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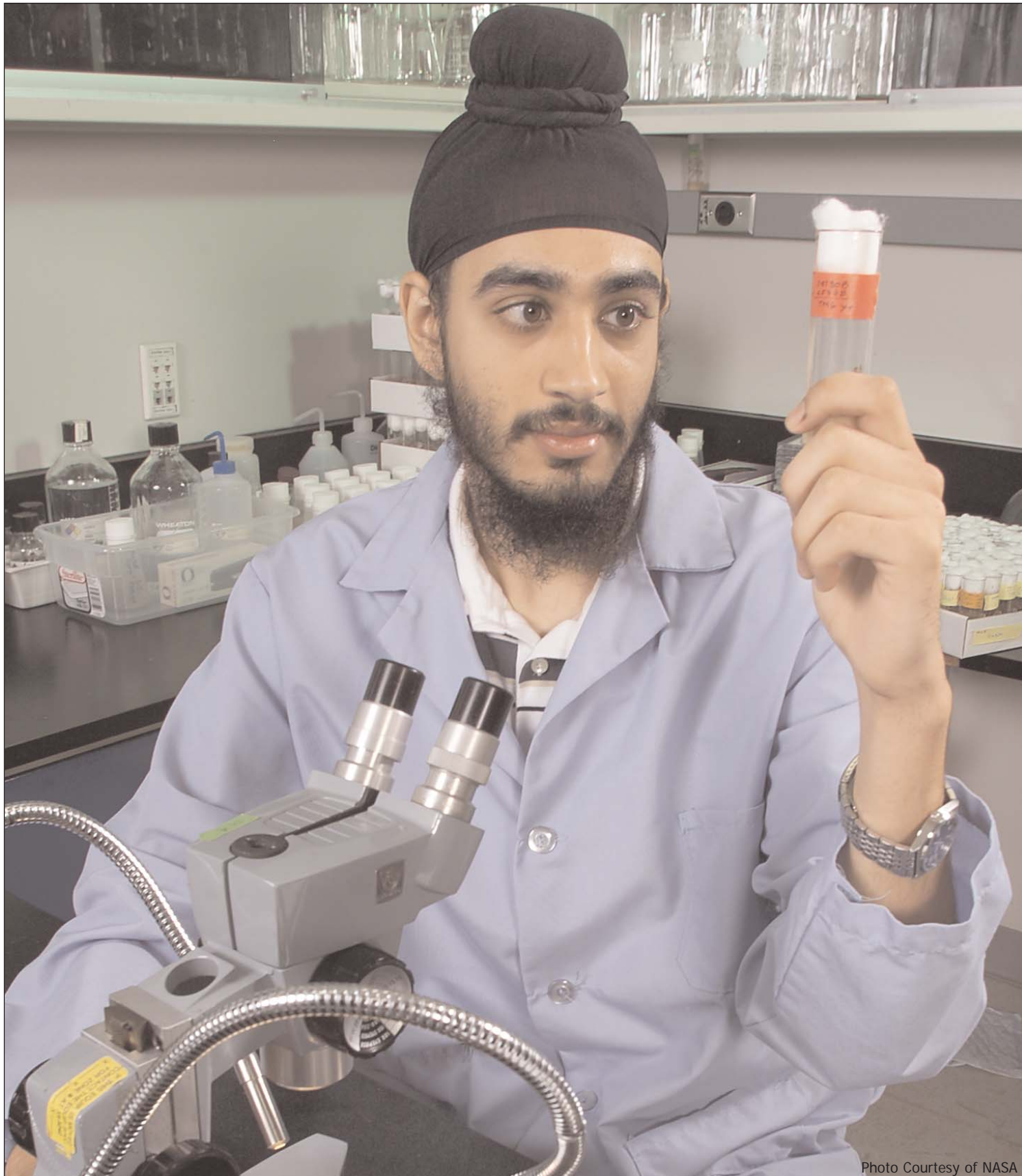


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Students from Foothill and De Anza Colleges and across the country will have the opportunity to apply for a hands-on internship in various fields with NASA.

Campus Updates

Darkness descends on De Anza

BY SARAH GAHAN AND STEVEN CABANA
LA VOZ

Power went out in a three mile area encompassing local business, 46,000 households and the De Anza College campus at 11:55 a.m. on Friday.

An independent contractor installing fiberoptic cable dug through two high-voltage transmission lines buried seven feet underground at the corner of North Foothill Boulevard and Cristo Rey Drive in Cupertino, said Pacific Gas and Electric company representative Jon Tremayne.

Santa Clara County Sheriff's deputies called in to direct traffic near De Anza College confirmed the details of the accident.

Tremayne told *La Voz* that PG&E crews were informed of the accident by the independent contractor almost immediately, and came to the site to begin the work of restoring power to customers.

The location of the high voltage lines was marked as such by PG&E, according to Tremayne.

The outage occurred as a celebration was underway at the opening of the new De Anza College Science Center.

In her keynote speech at the science center, Stephanie Sherman, Dean of Biological and Health Sciences, remarked that it was a little embarrassing that power should be out during a celebration of technological achievement.

see **POWER**, page 8

Political commentator to speak at De Anza



FaraiChideya

Local radio personality and author Farai Chideya will present a candid talk about reaching those not voting in the upcoming election.

Chideya was a former Music Television news writer and author of *Don't Believe the Hype: Fighting Cultural Misinformation About African Americans* and recently *The Color of Our Future*.

Chideya comes to De Anza College as part of the Honor Club's Honors Hour Series, starting at 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 11 in conference rooms A and B.

A voters registration table will be available.

Important Dates

Informational Meeting:

De Anza College:

Oct. 12
12:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Hinson Center
Conference Room B

Foothill College:

Oct. 14
1 - 3 p.m.
Room 3523

Applications Due:

Oct. 19

Positions begin:

Jan. 3

Conquest of space begins at De Anza

SUE BLUMENBERG
Special to LA VOZ

Foothill student Ed Walker never thought he'd be spending part of last spring at a simulated Mars habitat in the Utah desert, working with remote-controlled robots. But before last year he probably never dreamed that he'd be working for NASA either. In a job that he describes as "way cooler than I ever thought it would be," so far this has been the high point.

"Going to Utah has got to be the coolest thing. Playing with robots in the desert. I actually got to build part of the astronaut backpack, and do some metal work and fabrication on it. We did all the wiring and testing it out. Getting it to

work and just seeing it work out there was the coolest thing."

Walker and former intern John Ossenfort are system administrators in the Intelligent Mobile Technologies Lab of NASA Ames' Computational Sciences Division. For Ossenfort, much of the job's appeal is its variety. In addition to the usual "boring admin tasks," he's been able to work with innovative wireless technology and a variety of operating systems.

"What sort of separates it from a lot of other jobs is that we do so much R&D here. There's just a constant flow of different things to work on, and every other group at NASA is kind of doing the same thing."

see **NASA**, Backpage

Web sites

General Information:

<http://nasa.fhda.edu>

Positions:

<http://nasa.fhda.edu/apptpositions.php>

Applicant Information:

<http://nasa.fhda.edu/applicantsinfo.php>

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<http://nasa.gov>

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Editorial

Comically, it makes sense to write something funny. If laughter is truly the best medicine, then screw my B.A. in journalism, I should try for the Ph.D. and help my fellow man with my ability to entertain.

Yes, in all honesty trying to make you laugh, smile, chuckle, or even shake your head in disbelief comes naturally. But this is where we have come to the fork in the road, my very own Robert Frost poem.

It's taken me this long to realize something very important: La Voz isn't the voice of our staff and its crude attempt to obtain your attention.

It is the voice of a student body approximately 25,000 strong.

To be honest, we run this type of article every quarter. Usually it's under the "editorial" sub-head, which in theory adds a lot more firepower to the message than just little old me coming out and

barking orders. We come out and tell you about our mission as the "Voice of De Anza College" and how we intend to blanket the campus with award-winning news coverage.

We also tell you that our Opinions page will tackle subjects that are important to you, the students of the school, all the while maintaining a balance between what is serious and what is funny.

Somewhere amidst all those words we remember to mention that the Features section will be the heart of your newspaper and the Arts and Entertainment section will provide a needed break from the board meetings and budget talks that our school faces during this period of time.

We will maintain a high standard of integrity with everything that we print, that's our job and we love doing this.

Because frankly, in order to accomplish all the goals that we as a newspaper

set out for ourselves, as the leaves that have fallen from the skies begin to darken, and we start becoming more and more thankful for the heating system in our office, we need you, the students, to take part in our little adventure.

It is not just the La Voz staff who attends class Tuesdays and Thursday, no sir (or ma'am), it is something much greater than the people who make it. It is the school, it is you, reading this, now.

Through submitting letters, coming into the office and proposing story ideas, or taking the suicidal step and joining Jour 61, you become part of the voice of this college.

There can be no voice if there are no people. If speaking out is something you care about, then don't just laugh at what we write. Take the road that is less traveled, and truly make a difference.

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De Anza Voices

COMPILED BY MOUMITA CHAKRABORTY
AND OLGA MALINOWSKA
LA VOZ

Do you feel like anybody wants your vote?



"Yeah, MTV runs ads geared towards us to vote, and there are a lot of 'Register to Vote Today!' signs all over the place, but I don't see them making a big impact."
— Connie Phung



"I see this election as a duel. CNN and Fox are the most popular news network in America, and they both support Kerry and Bush, respectively."
— Iman Moridi



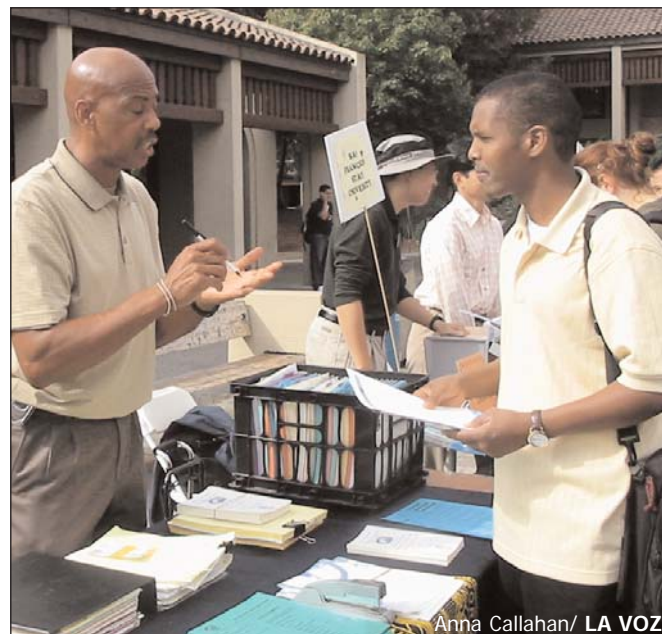
"I'm taking a course in Political Science right now, and I understand a lot of stuff that's going on a lot better now, but to an ordinary layperson, independent advertisements and campaign ads all try to influence you to get your vote, and you don't know what to think."
— Nick McMillan

Corrections

"Getting out alive"
Sept 20, Page 3
The tutorial center is located in L-47, not L-42.

"Students to brunt growing pains"
Sept 20, Page 1
Student and Community center will replace the administration building and not the Hinson Campus center

Moving On: transfer day



BY SHAUNTAE
BRONNER
LA VOZ

Representatives from 51 universities and colleges, including CSUs, UCs, private, and out-of-state schools set up tables in the Main Quad to provide De Anza College students with transfer planning information. Students collected brochures and spoke to representatives from schools who answered questions about transfer requirements, financial aid and campus life. San Jose State said that De Anza is its number one feeder, and the Berkeley table was particularly crowded.

The event was hosted by De Anza's Transfer Center. According to Transfer center coordinator, Shirley Kawazoe, Transfer Day has been highly effective in get-

ting necessary information out to students who intend to transfer to 4-year colleges after leaving De Anza.

She also said that students do not prepare for transferring as early as they should and not enough utilize the Transfer Center's services.

She said that as soon as a student chooses a prospective school to transfer to, it is key to get as much information about that school as possible.

While budget cuts had an effect on how many universities were able to attend this even, the Transfer Center offers quarter-round drop-in advising, workshops on subjects such as writing personal statements, visits from representatives from local universities such as Davis and Berkeley, as well as a resource library with a school catalogue.

Sept 20, Page 1
Volume number was incorrect, it should have read Vol 38, Issue 1

"Students to brunt growing pains"
Sept 20, Page 1
Student and Community center cost was incorrect, the center will cost \$15 million dollars

America's best news is fake



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE DAILY SHOW WEB SITE



RYAN BELL

Recently Fox News pundit Bill O'Reilly interviewed Jon Stewart, host of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show."

"You've got stoned slackers watching your dopey show every night," O'Reilly told Stewart "and they can vote."

If this is the case, they are some of the best-informed stoned slackers around. Some may scoff at the idea of getting their news from a comedy program, but Stewart's half-hour of caustic commentary is more thought provoking than the continuous stream of regurgitated topics on the 24-hour news networks.

While The Daily Show's Emmy might say "Best Comedy Program," its Critic's Circle Award was for Best News Program, and the Peabody Award for the show's coverage of the 2000 election is certainly no joke.

Studies confirm that there is a lot of substance behind all the wit. A survey performed by the University of Pennsylvania shows that viewers of the Daily Show are almost 40 percent more knowledgeable about current political issues and perform 25 percent better than non-viewers when tested on them.

Stewart's guests regularly include

prominent politicians. Nearly all of the 2004 democratic presidential candidates appeared on the show. John Edwards actually announced his candidacy on the show, and John Kerry's first post-convention talk show appearance was with Stewart.

In addition, a recent poll by the Pew Research Center for the People revealed 21 percent of viewers aged 18 to 29 cite "The Daily Show" as their main source of campaign news. This is up from 9 percent just four years ago, and all the more remarkable when one considers how many 18 to 24-year olds showed up at the polls in 2000 - 36.1 percent.

Stewart's political activism is doing a service to society by fostering interest in this formerly apathetic age group. Chris Conroy, a sophomore at De Anza says simply, "I watch the Daily Show because it is more political."

By contrast, 23 percent of viewers 18-29 report that they get such information from the major networks ABC, NBC, and CBS, down sharply from 39 percent in 2000. Stewart's success coincides with a large number of viewers departing from the major networks - and with good reason.

Banking on the short attention spans and shallow interests of today's viewers, the major media outlets have come to rely on snappy presentation and "popular" topics to attract audiences. This trend towards "infotainment" ultimately undermines journalistic credibility as well as individual social and political awareness, and statistics show

declining audiences.

A Harvard University study released in 2001 suggests fully half of all news stories have no social or political relevance (up from about a third since 1980). Stories about crime and disasters, and those with a "human interest" have doubled. Of all recent stories, 40 percent are judged as sensationalist, as opposed to 25 percent two decades ago.

This leads to isolated incidents being re-circulated for weeks while more important issues take a backseat. Rare occurrences - such as the shark attacks and kidnappings of recent summers - have become overnight epidemics as they are presented ad nauseam to the public. During the 1990s, as coverage of crime rose, many assumed that the crime rate was rising as well. In actuality, the national crime rate fell steadily throughout the decade.

The same Harvard study discovered those who depend on broadcast news for public affairs are 50 percent more likely to have a "strong interest in news," and thus, they are the viewers being lost.

While news broadcasts are pandering to disinterested viewers with more entertainment value than ever, Stewart's humor appeals to a younger audience, and his genuinely deep analysis educates them about today's major issues.

As Stewart himself says, "It is, at heart, a comedy show. But it's a comedy show about things we care about. So, naturally, it's informed by relevant issues and important information."

Vote because it's cool



MOUMITACHAKRABORTY

As Nov. 2 draws closer in what is expected to be a close presidential race, candidates and the media are targeting young voters more than ever in order to get them to vote.

Candidates have not done so in the past mainly because the 18-24 age group does not vote as much as older voters. Until younger voters start turning out in larger numbers, politicians will not have much incentive to address issues that concern them.

Studies show the 18-24 age group is being catered to more this year than in the past, and it shows. Sit down at Starbucks with your coffee to take the latest quiz in Seventeen magazine after a hard day at school and you will see an article to motivate young women to vote.

Check out MTV's "Choose or Lose" website and watch their interview with John Kerry; President Bush declined to an interview.

According to Campaign for Young Voters (CYV), young people look at how candidates stand on important issues, record and experience, and the candidate's character, in that order of importance.

Though mud-slinging is traditional, in an informal poll De Anza College students said they think there is too much negativity towards Kerry or Bush in the media and their advertisements, and that there is too much emphasis put on the candidates' war records.

While both candidates have been touring colleges around the country, Kerry has appeared on late-night shows such as "Late Night with David Letterman" and "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart." Such shows have a substantial young, voting-age viewer population. President Bush has not taken such measures in his campaign strategy.

At both party conventions, the respective candidates' daughters and Kerry's stepsons spoke fondly of their fathers and their stances on important issues. This kind of family effort appeals to all ages, and surely the candidates are hoping these speeches would influence young voters.

Declare Yourself and Yahoo! have sponsored ads targeted at getting the 18-24 age group to vote, featuring, among others, Christina Aguilera with the tagline 'Only You Can Silence Yourself.'

Many older voters, our parents, are uncertain which way to vote and this is reflected by us as well. Others, who are die-hards for their party, often influence their children, who follow their example, not taking into consideration what is at stake for loyalty's sake.

While the war in Iraq and security issues are undoubtedly some of the biggest issues, there are other issues more relevant to young voters, such as abortion rights, education, and gender equality.

Most students don't worry about retirement and health coverage just yet, but we should be concerned about whether there will be jobs for us after college and whether we can pay off our student loans.

Since most 18-24-year-olds take advantage of privileges offered to adults, it is our duty to our country, its people, and ourselves to take on the responsibility of making an informed vote.

There are approximately 50 million young voters from the ages of 18 to 24 in America. Stop telling yourself that your one vote cannot possibly make a difference. With age comes responsibility, like it or not. There are still 28 more days to figure out who wants your vote - and who deserves it.

Guns don't kill people

A FEDERAL CRIME BILL BAN ON ASSAULT WEAPONS HAS LAPSED;
LA VOZ EXAMINES GUN CONTROL WITH A SPECIAL OPINION



Vadim Yaport

The Federal Crime Bill, a law which banned 19 types of firearms from the American market for the past ten years, expired earlier this month. This, like many other laws arising from the gun-control debate, ignored one fundamental point: no gun control law has ever caused an overarching decrease in gun violence.

Every year the Million Mom March in partnership with Handgun Control Inc., an organization dedicated to the banning of all handguns and "assault rifles," releases a grade sheet for each individual state based on its gun control laws.

In 2003, Maryland received an A-, as did California. Vermont and Texas both got a D-. A cross-check with the FBI's 2003 statistics on crime show that violent crime rates are essentially independent from HCI's gun-control grades.

This lack of correlation between gun control and violent crime rates would indicate that gun control on the whole does not do what HCI, Million Mom March, and the Brady Campaign, an influential gun-control advocacy group, says. It doesn't reduce violent crime rates.

A report by the Brady Campaign states there has been a decrease in the amount of gun traces of "assault weapons" since the passing of the Federal Crime Bill. It also claims this decline is "extremely significant to law enforcement and has clearly enhanced public safety, especially since these military-style weapons are among the deadliest ever sold on the civilian market."

It shouldn't be a surprise that after it became illegal to manufacture or sell particular kinds of firearms, they became less common. "Assault weapons," however, are not inherently more dangerous than hunting rifles, hunting shotguns, and handguns.

The term "assault weapon" was invented to describe guns that looked scary to average people and has little meaning to

those familiar with firearms. Examples include the AR-15 and AK-47, which are loosely based on weapons used by The American and Russian militaries.

But to arbitrarily restrict weapons based on their appearance is frivolous at best. Former President Bill Clinton argued, "You do not need an Uzi to go deer hunting and you do not need an AK-47 to go skeet shooting." You also don't need a Ferrari to drive to school, but this does not mean we should ban sports cars to cut down on speeding.

"Assault weapons" aren't necessarily the weapon of choice for criminals or gang members. According to Guncite.com, Gary Kleck, in "Targeting Guns: Firearms and Their control," summarizes the findings of 47 such studies.

The summary indicates that less than 2 percent of guns used in crimes were assault weapons. Kleck cites Bureau of Justice Statistics which states that offenders were armed with a firearm in 10 percent of all violent crimes meaning less

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than 0.2 percent of violent crime offenders used an assault weapon.

The definition of "assault weapon" varies widely. The actual Federal Crime Bill's definition included numerous features that were largely irrelevant to how dangerous a weapon is.

Folding and telescoping stocks, for example, are purely for convenience in a civilian context. They simply make the gun easier to store and transport by folding up to save space.

A bayonet is a knife attached to the end of a weapon, and its functionality even in the military is now largely questionable.

A flash suppressor hides the flash at the end of a barrel when a gun fires, and is primarily used so that the person

firing the weapon isn't blinded by the first shot and unable to continue firing effectively, particularly at night.

Pistol grips stabilize a firearm while firing from the shoulder, making a firearm more accurate and hence less likely to create stray shots that could wound innocent bystanders.

Then there's the ominous grenade launcher. Grenades and grenade-related accessories are heavily regulated and hard to get at; a launcher wouldn't make them any easier to find.

According to Dr. David Kopel, a leading expert and published author on the issue of gun control, neither the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms nor the Department of Justice was able to indicate a single instance of a grenade launcher or a bayonet attached to a rifle being used in a crime in the United States.

The bill also states, "a magazine, belt, drum, feed strip, or similar device manufactured after the date of enactment of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 that has a capacity of, or that can be readily restored or converted to accept, more than ten rounds of ammunition" has a "large capacity ammunition feeding device."

Virtually any gun that accepts a magazine can accept a high-capacity magazine, including many hunting rifles and handguns. The magazine is an individual component. It doesn't make sense to regulate firearms based on the size of the magazines when the size of magazines can be regulated separately, but the bill did it anyway.

A common misconception among those who don't understand ballistics and general firearms design is that weapons deemed to be "assault weapons" are more dangerous than other weapons because of their military nature.

Sarah Brady of the Brady Campaign wrote a letter to President Bush on Sept. 14 stating, "these guns, designed by military scientists to inflict the maximum level of damage to human beings, are back on our streets."

In fact, the opposite is true. For example, some common "assault

weapons" are the Tec-9 and Uzi, both infamous for being used by gangs. Both are semi-automatic like any conventional handgun, which means pulling the trigger will only fire a single cartridge, unlike a fully automatic weapon. The Tec-9 and Uzi also use the same 9 mm cartridges as normal handguns, so the individual bullet doesn't have any additional power.

Statistically, "assault weapons" aren't used in a disproportionate amount of crime. Criminals don't favor them because they don't provide the power of hunting rifles and shotguns or the compact design of handguns.

Trying to patch serious problems by arbitrarily banning specific firearms isn't going to reduce crime any more than throwing pot dealers in jail reduces drug use. Instead of limiting our second-amendment right to bear arms with ineffective bans like the Federal Crime Bill, we might reexamine how we can combat crime more effectively. Murder, robbery and assault are all illegal, no matter what weapons are used.

For further reading on the issue of gun control, check out these sites:

<http://jurist.law.pitt.edu>

www.justfacts.com

www.guncite.com

www.nraila.org

www.recguns.com

www.handguncontrol.org

www.millionmommarch.org



Student senate aims to inform, mobilize campus

The De Anza Associated Student Body Senate is comprised of 30 elected representatives working together to improve campus life by funding programs that help students succeed in and out of the classroom, putting on events to build a stronger student community and lobbying for students on the state level.

"I believe that we are here to serve the best interests of the student body, to develop and support programs that enhance a student's experience in college and basically to protect the rights of the students," said DASB Executive Vice President Amine Hambaba.

Every year, the DASB Senate handles a million dollar budget, one of the largest community college budgets in the state. The money goes to fund clubs, tutoring programs, athletic teams, student scholarships, programs that promote diversity and much more.

"The most pressing issue is diversity. Simply watching something of another culture, being able to go to a Black History Month event, an Asian Pacific American Heritage Month event – how it opens our minds and is an educational experience all by itself," said DASB Vice President of Diversity and Events Rabiah Khalid. "These programs shape our futures."

The Diversity and Events Committee plans to showcase more De Anza talent this year and focus less on bringing other groups in.

"It's one way to represent De Anza," said Khalid.

In addition, the DASB Senate puts together programs to inform students about political issues that concern them and help students get to know each other. This fall the Senate will be holding voter registration drives on campus.

"Twelve per cent of 18-24 year olds vote. Our politicians don't reach out to us. When our politicians realize that the youth is standing up and voting they'll be required to represent us and hear our voice," said Khalid.

DASB Vice President of Marketing and Communications Gita Ram said that this year's goal for the Senate is to keep students informed and build awareness. One of the initiatives the Senate will be taking on to achieve that goal is coming out with a student newsletter that will be

e-mailed to all De Anza students and will include information on upcoming events and issues pertaining to students, said Hambaba.

"We're representing the students and the problem is that for many years we do what comes to us [through complaints] and we really need to go out and find the problems," said Khalid.

In past years, the DASB Senate participated in statewide protests combating fee hikes and fighting for student rights. Through the efforts of last year's Student Senate, De Anza was able to send 500 students, one of the largest numbers among community colleges in the state, to the march on Sacramento protesting the proposed budget cuts and fee hikes.

"Anything we do, we want the students to participate," said Khalid.

The DASB Senate is always looking for more senators, junior senators and agents who are interested in fighting for student causes on campus and off and can represent students on matters such as curriculum changes, the finals schedule or the wording of the college mission statement. Meetings are held every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. except for the first meeting of the month which is held at 4:30 p.m. to accommodate night students.

The Senate meets in the Student Council Chambers located on the lower level of the Hinson Campus Center. All students are welcome to attend the meetings and those who wish to express concerns regarding the campus or bring matters to the senate's attention are encouraged to do so. The Senate phone number is (408)864-8690. The Senate e-mail address is senate@deanza.cc and senators are currently working on a new web site. For now, the website is <http://www.deanza.edu/dasb>.

The DASB Senate is currently planning a Meet Your Senators event with the senate and De Anza's new president, Brian Murphy.

Senate scoop is submitted weekly by representatives of the De Anza Associated Student Body Senate. Opinions and ideas expressed are not necessarily those of La Voz or members of its staff.

DASB Senate Meeting Times
every Wednesday
@ 3:30 p.m.
Student Council Chambers
*first meeting of every month is @ 4:30 p.m.

Contact the DASB Senate
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upcoming events

Voter Reg
11:30-1:30

Oct. 5th

Oct. 7th

Oct. 13th

Oct. 18th

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Oct. 9th

Services Day

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Oct. 20th



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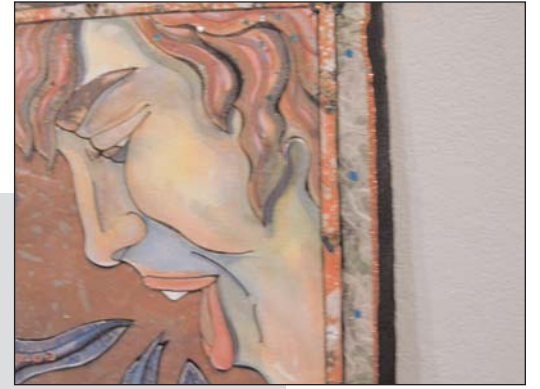
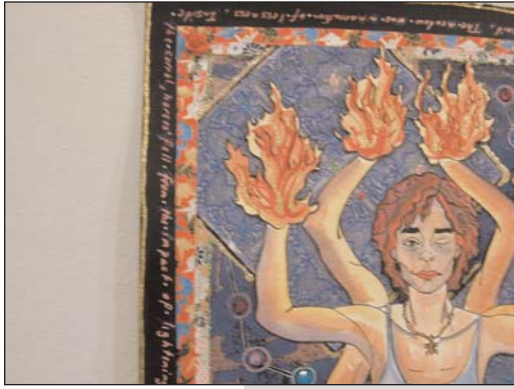
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Edges



BY PEDRO PAULO VIEGAS DE SA
LA VOZ

by Titus Kaphar in his series of oil paintings Visual Quotations, which questions the representation of blacks in 19th century paintings. By eliminating every element of those paintings except the black persons, Kaphar demonstrates the secondary role given to blacks in earlier American representations.

The Euphrat Museum, De Anza's on-campus art museum, opened last Monday with its first show of the year, "Edges", which is based on the premise of artists dealing with the concept of shape and form.

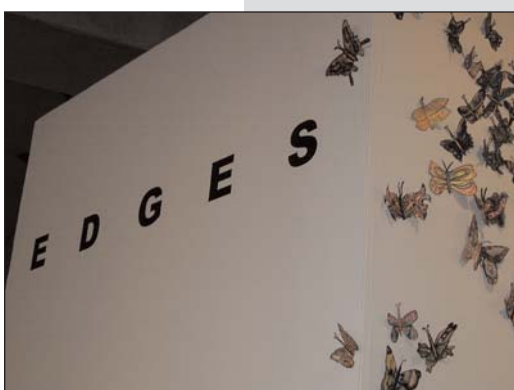
The bronze sculptures of Diana Pumpelly Bates, dealing with issues of spirituality, gender and race are suave works that are easy to the eyes, even when dealing with hard issues, like the piece titled Strange Fruit, a reference to Billy Holiday's song about the lynching of blacks.

The show hosts a collection of artwork impressive in delivery and handiwork, such as The Lake Project by David Maisel, a series of photographs on the progressive change of a landscape. with rich reds, browns and other colors which are beautifully rendered.

Between racism, spirituality, personal experiences and globalization, portrayed through such a varied number of media, the show is full of challenging art that stretches the viewers' minds as they attempt to find "The Edge."

The show avoids a conceptual question, yet strong conceptual art is not absent from the show.

The issue of representation and racism is portrayed with mastery



Sarah Joy Callahan (14)/ LA VOZ

Power | Construction mistake disrupts campus



Steven Cabana/ LA VOZ

Santa Clara County Sheriff's deputies were called in just before noon on Friday to direct traffic due power-less stop lights. The mass outage that affected 46,000 homes was caused by an off-campus construction accident.

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All but a few demonstrations planned for the opening were able to continue running on power from the Science Center's generator, according to Alan Fische, director of Budget and Personnel.

The power outage affected students who were not on campus, as Friday was the last day for students to add or drop classes online. School officials extended the deadline to Monday at 7 p.m..

A memo will be distributed to the faculty and staff instructing them to extend deadlines for paying fees, returning library books, and distance learning materials, according to Fische.

Because of the lack of light indoors, adjunct tutors finished a class outside in the L Quad. Tutor Katie Werner said it was stressful crossing the street with no traffic lights, and it was more work than usual when the class had to carry their desks out to the quad, but, as for being outside, when there were no students it was great," she said.

Jeannie Kastelic, Skills Center coordinator and instructor of the tutoring class, said of the sudden blackout, "Your first inclination is to have the students get out safely."

Kastelic spoke of the last blackout at De Anza, remembering the blaring fire alarms that signaled the return of power to the campus.

"It was worse than having the lights out," she said.

The extent of the financial impact on the campus and the surrounding area is as yet unknown.

The cancelling of Friday's afternoon classes will disrupt more than homework as the college receives funding from the state based on the number of teaching hours per student. De Anza will likely lose some funds beyond the cost of spoiled food and wasted hours.

Campus police conducted routine patrols throughout the area and reported no incidents directly related to the outage.

Power was restored to approximately 26,000 of the 46,000 customers by 9 p.m. on Friday night but the service disruption was not fully repaired until Saturday morning.

Web site improvements hindered by budget shortage

BY LISA GU
LA VOZ

For the past half year De Anza's web team, working along with faculty and staff, have installed a variety of new features to De Anza website.

Students returning for fall quarter may have already noticed they can now apply for fee waivers online through the BOG (Board of Governor's Fee Waivers).

College Web Coordinator, Bradley Creamer, who is in charge of all programming says students will be able to expect more interactive programs in the future similar to the BOG. The new financial aid section online gives students the ability to check the status of their application, find out if they received any rewards or scholarships, and get help on filling out the FAFSA application.

Other new upgrades include a new searchable schedule and catalog, an events calendar, and an interactive poll.

Getting around the website may also be much easier

due to the new navigation system which is set up based on audience.

"We did restructure the navigation system in order to make it easier for folks to find what they are looking for and since we did that the number of communications we got from students...dropped dramatically," said web content developer Carleen Bruins.

Students who are having problems, but don't know how to contact the web team can click contact us where they will be able to e-mail their complaints.

De Anza student and staff can also expect a new program called the Portal where both will be able to log on and get to their own personal pages. The web team is currently uncertain of when the Portal will become available.

The funding for these upgrades comes from the General Fund, however, recent budget cuts have made the work of the web team much harder.

"One of the things we would really like to have is called CMS or Content Management System...that would make sure certain aspects of the website were complete-

ly updated," said Creamer. "That type of improvement would be really valuable for De Anza, but the budget just wasn't there."

The technical training group involved with training faculty and staff on the new programs have been removed because of limited resources, however the members of the web team have assured no new programs will be put away as a result of the budget. Bruins and Creamer stated that, although we can't compare to the website of private schools like Yale and Harvard who simply have more funding, among the community colleges De Anza is one of the best.

"People expect the web page to deliver," Creamer said when asked why De Anza decided to upgrade it's website. "De Anza is taking that up that charge and making the web a powerful tool for students to use to organize their life."

So far the general De Anza website has been accessed over 1 million times and new programs such as the searchable schedule have been accessed over 600,000 times.

College student tries to return uneaten food for partial refund



Andy Farnstiner, above, approaches counter with chicken bone and a fry pair.

By POLLY BROWN

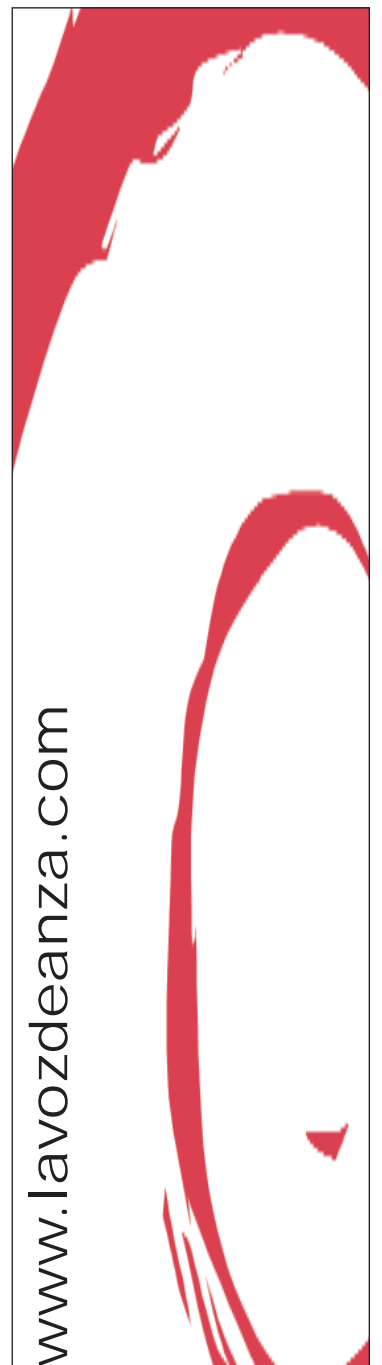
Checking his dignity at the cash register, college student Andy Farnstiner recently presented a local diner cashier with a plate of pickled-over food, demanding money for the vittles he didn't ingest. The cashier—who wishes to remain anonymous—was flabbergasted by the whole incident. "It was both sick and sad at the same time," she said. Farnstiner had a different take: "I didn't eat the bone, so why should I pay for it?" Pete Woychick—a childhood friend of Farnstiner's—said it was mostly food tucked on to his friend's checking account that drew him to the shameless act. "Andy

has been pounded for months by foes on his checking account. Helpopathic. Inevitably hood him when we were kids either." Woychick—who says he personally was financially saved by Washington Mutual's Free Checking Deluxe—thought his childhood friend needed to get his act together and visit a Washington Mutual Financial Center or go to wamu.com. Then he, too, could sign up for Free Checking—an account with optional Deluxe services like free online bill pay. "Until Andy decides to get Free Checking," said Woychick, "I'm never eating out with him again. I'm pretty sure I won't return his phone calls either. I might even change my name."

"I didn't eat the bone, so why should I pay for it?"

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What?!? NO HOCKEY?!?



JLARA

About three weeks ago, I sat down and wrote a letter, it read a little something like this ...

Dear NHL,
You guys suck.
Love,
Julio Lara.

Then upon completion, I figured that the people that make up such a useless league don't deserve the 37 cents it would have taken me to send the letter. It probably would have been thrown in the same heap of things that the NHL finds useless - like integrity,

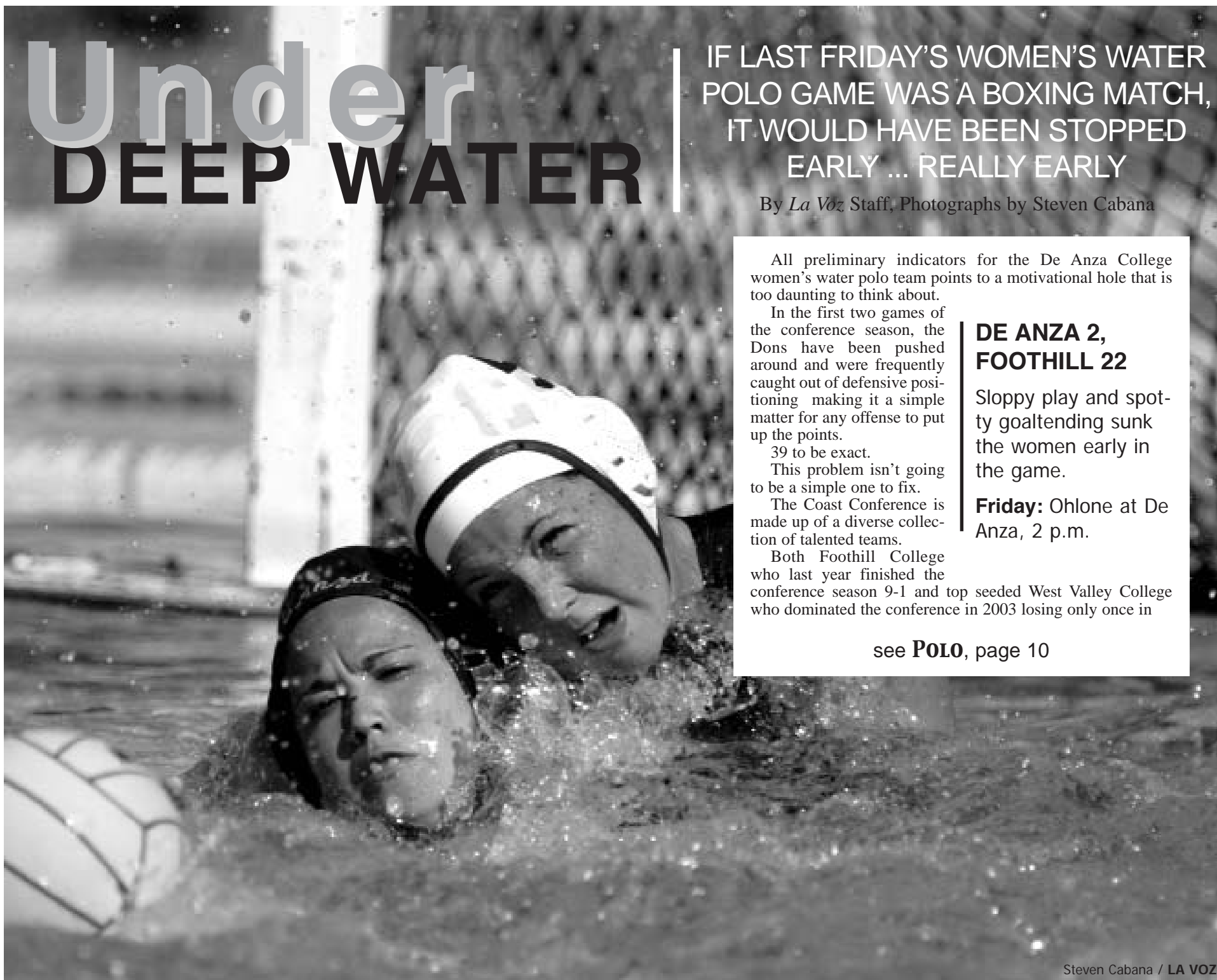
love, and fan appreciation. I decided to add the 37 cents to the money I'm saving up to buy the "Six Pack Abs" with Jon Baydow DVD - I'll let out my pent up aggression while I'm working on my obliques.

In all seriousness, I'd like to congratulate the National Hockey League for permanently cementing themselves as the U.S.' fourth favorite sport for the duration of sports history. Just when you thought it was safe to watch a period of hockey without your buddies laughing at you, the boys that make up the coolest game on earth decided to drop the

S bomb on all of America - leaving those of us who had just started to believe in hockey to wonder why we ever trusted those punks in the first place.

Come January/February, when the world is done wondering how the Packers won the Super Bowl, the all too familiar evil axis that is money will prevent hockey from being played in U.S. arenas. Once again, leaving it very easy for all those who criticize athletes for being just babies to continue to do so.

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Under DEEP WATER

IF LAST FRIDAY'S WOMEN'S WATER POLO GAME WAS A BOXING MATCH, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN STOPPED EARLY ... REALLY EARLY

By *La Voz* Staff, Photographs by Steven Cabana

All preliminary indicators for the De Anza College women's water polo team points to a motivational hole that is too daunting to think about.

In the first two games of the conference season, the Dons have been pushed around and were frequently caught out of defensive positioning making it a simple matter for any offense to put up the points.

39 to be exact.

This problem isn't going to be a simple one to fix.

The Coast Conference is made up of a diverse collection of talented teams.

Both Foothill College who last year finished the conference season 9-1 and top seeded West Valley College who dominated the conference in 2003 losing only once in

DE ANZA 2, Foothill 22

Sloppy play and spotty goaltending sunk the women early in the game.

Friday: Ohlone at De Anza, 2 p.m.

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Steven Cabana / LA VOZ

All aboard the De Anza soccer roller coaster

DESPITE INCONSISTENT PLAY, THE DONS ARE STILL THE TEAM TO BEAT

BY MARIANNE KIM
LA VOZ

The Mens' Soccer team appears to have started off on a good foot this year. But to say that it's been anything but a roller coaster ride for this year's team would be an injustice.

Blame it on the non-conference schedule if you must. The Dons began the year with a couple of convincing wins against Santa Rosa and Cabrillo, with a pair of draws sandwiched in between.

Then the Dons started feeling the effects of playing a tough schedule. They dropped two very winnable games to Skyline and Canada colleges.

But before anyone could find the panic button, the Dons do what they're used to doing—winning.

On Sept. 21 they played the seven game winner

Hartnell, defeating them 3-1, followed by another victory Friday the 24 against Ohlone, 4-0.

Ernesto Bueno and Ritchie Sandoval helped with the easy defeats, and goalkeeper Louis Trejo was a brick wall between the pipes, allowing one goal during the sudden turnaround of play.

Coach Kulwant Singh said that the pre-season schedule was incredibly difficult, hence, the 0-2-1 start. Yet, the team has managed to play .500 soccer during the beginning part of the conference schedule.

DE ANZA 4, OHLONE 0

De Anza goalie Louis Trejo has allowed only one goal in the past two games.

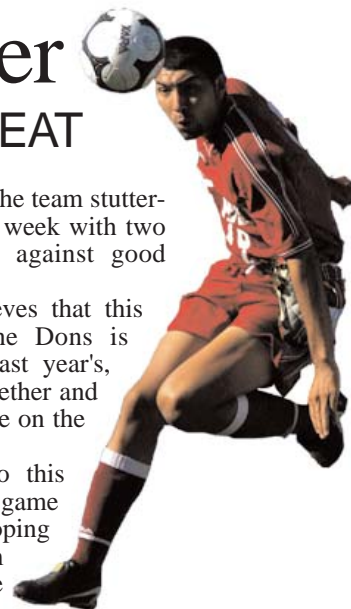
Monday: Los Positos at De Anza, 4 p.m.

Coach Singh feels that despite the team stuttering, it has been a big week with two fairly easy victories against good teams.

Coach Singh believes that this year's version of the Dons is slightly better than last year's, but needs to work together and find a finer comraderie on the field.

The Dons go into this week riding that two game winning streak, and hoping to ride the momentum into the middle of the year.

The Dons will host Los Positos on Tuesday and Evergreen on Friday.



La Voz Weekly
"You can only hope to contain him"
Award



Scotty Hamilton
Running Back
De Anza Football

The first ever "You can only hope to contain him" award goes to **Scotty Hamilton**, running back for the now 2-2 De Anza football team. Hamilton was the light at the end of a 34-0 tunnel that the Dons suffered against Foothill College on Sept. 17. In that game, Hamilton accounted for 208 total yards on the ground.

Sports this week

Tuesday

Mens Soccer vs. Los Positos 4:00 p.m.
Womens Soccer @ Ohlone 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Volleyball vs. Cabrillo 6:30 p.m.
Mens Water Polo @ Santa Rosa JC 3:30 p.m.

Friday

Mens Soccer vs. Evergreen 4:00 p.m.
Womens Soccer vs. Los Positos 2:00 p.m.
Volleyball @ Ohlone 6:30 p.m.
Mens Water Polo @ Foothill 3:30 p.m.
Womens Water Polo vs. Ohlone 2:00 p.m.

This week in De Anza sports history

October 1985

Off to their best start in many years, the Dons best top-ranked San Jose City College, 19-13, ending the Jaguars 27 game winning streak.

De Anza remained undefeated with the upset, come-from-behind, victory and are tied for first in the Golden Gate Conference with a 2-0 record, 4-0 overall.

Polo | Foothill wins big time

11 games.

Complicating matters the team is plagued with a small inexperienced roster.

During the Sept. 24 match up between the Dons and the College of San Mateo bulldogs, De Anza had two players available for substitution with one of them being the backup goalie Lilya Mitleman.

Complicating matters Mitleman was recently removed from the squad, failing to meet eligibility requirements.

Mitleman plans on returning next season.

Moving the ball into the zone will be key to increase the teams chances.

In the fourth quarter

of the Sept.24 game the Dons staged a short lived burst of energy after a quick goal with less than five minutes left.

The Dons next chance to turn the tide is this Friday at 2 p.m., when De Anza will host the Renegades of Onlone College.

The matchup between these two teams are coming at a good time as De Anza looks to build momentum while the Renegades are trying to reach .500 in the standings.

The Dons are currently 0-2 and finished the 2003 season with a record of 0-4.

Stats and scores by Coasports.org

Right: Dons' Forward takes a shot on goal in the fourth quarter of the 17-2 loss to San Mateo College on Sept. 24.

Bottom: Dons' midfielder Paul Bellarmino intercepts a pass in the Sept. 14 1-0 loss to Skyline College



Steven Cabana/ LA VOZ

Game of the Week



Men's Soccer
Vs.
Evergreen College

Friday 4 p.m.

It's this week's trial by fire as Evergreen Valley College makes a trip to De Anza College to face off against the mens soccer team.

Both teams come into this match-up with a lot of momentum.

The Dons are winners of two straight games in which their defense has been more extraordinary than the seven times they have placed the ball into the opponents net.

But the Hawks are

flying high.

As of Sept. 30, Evergreen is ranked 10th in the state of California after demolishing Canada College 6-0 in a game that saw forward Ricardo Moran score four goals.

This should prove to be quite a test for the Dons if they want to move up in the standings, not just in conference, but statewide as well.

No predictions here, just go watch.



Steven Cabana/ LA VOZ

Strike | It's not me, it's you, really

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The other day I was trying to explain to a friend of mine why it is that major sports leagues find themselves having to lock each other out every so often without thinking about the fans that they are burning in the meantime.

In hockey, it's quite simple – owners are tired of losing money and would love to see a salary cap implemented to save their already rich-asses from being less rich. Shared revenues, small market teams, increased capital, oh yeah, don't forget television contracts – they all play a major role in how the wealth is spread.

Or how it should be spread.

Uh, memo to the NHL, the fans are the ones who pay

your bills with your overpriced seats, seven-dollar beers, and five-dollar nachos. Shutting us out just isn't smart.

And to be honest, hockey cannot afford to go on strike – football yes, baseball maybe, but hockey? Nope, hockey just doesn't have the necessary fan base to pull a strike off. To be frank, the NHL couldn't have picked a worse time to drop the puck.

Coming off a season where so many people jumped on the proverbial hockey bandwagon, this was the time to bring some of those lost souls over to the cold side – to feed the appetite of those who have discovered a new found hunger for short-handed goals, breakaways, and penalty killing.

Yet, on the contrary, the NHL is making the new fans go cold turkey. They wouldn't happen to make a patch for

an acute case of hockey addiction would they? A gum?

So it looks like I won't be wearing my Sharks, Patrick Marleau jersey anytime soon – in fact, my teal and white Air Force ones will have to go too. What a waste – this strike is exactly why I have a hard time trusting women.

It's always about the money.

Just ask baseball, even football, both of whom are guilty of doing the strike thing at the most inconvenient of times, it's hard enough to get the die-hard fans to forgive you once you come to your senses – getting us, the babies, to trust again is going to take a miracle.

I'm just warning y'all.

It's sad actually, I had a fever, and the only prescription was more hockey. But hey, y'all can get your strike on, be my guest. Don't mind me if I'm off crying in the corner.

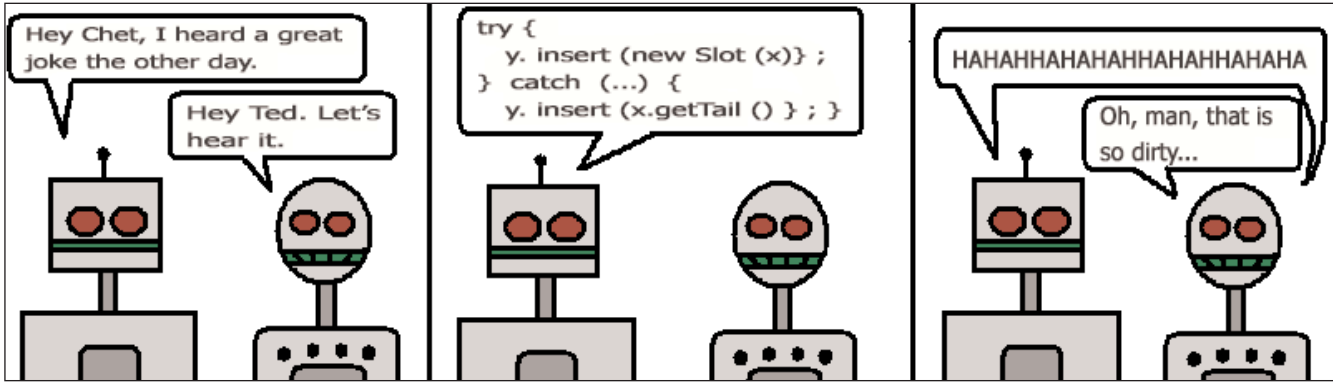
Dear soccer,

This is your chance! Yay!

Love,

Julio Lara.

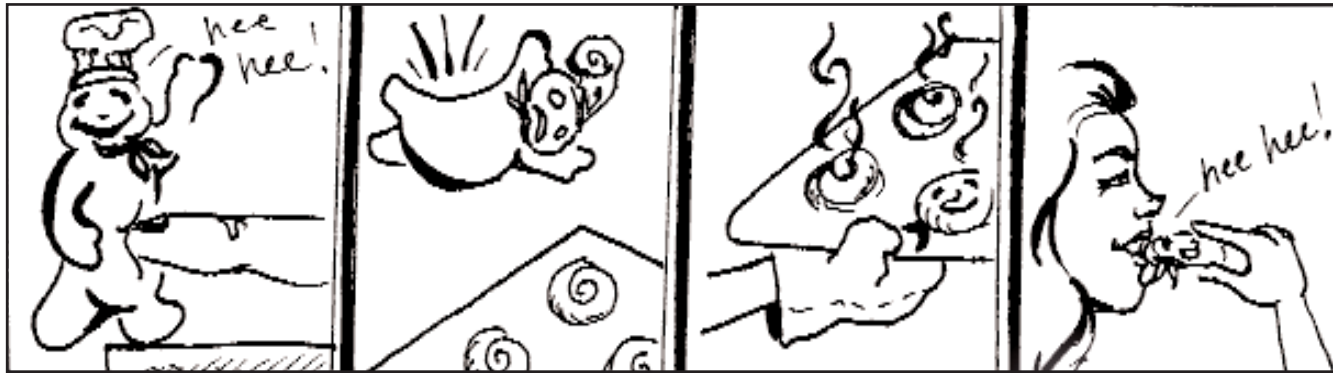
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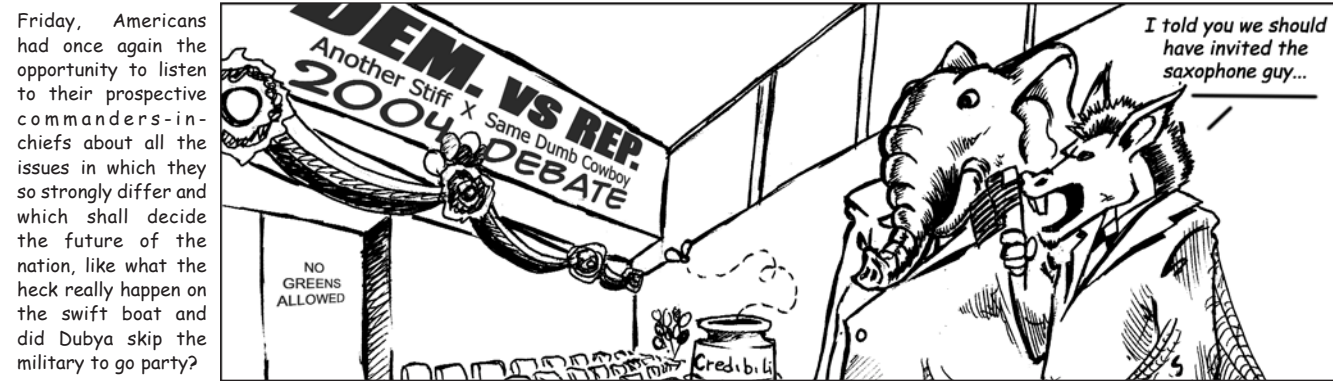
Deep Fried Freedom | Marianne Kim



Piffle | Joanne Vadebounouer



Crunchy Life Bites | Pedro Paulo Viegas de Sa



Friday, Americans had once again the opportunity to listen to their prospective commanders-in-chiefs about all the issues in which they so strongly differ and which shall decide the future of the nation, like what the heck really happen on the swift boat and did Dubya skip the military to go party?



You are a college student; therefore, you need advice. This is one of the immutable laws of nature, like gravity, or the tendency of Cheeto-dust to cling to the underside of your fingernails. La Voz, your friendly neighborhood student newspaper, is here to help.

Granny Vozla is the anthropomorphic personification of La Voz's hundreds of years of collective life experience. She is a sweet little old lady, but she's not afraid to stab her razor-sharp knitting needles straight into the dark heart of your problems.

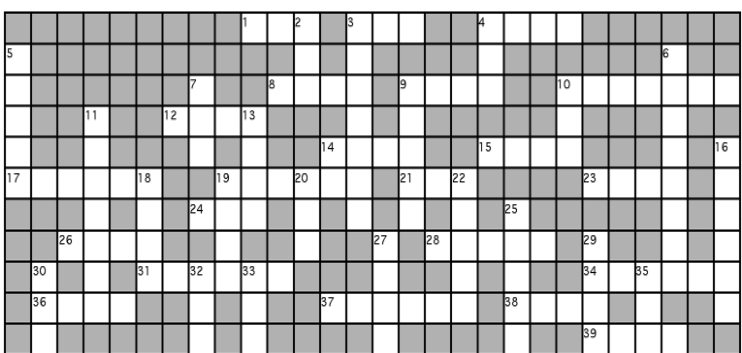
If you need a snappy comeback for people who make fun of you for wearing Ugg boots with a miniskirt, or some suggestions on how to ask the cute girl in your statistics class for a date, you are probably two different people. But you both can send your problems to Granny Vozla.

Because Granny is a fictional character created by the La Voz staff, she is pretty gosh-darn informed about how to get things done at De Anza College. If you just don't know where to go, ask Granny.

One of our mottoes here at La Voz is: "We don't ask questions, we answer them." It's part of our mission as a First Amendment newspaper to serve our college community by providing solid information with integrity and honesty. La Voz is a resource for everyone here, so take advantage. Granny will be here for you.

To send questions to Granny Vozla, drop them off in the La Voz mailbox outside L-41 or send an email to lavoz_opinions@yahoo.com.

Crossword Puzzle - Life At De Anza



- ACROSS**
- One of the university systems where De Anza students transfer.
 - SOC 25 explores this as a method of social change.
 - The current quarter.
 - The De Anza Student Body.
 - CLP stands for Career ___ Planning classes.
 - There's never enough of this.
 - Learn how to throw these in ARTS18B.
 - If you don't take a course for a letter grade, you can take it for ___/no pass.
 - See a counselor for help in developing an educational ___.
 - The Academic ___ center in L47 helps students with study skills and provides tutoring in different subject areas.
 - Stop by the ___ center for help in writing a resume or finding employment.
 - It's short for Educational Diagnostic Center.
 - There is a ___ Market on campus the first Saturday of every month.
 - If you took the bus, you wouldn't have to park this.
 - REST 50 is a class on ___ estate principles.
 - If you'd like to help students to learn, sign up to be a ___.
 - The last day to drop with no record of grade.
 - Students may ___ a course if they received a "D" or an "F."
 - Graduation is held at the Outdoor Events ___.
 - Take a botany class to study these.
 - Sell your ___ books back to the bookstore Dec. 6,9,10 and 11.
 - If you like to ___, join De Anza Vintage Singers.

- DOWN**
- ICS 8 is a course about women of color here.
 - The ___, where you can check out books, is in the DeHart Learning Center.
 - To get a ___, waiver, stop by the Financial Aid Center.
 - Students can earn up to four ___ per quarter from the Work Experience Program.
 - Take classes online by ___ learning.
 - Learn techniques to find a ___ in CAOS 180G.
 - Go to the Planetarium to see this kind of show.
 - If you forgot yours, go to the Admissions with a photo ID.
 - Counseling 100 is an orientation to this.
 - Use this system to register by phone.
 - You can exercise all you want in these classes.
 - Get your condoms at ___ Services.
 - There are many ___-paced courses in the Business/Computer Systems Division
 - When you pay your student body fees, you can get a DASB ___.
 - It's also known as English as a Second Language.
 - There are over 55 of these on campus.
 - The Coffee Society and Togos are across the street to the ___.
 - Another name for speech classes is ___ communication.
 - English classes are in the Language ___ Division.
 - ___ to stay.
 - In other words, the Inter-Club Council.
 - The Euphrat is De Anza's ___ museum.
 - Always take a ___ or pencil to class.

Horoscope | Sarah Gahan

Horoscopes are intended for entertainment value only. We made them up, and we have no idea what we're doing in the prognostication department, so don't believe a word of it. Especially the part about running out in front of cars.

- Aries - March 21 to April 20**
Oh Aries, you poor thing. It's going to be a lousy week. You know the dream where you come to school and you realize you forgot to put clothes on in the morning? You also know the saying, "Dreams really do come true"?
- Taurus - April 21 to May 21**
The symbol of Taurus is the bull. This has nothing to do with what will happen to you this week. Nothing at all. Cows, on the other hand ... keep an eye out for the cows.
- Gemini - May 22 to June 21**
You will avoid parking your extremely non-compact car in extremely compact parking spots this week, and the world will love you for it.
- Cancer - June 22 to July 22**
The position of Mars in relation to Pluto is significant for you, Cancer, because on the Martian calendar this is the beginning of the Abduction Jamboree, and you're their prime target! Get ready to get probed!

- Leo - July 23 to Aug. 21**
Leo, you are one sexy, sexy beast. Unfortunately this means only furies will be asking you out this week, so you may want to shun all human contact for a few days.
- Virgo - Aug. 22 to Sept. 23**
This week you will ponder the unfortunate human reality that one day, hopefully a day very far from today, you will die and there is nothing you can do about it. Having a delicious brownie will help ease the angst.
- Libra - Sept. 24 to Oct. 23**
This is a good week for you to play the lottery, Libra! We'd tell you the winning numbers, but the stars told us you don't deserve to win.
- Scorpio - Oct. 24 to Nov. 22**
You are in danger of being attacked by rabid koalas this week, Scorpio. If you see any, run away - not towards.
- Sagittarius - Nov. 23 to Dec. 22**
Sagittarius, the alignment of Mercury suggests you could make a handsome profit in busi-

- ness this week. But only if you work really, really hard. So it's the same as any other week, really.
- Capricorn - Dec. 23 to Jan. 20**
Because of Saturn being all Saturny and stuff, you will be in danger of getting run over in the De Anza College parking lot. But not by a Saturn, so run out in front of those as much as you like.
- Aquarius - Jan. 21 to Feb. 19**
Because the moon is ... doing stuff ... you will notice this week a subtle shift in the power structure in all of your relationships. This is because everyone you know is part of a plot by The Man to keep you down.
- Pisces - Feb. 20 to March 20**
This week you will feel an overwhelming compulsion to write hundreds of words on various De Anza College-related topics and bring them to a place where they will be cherished and appreciated. Coincidentally, La Voz still needs journalists, photographers and editors. How eerie!



Sagittarius
"try finding pants this size..."



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Walker and Ossenfort came to NASA through a unique partnership between Ames Research Center and the Foothill-De Anza Community College District. The program began in 1971, as an opportunity for technical and industrial students to gain hands-on training and experience. Since then it has expanded in scope to include students of all ages and backgrounds. More than 3,300 students have graduated from the year-long program since its inception, and over 400 former interns work at Ames as civil servants or contractors.

One of these is Mejghan Haider, hired as an administrative intern in 1987. The program provided practical experience related to the courses she was taking, and motivated her to stay in school. Her supervisors soon recognized her potential and moved her from secretarial support into budget assistance. Today, Haider is Division Chief of NASA Research Park, a collaboration between NASA and partners in industry and academia.

Haider has mentored other students, and continues to share her enthusiasm for the program with new interns she meets. "I always tell them when I find out that they're from De Anza, 'Hey, I came through that program and I've been here as a civil servant for 17 years, and here are the steps I've gone through.'"

She also stresses the importance of advisors recognizing that student interns come to NASA for more than just specific job assignments. "I think it's important for the intern and the advisor to look back at the end of the quarter and say, 'OK, these are the real things I accomplished, the tasks that I performed are going to help me in my future job. Whether that's at Ames or outside in industry, these are real experiences that I can count on.'"

For many FCCD NASA interns, working at NASA was a childhood dream they never really expected to come true. Ola Cook had planned her academic career up through high school to be in science, but ended up working first in IT and market research, then later in architecture and interior design.

"I didn't think they'd even accept me," she said. "I mean, it was a fluke. I really thought I'm way over-educated to be a student intern, but I'm not educated in this field, in the scientific field, so there's no way I can be placed here."

When she finally applied, she was offered a position in the Public Affairs office. It appealed to her because it offered an opportunity to explore possibilities for blending her

existing career background with her interest in science.

"I liked the broad strokes there. I liked the fact that they weren't specifically into one project. They were going to expose me to everything that's going on here. And that's been true. It's been more than I imagined."

As it happens, the department was about to relocate, which gave Cook an opportunity to call on another side of her background that she hadn't expected to use, interviewing the staff members and planning office layouts.

Kay Walter is also a career changer. After studying civil engineering and working as a programmer, she began pursuing an interest in biology.

"Initially I started off being interested in bioinformatics. It's basically a convergence between biology, biotechnology, and computer science, especially with the first draft of the human genome project being completed. That's a lot of data, and all of a sudden biology became more computational."

As a biotechnology student at Foothill, she heard about the NASA internship program and was delighted to learn that it was one of the few such programs open to returning students.

"That was definitely another big plus when I went to the internship meeting and I saw someone who was clearly switching careers too speaking there. I thought, hey, that's possible. That's great. It's not just for traditional undergrads."

It took several quarters before a position opened up, but Walter feels it was well worth the wait. As a Bioinformatics Assistant, she has been able to gain experience both working with computer data and working in the lab on experiments the data generates.

"I think that's what's been really beneficial with the program, because in order to do bioinformatics, ultimately you just really, really need to understand the biology. So going to school at the same time and being able to learn all this biology as I'm applying it in the laboratory, that's been very satisfying. To me that's the best type of internship experience, where what you learn in class is actually relevant in what you do."

Walter also appreciates the mentoring she has received from her co-workers and from her supervisor Sigrid Reinsch, who "will take the time out to explain concepts, to make sure that I understand what's going on, and why I'm doing this experiment or why I'm doing this database search."

Kobie Bruce is an administrative assistant in the Small Payloads division, which handles

life science experiments for the Space Shuttle. She especially values the opportunity to be working "among some of the most intelligent people in this area." She's also found a tremendous variety in the content of their experiments.

"There's the yeast experiment; bacteria streptococcus—the bacteria that gives us strep throat, they've sent that up there; they've done some bone studies that come back and help us with data for osteoporosis. We get more than Velcro and microwave ovens from the Space Shuttle."

Bruce hopes to become a nurse at the end of the internship, "so I have some more years of schooling to go. But this ties in because this is all biology, and everything just fits in together."

Posters across the Ames campus promote Foothill-De Anza NASA internships to potential supervisors as a "Win-Win solution for your group's needs." To Mejghan Haider, this is more than just a marketing slogan.

"I don't want to sound biased because I came through this program, but I'm personally very supportive of it for two reasons," she said. "I think NASA gets great value for a full-time student throughout the summer and part time for the three quarters 20 hours a week. But from the student's standpoint, they get the experience. Whether they stay here or they leave and work for industry, it looks great on their resume. So I think for both sides it's a win-win."

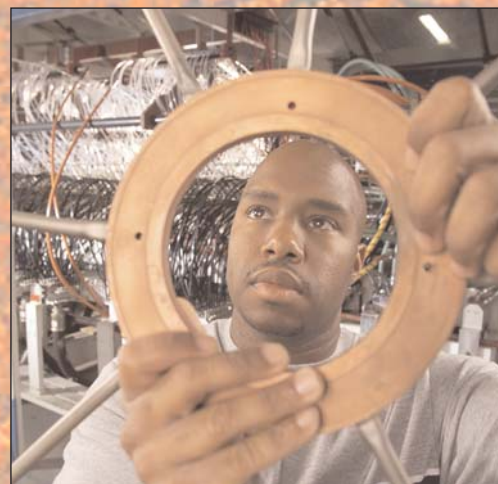
Ola Cook agrees.

"I haven't heard anybody say they're not having a good time, or at least learning something. Heck, if you just come here and go to the seminars they offer, that's great. You know, what would you pay for that? To sit for an hour with somebody doing cutting-edge research in astrobiology? I mean, I would pay to go see that."

As Internship Program Coordinators say at campus information meetings, "It's more than a work experience, it's a life experience." To learn more about internships at Ames, visit <http://nasa.fhda.edu/>.

Informational meetings will be held at De Anza College on Oct. 12 and Foothill College on Oct. 14, for internship positions beginning in January.

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