of some of the Propositions which will be on the ballot in California tomorrow.

### Proposition 62: Elections and Primaries

Requires primary elections in which voters may vote for any state or federal candidate regardless of party registration.

### Proposition 63: Mental Health Services Expansion and Funding; Tax on Incomes over \$1 Million

Imposes additional 1% tax on taxable income over \$1 million to provide dedicated funding for expansion of mental health services and programs. Current funding for mental health programs may not be reduced because of funding from new tax.

### Proposition 66: Limitations on "Three Strikes" Law; Sex Crimes; Punishment

Amends "Three Strikes" law to require increased sentences only when current conviction is for specified violent and/or serious felony. Allows conditional re-sentencing of persons with sentences increased under "Three Strikes" law if previous sentencing offenses, or prior convictions used to increase sentences, would no longer qualify as violent and/or serious felonies. Increases punishment for specified sex crimes against children.

### Proposition 69: DNA Samples; Collection; Database; Funding

Requires collection of DNA samples from all felons, and from adults and juveniles arrested for or charged with specific crimes, and submission to state DNA database; and, in five years, from adults arrested for or charged with any felony.

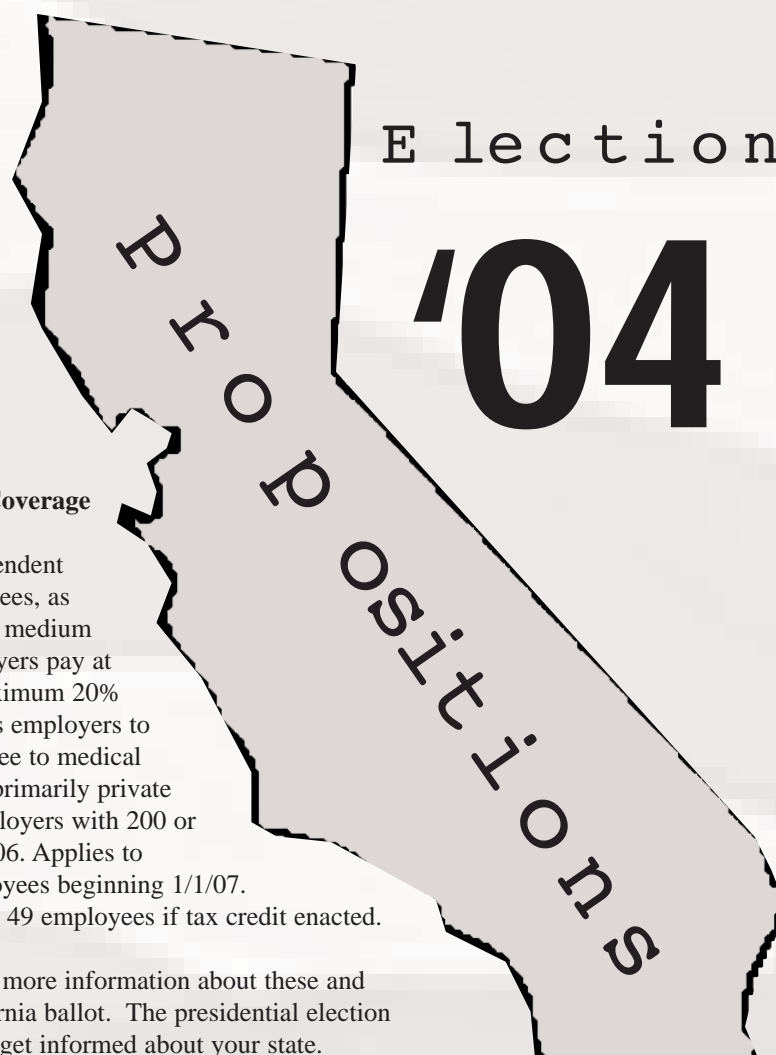
### Proposition 71: Stem Cell Research; Funding; Bonds; Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute

Establishes "California Institute for Regenerative Medicine" to regulate stem cell research and provide funding, through grants and loans, for such research and research facilities. Establishes constitutional right to conduct stem cell research; prohibits Institute's funding of human reproductive cloning research.

### Proposition 72: Health Care Coverage Requirements; Referendum

Provides for individual and dependent health care coverage for employees, as specified, working for large and medium employers. Requires that employers pay at least 80% of coverage cost; maximum 20% employee contribution. Requires employers to pay for health coverage or pay fee to medical insurance board that purchases primarily private health coverage. Applies to employers with 200 or more employees beginning 1/1/06. Applies to employers with 50 to 199 employees beginning 1/1/07. Applies to employers with 20 to 49 employees if tax credit enacted.

Check your voting guide for more information about these and other propositions on the California ballot. The presidential election is important, but don't forget to get informed about your state.



# Afghanistan

## A HISTORY OF BETRAYAL



JEFFMCGREW

After Sept. 11 2001, one American goal seemed clear: to capture or kill Osama bin Laden, the suspected organizer of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, and dismantle the terrorist training camps in Afghanistan. In 1979, after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, America swore it would free Afghanistan from the threat of communism. History is repeating itself. Americans are again proving their unreliability when it comes to rebuilding an Afghanistan "free" from ideological threats.

Afghanistan held its first presidential election on Oct. 9. According to Human Rights Watch, Afghans were enthusiastic about voting, but the period leading up to the election was marred by threats and intimidation. On election day, the indelible ink for fingerprinting, meant to prevent voter fraud, proved to be easily washable and there were too few poll workers and election monitors to enforce rules.

In the areas of Afghanistan better controlled by American and international forces, women were registered to vote in fairly high numbers – though that number may be inflated given the many allegations of voters registering multiple times. In the less-secure southern portion of the country, women were registered in appallingly low numbers. In one province, women were only nine percent of the registered electorate.

The controversial elections are just one example of America's failure in Afghanistan. American forces intervened after the Soviet Republic invaded Afghanistan in December of 1979. A resistance force, the Mujahadin, was born, and quickly grew to more than 100,000, and with the aid of the United States, China, and Saudi Arabia, was able to reclaim Afghanistan in a fourteen year battle. An extensive database of historical information can be found at <http://www.afghanweb.com/history/>.

The Mujahadin was made up of many Afghani tribes, each with its own warlord. However, the guerrilla forces were unable to unite after reclaiming the country and Afghanistan split into spheres of control.

According to <http://www.rawa.org/>, the official website of the Revolutionary

Association of the Women of Afghanistan, it was after the overthrow of the Soviet-installed regime in Afghanistan, in the early 1990s, that the Taliban first began to take control of the country. America should have partnered with Afghans in rebuilding the country, not left it to be overrun by fundamentalists and warlords.

The 1976, 1987, and 1990 Afghan constitutions all had clauses guaranteeing equal rights and obligations for citizens under the law. But beginning in the early 1990s, the Taliban grew in power and stripped both men and women of their constitutional and human rights, imposing laws based on strict fundamentalist interpretations of Islamic law.

In areas controlled by the Taliban, women suffered from epidemic levels of depression and other illnesses, but were forbidden to go out unescorted by a male relative. Bands of vigilant enforcers of fundamentalist law also beat men whose beards were too short, or women whose hands or ankles were "incorrectly" covered.

Organizations such as RAWA worked to bring the world's attention to these human rights violations, and supported secret schools where women and girls could get an education.

Rather than intervening years before with the help of the United Nations, which could potentially have prevented or uncovered terrorist plots fomenting in Afghanistan, the United States waited to act against the Taliban until it was attacked by Taliban-supported terrorists.

Humanitarian groups such as the United Nations World Food Program and Oxfam International came together to aid the estimated 1.5 million suffering from fear of immediate starvation, and the 7.5 million suffering due to recent droughts.

The United States has also helped with the humanitarian effort by delivering food rations via C-17 Globemasters. However, ration packets came under heavy criticism in reports by the BBC and <http://www.workingofchange.com> due to the resemblance between the yellow and white plastic food rations, which resembled unexploded CBU-87 cluster bomblets. The confusion over the similarity reportedly led to several deaths and avoidance of genuine rations.

In 2003, America's attention turned to Iraq. As a result troops and funding have been diverted, leaving the citizens of Afghanistan behind. In hopes to capture terrorists and liberate a besieged people all at once, now with an under trooped task force, the door has been left open for warlords to

reemerge the very fear Afghans hoped would go away after the invasion.

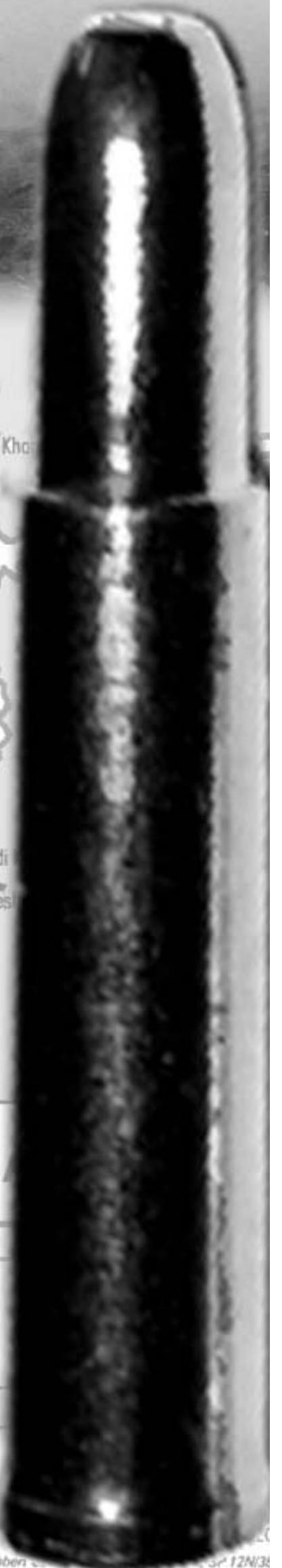
Insufficient resources have prevented aid workers from doing their job. In a report by The Observer in December 2003, United Nations workers posted in Kabul reported concern about the unsafe security environment. They had recently seen the death of 15 aid workers. After numerous attacks on their personnel, Doctors Without Borders made the decision to leave Afghanistan – after working in the country for 24 years – in a press release dated July 28, 2004 which can be read in its entirety at <http://www.hrw.org>. In early July, five Doctors Without Borders aid workers were killed in a deliberate attack.

"Countries that are committed to supporting Afghanistan cannot kid themselves and go on expecting us to work in unacceptable security conditions," said Lakhdar Brahimi, United Nations senior representative in Kabul in an interview with the BBC. "They seem to think our presence is important here. Well, if they do, they have to make sure the conditions for us to be here are there. If not, we will go away."

The United States intervened in Afghanistan after the Soviet invasion as part of a foreign policy based on preventing the spread of communism. America intervened once more in recent years as part of a foreign policy based on preventing terrorism. In both cases, we failed to follow through on our good intentions. We still have not caught Osama bin Laden and we have failed to stabilize the country.

At the Flint Center on Oct. 23, as part of De Anza College's visiting speaker series, Richard A. Clarke, former counter-terrorism czar, said that, "we have more troops in Manhattan than we do in Afghanistan," as a result, "we left the back door open for Osama Bin Laden to get away."

It is in the world's best interests for Afghanistan to be a peaceful and stable nation. Peace and stability come at a cost, but it is our responsibility to help Afghans rebuild their country after fighting our wars on their soil. America should not leave Afghanistan vulnerable a second time. We have international partners and humanitarian organizations aiding us in Afghanistan, but that support will continue to wane if we do not increase our involvement. America must send more troops and resources to Afghanistan to help make the country safe for the Afghan people and the international community who want to come to their aid. It is an investment we must make to help secure a peaceful future for Afghanistan, and for ourselves.



## Senate, House consider draft

### STUDENTS NOT EXEMPT IF BILLS PASS INSTITUTING SELECTIVE SERVICE

BY ISAAC FABELA  
U-Wire

With the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan still making headlines daily, possible conflicts arising in other parts of the world might raise concerns about the United States armed forces being stretched too thin.

The current American military situation, in which two simultaneous operations are being undertaken thousands of miles apart, has been a hot topic during this election year. With each passing day bringing additional casualties from the battlefield, everyone, especially men and women between the ages of 18 and 26, are starting to pay more attention to each candidate's view on one topic: The draft.

When in place, the Selective Service randomly picks eligible American men and women between ages 18 and 26 and forces them to serve in the armed forces. Failure to comply once one has been selected will result in criminal prosecution.

The last time the American government implemented this practice was during the Vietnam War, when years of casualties forced America's youth to help in the war effort, whether they liked it or not.

Congress put a stop to the draft in 1973, and though it might seem like an event destined to remain an experience read about in history books, it might not

stay there for long.

There is currently a bill being considered by both the House and the Senate that would reinstate the draft and once again make it illegal to ignore the government's call to service.

SB89, being considered in the Senate, and HR163 in the House, both contain the same language.

"A bill to provide for the common defense by requiring that all young persons in the United States, including women, perform a period of military service or a period of civilian service in furtherance of the national defense and homeland security, and for other purposes," both bills state.

The passage of any one of these bills would reinstate the draft.

The bills have forced the issue to be discussed by Sen. John Kerry and President Bush as they make their way across America campaigning. Kerry has even gone so far as to suggest that if Bush is re-elected there will be a draft.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Bush denied any such inclination by him or his administration. When the

topic came up during a second presidential debate with Kerry, he clearly said there will not be a draft and stressed the importance of the United States to maintaining a voluntary military.

Kerry has said on occasion that he would not utilize the draft to bolster America's manpower.

Robert E. Pommier, 66, a veteran of three tours in Vietnam, agrees with the president on the issue.

"It's not supposed to be that way," Pommier said. "We need to have a military made of people who want to be there."

The current version of the draft would not provide the same deferment for students to avoid involuntary service that the president used to avoid serving in Vietnam.

Unlike the draft during Vietnam, people enrolled in college and women would be included in the pool.

Many said they feel that including students is necessary to gain any kind of support if the draft were to begin again.

This new threat to America's student body will no doubt hit home for people on the campus of California State University at Fullerton, as well as those enrolled in schools across the country. Some students said they wouldn't worry about the possi-

bility of a draft until it happens.

"I am so wrapped up in midterms and research papers right now," said Damien McCoy, 26, a political science major. "I am just concentrating on graduating right now. If they want to draft me they can do it after that."

Juan Macias, 32, a reservist in the 82nd Airborne currently being prepared for deployment to Iraq, said he believes this new version of the draft bill is easier to support.

"If we're going to have a draft then it needs to be across the board," Macias said. "The draft, as it was, preyed on middle to lower class men who couldn't afford to enroll in school."

Though Macias said he believes a draft would be necessary if the United States were to stretch its manpower too thin, he also acknowledges there are some who might feel it goes against America's basic principles.

"This is a free country," he said. "But there are those who believe the draft would violate people's civil rights."

Macias also said that as a soldier he will support whatever move the president makes and also feels that the American people should do the same.

"Freedom in this country is taken for granted," Macias said. "We need to be united behind the president no matter what. We need to pull together. This country can be taken from us on the drop of a dime."

"The draft, as it was, preyed on middle to lower class men ..."

- Juan Macias

## NYT | College senate and president team up for project

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It's one of the remaining papers that still has foreign correspondence," Murphy also said. "A vast majority of young people don't read newspapers anymore. I think that is too bad. Unlike the Internet or the television, the Times gives you the opportunity to reflect upon things and to think them through."

"Most American news programs simplify to the point of stupidity and are condescending in their approach to what people can understand.

On the other hand, the Times is written in a literate, competent way. I know from talking to the editorial leaders that it's pitched at about a 10th-grade comprehension

level," said Murphy. "There is nothing in the Times that a De Anza student couldn't sit down and thoughtfully review."

De Anza students had varied responses about the chance to pick up the New York Times for free.

Scott Leslie said he is a "political junkie" and has read the Wall Street Journal or another big city newspaper every day for ten years.

Having the New York Times on campus saves him a dollar a day, but he would still read it even if it were not so easily available.

"I just read it because the election is coming up" said Brenda Alvarez.

She said she wants to be informed of what's really going on and about the propositions.

"It's important to educate [yourself about] what's going around you and in the world," said Stephen Meggers, who usually picks up the New York Times at Starbucks.

"I don't read it, but I know it's a good paper," said Julie Hitchcock.

Rosalinda Torres said, "I don't like reading" and that she prefers to watch the news for information.

Debbie Tuck said she subscribes to the San Jose Mercury and is satisfied with local news. If she wants news with a different opinion, she looks on the web.

"I pick it up only for the sports page," said Mark Wells.

Tanya Estacio said "I haven't had time [to read the New York Times] because I had midterms last week."

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# Starving college students unite

BY BEJAN SIAVOSHY  
LA VOZ

Imagine that you have just finished buying books from the bookstore and you are starving. Your stomach was making that funny grumble in line and now is the best time to satisfy your hunger. Pizza sounds like the best way to go, so you order a slice and head to the register. When the register rings up \$4, you reach into your pocket only to touch the inside lint and the other pocket is empty as well. Suddenly you realize that you spent all your money at the bookstore and walk away, head down and still hungry. This scenario happened to De Anza College student Dominic Son and was an

experience that sparked the creation of his Web site [screwbookprices.com](http://screwbookprices.com).

Starting from "humble beginnings," Dominic aimed to create a site to help students. "I got this scholarship money for \$1000 dollars," he said. "I was thinking, 'you know what, I'm going to give this money back to all the students here.' And that's how it all started. I wanted to make the ultimate book exchange." As he shared his idea with friends, Son was referred to fellow De Anza student Shawn Young, the vice president of the site. Both had the idea to create classified ads for books, but did not follow the structure of the better-known book exchange sites like Amazon.com or Ebay. "We just started looking for [java]scripts for classified ads, but they all sucked. They were all very square-looking and wouldn't be up to par with Screwbookprices.com," said Dominic. To find a

script, he spent three weeks gathering

input from De Anza students to incorporate into his site; even choosing the name was based on the students'

perspective. "I was running around De Anza asking people which Web site name sounded better for a book exchange, Dirtcheapbooks.com or Screwbookprices.com. 70 percent said 'screw book prices,' and 30 percent said 'dirt cheap books,' so we went with Screwbookprices.com," said Son.

The site was created during spring quarter of 2004 and was expected to launch specifically for De Anza in fall of 2004. By the end of the fall quarter, San Jose State University was to be added to the site. Far exceeding expectations, the site launched for De Anza at the beginning of summer 2004. By September, the site included nine community colleges and 13 universities in California.

The site itself works like online classified ads for books where you can post your book ad and set your own prices for free. A student goes through a free registration process and after registration confirmation, the user can post a book. When posting a book, the ISBN number can be typed into the search box and the inventory list will post your book title. If the book does not have a number, the user can post the book himself.

Son is currently taking the quarter off from De Anza to put more time into the site's growth. A Screwbookprices.com campus tour is currently in the works and is expected to kick off in November. Son, mapping out the tour, said, "We are going to start from Humboldt to San Diego state and everything in between and go there, talk to students, give them personalized fliers, and tell them about the pizza that started it at De Anza." The goal of this tour is to spread word of the site as an alternate way to sell and buy textbooks and to gather personal input from students to improve

the site. In the mean time, he is concentrating on his partial ownership in the restaurant, Jo Marcel. The restaurant, specializing in east Asian dishes, is located in Dick's Center on Bascom Avenue.

Dominic hopes to personalize the relationship between the site and college students as Screwbookprices.com continues to grow. "This wasn't derived from only theory or concept, but rather the experiences," he said. "This isn't my site, it's our site."

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# Home, sweet home school

BY LARRY CHAN  
LA VOZ

De Anza sophomore Jeremy McGrew commuted to school in an unusual fashion. After getting out of bed as a fifth-grader, he went downstairs, got a bowl of cereal, and sat in the living room to learn math from his mom.

A number of students at De Anza College did not attend what most people in this country think of as "school." Sophomore Danielle Johanson, an anthropology major and former DASB senator, learned math and science from her father and grammar and art history from her mother.

California parents can file Form R4 to exempt them from enrolling their children in public school by making their home a private school. The overwhelming majority of families choosing to take this option are conservative Christians. Among their motivations for teaching their children at home are to circumvent the Darwinian theory, withdraw from consumerist culture, and insulate students from the practice of dating.

According to Johanson, the most popular non-curricular book for homeschoolers is "I Kissed Dating Goodbye," by homeschooler Joshua Harris. Homeschoolers describe something called "the courtship movement" which comprises a set of influential ideas promoting family involvement in romantic relationships with the goal that they

will lead to marriage.

A review in a 2001 issue of the Atlantic Monthly cites a study by sociologist Maralee Mayberry, finding that "84 percent (of home-schoolers) believed the Bible was literally true, 78 percent said they went to church at least once a week, and 98 percent were white."

Apart from religion and color, pundits questioned the capacity of home-schooling to provide adequately for the development of students. They wondered whether students would be properly socialized, and whether they could compete for college admission. Statistics from the ACT High School Profile Report of 1998 counters such doubts with evidence of measured success. While public school students scored an average of 20.9 total, the average ACT score for homeschoolers in that period was 22.6. SAT scores provide other examples of the home-schooling advantage. Spelling bee and academic honors abound for products of home schooling, many of whom enter colleges and universities of the highest prestige.

Johanson did well in spite of a learning disability because her parents designed the lessons to reinforce her strengths and erode her weaknesses. Her grades and high school transcript however, were administered solely by her parents and herself. "I gave myself 'A's,'" she said, adding that her standardized test scores confirm that she deserved the high marks she awarded herself.

When evaluating such students, colleges rely more heavily on standardized testing than high school transcripts. According to De Anza math instructor Susan Dean, home schooled students do well in a college setting: "They tend to be independent learners, and know what needs to be done to learn in the class."

Though some worry that home schooled student will lack facilities, many families find solutions outside of the home. Johanson fulfilled her California physical education requirement by learning martial arts locally. She's studied ballet, ice-skating, played in a soccer league, and, through a "co-cop" school organized by a church, she's run chemistry experiments in labs and studied in a drama program.

Johanson's mother paid in time and resources, but gained a very unusual continuity of contact with her child. The house, serving as the classroom, bridged the division between leisure and lessons, home and school, life and learning. Other students, such as McGrew, disliked the degree to which instruction can lack structure. He describes lessons that were precluded by social calls. "Friends would come over, or my Grandparents would visit, and there'd be no school that day."

Without prescribed structure, homeschoolers are free to determine the regularity and rigor of scheduling. Johanson's mother took her out of the house each Friday to learn in some field setting such as the zoo, aquarium, or a museum. She used the flexibility in home schooling to execute a lesson plan which was strict enough to cover the material of one year in a fraction of the time. Eventually, this encouragement to learn in other contexts entailed travel to Europe, Asia, and South America.

Contrary to expectations that such emphasis on one's own family and church community leads to an insular upbringing, many home-schooled students have contact with cultures few other Americans expect to encounter. In junior high, Johanson served as a missionary in Germany, tending medically to Turkish refugees.

While her peers in public school thought about their senior prom, Johanson went to Honduras for the second time, where she could literally refute any accusation that her develop-

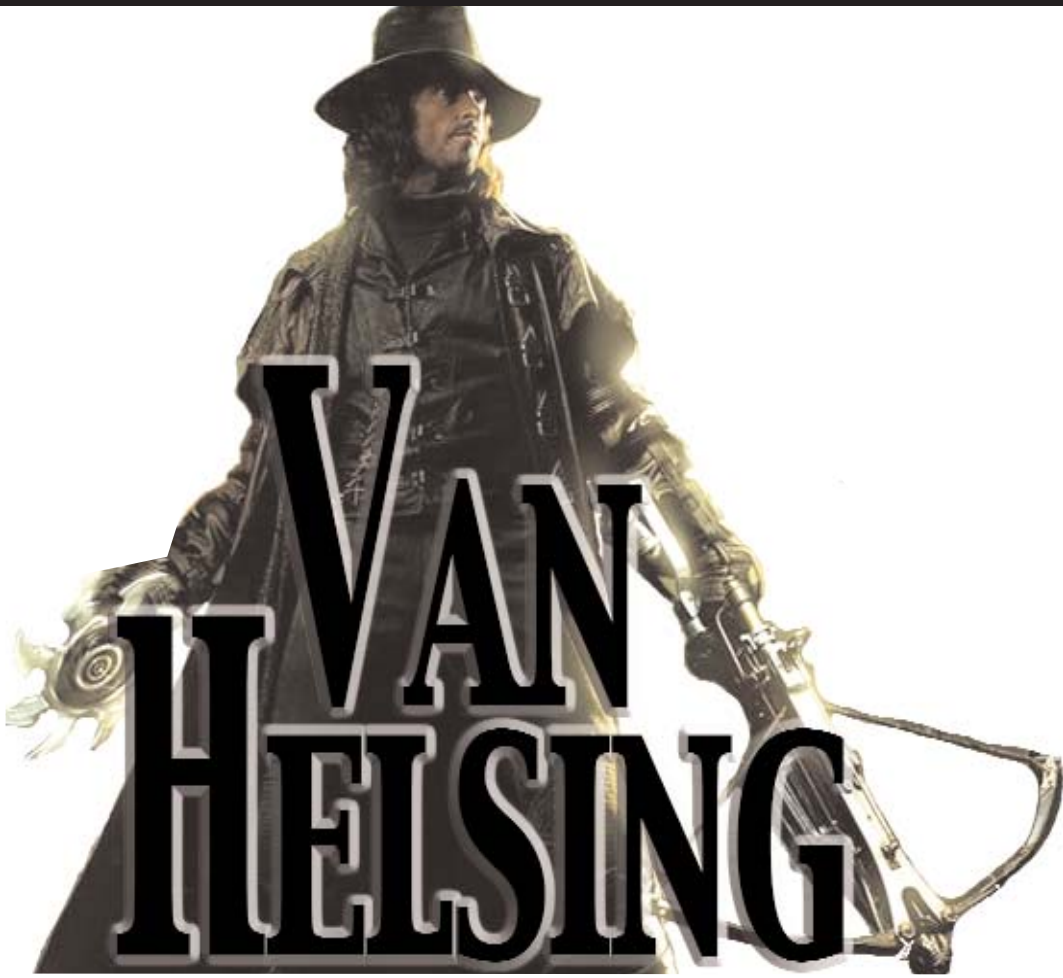
ment was a sheltered one. By accident her group was forced to survive without food or protection from the elements. "We had money, but we were in an area where money had no meaning." This account and others provide answers to the inevitable questions about whether home-schooled students are poorly taught or given experiences too narrow to prepare them for what comes next.

Teaching quality and style vary as much from one family to the next as parents of various families differ. Within the counter culture of home schooling, one may be part of the white majority or not, or raised outside of its prevailing political and religious orthodoxy. One way or another, each product is an example from a complex movement making an exception to the way most American families expect children and young adults to learn.



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## DVD REVIEW



BY LISA GU  
LA VOZ

Everything about the "Van Helsing" DVD is great except for the actual movie, unless you're a fan of movies about Dracula, vampires and Frankenstein.

Van Helsing, played by Hugh Jackman, is a man who hunts down evil monster. His name is legendary, but because of what he does some have called Helsing a hero and others have called him a murderer.

He is assigned a mission to go to Transylvania where he teams up with a princess he is supposed to protect, Anna Valerious (Kate Beckinsdale) to fight hordes of evil enemies under the control of the king of vampires, Dracula (Richard Roxburgh).

Many parts of the movie are filled with stale humor and loud voices and music, especially the beginning. There are scenes throughout the movie of Beckinsdale crashing into various hard walls and trees which, comparable to when George of the Jungle crashes into trees.

Surprisingly, the movie pulled it all together towards the end.

"Van Helsing" excelled when it came to special effects. It looks like most of the actors spend vast amounts of time in make-up to look like the monsters they play.

Also, the movie does not lack in the action department. Almost every scene included some actor doing stunts or showing off their fighting skills, but the movie does not have many intense romance scenes.

Fans of mythical monsters can expect to see some of their favorites in Van Helsing including, Frankenstein (Shuler Hensley).

The looks for these monsters, however, differ from the concept people usually have of them. For one thing, Dracula is not as deathly pale as some people remember him to be, but he does have no reflection in the mirror like in legends.

Aside from the movie, the DVD itself is worth every cent. Not only does it have an eye-catching outer foil covering, but it also is packed with cool special features.

One of the better features lets you explore Dracula's castle. The viewer can direct an icon to highlight certain objects on their television screen.

"You Are In The Movie" is another good feature. This one lets viewers go behind the scenes of "Van Helsing."

Viewers who have an Xbox can insert the "Van Helsing" DVD into their system and play the first level of the "Van Helsing" video game.

It might be a good idea to watch the features first so viewers can get a chance to know the actors better, but there are definitely spoilers included in the features.

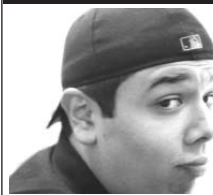
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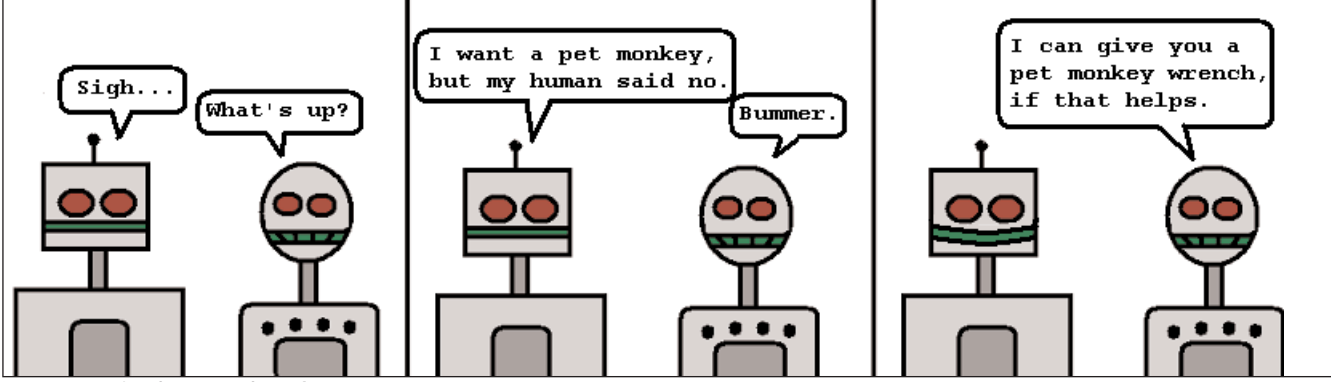


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The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the International Federation of Robotics recently announced projections that by 2007 there will be 4.1 million domestic robots living among us. We can only assume that robots will try to take over the world by, at the latest, Fall of 2014. We had our favorite robot dog cast this week's horoscopes to find out how each star sign will respond to the robot revolution.

**Aries – March 21 to April 20**  
You will welcome the robots with open arms, certain they will usher in a new era of peace. They will crush you with their mighty robot feet.

**Taurus – April 21 to May 21**  
To prepare for the robot takeover, you will become obsessed with "The Rebooted" comics and will write me some really disturbing fanmail. I'll get a restraining order.

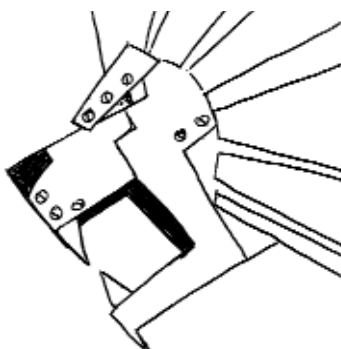
**Gemini – May 22 to June 21**  
Gemini men, you're a bunch of two-faced jerks. You won't leave the house once you get a beer-dispensing girl robot. She'll convince you to betray your fellow humans.

**Cancer – June 22 to July 22**  
You will try to bring peace to the world by fighting evil robots with the power of love. Unfortunately, the concept "does not compute," and you will be crushed.

**Leo – July 23 to Aug. 21**  
If the alignment of Venus is to be believed, you will lead a small band of humans to safety in a jungle hideout. You can escape the robots ... but you can't escape yourself.

**Virgo – Aug. 22 to Sept. 23**  
As usual, you will be called upon to save the human race. After becoming an android, you will be able to

Featured Sign



**R o b o t Leo**

"I am a 'Beast Wars' reject waiting for the next remake of 'Thunder Cats'."

broker a peace agreement between human and robot.

**Libra – Sept. 24 to Oct. 23**  
You will be the one to trigger the robot-human wars after messing with a robot's programming on the egotistical assumption that "it can't be that hard to fix a robot." You should have called the repairman in the first place.

**Scorpio – Oct. 24 to Nov. 22**

You thought it would be fine and dandy to have a robot lawnmower do the work while you sit in your hammock sipping lemonade, didn't you? The robots will retaliate by enslaving you. You'll be mowing their lawns with your teeth.

**Sagittarius – Nov. 23 to Dec. 22**  
You will escape the horrible lasers of the robot invasion force by covering yourself with tinfoil and making beeping noises. For some reason, it will work, though you'll have to live the rest of your life as Infodrone 3380.

**Capricorn – Dec. 23 to Jan. 20**  
When the robots invade, your bright idea will be to bring out Godzilla to fight the robots in an epic battle. Godzilla will win, but the entire city will still be destroyed. Nice going, genius.

**Aquarius – Jan. 21 to Feb. 19**  
Your response to the robot revolution will be screaming panic. Then you will buy duct tape. The duct tape will do nothing to save you.

**Pisces – Feb. 20 to March 20**  
To fight the robot menace, you will propose breathtakingly stupid means of retaliation. It'll start with the mildly irritating color-coded "robot alert system." Then you'll invade Angola. Things will go downhill from there.

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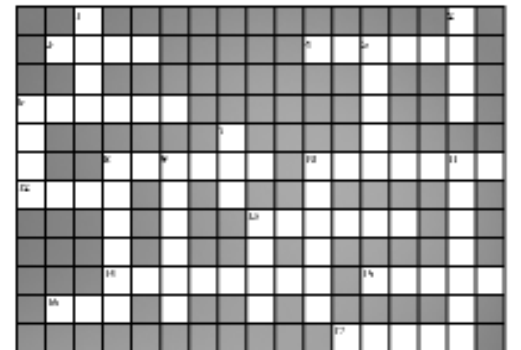
A Chameleon's Umbrella has a most difficult job

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- 3. MTV wants you to \_\_\_ the vote.
- 4. It's a good idea to \_\_\_ the issues before elections.
- 6. Ask your poli sci prof if you can have extra if you vote. Can't hurt to ask, right?
- 8. Reward yourself for voting by stopping by the L quad espresso stand for a cup of this.
- 10. Measure 66 concerns the "three \_\_\_ law."
- 12. He's running for president, again.
- 13. He's not running for president, but he's our president -- right here on campus.
- 14. Don't you just wonder who's going to win this?
- 15. He's running for president.
- 16. Neither the Republican or Democratic presidential candidates are for \_\_\_ marriage.
- 17. They'll be open

from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day.

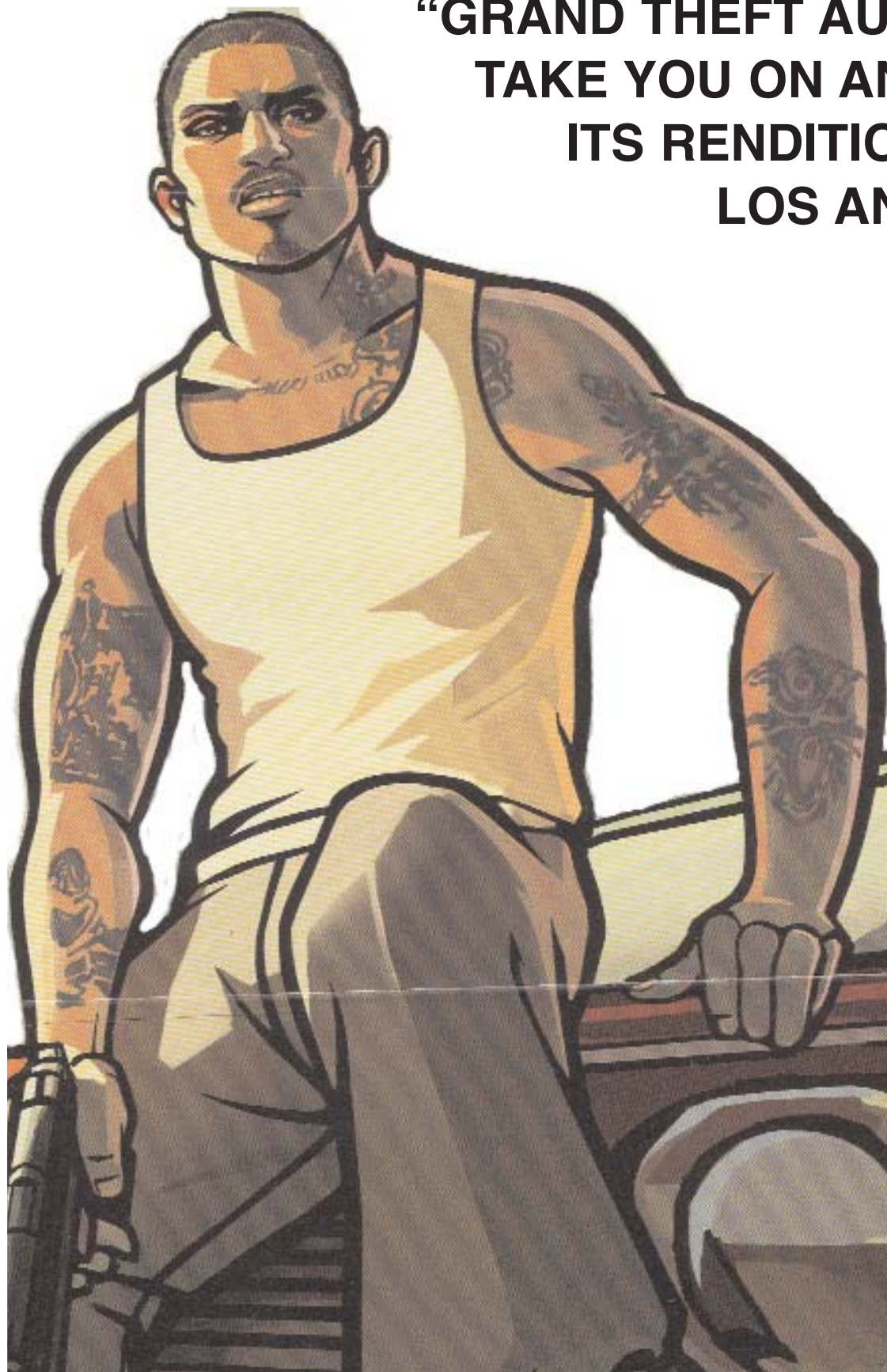
DOWN

- 1. What to do on Tuesday.
- 2. The Reagan family would like you to vote for stem \_\_\_ research.
- 5. She's running for senator, again.
- 6. The Greens want you to vote for him.
- 7. On the propositions, you could vote or no.
- 8. He's President Bush's running (not jogging) partner.
- 9. -Mahar was elected De Anza's study body president.
- 10. Vote for the U.S. president in the fall and the DASB president in the
- 11. His running mate's first name is the same as his.
- 13. If you'd rather vote by \_\_\_ next time, sign up at www.MyVoteCountants.org.



## “GRAND THEFT AUTO SAN ANDREAS” WILL TAKE YOU ON AN ADVENTURE THROUGH ITS RENDITIONS OF SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES AND LAS VEGAS

BY LESLIE CASAJE  
LA VOZ



After his mother's homicide, Carl Johnson returns to his hometown, fictional Los Santos, San Andreas. With no one to turn to, the rest of his family has fallen apart and all his childhood homies are now ghetto thugs.

Playing as C.J., your mission in the game is to save your family and run the streets of San Andreas as the biggest badass around.

The catch? You're attempting to do this all while eluding crooked Five-Oh's, who is framing you for homicide.

### WHAT'S NEW?

Your statistic box includes new subject fields suited for the game such as respect, stamina, muscle, fat and sex appeal, making it good to have all are maxed out except one.

For a game about the 'hood, it makes sense to know how much respect you have, and yeah, you can't pull them breezies if you don't have enough sex appeal.

But is it that necessary to record how much fat you have? You also have the option to climb things and swim in San Andreas waters, unlike previous Grand Theft Auto games where you'd drown if you tried to swim in the water.

Another feature San Andreas has that other GTA versions don't is the option of having a two-player mode.

There is no Silicon Valley scenery in this, which is too bad. Imagine some shootings occurring near AMD in Sunnyvale.

### MUSIC

It has two distinct hip hop stations.

One station called Playback has classics by those such as Eric B. and Rakim and Radio Los Santos, which plays the perfect mix of 2Pac, NWA and Cypress Hill music to bump in your hooptie.

The other radio station genres include classic rock, house, soul, reggae and alternative.

With artists ranging from Rage Against The Machine, Bell Biv Devoe and to Patsy Cline, the soundtrack offers a little something for just about every gamer with different tastes.

### SCENERY

California's early 90s gangsta rap days in all their glory. Think Boyz 'N The Hood (1991) and when Dr. Dre and Snoop Dog ruled the music charts.

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