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**FOCUS ON DE ANZA**



## A hard sell

Military recruiters at De Anza face hard knocks, hostile receptions from students they are anxious to enlist

*James Chen and Bella Yashayev*  
LA VOZ NEWS

During a De Anza College Associated Student Body Senate meeting on Oct. 8, Students for Justice, a student activist group, presented a challenge to the United States military's recruiting strategies on campus. They outlined a proposal to simplify the "opt-out" process for students and prevent military recruiters from accessing students' personal information.

The proposal states, "Military recruiters have a documented record

of trying to convince the most disadvantaged students that they will never make it in the professional world, thereby undoing the positive mission and influence of our college."

"They shouldn't be approaching students," said Students for Justice Co-president Ernest Chavez. "Students should be approaching them." Chavez publicly endorsed the student activists' proposal during the Oct. 8 Senate meeting.

Prohibiting recruiters from canvassing the campus and narrowing their recruitment region is against

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## Chase on campus ends with arrest



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**De Anza student Roozbeh Enayati, left, speaks with Foothill-De Anza police Sgt. Stan Cross shortly after being captured Oct. 15.**

### De Anza student had two outstanding warrants, now jailed

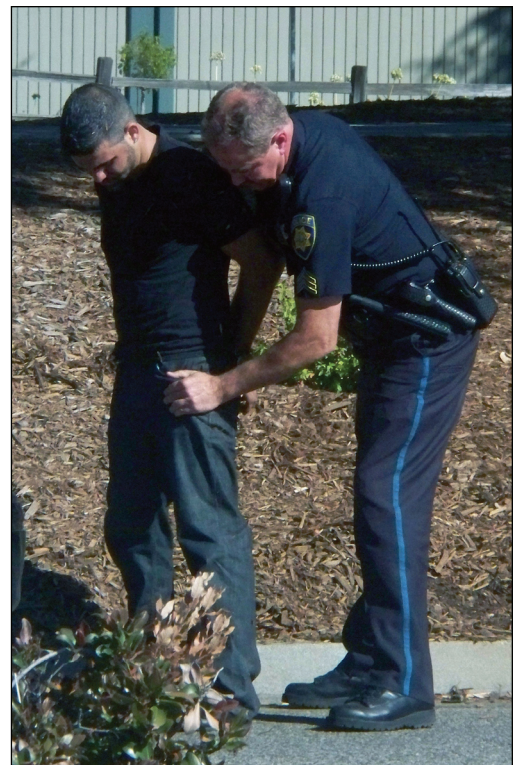
*Shawn McGann*  
LA VOZ NEWS

The officer yelled, "Stop!" but the man in black kept running.

Students watched silently and without expression as Foothill-De Anza police officer Manuel Respicio, dressed in a brown khaki uniform, ran fast and close behind the fleeing man. The two men darted through groups of students huddled to smoke at the front of De Anza College. Just as soon as they passed, those same students were using their cell phones to call their friends and tell them what had happened, even as they continued to watch the chase speed across Parking Lot A.

"He just ran right past me, like, pushing me aside," said one student into her cell phone after the two men ran past. "They're still chasing him, too!"

Many lost sight of the two running men, but at the far end of Parking Lot A near the north entrance to Stevens Creek Boulevard, another officer who had heard of the pursuit on his radio stood waiting. As the fleeing man



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**Sgt. Stan Cross of the campus police pats down the wanted student before placing him in the back seat of a police car.**

## Bernanke, Paulson debacle and new 'capital injections'

What would become known as the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP - get it?) began as an incredibly vague and audacious 2-and-a-half page document designed by Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke.

After months of ad hoc attempts to stave off a financial crisis, which included the shotgun marriage of investment bank Bear Stearns to JP Morgan Chase and ministered by the Federal Reserve, the government takeover of insurance giant American International Group and



*Stephen Zill*  
**Economics for Everyone**

home mortgage behemoths Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and various other moves by the Fed - such as cash infusions, lowering short-term interest rates and a plan to pay interest on commercial banks' reserves being held by the Federal Reserve - and with credit markets getting colder and colder, and with signs of recession becoming more and more visible, government officials apparently decided that what now was needed was an actual "coherent" plan.

The original plan, which would have given Mr. Paulson near-dictatorial

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**CORRECTIONS**

- Oct. 6, Issue 2**  
A headline incorrectly stated the date of a Jean Miller memorial to be Nov. 4; it is actually Nov. 6.
- Oct. 13, Issue 3**  
False attributions: James Chen wrote the article "Students attend charity ..." (p. 1); Narsu Rao wrote the article "Upcoming 'mock' election ..." (p. 1).



# CAMPUS EVENTS

## Happenings around De Anza College

### Monday, Oct. 20

#### NO PARKING IN STAFF LOT A TODAY

#### TODAY IS THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE

#### UCSF SCHOOL OF MEDICINE PRE-MED WORKSHOP

MONDAY, OCT. 20, 11:30 A.M. - 1 P.M., SCS 202  
The UCSF pre-med workshop will include presentations on developing a competitive application, understanding the application process and helpful resources. For information call 408-864-8841.

#### VOTER EDUCATION: IMMIGRATION LEGISLATION

MONDAY, OCT. 20, 1:30 - 3 P.M., CAMPUS CENTER RMS A & B  
The elections have provided a focal point for activity among immigrants and new citizens: rallies and marches, voter registration and get-out-the-vote efforts are aimed at bringing hundreds of thousands from immigrant communities into a new level of civic participation. A record number of immigrants have become new citizens this year. Panelists from local immigrant rights organizations will discuss immigrant civic participation and proposed legislation impacting immigrant communities. Refreshments will be served.

#### VTA BUS STOP CELEBRATION

MONDAY, OCT. 20, 3:30 P.M., BUS STOP, NORTH END OF STAFF LOT A

The De Anza community is invited to a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new on-campus De Anza College bus stop.

### Tuesday, Oct. 21

#### FILM SCREENING/COMMUNITY DIALOG:

#### BRETT MORGEN'S 'CHICAGO 10'

TUESDAY, OCT. 21, 1:30 - 4 P.M., CAMPUS CENTER RMS A & B  
"Chicago 10" explores the buildup and unraveling of the protest at the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago and the ensuing 1969 conspiracy trial, where the leaders were charged with inciting to riot. The film mixes animation with archival footage. A moderated dialogue will follow the screening.

#### STORYTELLER OLGA LOYA TO PERFORM

TUESDAY, OCT. 21, 1:30 - 3 P.M., WRC, ATC 309  
Storyteller Olga Loya presents a "Dia de los Muertos" ("Day of the Dead") performance. Loya is a nationally recognized Latina performer who uses a dramatic mix of Spanish and English in her one-woman shows. This event includes family stories, myths, folk tales and legends. Participants will join in the discovery of the power of ceremony and look at life and death in a personal way. For information, contact Alicia Cortez at 408-864-8365.

#### EUPHRAT MUSEUM OF ART RECEPTION

TUESDAY, OCT. 21, 5:30 - 7:30 P.M., EUPHRAT MUSEUM OF ART  
A reception with presentations will be given for the De Anza and Foothill Art Faculty/Staff Exhibition, including an awards ceremony.

#### CIS LECTURE SERIES: CAREER 2.0

TUESDAY, OCT. 21, 5:30 - 8 P.M., CAMPUS CENTER RMS A & B  
Computer Information Systems will hold an informational meeting about the department from 5:30 - 7 p.m., followed by guest speakers sharing career tips about the IT industry from 7 - 8 p.m. Topics are: "Job 2.0: Deploy Your Resume in the Cloud and Other Career Tips" with Peter Clarke and "You 2.0: Transform your Career" with Mohana Sasumana, which will give steps an IT professional can take to successfully transfer from one technology platform to another.

### Wednesday, Oct. 22

#### WOMEN'S CONFERENCE VIDEOCONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22, 10:30 - 11:30 A.M., CAMPUS CENTER  
Students, faculty and staff are invited to watch a highlight session from the live satellite coverage of Maria Shriver's daylong conference in Long Beach. "It's Your Voice: How You Can Use it to Change

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### Let us know!

Send event notices to Happenings@LaVozDeAnza.com by Wednesday noon preceding the week of publication. Please type "Happenings" in the subject line. La Voz does not guarantee publication.

All events take place on the De Anza College campus and are free, unless stated otherwise.

the World" session speakers include Christiane Amanpour, CNN Chief International Correspondent; Madeleine Albright, Former U.S. Secretary of State and Cerue Konah Garlo, Executive Director, Women NGOs Secretariat of Liberia. For details on other sessions see <http://www.californiawomen.org>.

#### CROSS CULTURAL PARTNERS GET-TOGETHER

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22, 12:30 - 2:30 P.M., CAMPUS CENTER RM B  
The Cross Cultural Partners Program will have its first get-together for all applicants. Attendees will share tips and strategies for successful partnerships and meetings. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to CCP's mailbox in ATC 304 or e-mail it to [deanzaccp@yahoo.com](mailto:deanzaccp@yahoo.com) by Oct. 20.

#### SARAH WINCHESTER: MYSTERIOUS OR MISUNDERSTOOD? LECTURE SERIES

WEDNESDAYS, OCT. 23, OCT. 29 & NOV 5, 5:20 P.M., CALIFORNIA HISTORY CENTER CLASSROOM  
Historian Mary Jo Ignoffo will give three lectures, along with a field trip to the Winchester Mystery House (on Saturday, Oct. 25) on Sarah Winchester, the reclusive heiress to the Winchester rifle fortune. Sign up for the 2 unit class HIST 054X-97 (Call #3304) or call Tom Izu at 408-864-8986 for information.

### Thursday, Oct. 23

#### DE ANZA COLLEGE JOB FAIR

THURSDAY, OCT. 23, 10 A.M. - 2 P.M., CAMPUS CENTER RMS A & B  
Approximately 45 local employers will be on campus for the fall job fair. Students should bring several copies of their resumes to share with employers. For information contact the Career Center at [careercenter@deanza.edu](mailto:careercenter@deanza.edu).

### Friday, Oct. 24

#### PUENTE NIGHT AT TEATRO VISION

FRIDAY, OCT. 24, 8 P.M., MEXICAN HERITAGE PLAZA, SAN JOSE  
De Anza's Puente Night at Teatro Vision features the Sandra Cisneros play "La Casa en Mango Street," directed by Wilma Bonet, which tells the story of Esperanza, a young girl growing up in the Latino quarter of Chicago. It is presented in Spanish with English subtitles. The Mexican Heritage Plaza is at 1700 Alum Rock Ave. in San Jose. Tickets are \$12 each with proceeds going to De Anza's Puente Scholarship Fund. To purchase tickets contact Alicia Cortez at [cortezalicia@fhda.edu](mailto:cortezalicia@fhda.edu) or Becky Roberts at [robertsbecky@fhda.edu](mailto:robertsbecky@fhda.edu).

### Saturday, Oct. 25

#### NIGHT OF MAGIC FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, OCT. 25, 5 P.M., MAIN GYM  
Join President Brian Murphy and the De Anza College Commission for the 15th annual dinner, fundraising benefit and auction. This year's proceeds go to the Auto Technology and Manufacturing & CNC Technology programs. Tickets start at \$175. Discount tickets for faculty and staff are available by calling 650-949-6230 or by e-mailing [foundation@fhda.edu](mailto:foundation@fhda.edu). For information see <http://foundation.fhda.edu/nom>.

### Tuesday, Oct. 28

#### TRANSFER DAY

TUESDAY, OCT. 28, 9 A.M. - 1 P.M., MAIN QUAD  
Students can meet with representatives from various California universities and colleges.

#### CCC MOCK ELECTIONS

TUESDAY, OCT. 28, TIME/LOCATION TBA  
Vote in the DASB-hosted Mock Election, designed to educate students about the process and procedure of the national election. For more information, contact the DASB office or e-mail [cccmockelection@gmail.com](mailto:cccmockelection@gmail.com).

#### FILM SCREENING: 'ENGAGE HER'

TUESDAY, OCT. 28, NOON - 1:30 P.M., ADMIN 106  
The documentary film "Engage Her: Getting Minority Women to Vote and Lead" explores why the vast majority of Latina, African American and Asian Pacific Islander women in the United States do not vote. A discussion will follow the film.

### Wednesday, Oct. 29

#### CCC MOCK ELECTIONS

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29, TIME/LOCATION TBA  
Vote in the DASB-hosted Mock Election, designed to educate students about the process and procedure of the national election. For

more information, contact the DASB office or e-mail [cccmockelection@gmail.com](mailto:cccmockelection@gmail.com).

### Saturday, Nov. 1

#### DE ANZA FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY, NOV. 1, 8 A.M. - 4 P.M., PARKING LOTS A & B  
The De Anza Flea Market offers about 825 vendor stalls and can draw up to 20,000 shoppers. Event will be held rain or shine. Entry is free; parking is \$5 per vehicle.

#### SATURDAY STUDENT PARKING

SATURDAY, NOV. 1  
Specially dedicated parking has been set aside for students on the top level of the Flint Garage on the first Saturday of each month while the De Anza Flea Market is in session. Students need student parking permits or need to show their DASB card to purchase a one-day student parking pass at the lower student rate.

### Monday, Nov. 3

#### DASB FUNDING REQUESTS DUE

MONDAY, NOV. 3, BY 4 P.M., STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFICE  
The 2009-2010 DASB budget applications, available on the DASB Web site at <http://www.deanza.edu/dasb/budget>, are due on Nov. 3. For questions regarding funding possibilities, procedures and requirements, attend a DASB Budget and Finance Committee Meeting on Monday, Oct. 20 or 27 at 3:30 p.m. in the Santa Cruz Room in the Campus Center. For more information, call Esha Menon at 408-864-8695, John Cagnetta at 408-864-8239 or Dennis Shannakian at 408-864-8757.

### Tuesday, Nov. 4

#### ELECTION NIGHT PARTY

TUESDAY, NOV. 4, 6 - 9 P.M., CAMPUS CENTER  
The De Anza community is invited to a special election night event sponsored by the Office of the President. Refreshments will be served. RSVP to Tina Woo at [wootina@deanza.edu](mailto:wootina@deanza.edu).

#### SHLOMO ARTZI IN CONCERT

TUESDAY, NOV. 4, 8:30 P.M., FLINT CENTER  
Shlomo Artzi, one of the most successful Israeli performers, fuses rock with native Hebrew strains. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster from \$61 - \$151.

### Thursday, Nov. 6

#### MEMORIAL FOR PROFESSOR JEAN MILLER

THURSDAY, NOV. 6, 3:30 - 5 P.M., CAMPUS CENTER  
A memorial will be held for English Professor Jean Miller, who passed away on Sept. 22 from complications associated with cancer.

### ONGOING EVENTS

#### ART FACULTY/STAFF EXHIBITION

NOW - THURSDAY, OCT. 30, EUPHRAT, A-92  
The De Anza and Foothill College Art Faculty/Staff Exhibition in the Euphrat Museum presents a variety of artwork created by faculty and staff including sculpture, painting, drawing, prints, mixed media, photography and ceramics. Museum hours are Mondays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and by arrangement. For more information go to: <http://www.deanza.edu/euphrat>.

#### FREE TUESDAY LUNCH WITH JIF

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

#### PLANETARIUM SHOWS

EVERY SATURDAY THROUGH DEC. 20, PLANETARIUM  
Journey to the stars with the Planetarium's Inifinium S Star projector and full-dome digital astronomy and laser light shows. Costs range from \$7 - \$9. Go to <http://www.deanza.edu/planetarium> for a list of shows and times.

#### MESSAGE THERAPY CLINIC

EVERY MONDAY & WEDNESDAY, 6 - 9 P.M., PE 12L & MASSAGE ROOM PE 12U  
The Massage Therapy Program Clinical class is offering massages every Monday and Wednesday evenings through Dec. 3. Appointment times are at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Cost for students is \$10, faculty/staff is \$15, the community is \$20. To make an appointment call 408-864-5645. For more information see <http://www.deanza.edu/pe/massage/clinic.html>.

## COLLEGE REP VISITS

Schedule appointments to meet with representatives in the Transfer Center on the 2nd floor of the SCSB or by calling 408-864-8841.

#### Monday, Oct. 20

UCSF: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Admissions Workshop, SCS 202

UC Davis: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., by appointment, Transfer Center

#### Thursday, Oct. 23

Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising: time and location TBA

#### Monday, Oct. 27

UC Davis: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., by appointment, Transfer Center

#### Thursday, Oct. 30

UC Berkeley: 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., by appointment, Transfer Center

#### Monday, Nov. 3

UC Davis: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., by appointment, Transfer Center

#### Thursday, Nov. 6

UC Santa Cruz: 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., by appointment, Transfer Center

## UC APPLICATION HELP

Free help with writing college application essays will be given at drop-in workshops at the Writing and Reading Center in room ATC 309. Tutoring is also available on a drop-in basis.

#### Monday, Oct. 20

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.: "Getting Started"

#### Wednesday, Oct. 22

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.: "Getting Started"

#### Thursday, Oct. 23

10:30-11:30 a.m.: "Getting Started"

#### Monday, Oct. 27

12:30-1:30 p.m.: "Writing Prompt #1"

#### Wednesday, Oct. 29

12:30-1:30 p.m.: "Writing Prompt #1"

#### Tuesday, Nov. 4

12:30-1:30 p.m.: "Writing Prompt #2"

1:30-2:30 p.m.: "Writing Prompt #2"

Sign up for an appointment for help with your College Application Essay starting Nov. 3.

## SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Free study skills workshops are offered throughout the day to interested De Anza students. Pre-registration in L-47 is required. Times are subject to change; please see the L-47 white board for current information and locations.

#### Monday, Oct. 20

12:30 p.m.: Test Taking Tips

2:30 p.m.: Memory Strategies

3:30 p.m.: Engaging Ethics

6:00 p.m.: Textbook Reading

#### Tuesday, Oct. 21

10:30 a.m.: Study Skills for Math and Science

11:30 a.m.: Editing Skills

12:30 p.m.: Anti-Procrastination

1:30 p.m.: Pre-writing

5:30 p.m.: Making Effective Decisions

#### Wednesday, Oct. 22

9:30 a.m.: Time Management Strategies

10:30 a.m.: Note Taking Strategies

1:30 p.m.: Editing Skills

2:30 p.m.: Goal Setting and Motivation

3:30 p.m.: Tests with Less Stress

#### Thursday, Oct. 23

11:30 a.m.: Engaging Ethics

1:30 p.m.: Memory Strategies

#### Monday, Oct. 27

12:30 p.m.: Textbook Reading

2:30 p.m.: Note Taking Strategies

## FALL QUARTER DATES

Monday, Nov. 10: Veterans Day holiday

Friday, Nov. 14: Last day to drop with a W

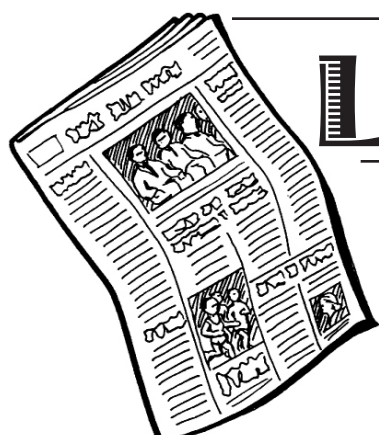
Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 27-30: Thanksgiving holiday

Tuesday-Friday, Dec. 9-12: Final exams

Friday, Dec. 12: Last day to file for fall degree or certificate

Monday, Dec. 15: First day of winter recess

Monday, Jan. 5: First day of winter classes



# La Voz Weekly

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- General Excellence - La Voz Weekly staff
- 1st place - Front Page Layout - La Voz Weekly staff
- 1st place - Photo Illustration - Katie O'Hara
- 2nd place - Feature Photo - Mike Anderson
- 3rd place - Inside Page Layout - Tom Guffey and Jay Donde
- Meritorious - Broadcast Video Journalism - Mike Anderson (2)
- Meritorious - Online Photo Story - Dahlia Seroussi and Kelly Truong

- Meritorious - Online Photo Story - Mike Anderson
- Honorable Mention - Sports Feature Photo - Jose Marte
- Honorable Mention - Critical Review - Paul De Amicis
- Honorable Mention - Editorial Writing - La Voz Editorial Staff
- Honorable Mention - News Feature Story - Paul Edison
- Honorable Mention - Opinion Story - Dan Sealana
- Honorable Mention - News Story - Matt Larvey



CAMPUS SNAPSHOT



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A squirrel stares into the water of the Sunken Garden fountain at De Anza College. Much debate exists in the scientific community over whether or not animals notice their own reflections.

**ALERTLOG**  
CAMPUS POLICE

**DISORDERLY CONDUCT:  
DISTURBING THE PEACE**

Friday, Oct. 10  
Location: Parking Lot A  
Summary: No further information.

**SEX OFFENDER:  
INTERVIEW REGISTRATION**

Monday, Oct. 13  
Location: Police Dept. 2103  
Summary: No further information.

**TRAFFIC HIT AND RUN:  
PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY**

Monday, Oct. 13  
Location: Parking Lot A  
Summary: No further information.

**TOWED VEHICLE:  
STORED**

Tuesday, Oct. 14  
Location: Parking Lot 2  
Summary: Five or more unpaid parking citations.

**INVESTIGATION:  
SMOKE**

Tuesday, Oct. 14  
Location: De Anza College  
Summary: Smoke only, no fire.

**WARRANT:  
FELONY ARREST**

Wednesday, Oct. 15  
Location: L4 Building  
Summary: Outstanding warrants, suspect taken to Santa Clara County Jail.

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# Motorcycle accident claims De Anza student Omar Jibril, 21

**Soheil Rezaee**  
LA VOZ NEWS

Tragedy fell upon De Anza College Sept. 30, when student Omar Jibril, 21, was killed in a motorcycle accident on Homestead Road in Sunnyvale.

Jibril was riding his motorcycle to school that morning. As he passed through the intersection of Homestead Road and Canary Lane, another motorist made a sudden left onto Homestead Road and collided with Jibril.

At 9:28 a.m., Sunnyvale police and emergency vehicles responded to reports of a car accident and found

Jibril in the roadway, suffering from major injuries. The other motorist involved in the accident was in her car and also had visible injuries.

Both were taken to Valley Medical Center in San Jose, where Jibril passed away due to severe brain trauma. Police are investigating the accident.

A memorial was held in his honor on Oct. 3 at the Muslim Community Association, where prayers were held followed by condolences from his friends. Each person who spoke reflected on his life and how he had affected them personally.

"Omar was more than a good friend," said Jad El Adaimi, a former De Anza student and a good friend of

Jibril. "He was a brother." Those who were closest to him describe Jibril as a good friend, noting his generosity, honesty and his habit of never letting anybody down.

Jibril's family lives overseas in the United Arab Emirates. His body was sent to his home on Oct. 6, where his family has said they will hold his funeral.

"His love, understanding and honesty will always be a lesson that lives within me," said Adaimi, "and all the memories he left with all of his close friends will never be forgotten."

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# Young and old attend 12th annual Iranian culture festival Oct. 12

**Alejandro Jimenez**  
LA VOZ NEWS

On Oct. 12, while many Americans sat on the couch to watch football, or maybe take a Sunday nap, local Iranian-Americans young and old went to the Quinlan Community Center in Cupertino to connect with their roots. It was the 12th annual Iranian Arts and Culture Festival, and it was colored with music, dance, art exhibits, poetry readings and a wide variety of ethnic foods.

The purpose of the event was to invite people from Iranian backgrounds in the Bay Area to come together and celebrate the traditions that give Iranian culture its unique flavor.

De Anza English professor Azin Arefi, one of the organizers of the event, said she was particularly interested in getting Iranian youth to attend the event. After inviting everyone to eat lunch, she gave a speech in both English and Farsi on why it was important to have young Iranians in attendance.

"We want the young people to make sure they learn and experience the traditions of Iran," said Arefi. "We are not political or religious but we do promote our culture because young people need it. Just because they are in a foreign country doesn't mean they should forget about these traditions that have been practiced for hundreds of years."

Leila Forouhi, a professional in environmental sciences from Cupertino, said, "A lot of Iranian culture revolves around nature. The Mehrgan Festival celebrates the end of the harvest season and beginning of fall. It is great time to see the Iranian community

coming together to preserve and share our culture."

There was a warm and welcoming atmosphere accompanied by soothing piano music in the early hours of the festival. As more and more people arrived, there was a greater sense of connectedness and community in the building.

The cohesive atmosphere was in part due to this year's theme for the event. That theme was to "elevate your individual self and be enlightened by the greater whole." The Persian Sufi poet Rumi was quoted in an e-mail invite saying, "When my essential self unites with the Greater Whole, then every particle of the Universe will become enlightened to my soul ... I will blaze like a candle for the sake of this Union, so that all my life's moments spent on the path of this love will become one."

Indeed, Iranians from around the Bay Area had a place to build community and become one. Some had the opportunity to network while simultaneously learning and practicing their Iranian customs.

The festival was put together by Payvand and the Iranian Federated Women's Club, a nonprofit organization that is both non-political and non-religious. Members say their mission is to integrate the Iranian American community in the Bay Area in an effort to promote Iranian culture and educational services.

This year's festival seemed like it had accomplished just that, by giving the Iranian community a place to gather and celebrate.

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## MILITARY | Student activists seek to limit recruiters' invasive tactics

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college policy. In the past, recruiting was primarily held at, but not restricted to, booths or common student gathering areas outdoors. Although recruiters are currently deviating from previous operational practices, their tactics do not violate college policy.

Many students feel the recruiters overstep the boundaries of what they considered fair and respectful tactics. Aryeh Lewis, 18, said a recruiter who tried to persuade him the U.S. military was the best chance for him to succeed "didn't mention any negatives." Lewis said, "I felt he avoided answering my questions by personalizing his military experience."

While certain students feel misled by recruiters, assistant military recruiter Lance Corporal Carvalho claims college recruiters inform students about military opportunities.

"We tell students about everything they want to know," she said. "We tell students about educational opportunities."

Navy recruiter Roberto Valdez says that the Navy adheres to guidelines set by the college district. "It's just about awareness," said Valdez, emphasizing that the Navy recruiters are at De Anza mainly to clear misconceptions.

Students For Justice believes the right of military recruiters to wander on campus "interferes with our own need to maintain a safe and diverse learning environment," according to the proposal they submitted to the Student Senate. The activist group is requesting that the college begin reinforcing a table and scheduling policy for the recruiters.

Under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, local educational agencies receiving governmental funds, which includes De Anza, are required to release much

of students' personal information to military recruiters, including contact information and home addresses.

Students for Justice is demanding that the school Web site establish a check box that students can click to conceal their personal information from military recruiters. Currently, in order to conceal information, students must complete forms from the Admissions Office.

The Student Senate is neutral on conflicts involving representatives of the military. "It isn't proper for us to take a stance on the laws and policies of the recruiters," said Terrell Sterling, president of the Senate. Sterling believes it would be impractical to specifically limit military recruiters. "To do so would limit everybody's abilities, especially student organizations."

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## De Anza blood drive set back by no-shows

Lina Kwon  
LA VOZ NEWS

De Anza College students showed up in droves to donate their blood during the Stanford Blood Center drive last week. The blood drive attracted so many students that rumors circulated of potential donors being turned away and sent to blood collection centers elsewhere.

However, those rumors proved to be false. The problem was due to people who had signed up for appointments to give blood and failed to show up at their allotted time, and the staff being too small to cover for all the no shows and still see walk in donors. Some were advised to visit other blood drive sites or told to come back another time rather than being rejected from giving blood, and they received maps informing them of other locations if they chose not to wait.

Walk-in donors and no-show sign ups make it difficult for the Stanford Blood Center to predict how many staffers to book for each blood drive.

"We had a problem with too many people signing up ahead and failing to show up on time," said Chris McGeachi, a working nurse.

Those who had appointments had priority, meaning that the wait occasionally became too long for some students to cope with. Some return-

ing donors did not mind the wait and chuckled at the inflated rumor.

"Those who started that rumor were probably searching for an excuse to avoid the blood drive," said fourth-time donor Izzy Alcalá. "It isn't a bad thing that the blood drive is getting more attention, though. Rumors popularize the subject."

But regardless of its unpredictable nature, the blood drive continues due to the urgent demand for blood in the United States. According to the Stanford Blood Center Web site, a patient needs a blood transfusion every two seconds on any given day in the U.S. Students make up the largest blood donor base.

Students were asked to fill out a questionnaire regarding medical history, travel and sexual practices. They were also given guidelines regarding prevention of fainting and eligibility rules.

Under California law, donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh 110 pounds or more. Temperature, weight, hemoglobin levels and blood pressure are measured and recorded to determine eligibility.

"There was a great turnout at De Anza this year," said McGeachi, "and we will definitely return."

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## Open your mind to others thoughts, beliefs

These past weeks I've heard several people discuss the issue of inter-religious relationships. It's a tough and sensitive subject for some to talk about. Many get very emotional and defensive whenever this topic comes up.

I want to open a debate about inter-religious relationships, express my own opinion and try not to step on anyone's toes. First I should say that the Bay Area is a wonderful place to live; I don't think I've ever seen a place as diverse as right here.

People in the Bay Area are mostly respectful of other ethnicities and religions, yet sometimes there are problems when two people of different backgrounds want to be together. I've heard many Christians, Jews and Muslims say that they couldn't be in a relationship with someone who was not a member of their religion. Almost every time I ask them why, I get the same answer: "My parents wouldn't approve," or "I can't be with someone who doesn't believe in the same things as I do."

I respect that people have strong beliefs and want to be with a partner who shares that same belief. However, I thought that we – the new generation – were beyond race, religion or even sex.

I believed that we were open-minded; we were more accepting of others and we allowed the heart to freely choose whom to love and not base our judgments on race or religion.

Unfortunately, I see that I was mistaken. It is the year 2008 and people still say "I could never, ever, be with a Christian/Jew/Muslim!" I'm not saying there is something wrong with being with someone who shares the same values and beliefs – but that is very different from excluding everyone else who doesn't.

Why can't we have different faiths,

dissimilar backgrounds and still love each other? The answer is we can, we just need to allow ourselves to. Sharing a similar background or religion

doesn't guarantee happiness or a successful relationship. All relationships are risky, so we should take the risk and go for the person we love instead of the person who is most like us.

We aren't our parents, nor do we have to live up to their expectations. Life is too short to waste, so it is important to live your life the way you want and make yourself happy. Choosing

a partner can be difficult and it is important to make sure he or she is someone you will care about. Even though your parents may not approve of your partner, you must remember that it is your happiness at stake, not theirs.

Many of us have made a checklist in our minds of the qualities and personality of our ideal partner. It may come as a disappointment to some, but that person doesn't exist. Who we fall in love with is not entirely up to us; we can try to fight nature but it is easier to follow it.

It gives me a content feeling whenever I meet people who date and marry outside of their religion. It gives me hope for the

future. I hope we will stop letting our differences come between us and we stop hatred and discrimination against others. We should start to accept and love one another instead.

Don't close any doors to anyone because of your fear of the unknown. That door may be the answer to all your prayers – regardless of your religion.

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# SPORTS

## Six in a row

Midfielder Herrera bounces back, nets three goals for De Anza College

**Quan Luong**  
LA VOZ NEWS

On Oct. 10, the De Anza College women's soccer team hosted the Chabot Gladiators and dominated throughout the game, winning 5-1.

The Lady Dons weren't messing around, getting on the scoreboard early and often. The scoring was led off by freshman forward Yasmin Mohamed, as she scored less than a minute into the game to take the early lead over the Gladiators.

The game also witnessed the return to form of midfielder Jennifer Herrera, who made up for lost time on the field. She scored twice in the first half, pushing De Anza's lead to 3-0 before halftime.

"Herrera is at 100 percent full recovery after sustaining a knee injury two weeks ago against the Skyline Trojans," Head Coach Cheryl Owiesny said. "She started slow in the last game against Canada, but today she did a brilliant job for the team."

To open up the second half of the match, Herrera bested the opposing goalkeeper once again, extending the Lady Dons' lead to 4-0 and earning herself a hat trick. With 33:10 remaining, defensive back Rachele Yarber made a hustle play

that led to another De Anza score. Yarber saved the ball from going out of bounds and was able to pass the ball to Mohamed, who then put the ball in the back of the net. This was Mohamed's second goal of the game, and definitively put the game out of reach for Chabot, who trailed 5-0.

In the last 10 minutes, the Lady Dons gave up their first goal in five games, reducing their lead to 5-1 over the Gladiators of Chabot.

"We were able to figure out their offside track, and that helped us come out with a victory," Herrera said. "We were able to work together as a team by keeping our composure together throughout the game."

Yarber, Mohamed and midfielder Alayna Bongiorno each had an assist on scoring plays. But forward Jennifer Kute led the team with three assists in the match.

"In our last five games, we played team defense to prevent them from scoring a single goal," said Owiesny.

The Lady Dons extended their winning streak to six at this point, and they remain unbeaten in the Coast Conference.

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Midfielder Alayna Bongiorno assisted in the Lady Dons' 5-1 victory over Chabot College on Oct. 10.

## Rays make for good television

The beautiful thing about baseball is that it can't be scripted.

Television executives are quivering at the sight of a Tampa Bay Rays and Philadelphia Phillies World Series this year. The Rays have come out from the cellar this year to have a 97-win season, after finishing with 62 wins last season. This was also their first winning season and everything seems to be falling into place for them.

The Phillies are no strangers to the postseason like the Rays are. They won the World Series in 1980, and that remains their lone world championship.

Between the two, the Phillies have a better lineup to compete against the Rays. But the Rays have a good mix of veteran and young players. It should make for a good matchup for the TV people and they should be pleasantly surprised with the ratings they get.



**Joe Chunnick**  
The Sports Blur

Speaking of the lineups, Philly is loaded at the top of their order. They lead off with shortstop Jimmy Rollins, the National League's Most Valuable Player in 2007. He's a quality at-bat for the Phils and a menace on the base paths. Chase Utley and Ryan Howard wait behind him to deliver big hits.

But with this in mind, Tampa's shown a different side of themselves this year, and it all started in spring training when they brawled with the Yankees. They were proving a point and they are still playing, while the Yanks sit at home.

The Rays have speed and power all over their lineup and have proved they are a complete team, even with key injuries to star players during the year. Third baseman Evan Longoria has been a catalyst for this team, along with outfielders Carl Crawford and B.J. Upton, but their biggest surprise has been their pitching staff.

The pitching has taken them deep into games this year, something the Rays have not been totally accustomed to. The old "Devil Rays" would maybe have a pitcher pitch into the sixth inning if they were lucky. Their starting rotation is deep and there is no getting around it.

But when it comes down to it, I like the Phillies' pitching over Tampa's. The Phillies are led by left-hander Cole Hamels, who is 3-0 with a 1.23 ERA this postseason. He's been dominant in his starts and will most likely get the ball in Game 1. Their bullpen has also been stellar, as well. When the Phillies are leading going into the eighth inning, they are 86-0 this season. Along with closer Brad Lidge, who has not blown a save all year, they look unstoppable.

It will be tough to tame that potent Tampa batting order, but good pitching can always beat good hitting. The Rays are out to prove something to the rest of the baseball world and they could very well end up winning the ring. I think the World Series will be entertaining and should make for riveting television, especially if it's been anything like the playoffs thus far.

I'd like the Rays to win the World Series in their first visit, and to win in seven games. How can anyone go against the Rays? They're an exciting team to watch and Fox Television should be happy with the Rays and Phillies.

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## The Sweat Spot

De Anza College men's soccer player Chris Mendoza does this little number to help keep the blood flowing and stay fit.



**1.** Start off by laying down on your back in a relaxed position, preferably when you first wake up at the start of the day.



**2.** Raise your hands above your head and position your arms pointing away from your torso. Stretch and hold this position for at least ten seconds.



**3.** After completing step 2, roll over so that you are laying flat on your stomach.



**4.** Your legs should be fully extended. Stretch your upper body with your hands overhead. Hold this posture for ten seconds. Repeat sequence as desired.

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# ARREST | Police hold wanted man following pursuit

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approached, the officer drew his weapon and moved in to apprehend him. The confusion, the flash pursuit, the adrenaline rush that had started just minutes prior ended just as abruptly at 10:54 a.m. Wednesday.

Officers on the scene breathed heavily in the calm that followed the chaotic pursuit. They had a wanted man in custody. Roozbeh "Rooz" Enayati, a 28-year-old De Anza student, had two outstanding warrants out for his arrest; one in San Mateo County for failing to appear in court on charges of domestic violence, and the other in Santa Clara County for violating his probation.

Several campus and county police units responded to the back up call, and Enayati was placed under arrest at 11:11 a.m. The police searched his person as well as his backpack before locking both inside a Foothill-De Anza police car. Campus police delivered Enayati to Santa Clara County Jail, where he is being held until he can appear on trial.

Interim Director of Campus Safety and Security Bob Cancilla was one of the first officers to respond to the call for back up. "I was very impressed with the other officers' handling of the situation," he said. "It was all done very professionally. Our job is to make this a safe environment for the students and faculty, and I feel we have accomplished that today."

According to the Belmont, Calif., police department, Enayati was arrested July 18, 2006, in Belmont in San Mateo County on a "Battery On Spouse, Cohabitant, Or Former Spouse" charge.

Campus police first received word Tuesday from San Mateo County of the bench warrant that had been issued for the De Anza student's arrest. The police used his schedule

of classes to determine his location Wednesday morning.

At 10:30 a.m., Enayati was attending a journalism class on news writing in room L-42. Two officers, one in a tan uniform and the other in plain clothes, approached the L4 building where Enayati waited unsuspecting.

The plain-clothes officer entered the classroom and, standing near the doorway, asked if Enayati would step outside to speak with him.

"It was probably about ten minutes into class," said Aiselle De Vera, also a student in the news writing class. "He got up and went towards the door and they just left. The whole class kinda looked as they left. We didn't know what happened after that because Rooz never came back."

Once outside the classroom, the plain-clothes officer attempted to speak with him when Enayati, possibly spotting the uniformed officer, turned and fled toward the parking lot.

The officer in uniform, Respicio, followed closely behind while calling into his radio for back up. Units from the Foothill-De Anza police department and Santa Clara County responded to the call, and the North end of campus was soon flanked by several police cars and vans. Campus police were informed of the second arrest warrant after Enayati was apprehended.

"He seemed pretty normal," said De Vera about Enayati. "He'd talk about homework, like what's the answer to this question, or what did you do over the weekend or what classes are you taking. He never really said anything about himself personally."

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# ZILL | 'Bailout' is a rescue plan to save our standard of living

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power over \$700 billion dollars to buy the "so-called toxic paper" (the piles of bad debt clogging the financial system) from whatever institution he wished in an attempt to save U.S. credit markets.

It had gotten to the point that banks were unwilling to lend to pretty much anybody – including each other.

There were at least two rather substantial problems with Plan I – for one, as already mentioned, it would have given Paulson an almost unquestioned authority over the process. And by the time Congress got its hands on the deal it had grown to 106 pages. The Economists

who accepted the need for a plan generally dubbed it "(barely) better than nothing, because something had to be done." Still others were sticking to their faith in markets, and that they would work things out better left alone.

The public's response to the plan was almost unanimous outrage. At first this surprised me, but on second thought, given the public's recent (deserved) distrust and substantial lack of faith in the government, and a PR campaign (if you can call it that) that was perhaps one of the worst since the Philip Morris tobacco company's infamous 2003 study in the Czech Republic which concluded that cigarette related deaths are beneficial to that country because it saves their government more than \$100 million per year in healthcare costs (the unpopularity of the study among Czechs may or may not have been the reason for the company's decision to change its name to Altria), I shouldn't have been.

And, in a not-so-rare act of cowardice, the House (after passing in

the Senate) rejected the plan. With the House's rejection, the Paulson-Bernanke plan set stock markets into a free fall. So they decided to reconsider, and the new version of the bill – which would include additional provisions and several hefty portions of pork (makers of children's wooden arrows were overjoyed – hmm,

never knew they had such powerful lobbyists) – would eventually weigh in at over 400 pages (the plan is now of an indeterminate size).

The bloated bill passed 263-171. And, as an aside, it might be noted that the vast majority of those that voted "nay" are up for reelection in a few weeks. As Hemingway once wrote, "Courage is grace under

pressure."

That was almost two weeks ago, and since then a major change has taken place as to how some of that \$700 billion will be administered. And, given that I am writing this early Wednesday afternoon, the plan in its current state could at this very moment be being tweaked further. So who knows how relevant this all will be when it sees the light of day?

The major alteration, and now the centerpiece of the deal, is that step one will consist of "capital (meaning here: money) injections" into the country's banks (hmm, sounds kind of sexy). Some \$250 billion worth. What this involves is taking an equity stake (hmm, sounds kinda tasty) with the purchase of preferred stock and warrants on common stock (preferred stock differs from common stock in that it pays a fixed "dividend," carries with it no voting rights and, if the company runs into solvency issues, will get paid off before common stock; warrants are "rights" to buy stock).

The deal was brokered by Paulson, who reluctantly accepted the approach that had previously been favored by people like U.K. Prime Minister Gordon Brown, claiming that the direct cash injection approach – which many favored over the more indirect "toxic paper" purchase approach – was a sign of weakness (MEN!). In a scene that sounded a bit like something out of Hollywood (minus the sex and violence, as far as I know), Paulson called the heads of America's major banks to the Treasury, who, somewhat reluctantly, agreed to participate on a "voluntary" basis to the, as

one person put it, "take it or take it plan." This amounts to an, at least temporary, semi-nationalization of the commercial banking system. Additionally, the option of using some of that \$700 billion to buy bad debt is still on the table, on sort of "wait and see" basis. There are a few other elements included in the plan, but space here is too limited to name them.

First of all, let's be clear about a few things. This is no magic elixir. Once the capital injections begin, the healing will take time. We currently have a huge "crisis in confidence" concerning much of our financial system, and considering that this fiasco didn't just happen overnight, it won't be fixed overnight either. Assuming that the recently approved plan works – as well as the other steps being taken or that will be taken to heal our wounds – I'll leave the predictions as to when we can safely say this nightmare is behind us to the crystal ball gazers (or at least maybe another column on another day ...).

Another caveat is that this program is going to be managed by the same folks whose past missteps have helped get us into the mess we are now in. For one thing, both Paulson and Bernanke (and so many more – myself included) underestimated the massive spillover effects from the subprime crisis.

In addition, up to this point you may have noticed that I have not used the term "bailout." This too was, in my opinion, a major gaffe. The emphasis should have been that the plan was not a bailout, per se, of a system that has failed so miserably, but rather a plan to rescue your way of life as you know it.

There was also massive failure in simply explaining to the public how the government's plan was supposed to work. In times of uncertainty, clarity is essential. Consistency is also necessary, and, again, here the government failed when they let Lehman Brothers go belly-up after saving other institutions.

In short, with the banking system staggering from a series of blows, already acting rather chilly to potential borrowers – including each other – it was frozen nearly solid by the failure of Lehman.

Thus, let's just try to carry on with our lives as normally as possible, and hope that the flawed but (again, in my opinion) necessary rescue plan will work its magic.

On second thought, let's pray.

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### EDITORIAL

## How to fix a 21,000 sq. ft. blemish

Let's be honest. It's about the new Visual and Performing Arts Center: It's an eyesore.

It sits in what might be the most prominent and recognizable location on De Anza College campus, its fetid orange color glaring down on the thousands of students who pass it each day on Stevens Creek Boulevard.

The building needs an army of De Anza's best artists to give it the ultimate makeover.

One suggestion is to divide up the walls into blocks, auction them off, and then use the money to pay artists to use creative vision on their seg-

ments, instead of whatever clouded vision the people involved in the choice of color.

Better yet, De Anza students could organize and create either a series of murals or one large mural that encompasses most of the building.

When completed, the mural would be a reflection of a young generation's vision for a better world. Or be



generous about it. Give the wall space to struggling artists or graffiti entrepreneurs. Anything would be better than what's there now. The bloody earthen color is fine in its own right, but standing in unabashed display beside

mission aesthetic, with a bland beige and moody red palette. Did something go wrong?

And if certain people are too afraid of allowing students to have creative freedom, there is an alternative. The college can work with the city to bus in whole classes of grade school children and have them finger paint the building however they like. Riots of hyperactive children will run in the parking lots, tossing paint everywhere they go. A fun time for all!

We at La Voz look upon all crises as unrealized opportunities. After all, if life hands you lemons ... (Especially really ugly Tang-orange lemons.)

### OTHER VIEWS

## So-called 'Bradley Effect' is meaningless today

**Dae Kim**  
HIS OPINION

All this talk about the Bradley Effect is tired, irrelevant trash the media is passing off as interesting news.

The Bradley Effect is the idea that voters – who plan on and will end up voting for the white guy – will claim to favor a minority candidate over a white rival to avoid being cast as racists. Even though Tom Bradley was ahead on pre-election and exit polls, he ultimately lost to white rival George Deukmejian in the 1982 election for Governor of California.

This has no bearing on the current presidential election.

This is no different than a poll asking married women if they cheat on their husbands. Of course a significant number of married women are going to lie about cheating. What about a poll asking if you make over or under \$60,000 a year? Of course a

significant number of people are going to lie about their yearly income.

Newsflash: People lie. Sometimes those lies happen to involve race. The focus should be the fact that polls are inaccurate, not what the inaccuracies happen to be.

This is a perfect example of oversensitivity when it comes to race. Remember the geniuses who wanted to introduce Ebonics into the classroom? In 1996, the Oakland school board wanted to recognize Ebonics as a valid language due to the failing performances of the (mostly black) Ebonics-speaking population.

This patronization is the difference between sensitivity and pandering.



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Their hearts were in the right place, but their brains weren't getting enough sunshine.

It's getting to the point where it is offensive simply to identify someone by his or her race. If an office has one black person while the rest are white, what is wrong with identifying him as the black guy?

Nobody is implying that being black is wrong or bad. They are simply identifying him by the most easily recognizable physical trait, just like calling someone the tall guy, the hot girl or the fat one.

People are assuming that identifying someone by race automatically attaches negative stereotypes to that person. It's like giving someone a

baseball bat and automatically assuming he's going to beat a person over the head with it.

Does anyone else see a problem with that? "Hey man! Don't call him French! That's a horrible thing to say!" What's wrong with being identified as French? The goal shouldn't be to avoid or shy away from racial differences. The goal should be to identify and promote differences.

Let's stop worrying about this Bradley Effect nonsense. Grow a pair and say you're voting for the white (or black) guy. Just because he happens to be white doesn't mean you're voting for him because he's white.

And if you have something to say, feel free to drop by the La Voz Weekly news room. I'm the Chinese guy with glasses.

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## Where's the maverick, his civilized politics?

**Audrey Barker**  
HER OPINION

My friends, whatever happened to the good McCain? In a country split down the middle by partisan tensions, the "maverick" from Arizona – although culturally and fiscally conservative – used to offer us a refreshing sense of unity by reaching across the aisle.

I miss the man who was going to "take the high road" all the way to War-Shington. I miss the good old days of McCain-Feingold, the campaign reform act implemented in response to the 2000 smear campaign launched against the old respectable McCain.

During the recent town hall debate, the new McCain wandered around aimlessly with seemingly no awareness of his surroundings. It is entirely possible that he was struggling to remember the difference between Shi'ite and Sunni Muslims, or merely mumbling the tune to bomb-bomb Iran.

Maybe he was trying to figure out how to spin his latest major drop in the polls. McCain's "wag the dog" political moves seem to be the only thing keeping his campaign off the respirator.

Say, for example, the Democratic

National Campaign is a smashing success. Solution: pick an Alaskan hockey mom as your running mate, and make sure she can field dress a moose.

Say you have a staffer with unseemly ties to Freddie Mac during an economic crisis. Merely suspend your campaign for a few days, and walk around the halls of War-Shington with a self-important wind at your back.

The new McCain seems increasingly deranged as the polls sink lower, laughing at his own jokes and insulting Tom Brokaw.

Oh, McCain, what happened to thee?

After much scientific research, I have formulated a hypothesis. McCain accidentally consumed some traces of nuke-ular waste in his morning bowl of bran flakes, and has mutated into a bitter, crotchety old man who refers to Obama as "that one."

So maybe nu-kular power plants popping up all over the country isn't the best road to energy independence. Obama's stance on the safe storage of nuclear waste could benefit every American, including McCain and – most importantly – "my friends."

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## Radicals not practical, liberals need to grow up

**Kentaro Uzuki**  
HIS OPINION

Obama is not merely a politician's name anymore. For better or worse, it is now a movement.

Who in the world ever imagined an African-American this close to the White House a decade ago? If one of the original founding fathers were here to see Obama proclaiming this country's need for change, he would certainly pass out.

Surrounded by liberals and radicals at college, it seems this nation trusts Obama to bring change. But do we need it? If so, what kind and how?

Change is not necessarily bad. But we have to remind ourselves that radical change does not always work. Consider the French Revolution, which led to terror.

Conservatives also desire change – they just don't believe in radical change. Only slow and steady change makes a difference. Everyone comes to realize it. As the saying goes, "A man who is not a liberal at 16 has no heart. A man who is not a conservative at 60 has no head."

Nobody knows what kind of change Obama will bring. At the beginning of the campaign, he promised to withdraw all troops from Iraq immediately. But it seems a change

occurred in his mind and policy.

On one hand, Obama says that we should employ diplomacy while dealing with Iran, but on the other hand, he says it is appropriate to remove the Taliban from Pakistan. That would re-

quire invading Pakistan. Furthermore, as Ahmadinejad has been shouting about eliminating Israel from the map, I doubt Obama seriously thinks diplomacy could solve the issue.

Economy-wise, I have heard people exclaim that neoliberalism is oppression targeting the poor. But does the American definition of "poor" really compare to children starving in Somalia? The answer is no. Neoliberalism is based on the theory that wealth trickles down, which is a long process. In the end, everyone will benefit from the profits produced by society as a whole. Nowadays every decision is made with short-term vision, and we should really be thinking about the long-term implications of our actions.

Obama is a brilliant, tough and smart person. However, you must consider whether his vision is what we want. Never vote just because you are swept up in a movement.

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# Vote!



On November 4, the United States will elect a new commander in chief. Prior to this, the DASB will be hosting a California Community College Mock Presidential Election (October 28-29) with the purpose to educate and empower students to get involved in the electoral process.

All De Anza students will be given the opportunity to vote including international students, non-residents and minors.

This mock election will be held state wide in California Community Colleges!

If you are interested in being involved in making this event a success please e-mail: [cccmockelection@gmail.com](mailto:cccmockelection@gmail.com)

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and look under #24 of scholarships

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Thursday, October 23  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Hinson Campus Center  
Conference Rooms A / B  
Bring resumes !!!**

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please contact Cindy Lister by Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> at 408-864-5716.