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California Primary

At a glance

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Here is a look at California's presidential primary:

When:

The primary is March 7. That is the earliest ever for California, which held its primary in June until it moved up to the last Tuesday in March in 1996.

What's new:

The open primary, introduced in 1998, is modified for the presidential primary. All votes, including crossovers, will be counted together in an informational-only open primary count. The Democratic and Republican parties will use a second tally to allot presidential convention delegates. It will count only votes cast for candidates by voters from their parties. Crossover votes will count in all other races.

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Federal comission hears testimony on teacher shortage

by Chris Pommier EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The 21st Century Workforce Commission, a federally appointed panel of educators, government officials, business leaders and labor representatives, met last Wednesday in conference rooms A and B in the Hinson Campus Center. Created in 1998 by the Workforce Investment Act, the Commission is traveling to six key destinations across the nation to examine issues pertaining to what they call the digital divide.

This divide is illustrated locally by the growing gap between "the haves and have-nots" according to Lawrence Perlman, Chairman of the Commission.

The commission was in Cupertino to

"learn what the community of Silicon Valley and the state of California is doing to address its workforce demands, and what challenges remain to be conquered," said Perlman.

The commission heard testimony from three panels of local labor, professional and education leaders. Representing educational interests were Dr. Leo Chavez, Chancellor of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District, Dr. Robert L. Caret, San Jose State University President, Vickey Morrow, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs for California Community Colleges and Jim Lason, Executive Director of Workforce Silicon Valley.

Three major topics of concern were

addressed during the educational portion of the hearings:

■ With industry able to pay a higher salary than colleges, what incentives can educational institutions provide to attract the teachers they need?

■ How can the federal government address the low percentage of minorities successfully completing algebra and science classes in Santa Clara high schools? According to Chavez, the number is approximately 10 percent lower than for white students.

■ What can be done to educate American-born students on the necessity of early career decisions, rather than turning to foreign engineers? While organizations like Semiconductor Industry Association would like the government to issue more H-1B visas, educators like Leo Chavez prefer to focus on local students who are unaware of critical career choices.

Catch-22

Colleges are losing the battle for resources with industry giants, said Chavez. This is leading to fewer classes that could create more professionals.

According to Chavez, hundreds of students are on waiting lists for networking,

programming and other information technology classes at De Anza and Foothill.

"We are having a huge shortage of teachers," said Bernadine Fong, Foothill College President. This shortage of teachers impacts the quality of classes and the number of students who can effectively learn.

In order to educate students in the skills required for information technology careers, colleges and universities need to attract qualified teachers. However, in a highly competitive environment like Silicon Valley, where engineering salaries can reach into six figures, most colleges are unable to offer instructors competitive incentives.

The high cost of living in the valley exacerbates the problem, "We lose 50 to 60 percent of final applicants [for professors] when they begin looking for real estate," said Caret.

Encouraging minorities successfully through math and science

Chavez suggested that the federal government spend the same amount of money on the information technology workforce gap as it did on the challenge of sending a

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"I think the federal government needs to set a goal of sending [all students], particularly African American and Hispanic students, safely into a mathematics classroom and returning those students safely, by the end of this decade."



-Dr. Leo Chavez Chancellor, Foothill-De Anza CCD

“ Power concedes nothing without demand.”
 -Frederick Douglass,
 African-American abolitionist

Student worker responds: important issues overlooked



Adam Welch
 OPINIONS EDITOR

Everyday the campus depends on hundreds of hard working students to run the computer labs, library, bookstore and tutoring centers. Now finally their concerns received attention with a recent La Voz article. But with all respect, last week's article regarding student workers at the

bookstore in the Jan. 24 La Voz did not cover important issues regarding student workers on campus.

Student workers at De Anza and their allies have been trying to create campus-wide changes in workplace policies and gain higher wages since the Spring quarter of 99. This stems from the issue that student workers' wages are meager, pay less than comparable jobs off campus and that they have very few rights on the job. Many are international students, whose visas only allow them to work on campus. Thus campus employers rely on a pool of cheap workers who have no other place to seek employment.

Until this quarter the starting wages were between \$5.75 (minimum wage) and \$6.50 an hour. While staff and faculty received wage increases in the past years, only recently have student workers received a small increase to \$6.75 because of their organizing efforts. Even in the aristocracy of Stanford, student workers make a minimum of \$8.75 an hour and West Valley community college student workers make around \$7.00.

With regard to workplace rights, the bookstore completed a long over-due employee handbook under pressure from the student workers. This is an improvement but does not address the key issues

though. All student workers are completely at will employees, and can be fired or laid-off with out reason. They have no process of evaluation regarding raises, and there is no formal process for student workers to address workplace concerns or bring up grievances toward management. For example, when the District had a \$10 million budget crises from mismanagement of funds in 1991, other campus workers received severance pay and seniority in layoffs, while hundreds of student workers were sacked without notice.

What do these conditions say about our college?

Living wage not wage-slavery

Surely what student workers deserve is simply the same basic rights that all the other secretaries, janitors, and faculty on campus have. The college needs to set an example by paying a wage that will help student workers pay for college and living expenses, not leave them stuck in a dead-end, low wage job that makes them eligible for food stamps. Our school should also hold itself to a higher than normal standard regarding workplace rights.

While the student workers have received strong support from the DASB (student government), Inter-Club Council and campus unions, but it is up to the District to decide whether it has integrity and a commitment to its workers and students. The District can either quickly work to meet the demands of the student workers or it can continue to unjustly exploit them.

Do labor rights exist at De Anza?

Another issue is how campus employers have handled student organizing efforts so far. Bookstore management has been involved in dubious incidents that reflect poorly on the rest of the college.

Bookstore workers were holding a meeting in the campus center Sept. 15, 1999, when Bookstore Coordinator Ken DiMare walked by the room three sepa-

rate times in five minutes. In an interview with La Voz staff on Nov. 23, 1999, DiMare said he was looking in on the meeting. "We were missing an employee who didn't show up to work," he said. "As an employer, we have a right to know where our employees are."

DiMare also questioned an off-duty employee about who gave him a flyer and kicked a student out of the store for legally passing out literature. Apparently bookstore management believes that their rights as an employer overrule employees legal rights to organize without intimidation.

Over a series of meetings starting in the Fall 1999 quarter, student workers along with the DASB have tried to address bookstore workplace issues with the administration and Bookstore Director Jim Ladd. While progress has been made in other arenas, they have repeatedly not responded to or reasonably addressed these incidents. The Administration maintains that it always seeks to uphold the law, but if they continue to do so in the same way they have been, it's less than promising.

Organizing for change

By receiving a \$1 raise and improving the bookstore working conditions, the student workers have made significant changes and should be applauded. But this is only a small step towards justice for student workers. The student workers are forming a campus club, United Workers and Allies of De Anza and have linked with the Industrial Workers of the World union (IWW-EWIU 620).

Their efforts lend strength to the words of African-American abolitionist Frederick Douglass, "Power concedes nothing without demand."

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Proposition 21: costly, extreme law aiming to send more juveniles to jail

by **Bill Bystricky**
SPECIAL TO LA VOZ

If voters pass Proposition 21 this March, it will cost the state of California hundreds of millions of dollars every year, and it will cost local communities tens of millions, according to the non-partisan Legislative Analyst. This will mean increasing our state income tax, increasing local sales taxes, and cutting back spending for services such as public libraries, fire stations, and community colleges (watch those tuitions go back up!).

In return for this sacrifice, supporters promise a reduction in crime. What we'll actually get, though, is extremist legislation (previously rejected in our state senate and assembly) that creates what could only be described as a "police state."

This initiative would, for example, allow police to wire-tap anyone they suspect of being a gang member. On its face, this plan might sound reasonable to some. But each police department is allowed to define "gang" anyway it pleases. Currently in San Jose, a gang is any group of three or more people who share any characteristic. If you and two of your friends have body piercings (or dress in a similar style), you're a gang member.

This initiative would also turn any misdemeanor into a felony if committed by a gang member.

But even loners would not be safe from the lunacy of this law. Under Prop. 21, any act of graffiti or property damage, no matter how trivial, would be a punishable by up to one year in jail. If the government spends more than \$400 to clean up that graffiti, one year in prison becomes the minimum sentence.

Locking up one person costs the State of California \$21,000 per year. This helps explain the massive price tag on Prop. 21.

The initiative is designed to be especially hard on youth. Under the current system, when a juvenile is brought to trial, it is up to a judge to determine if this defendant is fit to be tried as an adult. Prop. 21 would take that decision

away from judges and give it to prosecutors. If our nation learned anything from the spectacle of Ken Starr, it's that prosecutors don't need more power.

Prop. 21 would put even more non-violent juveniles in adult prisons where they are twice as likely to be beaten and six times as likely to be sexually assaulted, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. When they're released, they are twice as likely to re-offend. That means more crime on our streets.

Under the current system, juveniles already get stiffer sentences than adults do. In California, the average adult convicted of murder serves 41 months behind bars; the average juvenile convicted of murder serves 60 months behind bars. Do we really believe adolescents should be held to a higher standard than adults

should?

Worse yet, Prop. 21 would punish youth who obey the law. It would impose a daytime curfew on young people throughout the state. Youth who respect the law would have less freedom. Youth who are willing to break laws would only lose this freedom if they were caught. What kind of message does that send?

Prop. 21 has drawn fire from a wide range of people, including District Attorney Terrence Hallinan, the National Black Police Officers Association, the California Tax Reform Association, the American Civil Liberties Union, the California Council of Churches, the California PTA, and even the League of Women Voters. De Anza's own Students for Justice has made defeating Prop. 21 a top priority this quarter.

Unfortunately, there are many voters so eager to lock up youth, they will vote yes without even reading the details. This costly proposition will only be defeated if rational people get out and vote.

You can help make that happen if you hook up with Californians for Justice (408-292-9476) and volunteer to canvas or phone bank for a few hours. But most important: if you turn 18 on or before March 7, register now and vote on Election Day.

Opinion

Proposition

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Juvenile Crime Initiative Statute
Put on Ballot by Petition Signatures

Summary: Increases punishment for gang-related felonies, home-invasion robbery, carjacking, witness intimidation and drive-by shootings. Creates crime of gang recruitment activities. Fiscal impact: State costs of more than \$330 million annually; one time costs of \$750 million. Potential local costs of up to more than \$100 million annually, and one-time costs of \$200 million to \$300 million.

What your vote means:

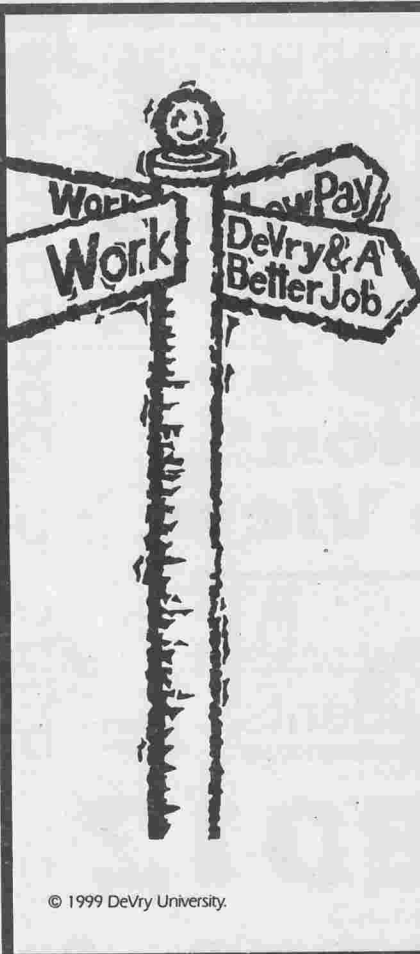
YES

NO

A YES vote on this measure means: Various changes will be made to juvenile and adult law. Among the more significant changes, it (1) would require more juvenile offenders to be tried in adult court, (2) it would require that certain juvenile offenders be held in local or state correctional facilities, (3) it would increase penalties for gang-related crimes, and (4) would also expand the list of violent and serious offenses for which longer prison sentences are given.

A NO vote on this measure means: Current juvenile and adult criminal laws would remain unchanged. For instance, (1) juvenile courts would retain primary discretion to determine which juveniles should be transferred into adult court, (2) courts would retain their discretion on types of placement for juvenile offenders, (3) penalties for gang-related crimes would not increase, (4) the existing list of violent and serious offenses would remain the same.

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San Jose Speedway closes after 55 years

by Robert Haugh
STAFF WRITER

There will not be a 56th season of auto racing in San Jose. After 55 years of glorious racing action, San Jose Speedway was forced to close its doors. According to their press release, President of West Coast Speedways, Rick Farren did not want to forgo another racing season, with the development of a City Council project at the site of the racetrack.

San Jose Speedway was an important venue from its beginning. Starting out as a dirt oval (where its primary function was hosting motorcycle events and occasional midget auto-races), it only took a little time before the track became a paved oval speedway. The pavement escorted various racing events including midgets, hardtops, and super-modifieds.

The speedway hosted fierce rivalries (some were violent, others were merely competitive). The track was a hotbed for exciting racing and often drew crowds in excess of 7,000. Super-modified stars Pombo, Sergeant, Rescino, O' Neil, Henderson, Brazil, Kaeding and others stood flat-out on the floor.

According to an Open-Wheel magazine

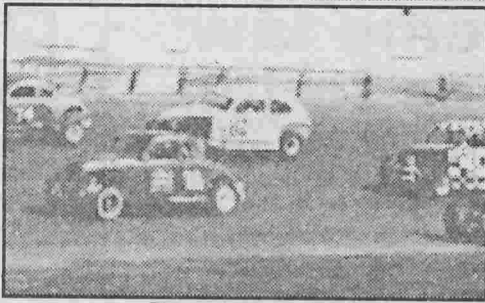


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editor, the speedway was the most competitive track in the U.S. In 1977 the race-track was sold to developers to become a storage center/trailer park unit.

The track's new location was the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. But this track was dirt, not asphalt. Several drivers boycotted the new venue. The half mile dirt track was far different from the one-third mile asphalt speedway.

In 1978, the fairgrounds' track opened. The cars were converted to run on dirt, and eventually evolved into sprint-cars. The new era provided great action, but many claim that the old speedway was the best track of all-time.

15 years later, the speedway developed some problems: attendance began to shrink, more entertainment options were available, parking prices soared to five dollars, races were limited, food prices grew larger, and nearby residents began complaining about noise produced by the 800 HP racecars.

Local politicians strived for more revenue. A plan for a music center (similar to Shoreline) was passed, leaving the speedway little hope. The 1999 Trophy Cup, the richest 360-sprintcar race in the nation, was the last race ever in San Jose.

“ When you're racing - it's life. Anything that comes before or after is just waiting ”

-Steve McQueen
in LeMans, '71

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Commission discusses education

From front page

man to the moon in the 1960's. "I think the federal government needs to set a goal of sending every young student, particularly African American and Hispanic students, safely into a mathematics classroom and returning those students safely, by the end of this decade."

Foreign professionals

According to Chavez, the H-1B visa that allows foreign professionals to come to the United States to work, is not a healthy solution for the long-term.

According to the web site of attorney Sheela Murthy, up to 115,000 H-1B's were issued since fiscal year 1999 (Oct. 1, 1998 until Sept. 30, 1999). Murthy says that this number will decrease to 107,500 for fiscal

year 2001 and 65,000 for fiscal year 2002 and thereafter, unless legislation is passed to increase the H-1B quota or to do away with the limit entirely.

"It makes no sense at all to import workers from 10,000 miles away when 10 miles from here we have a large pool of students ... who are not participating in this economy ... and need to be given the tools to do that." Chavez said.

The 21st Century Workforce Commission has four more stops to make across America, including Minneapolis on Feb. 10, Dallas on Feb. 24, Boston on March 7 and North Virginia on March 29.

The commission's final report will be released in May of 2000. For more information, see the web site at <http://www.workforce21.org>.

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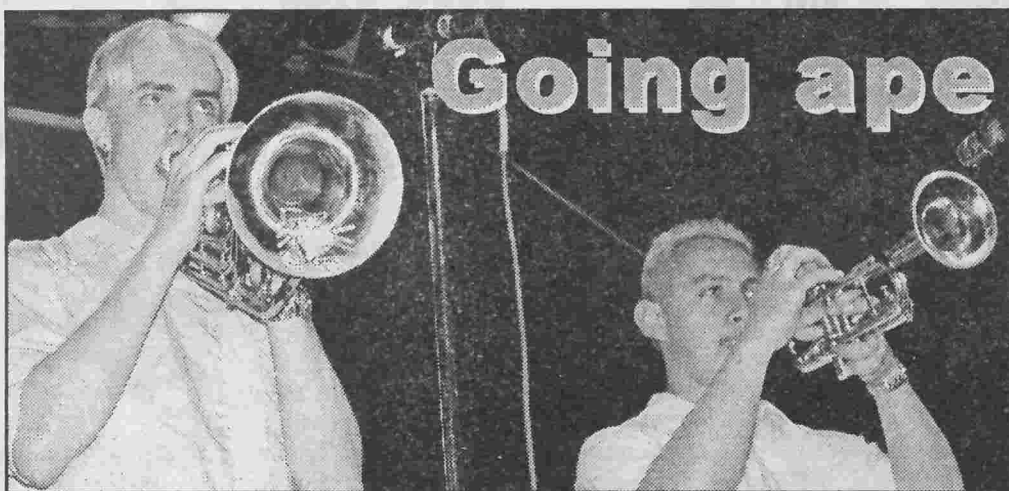
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Dustin and Sergio of Monkey play trombone and trumpet, respectively, at Downtown San Jose's Cactus Club on Jan. 21.

by Michelle Hecht
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

"I would do this everyday," said twenty-one year old musician Dustin James, trombone player of the local Latin/Ska band, Monkey. It's obvious that the other members of Monkey share his sentiments about their music. All you have to do is attend one of their jumping and energetic shows to know how they view their jobs as musicians.

Since 1996, Curtis Meacham, Kevin Miller, Adam Brioza, Micah Turney, James, and Sergio have performed over 600 shows of their high energy dance music. Their songs have a Latin beat, mixed in with a considerable amount of ska, and, in my opinion, an occasional swing jive. It's the blend of trumpets and trombones, with a little Hammond organ thrown into the mix, that conjures up this brassy big band sound.

Dominating most of their melodies,

though, is ska. Ska is the original form of Jamaican pop music, incorporating elements of R&B, South African Burru, Calypso, Latin, and Mento, the Jamaican folk music. Monkey has mastered the art of ska, even winning the 1999 California Music Award for "Outstanding Ska Artist," and being nominated several times for the Bammies and Wammies.

Besides touring across America nine times, being on over twenty international releases, appearing on numerous television shows, including "ESPN Extreme Sports" and "Mornings on Bay TV," what makes Monkey even more exciting is the fact that several of its members attended De Anza. This local band is, in fact, very local.

Growing up in Cupertino, Los Gatos, and nearby areas, the members attended such schools as Homestead High School and Valley Christian, before De Anza. Brioza, Miller, and Meacham have attended De Anza. They took their "first real music classes here," said Meacham. For

an even bigger dose of how local these local boys are, Meacham actually worked at Coffee Society, the coffee shop directly across the street from De Anza, and Brioza still does.

Imagine, a member from the next Smashmouth might have served you a double mocha and a slice of carrot cake.

I would keep my eye out for this intense group called Monkey, because they might be the next best thing to come out of the San Jose area. And I think their fans know it -- every single time Brioza strums the guitar or Meacham belts out those Latin/Ska lyrics, the crowd starts jumpin'.



Michelle Hecht / La Voz

Bass player, Kevin, at the Cactus Club.

Going ape for Monkey

Local band, Monkey, is on its way to musical stardom

Interview with a band member

by Michelle Hecht
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

La Voz: How did you come up with the name, Monkey?

Curtis Meacham: Monkey is a good name for a band that makes island music. Plus everyone likes monkeys and no one is stupid enough (besides us), to use that name because of the '60's group "The Monkees."

LV: Why and how did you get into music?

Curtis: I got into music as a release of energy and expression of talent. A lot of my early music classes I took right here at De Anza. I took Flamenco guitar with the late Anita Sheer. I attribute my passion for Latin music to her.

LV: What do you want to accomplish musically as a group? Individually?

Curtis: Musically ... We want to entertain and hopefully get paid for it, but the live energy is definitely what drives us. Individually ... to get girls.

LV: What have been your influences in life, musically?

Curtis: Music: Skatalites, Fishbone, David Byrne, Elvis Costello, Louis Armstrong and Perez Prado.

LV: How did Monkey come about as a group?

Curtis: I wanted to have a Ska group and I wanted to learn how to play keyboards. So, I called up people, until I had formulated a band and then I learned how to play as I went along.

LV: How do you want to be perceived as a group right now?

Curtis: As a group of D.I.Y. (doityourself) Musicians! We write our own music, record our own albums, distribute, book, tour and support ourselves. There's a lot to be said about self sufficiency.

LV: Has there been a memorable experience while being in this band?

Curtis: On tour there is a memorable experience everyday ... Naked girls on the dancefloor in Austin, Texas ... Statue of Liberty ... Strip blackjack in Utah ... Leaving the trailer door open in West Virginia and having a bass fall out on the road.

LV: What are your connections with Cupertino, San Jose, and other parts of this area? Do you still live here?

Curtis: I live in Sunnyvale, but most of the band lives in the area around Cupertino/Sunnyvale. Also, I used to work at the Coffee Society across the street and Adam still does.



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Curtis Meacham

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- Feb. 11, O'sheas -- San Francisco, Calif.
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Lady Dons defeat SF City College 90-67

by Tom Thygesen

SPECIAL TO LA VOZ

Last Wednesday night the De Anza Women's basketball team defeated San Francisco City College by a score of 90-67 at home.

With the loss to San Jose City still fresh in their minds, the Lady Dons took out their frustrations on the Rams, rolling past them by 23 points. The game quickly started with De Anza up 15-3, with only three minutes gone by. The Rams caught up to within two points of the lead but the Lady Dons didn't give in, building up leads as fast as SFCC could recover. The score was 41-33 at the half.

Due to the youth of this team (10 of 14 women

are freshmen), the women had some trouble on defense in the first half of play. De Anza coach Mike Gervasoni said, "We were confused by the changing of our many defenses."

The Lady Dons came out the second half more poised on defense, never looking back. Then the offense began to take its toll on the Rams. With so many women able to score, it was San Francisco's turn to look confused. Four women scored in double digits, lead by sophomore guard, Alex Cribbs. This second year starter lead De Anza with 24 points, 11 rebounds and six assists and five steals. Cribbs said after the game, "we were a little complacent after the first seven minutes, but I think we played well as a team."

Kimmer Horsen put in 16 points and Natalie

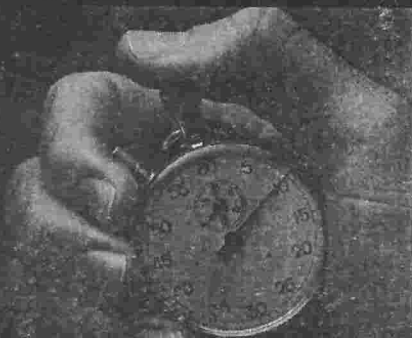
Woo added seven steals. "The early mistakes were due to the fact that we have so many young players, but overall I was pretty happy with our performance," said Gervasoni.

The record of the women's team (15-13 overall, 2-1 in league play) says little of just how talented this team is. They have played 11 games against teams that currently have 20 wins or more. Although most of the team is still learning, they aren't boring to watch. Behind veteran guards Cribbs, sophomores Chi Tran and Woo, the team hopes to have a strong finish going into playoffs.

The Lady Dons play next at home against Ohlone College on Wednesday at 7 p.m. and on Friday against San Mateo at 5:30 p.m. for a double header with the men's team.



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Dons avenge earlier loss Defeat Monterey Peninsula, 81-77

by Tom Thygesen

SPECIAL TO LA VOZ

The De Anza men's basketball team defeated Monterey Peninsula College last Friday night, 81-77 in a league game at home.

The Dons once again missing a star player, Aman Heran, out with an ankle injury, beat Monterey in the final minutes of the game in an exciting fashion. Sophomore guard, K.J. Monroe scored the final point on a free throw attempt that rattled all the way down to give the Dons a 4-point lead with 11 seconds remaining, eliminating any doubt of a De Anza win.

In a fast paced game with countless steals and fast brake layups, the team avenged a three-point loss to MPC earlier this season. Behind second year starting forward, Jason Beyer with 22 points and 10 rebounds, the Dons never let Monterey build anything more than

a 1-point lead at any one time. The win put the Dons at 12-11, 3-4 in league play. After the game Beyer said, "The win was great. We have been playing well as a team lately and the hard work [in practice] has paid off in the game."

All five starters contributed evenly to make it hard for MPC to stop the Dons. The tandem of brothers, Derel Monroe and K.J. Monroe provided much of the backcourt defense and playmaking. Derek had 16 points, 10 steals and K.J. added 12 points, seven assists and six steals. Leading scorer, Sean Mollins provided 13 points, seven rebounds and five assists in his first game back from the flu.

The Dons will go to San Jose City next Wednesday to face off with the rival Jaguars in a league match-up at 7 p.m. They will be at home on Friday to play the late game of a double header against Gavilan at 7:30 p.m. "Come out and see us play," said Beyer.

Car Accident?

A new free report has recently been released that reveals information every car accident victim should have before they speak to anyone. Research shows that even a "fender bender" can cause pain, headaches, even arthritis. Many car accident victims worry more about their car than they do their rights. If you have been involved in an auto accident, listen to the 24 hour toll-free recorded message by calling 1-888-396-2249. The call is free and so is the report.



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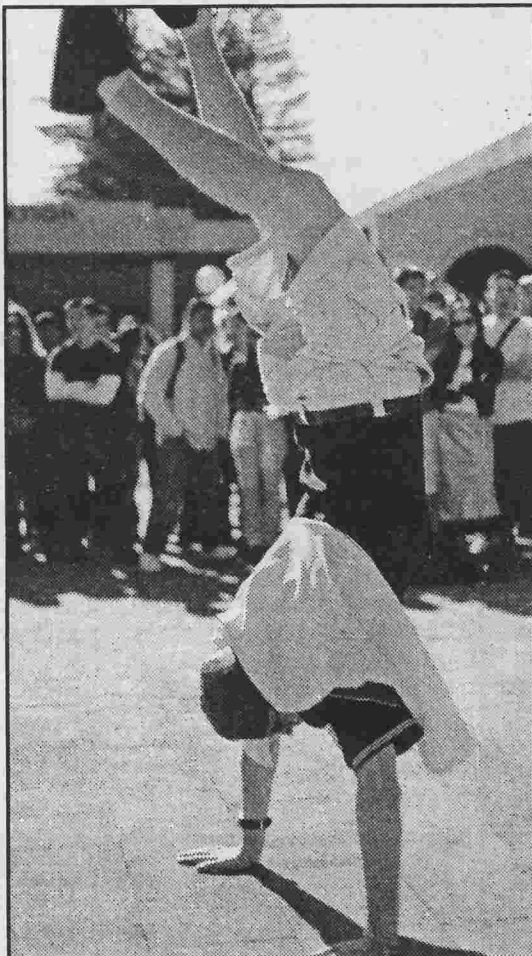
Club Daze



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Above, Gente Del Quinto Sol Right, a student shows off for the crowd.

Below, David Codeglia establishes his shot for the Film and T.V. Guild.



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Left, Chris Pommier, far left, hands out La Voz. Right, a member of the Muslim Student Association answers questions.

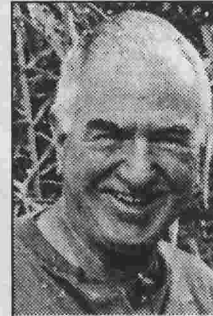


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Counselor's Corner

Feeling a little down?

■ Counselors can lend students a sympathetic ear



Ed Collins
SPECIAL TO LA VOZ

The Star Trek character Spock became famous for his rational, non-emotional approach to problems.

In real life, Leonard Nimoy has a lot of feelings and has published some

poetry. depending on the counseling skills of that friend, you may come away feeling much better, much worse or no change.

Sometimes it is valuable to seek the ear of a person who has talked to many students struggling with personal problems.

Where can you find such a person? You can find them all over this campus. If you keep your eyes and ears open, you will find them.

Watch for the good listeners who are aware of more than words. In a good therapeutic setting each person feels that it is a good fit.

This means that the person seeking help completely trusts the helper and the helper is confident that she or he will be able to bring some degree of peace to a troubling problem.

Check out some of us at the Counseling Center.

We may not have an answer to your problem, but we may help you think through your situation and move toward possible solutions.

You will find people at the Counseling Center who will focus on you and what you are struggling with.

Ed Collins is a counselor for the De Anza college counseling department.

poetry.

As a student, there are times when feelings seem to get in the way of getting class assignments done.

The truth is there are times when each of us is faced with feelings of rejection, sadness and downright depression.

If you are feeling down much of the time and it is affecting your performance as a good student, it may be time to seek help. There is no shame in admitting you need help.

It takes a strong person to admit that -- and an even stronger person to go for that help.

So where can you get that kind of help? The natural inclination is to talk to a close friend and,

Student Activities

January 31 - February 6, 2000

Food Service Menu:

- Monday: Chicken Caesar.
- Tuesday: Hot Roast Beef Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy.
- Wednesday: Super Nachos.
- Thursday: Turkey Club Sandwich.
- Friday: Fish & Chips.

Clubs/ICC/DASB Meetings:

- Monday, January 31**
- Gente del Quinto Sol. 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Student Council Chambers.
 - Honors. 12:30 p.m. - 1:20 p.m., L26.
 - DASB Travel. 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., TBA.

Tuesday, February 1

- Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship - Prayer Meeting. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Meeting Room 2.
- De Anza Students of India. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Student Council Chambers.
- Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Association. 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Room. L-11
- Students for Justice. 12:30 p.m. - 1:20 p.m., Student Council Chambers.
- Student Ambassadors. 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Student Council Chambers.

Wednesday, February 2

- Blood Drive. 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Student Council Chambers.
- Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Student Council Chambers.
- Women Awareness & Allies. 12:30 p.m. - 1:20 p.m., L83.

- DASB Finance. 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Meeting Room 2.
- Hillel. 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Don Bautista Room.
- DASB Senate. 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Conference Room A.
- Bottomfish. 5:10 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Administrative Conference Room.

Thursday, February 3

- Students for Justice - Pam Africa. 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Conference Room B.
- Muslim Student Association. 11:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m., Student Council Chambers.
- Brothers & Sisters United. 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., Student Council Chambers.
- Students for Justice. 12:30 p.m. - 1:20 p.m., L31.
- Students for the Truth. 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Student Council Chambers.
- Deutch. 2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., L64.
- Grace Fellowship. 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Student Council Chambers.
- Phi Theta Kappa. 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Santa Cruz Room.

Friday, February 4

- Grace Fellowship - Club Activities. 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., L72.
- Film & TV Guild. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Student Council Chambers.
- De Anza Taiwanese Association. 12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., L31.
- Indonesian Student Organization. 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., L24.
- Vietnamese Students Association. 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Student Council Chambers.
- Dance Connection. 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., PE 11U.

Saturday, February 5

- Dance Connection. 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., PE 11U.

Sunday, February 6

- Dance Connection - Rehearsals. 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., L72.

World

News

ARKANSAS - Edward Bohanon, 42, rolled his wheelchair up to the counter at the Kreme Kup dairy bar last week, ordered a jumbo double cheeseburger, and passed the waitress a note on the back of his personal check stating he was robbing the place. When police cornered him as he was wheeling down the street, he got up and ran. They caught him, though. His address was on his check.

CHECHNYA - Russian President Vladimir Putin has been strangely silent on the Chechen conflict lately. His military officials claim to have seized a strategic square in the center of the Chechen capitol of Grozny after a week of heavy fighting. Key positions in the city continue to change hands as Chechen militants continue their guerrilla war against the oncoming Russian army.

CHILE - There's a glass house in Santiago, Chile, with

a woman living in it. Architect Arturo Torres wants Daniela Tobar, a 21-year old Chilean actress, to live "a normal life" for two weeks while project organizers learn about a person's right to privacy. She eats, sleeps, showers, and goes to the bathroom in plain view -- the toilet is made of porcelain -- but is growing annoyed at waking every morning to the chants of "Undress! Undress!" from bystanders. Police visited the home on Tuesday and tried to shut it down, but city hall had already issued the permits.

LOS ANGELES - A former Soviet colonel appeared at a Republican congressional hearing this week and swore there are suitcase-sized tactical nukes planted all over the United States. Stanislav Lunev said he was to find locations in the U.S. where communication devices and weapons, including nuclear weapons, could be planted for pick up or detonation. He offered no proof and the Democrats on the other side of the aisle believe none will be forthcoming. Congressman Dan Burton of Indiana

NASA - The lost Mars Polar Lander may have lived, according to some preliminary radio signals received at Stanford University. Searchers have sent signals to the lander four times, and they've received possible answers twice. More work needs to be done including fine tuning the antenna and telling the lander to turn on and off at precise moments. Scientific work is ruled out if the lander should answer back but we may have some answers as to what happened during landing.

SAN JOSE - At the time of this writing they are planning to move an old hotel. The 89-year old Montgomerie Hotel will be shunted 180 feet south to make room for Fairmont Hotel expansion. It weighs 4800 tons and officials are going to be very, very careful with it, going to be a slow and tedious process and they are planning on a crowd gathering, in case they drop it.

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton delivered his longest State of the Union speech in history Thursday night and gave himself great marks. "The state of the union is the strongest it has ever been," he said. He thanked his wife he loved her and promoted Al Gore's run for presidency. Republican lawmakers, as expected, had an issue with some of his proposals which ran the gamut from tax issues to campaign finance reform to a mild call for revolution.

- Compiled by Bryan Rocks

Backtalk

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Compiled by Ashley Johnson
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What clubs would you like to see on campus?



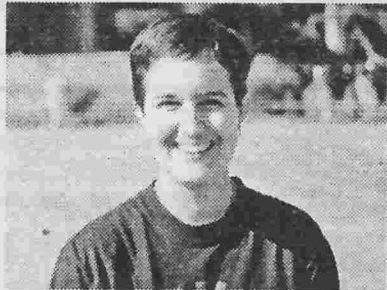
Abe Menor
"All the clubs are good, because there is a variety ... very good diverse setting."



Daniel E.
"Hip-hop and instrumental."



Laurie Miller
"A Latin club, rather than just a Spanish club, so it covers all areas. Community outreach and student support groups for new students..."



Maria Munoz
"More political clubs addressing power of people, workers' unions in the U.S."



Michael Selby
"Public art clubs, more women's clubs."



Tina Tran
"More dance clubs, like couple dancing, such as, flamenco, ballroom, and lambada."

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The next issue of La Voz, the weekly student newspaper of De Anza College, will be available Feb. 7. Look for it!

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