

The week ahead

Personal statement workshops

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11:30am to 12:30pm
Tuesday, Nov. 6, 1 to 2:15pm

Flu shots for everyone

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Nov. 7 & 8
9am-3pm
Students only

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Nov. 14 & 15
9am-3pm & 5:30-8pm
Students, Faculty and Staff

Inter Club Council food drive

Donate canned and nonperishable foods to the ICC food drive. Food will be given to people in need at the De Anza Child Development Center and Cupertino Community Services. The following are drop off locations.

Student Activities
(lower level of Campus Center)

Administration Building Lobby

Learning Center Lobby

Advanced Technology Center

Wellness Center

Monday, Nov. 5
to **Wednesday, Nov. 21**

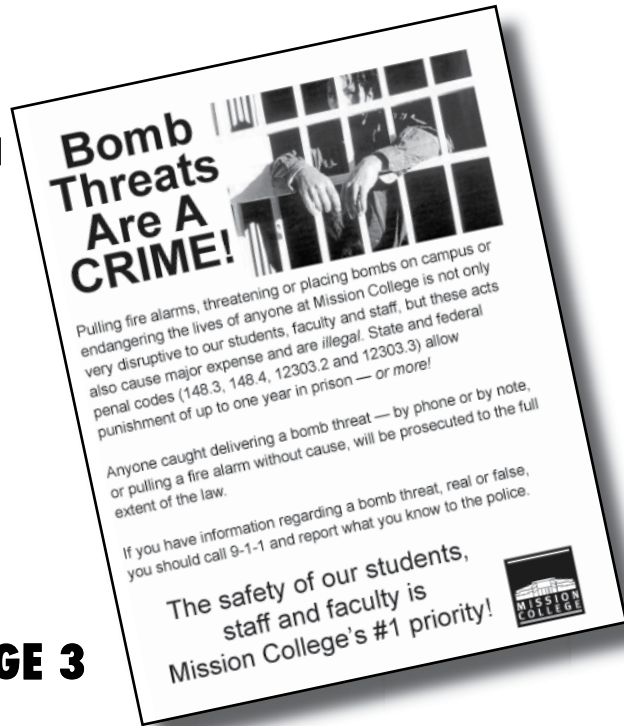
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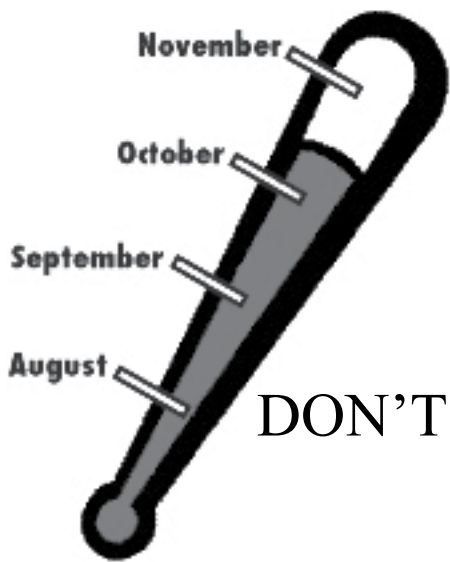


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Happenings@LaVozDeAnza.com

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, Nov. 12
Veterans Day (College Closed)

Friday, Nov. 16
Last day to drop with a "W."

Thursday-Friday, Nov. 22-23
Thanksgiving Holiday (College Closed)

Friday, Nov. 30
Last day to add CAOS and Skills self-paced classes

INTER CLUB COUNCIL

FOOD DRIVE
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The following are areas where people can drop off their donations of new toothbrushes and food:

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PERSONAL STATEMENT WORKSHOPS

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Monday, Nov. 19, 12:30-1:30pm

UC AND CSU APPLICATIONS

Students planning to attend a UC or CSU in the fall of 2008 must fill out an application by 11:59pm on November 30. Student may start their applications now; completion of the essay portion is highly recommended for UCs. Applications may be filled out online at www.csumentor.org for CSU's and www.admissions.ucop

[.edu/pathwaysF2008/Pathways](http://deanza.edu/pathwaysF2008/Pathways) for UCs. For a paper application or general inquires about the process, visit De Anza's counseling center located upstairs of the Student & Community Services Building.

SKILLS WORKSHOPS

The Tutorial and Academic Skills Center in L47 is offering free interactive skills workshops for all students. Workshops will be going on through November.

- Monday, Nov. 5
- 10:30am: BrainGame: Time Management
- 1:30pm: Textbook Reading
- 2:30pm: Goal-Setting & Motivation
- Tuesday, Nov. 6
- 10:30am: Spelling Skills
- 11:30am: Test Taking
- 1:30pm: Writing/Grammar Web Resources
- 2:30pm: Hot Topics, Cool Summaries
- 4:30pm: Anti-Procrastination
- Wednesday, Nov. 7
- 9:30am: Note Taking
- 10:30am: Braingame: Engaging Ethics
- 11:30am: Critical Thinking
- 1:30pm: Memory Skills
- 3:30pm: Braingame: Communicating in Study Groups

Thursday, Nov. 8
9:30am: Sentence Skills
10:30am: Note Taking
11:30am: Vocabulary in Context

Friday, Nov. 9
9:30am: Braingame: Concentration
10:30am: Braingame: Effective Decisions
The complete list of future workshops can be found at [http://faculty.deanza.edu/alvesdelimadiana/stories/storyReader\\$9](http://faculty.deanza.edu/alvesdelimadiana/stories/storyReader$9) for more information contact the tutorial and Academic Skills Center. (408) 864-848

A READING FOR PEACE

Wednesday, Nov. 7, 12:30-2pm
A Reading For Peace is an event that gives students an opportunity to read a poem, a very short story, or part of a literary piece in an attempt to stop the war. Students are allowed one minute per reading. All are welcome to join in a life-celebrating event meant to be serious, humorous and playful. The event will take place in ATC 309. For more information contact Robert Dickerson at dickersonbob@fhda.edu

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BONE MARROW DRIVE

Wednesday, Nov. 7 - Thursday, Nov. 8
The Vietnamese Student Association is hosting a bone marrow drive with the Asian American Donor Program. Bone marrow is just as important as blood donations, but is not as readily available since marrow is not as easy to match. For more information on the event or how to donate contact KD Le (408) 864-5673 or Duc Nguyen (408) 864-8920, advisers for VSA.

KEEPING YOUR RELATIONSHIP HEALTHY: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EVENT

Thursday, Nov. 8, begins 6:00pm
Students will hear from professionals in the community about what defines an abusive relationship and what to do if they find themselves in one. Students can also find out how to help a friend who may be in an unhealthy situation with his or her significant other. The event will take place in Conference Rooms A&B in the Campus Center.

INFORMATIONAL STUDY ABROAD IN FLORENCE, ITALY MEETING

Thursday, Nov. 8, 12:30-1:30pm
Foothill/De Anza's Campus Abroad Program is giving students the opportunity to study in Florence, Italy during the Spring 2008 quarter. To learn more about the program, a meeting will be held in Admin 103. A second meeting will occur on Dec. 6 in the same time and location. For more information contact Art Turmelle at (650) 949-7614.

INTER CLUB COUNCIL CLUB EXPO

Thursday, Nov. 8, 11am-1pm
The Inter Club Council is giving students another chance to meet various De Anza Clubs. Similar to Club Day, Club Expo will feature diverse student-run organizations in a fun and colorful event, taking place in the Main Quad. Meet new people, learn valuable information on getting involved and get free stuff.

THEATREWORKS USA "SEUSSICAL"

Tuesday Nov. 13, 10am
The beloved Childhood tale by Dr. Seuss is coming to the Flint Center. Mischievous Host and emcee The Cat in the Hat will take the audience on a crazy ride into the fun and whimsical Dr. Seuss world. The audience will see all their favorite Dr. Seuss characters including sweet, good-natured Horton and young JoJo. Tickets start at \$10 a person and can be order at this website: www.theatreworksusa.org/show_detail.cfm?show=1490

URBAN ARTS AND HIP-HOP FESTIVAL

Thursday, Nov. 15, 12-3pm
The Institute of Community and Civic Engagement is hosting an event showcasing art with live performances. Source tables will be available for questions on urban culture. The event will take place in the Main Quad in front of the Library.

DISCOUNTED STUDENT PRICES FOR CIRQUE DU SOLEIL: KOOZA

Opens Friday, Nov. 16 in San Francisco
Opens Thursday, Jan. 31 in San Jose
Cirque du Soleil is offering \$31 discounted tickets to college students. Kooza is a return to the origins of Cirque du Soleil that combines two circus traditions: acrobatic performance and the art of clowning. For tickets visit www.cirquedusoleil.com/baystudents.

MYTHBUSTERS

Saturday, Nov. 17, 7:30pm
Go Behind The Scenes With Adam & Jamie. The popular Discovery Channel's Mythbusters comes to life as special-effects experts Adam Savage and Jamie Hyneman use modern-day science to uncover the reality and fiction in urban myths. The show will be held at the Flint Center. Tickets

range from \$36-\$53.50 and can be bought at www.ticketmaster.com.

SCHOLARSHIPS AT DE ANZA 07-08

Get an early start on De Anza scholarship applications. Apply to a hundred available. Applicants must meet the requirements for each scholarship and get a recommendation from a professor. Most applications are due on February 14. To get the forms to apply or for more information check out <http://www.deanza.edu/financialaid/scholarship.html> or visit the Financial Aid office.

DISCOUNTED AMC MOVIE TICKETS

De Anza's Student Accounts Office is offering discounted AMC tickets. Tickets range from \$6.50-\$7 depending on when the movie will be watched.

DE ANZA ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY

The DASB represents the students' interests on college and district committees developing college policies. The Senate normally meets on Wednesday at 3:30pm, except the first meeting of the month, which meets at 4:30pm. The meetings are held in the Student Council Chambers located in the lower level of the Hinson Campus Center.

INTER CLUB COUNCIL MEETING

The ICC stands for De Anza's Inter Club Council, a place to inspire creativity and connections. The ICC is composed of over 50 clubs that cover a diverse range of student interest. To participate in the ICC representative meetings come to the Student Council Chambers on Wednesdays from 1:30-2:30pm.

BURDEN & BONUS EXHIBIT

The California History Center is exploring the history of the preservation and demolition of the De Anza campus. The exhibit will continue until April 2008. For more information, contact (408) 864-8986.

FINANCIAL AID

Receive money for classes by filling out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students may qualify for a fee waiver or receive money for books. Offices can be found downstairs of the Campus Center and the North side of the Patio.



STUDENTS WORKING FOR STUDENTS

Office Phone #: (408) 864-8429

The DASB Senate Office is located on the lower level of the Hinson Campus Center. Come down and visit us! (We get really, really lonely.)

Official DASB website:
<http://deanza.edu/dasb>

DASB Blog:
<http://deanzacollege.blogspot.com>

Want to make your voice heard?

DASB Student Forum

When: Wednesday, November 7, 11:30am - 1:00pm
Where: Student Council Chambers (Bottom Level of Hinson Campus Center)

Tentative Topics:

- Parking & Security
- Smoking Policy, Health-Related Issues
- Facilities / Construction
- General Classroom / Instruction Policies
- Student Grievances and more!

Do you have... Go to the DASB CARD office today!

DASB Card Office Location:
Lower Level Hinson Campus Center (Across from Le Cafe)
Telephone Number: (408) 864-8429
Monday-Friday
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
For more information go to:
www.deanza.edu/dasb

Why do we need the DASB CARD?

- It serves as your photo ID when on campus
- Allows access to the library and computer facilities on campus
- Enables you to enjoy student discounts (including AMC movie tickets and restaurant discounts)
- Proof of your DASB membership when you apply DASB scholarships

You have many different cards...

Schools deal with threats

DE ANZA AND MISSION COLLEGES RECEIVE THREATS BY PHONE, POST-IT NOTES

John Capuchino
and
Shabnam
Mahmoudkhan

LA VOZ NEWS

Two colleges in Santa Clara County, De Anza and Mission, have been the victims of violent threats this fall.

A bomb threat was called in to the De Anza College Campus Center on Oct. 1, and another threat was called in to the De Anza Bookstore on Oct. 18, at approximately 3:30 p.m. Mission College's bomb threats were written on Post-It notes, and left in the men's bathrooms in September and October. Mission received two similar threats in April and one in July.

"All public institutions, not simply colleges or universities, encounter this, unfortunately, from time to time," said De Anza's Communications Director Marisa Spatafore.

The suspect who called in the De Anza bomb threat had a man's voice, and the Campus Center kitchen staff was cleared out for approximately 30 minutes.

The suspect who called in the second threat had a woman's voice and said a

phrase similar to "someone is going to die, something is going to happen like 9/11, someone is going to die," said Bookstore Director Jeri Montgomery.

The threat was not a specific bomb threat, nor was it specifically made to the bookstore or even the campus, she said. "The police were here within minutes; they came and talked to the person who took the call. We closed at five, but the police were still here."

Both calls were from anonymous callers with blocked caller IDs. According to police records, these were the only threats of this type made to De Anza or Foothill Colleges over the last four years.

The best policy concerning bomb threats is one that causes the least amount of alarm, said Ron Levine, chief of the Foothill-De Anza District Police Department. The worst thing to do, he said, is to give the suspects the attention they desire.

"The sad fact is that one threat can engender copycat threats," said Spatafore.

Mission College is using another tactic to deal with the threats: bomb threat posters

posted throughout the college, citing penal codes and prison terms served by those convicted. Peter Anning, Mission's director of Marketing, Public Relations and Graphic Design Services, said putting up posters is effective, to acknowledge that authorities know threats are being made, to let the public know what is being done to capture and stop the perpetrator, and to let the suspect know what will happen when he or she is caught.

To detonate a bomb that causes bodily harm to anyone is a felony, Anning said, and carries a life sentence, while a threat is a misdemeanor.

Whenever a violent threat is made to De Anza, authorities use a checklist to analyze information for their investigation. Specific criteria need to be met in order to consider a bomb threat credible. Most bomb threats are hoaxes, Levine said, and authorities only evacuate buildings when there is a credible threat, after police investigate.

"The college follows well established protocols, and that includes close communication with Campus Security in assessing any type of potential threat, said Spatafore. "The college has a well

Bomb Threats Are A CRIME!



Pulling fire alarms, threatening or placing bombs on campus or endangering the lives of anyone at Mission College is not only very disruptive to our students, faculty and staff, but these acts also cause major expense and are illegal. State and federal penal codes (148.3, 148.4, 12303.2 and 12303.3) allow punishment of up to one year in prison — or more!

Anyone caught delivering a bomb threat — by phone or by note, or pulling a fire alarm without cause, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

If you have information regarding a bomb threat, real or false, you should call 9-1-1 and report what you know to the police.

The safety of our students,
staff and faculty is
Mission College's #1 priority!



IMAGE COURTESY OF PETER ANNING

An example of the flyers Mission College posts around campus to warn students of the consequences of making a bomb threat.

developed plan to deal with any sort of potential threat as well as earthquakes, fires

News in Brief

ICC 2008-09 budget approved in meeting

Ehssan Barkeshli

LA VOZ NEWS

Howard Irwin, dean of Counseling and Matriculation told students to come to the counseling center and "get going" on their transfer planning process before the rush in November at last Wednesday's meeting of the Inter Club Council.

John Swensson, vice president of Instruction, reminded members of the Inter Club Council, whom he called "the leaders of De Anza College," to graduate, even if planning to transfer. He said it only requires a one-unit P.E. course, in addition to the transfer requirements and one never knows when an A.A. degree could help them. He thanked the ICC for what it does, reminding students to wear their seat belts and stay off drugs.

The ICC requested \$287 to replace a broken CD player in the ICC public address system. De Anza Circle K requested travel funds of \$1,625 for a Circle K Conference in Sonora, Calif. on Nov. 2-4 for 13 students. Both of these requests were approved, placing the ICC Club Budget at \$13,595 and the ICC Travel Budget at \$10,250. The ICC Budget Proposal Request for 2008-09 was approved by vote.

Bill may allow colleges to discuss students' mental health with parents

Erika Hepburn

U-WIRE

In light of the events that occurred at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, some government officials want to make it easier for universities to talk to the parents of students who may have mental health issues.

Rep. Tim Murphy, R-Pa., introduced the MH-SAFE Act, which would amend the current Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

As it stands, FERPA allows "educational agencies and institutions to disclose certain information to parents of students who may pose a significant risk" of harm to themselves or to others in case of emergencies.

FERPA is open to interpretation and has led to confusion among schools.

Murphy said many schools have differing policies on disclosing information out of fear of lawsuits, and rather

than talking to parents, they end up talking to lawyers.

The legislation would make it easier for colleges to relay information to parents regarding students' mental health conditions without the college fearing a lawsuit and without the confusion.

"With existing law, the current burden is unfairly placed upon the college personnel to make decisions for something they aren't trained with," Murphy said in a phone interview. "If a professor of history or agriculture hears about a student with serious problems and thinks that student may be harmful to himself, the decision is left up to them to tell someone."

If it is not an emergency, FERPA does not allow parental notification.

"Schools are afraid of being sued," Murphy said. "My point is to make a mechanism so schools don't have to be afraid of lawsuits."

But some people, like Dr.

Bob Portnoy, director of Counseling and Psychology Services at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, disagree with the proposed legislation.

"It's unnecessary because I think it makes things more difficult and more complicated," Portnoy said. "We have FERPA already in existence, and FERPA allows for the kind of intervention necessary when we have students who are either at risk themselves or are placing others at risk."

UNL has a procedure set in place regarding students who seem to pose a threat; this does follow FERPA regulations, said Officer Jim Davis of University Police.

"UNL has a threat assessment team in place where the police department works with the psychology department if threats come to our attention," Davis said.

Nebraska Rep. Lee Terry believes there is a lot of confusion regarding the issue. ■

Cards accepted

HINSON TO ACCEPT VISA, MC BY END OF THIS WEEK

Ehssan Barkeshli

LA VOZ NEWS

The Hinson Campus Center will accept Visa and MasterCard by the end of this week.

"There are just a few more things to be set up so that the process will run smoothly, but we are very close," said Patrick Gannon said, director of the Hinson Campus Center.

Since the Campus Center re-opened last September, cash has been the only form of money accepted. However, there is one U.S. Bank ATM machine which allows students to withdraw cash. The machine requires a \$2 transaction fee, and is unreliable, according to a technician working on it.

"If it doesn't go out of order only once, it happens two or three times within just a few hours, taking upwards of twenty minutes to fix every

time," he said. Thus, alternative ways to pay for meals are attractive to students.

Since card services charge the school for every transaction, accepting credit cards could increase prices. This could make more of a long term impact than an ATM transaction fee.

"The cafeteria is essentially a break-even project," said Jeanine Hawk, vice president of Finance and College Services. "It's not meant to make a profit in the end."

During the last fiscal year the Campus Center was open, 2005-6, the cafeteria made only \$9,000 off a total 1 million dollars in food sales.

If the profit margin were to be lowered further due to the cost of card services, the school would need to sacrifice something in regard to the af-

fordability or the quality of food. "It is for this reason," said Hawk, "that in the 1990s fast food companies such as McDonalds and Burger King remained cash-only for so long."

Ganon, said, however, that food prices would not rise.

The function of accepting card transactions in the cafeteria was not delayed because of budgetary reasons, he said, but because of third parties.

These included dealing with the district, working on the Point of Sales system, communicating with the contractor, dealing with laborers to run the electric cables and addressing the school's electronic technology system.

"You'd think it'd be an easier process to get this all set up," he said. "But we're finally here." ■

Theft increases not consistent with police reports

Sonia Easaw

LA VOZ NEWS

"In the six years I've been here, we've never had so much theft," said CJ Jones, director of De Anza's Lifetime Fitness Center, about a recent increase in locker room theft this year.

Signs posted in the women's locker room warn De Anza College physical education students of increasing locker room theft.

However, the number of police reports filed reporting locker room theft does not indicate an increase.

Only three reports of burglary in both the women's and men's locker rooms have been filed this

calendar year, on March 13, April 24 and Oct. 2, said Chief Ron Levine of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District Police. The reports filed in March and October were about the women's locker room. The one in April was a report of burglary without force in the men's locker room.

Jones tells students to file a police report when they come to her about a theft, but says she thinks students do not file them because they think nothing will be done about it.

There is no way to confirm the reliability of a report that is made, said Levine, although cases of students falsely reporting stolen valuables does

not happen often.

Most De Anza students seem honest, said Jones, and they have returned valuable items such as iPods or wallets that have been left around.

"I don't understand why people steal from students. Students are not wealthy," said Jones.

Jones recommends using a more expensive lock such as a Master Lock key lock that is harder to pick.

Sabrina Nall, 40, who is studying to become a registered nurse, uses a locker while working out at the Lifetime Fitness Center. She said that school isn't cheap, and often students are told to buy the most expensive

lock because those are harder to break into. This may pose a problem for students who can only afford the cheapest lock, she said.

Nall urges students to file a report, because action can only be taken once thefts are reported.

De Anza students who take a physical education class or a dance class can sign up to use a locker.

Burglary is different from theft because it includes an element of force, such as entering a building and breaking into a safe to steal valuables. Theft may be stealing items from a locker without breaking the lock. ■

"We're all starving students, why the hell would we steal from each other?"

Sabrina Nall, De Anza student

Gulf Coast recovery is slow but steady

Alex McAdams
U-WIRE

Two years after Hurricane Katrina, officials on the Gulf Coast say the rebuilding and recovery efforts are slowly proceeding.

Despite volunteer efforts and community morale, rebuilding the Mississippi Gulf Coast is a slow process, said Biloxi Mayor A.J. Holloway.

Pass Christian Mayor Chipper McDermott echoed these sentiments and said, "The first year, we just strictly survived. We consider ourselves really in one year of recovery rather than two."

According to McDermott, the area harbored 1.5 million cubic yard of debris. The Biloxi area was left in a similar state. "We give ourselves a five," said McDermott, regarding the morale and efforts to rebuild in Pass Christian.

Six thousand homes were lost in the city of Biloxi alone, and many businesses were destroyed as well.

"We knew from the outset that some areas would build quicker than others," Holloway said. "Some will take years, and some don't want to rebuild."

Coastal cities from New Orleans to Ocean Springs are all dealing with the same issues. The bureaucratic red tape of FEMA has slowed down the rebuilding process dramatically, Holloway said.

"Four things affect recovery right now: insurance, flood elevations, cost of construction and cost of land," said Holloway.

The flood elevations are regulated by FEMA and are still undetermined, which poses a problem for reconstruction.

"If you don't build back to the base flood elevation, you can't get financing. If you can't get financing, you can't build. If you can't pay your insurance, you can't get financing," Holloway said.

Coast contractors have informed Holloway that construction is increas-

ing three to four percent per quarter. "That's anywhere from 12 to 20 percent a year," Holloway said.

The future of Biloxi is still in question. Twenty-six condo projects are planned for the city of Biloxi, but only one is complete, and two are still under construction.

"How many of those [condos] will become reality, I don't know," Holloway said.

Since the city of Biloxi is operated entirely by entertainment, mainly restaurants and casinos, Holloway has no objections to Biloxi becoming a city not unlike Gulf Shores or Destin.

Pass Christian's state of affairs is relatively the same as far as rebuilding goes. The makeshift Pass Christian City Hall is located in various trailers as well as other city and county offices in Gulfport and Biloxi.

According to McDermott, several rounds of the financing process for the city must be completed before anyone sees the results. "We're going to get the money, but it's not here yet," McDermott said.

Aesthetically, the coast is doing its best to become more pleasing to the eye. The foliage is blooming from the once-haggard trees, and the Mississippi Department of Transportation has planted new trees along Highway 90, the main thoroughfare that connects the coastal cities.

Becca Bernheim, a 17-year-old senior at Gulfport High School, said the coast is well on its way to recovery and considers Katrina a blessing in disguise.

"As much as Katrina destroyed the coast, it also opened a window of new opportunity to improve it," Bernheim said. "Facilities looked dirty, abandoned and were honestly in need of renovation. Many companies and homeowners took advantage after the storm to give the coast a modern makeover."

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New California bill limits book prices

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U-WIRE

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed State Assembly Bill 1548 into law Friday, creating guidelines for publishing companies, university faculty members and university bookstores to take measures against the rising cost of college textbooks.

The new law places specific restrictions on the three main parties involved in getting textbooks to students: publishing companies, faculty and bookstores, said State Assemblyman Jose Solorio, the bill's author.

Publishing companies often withhold critical information about textbooks, such as cost and content, when it comes to marketing new materials to university faculty, said Sarah Dobjensky, chair of the UCLA chapter of CALPIRG.

Faculty often do not know the exact prices of the textbooks they assign for classes and can have little

knowledge of the types of changes made in new editions of textbooks, Dobjensky said.

As a result, faculty may assign expensive new textbooks with little substantive changes to the text.

The new law will require publishing companies to disclose wholesale textbook prices, any new editions soon to be published and expected changes in new editions to university faculty, Solorio said.

That way, faculty can decide if they need to assign new textbooks instead of using old editions, Dobjensky said.

Publishing companies will be required to disclose the price differences between bundled texts, which come with multimedia supplements but can be significantly more expensive, and unbundled texts upon faculty request.

The law also requires publishers to indicate any changes to new editions of textbooks on the books

themselves so students can decide if they really need the new edition, Solorio said.

Schwarzenegger said in a press release that he signed AB 1548 because it not only targeted publishing companies but the faculty and bookstores responsible for high textbook prices as well.

Under the new law, faculty are encouraged to take prices into account when choosing course materials and are prohibited from receiving any sort of special gifts from publishing companies.

The law also requires that bookstores make public their price markups. Like other retail stores, bookstores mark up wholesale prices before making books available to the public, Dobjensky said, though under the new bill bookstores will need to be more transparent about such practices. ☐

Meyer apologizes for Taser incident in letter

Kim Wilmath
U-WIRE

Andrew Meyer has addressed an apology letter to University of Florida students, UF President Bernie Machen and Student Government for his "failure to act calmly" during a Sept. 17 forum with Sen. John Kerry.

In a letter released to the Alligator on Monday afternoon, Meyer wrote that he "stepped out of line" and felt he had tarnished UF's image.

"For that again, I am truly sorry," Meyer wrote.

Meyer, a UF telecommunication senior, was tackled, Tasered and arrested by University Police Department officers during a question-and-answer session following the speech from Kerry, a Democrat who represents Massachusetts.

Meyer was charged with a third-degree felony for resisting arrest with violence.

Furthermore, he was also charged with a second-degree misdemeanor for disturbing the peace.

Meyer has since withdrawn from classes, said Robert Griscti, Meyer's

attorney. He plans to return in January.

Meyer has accepted punishment from UF for violating the Student Code of Conduct, stated a news release from Patricia Telles-Irvin, UF's vice president of student affairs.

The details of Meyer's penalty could not be disclosed, Telles-Irvin wrote.

"Students make mistakes," she wrote. "What's most important are the lessons learned by all of us and making things right." ☐



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Students step out of their shoes



Students Wayne Chang, Kristina Wiedemann, Daniel Sanchez, DC Chatman and Kevin Haggard dressed atypically for an assignment in their EWRT 1A class. Professor Marrietta Reber assigned her students to spend four hours off campus dressed differently, come to class still dressed this way and record if they were treated differently than normal. This interactive assignment is designed to show how people define each other based on appearances. Professor Reber said she got the idea from De Anza Professor Marshall Hattori.

KATIE O'HARA/LA VOZ



MARY-JO LOMAX
health columnist

As we head into November, your thoughts may be on turkey and pumpkin pie, but our thoughts are focused on coughs, sore throats and runny noses. With cold and flu season heading our way, it's time to talk turkey about how you get them, how you can avoid them, and how to take care of yourself.

The common cold and influenza (flu) are both caused by viruses (as opposed to bacterial infections). Over 200 different cold viruses exist, so it's no wonder it's called the common cold. The good news is that once a particular virus infects you, your immune system creates antibodies to that virus which protects you from getting sick from that particular virus again. Vaccines create immunity in the same way, which means that a flu shot boosts your immune system-for that particular strain of flu.

Both cold and flu viruses are transmitted through the same two routes, surface and air. When an infected person touches something like a doorknob or desk, he or she may leave infectious respiratory secretions on those surfaces. When a person sneezes or coughs, these infectious secretions become airborne. You can catch the virus if you touch an infected surface and then touch your eyes or nose, or if you inhale the airborne secretions.

Washing your hands is the most important thing to do to protect yourself from getting a cold or flu. The Centers for Disease Control also recommends that you get a flu shot, avoid close contact with people who are sick, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth and practice good health habits like getting enough sleep, eating a balanced diet, managing stress and being physically active.

If you are sick, protect others from your germs by washing your hands, covering your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, and if possible, staying home.

Health Services offers several over-the-counter medications to help relieve symptoms. Unfortunately, there is no medication that will make your cold go away; decongestants, cough drops and pain relievers simply make you feel less rotten while the virus runs its course, about seven to 10 days.

A cold comes on gradually, often starting with a scratchy throat or runny nose, while the onset of the flu is rapid and usually starts extreme exhaustion and body aches, including a headache.

Sometimes complications can occur. A cold can cause an ear or sinus infection, while the flu can become bronchitis or pneumonia. If symptoms don't improve after 10 days, you should probably seek medical attention. Otherwise, get plenty of rest, drinks lots of fluids and avoid cigarette smoke.

Health Services is offering flu shots free to students with a DASB card on Wednesdays and Thursdays, Nov. 7 and 8 and 14 and 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Faculty and staff can get their flu shots on November 14 and 15 for \$15. Shots will also be available during the evenings on a walk-in basis beginning Nov. 14.

Mary-Jo Lomax is a health educator at De Anza Health Services.

Drinking a rite of passage?

Erica Flint
U-WIRE

At age 16, students get their first taste of freedom – their driver's license.

At age 18, students receive affirmation of their freedom – they are labeled legal adults and given the right to vote.

However, some would argue that it is not until students hit age 21 – and are given the right to legally consume alcohol – that they actually begin to act like an adult.

Twenty-one can, by all accounts, be considered a rite of passage in the United States.

Police Department Detective Sgt. John Buchholz has witnessed 32 years of activity in Oxford, Florida, and he has found that students' drinking patterns seem to change when they hit that magic number 21.

"The last day you are going to be 'wild' is on your 21st birthday," Buchholz said. "Society said 18, you are

an adult, but in college the real rite of passage is 21, that's when you start acting like an adult."

Drinking habits change when you turn 21, according to a 2000 study. Of age students tend to drink on more occasions than underage students, but when underage students do drink, they consume more drinks, according to "Environmental Correlates of Underage Alcohol Use and Related Problems of College Students," a study published in The American Journal of Preventive Medicine.

As far as getting caught, Buchholz said that about half of the alcohol related offenses they charge people of all ages with is possession, while the other half are public intoxication. Although Buchholz said that since there is a greater percentage of students who are under 21, there is a greater opportunity to charge students with possession.

As many college age students will lament, the drinking age was not al-

ways 21.

The drinking age of 21, however, is not a national law. In 1984, Congress said they would withhold 10 percent of federal highway funds to states that did not prohibit selling alcohol to individuals under 21. After four years all states except Louisiana – which held out until 1995 – complied.

Perhaps one of the most difficult elements of the 21 and over drinking age is the social divide that it creates among students – especially in their junior year as students start to turn 21.

The drinking age may not be changing anytime soon, and most believe underage drinking won't either.

This is in part because drinking – both under and of age – has become much of a part of the overall culture of college.

Buchholz believes that this culture of drinking in college is because of several reasons: students being on their own, peer pressure and students

who bring bad habits with them.

"That is a college culture – doing what you want," Buchholz said, adding that if there were no consequences (such as missing class, getting arrested, making poor decisions), no one would care about drinking.

"The fallacy of (drinking) is that everyone does it," Buchholz said, explaining that students surround themselves with other students who have similar habits, because there is approval from those students.

Underage students will continue to engage in risky behavior until they too have learned the lessons their 21 and over counterparts have learned.

"You have to be 21 to understand the culture, and that's probably why it won't change," Buchholz said.

DE ANZA VOICES: What was your childhood nickname?



"Beetlejuice, like that movie, not the one with the creepy white guy, this other one."
Aaron Baker
computer science



"Bex, I guess."
Becca Lotvin
english major



"My real name is Sohrab, but Michael is what I'm called."
Michael Vahidi
undeclared major



"I was just Lydia"
Lydia Yang
education major



"I had a lot. Moose, Peewee, because I was really little. Bebita, like in Spanish."
Monique Cadena
psychology major



"David. Same thing. I don't know."
David Galán
psychology major



"Brynnson, I don't know. I didn't have one."
Brynn Sold
music major



"Lydia."
Firtuna Woldeyes
undeclared major



"Ems."
Emma Klabo
cosmetology major

Player of the Week



**Trevor Addison
Cross Country**

Birthday: Dec. 24, 1988
Event: 4 mile
Fastest Time: 24 Minutes, 43 Seconds
Nickname: Sideshow Bob

Favorite Music Artist: Thrive/Alternative Rock
Dream Date: Jessica Alba
Major: Biology
Dream School: UC Davis

Women Soccer Dons win with 7-0

DONS BEAT SAN FRANCISCO CITY COLLEGE RAMS LAST WEEK AT A HOME GAME

Darren Rous
LA VOZ NEWS

On Tuesday, the Dons (10-4-3) soccer team faced the San Francisco City Rams (1-18-0). The Rams were looking for their first divisional win of the 2007 season while the Dons were looking to avoid getting their first divisional loss of the year.

The Dons started the scoring brigade four minutes into the first half when Kelly Carter connected with the back of the net for her seventh goal of the season. The

Dons would go on to add six more goals including two goals and an assist from leading scorer Jenny Kute. Kute's scoring spree moved her up to fourth in total points for all of California's individual statewide field players, with 50 points to her name.

The Dons' defense allowed only one shot on the goal, as keeper Nancy Gonzalez increased her shutout streak to 330 minutes. The Dons' next game is at home on Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., against the Skyline Trojans (13-4-2).



DARREN ROUS/LA VOZ

A Don passes the ball while a San Francisco City Ram tries to intervene.

UPCOMING GAMES THIS WEEK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7	8	9	10
	Women's Soccer vs. Skyline @ DA 3pm Men's Soccer vs. Chabot @ Chabot 6 pm	Women's Volleyball vs. Chabot @ Chabot 6:30pm Men's Basketball vs. Columbia @ DA 6 pm		Men's Soccer vs. Cabrillo @ DA 3pm Women's Soccer vs. LoPositas @ DA 1 pm Women's Basketball play in Diablo Valley Tournament @ San Ramon TBA Men's Basketball play in the Los Positas Tournament @ Livermore TBA	Women's Basketball play in Diablo Valley College in San Ramon TBA Men's Football vs. Monterey Peninsula @ DA 1pm (last game of the year)

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De Anza's restrooms: thrills, chills, spills

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Whenever Halloween falls in the middle of the week, as it did last Wednesday, the holiday tends to be a demure affair. Some of us had to work, others had to study, but for whatever reason, many De Anza College students had to abstain from the traditional fright-night revelry. Fret not, however – if you didn't get your fill of Halloween thrills and chills last week, there's an easy and affordable remedy: visit any one of De Anza College's illustrious restrooms. In there, it's Halloween every day of the year.

The repulsively unhygienic state of most of De Anza's restrooms is not the college's fault, however. It's ours.

While most students politely and considerately make sure to clean up after themselves in the restroom, there seems to be a rather sizeable cohort for whom throwing away used

tissues is simply too Herculean a task to undertake.

And then, of course, there are those who mysteriously lack the basic hand-eye coordination necessary for the use of a men's restroom – but let's not elaborate on that.

Fortunately, there's a simple solution to this problem that also provides immediate benefits to those who implement it. The dirtiest restrooms on campus get that way because too many people use them throughout the day. On the other hand, there are some restrooms that are hardly used at all, and these tend to be squeaky clean. By distributing restroom traffic more evenly, overall cleanliness will improve.

Using the cleanest bathrooms more will not only serve your own self-interest, but also contribute to the greater good.

To that end, here are a few of De Anza's hidden gems – the cleanest campus restrooms you've never visited:

1. Planetarium: By far the cleanest and most decked out restroom at De Anza, probably because it's intended for the general public. Even the toilet paper is softer. Ooooh!

2. Library, 2nd floor: As we all know, studying is for nerds, which is why hardly anyone visits this part of the library during the day, and also why the traffic at this restroom is non-existent.

3. Science Building: The only thing less cool than studying is studying science, so the traffic at this restroom is pretty low, too. Also, science geeks are notorious hypochondriacs, meaning the cleanliness here is often at germophobic levels.

4. ATC, 2nd floor: A decently clean restroom, again due to low traffic. Not very convenient, though.

5. Any faculty restroom: These go at the bottom of the list simply because it's so difficult to gain access to them. If you can finesse one of your instructors into giving you a key, however, you'll be set for the rest of your De Anza career.

There you have it, the choicest locales on campus to make a "special delivery." For your sake, as well as ours, please use them wisely. 🐱

Ninjas Rock
by Julia Eckhardt

Ninjas are excellent in their own right, however, compared to cyborgs, or as I call them, ugly metal people, ninjas are indeed superior. Cyborgs, sissies and little boys who play tball need body armor. Ninjas do not. Ninjas use nunchucks to deflect bullets with speed and agility. They use their highly trained brains. Ugly metal people don't have brains. Ninjas also have networking capabilities since they come from advanced training groups with a head ninja leader. They travel in groups, unlike ugly metal people who have no friends because they are practically mutants.

Ninjas have brought us timeless stories such as "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles." "Terminator" only brought us a governor with an affected accent.

Ninjas also announce their coming with a sharp trill, heard as "BYAAAH!" Clearly, this is the battle cry of a true and diligent warrior.

Cyborgs Rule
by Jay Donde

For too long now, we, the general public, have had to endure the shamelessly perjurous propaganda of the ninja faction and its allies. We've been told that ninjas are mysterious, nigh-invulnerable warriors of the night – the epitome of esoteric cool. But what have ninjas ever done for us other than inspire a whole slew of lame movies, video games, and comic books?

Cyborgs, on the other hand, have always been at our side. From "Robocop" to Van Damme's aptly named "Cyborg," these mean metal machines have been kicking ass and taking names since day one.

What's a ninja packing, anyway? Some sissy little throwing stars and that kitchen knife they call a 'kitana' blade? Please. Robocop's got a .50 caliber Desert Eagle that ejects from his hip.

No doubt about it, when the chips are down, I want the T-1000, not the Beverly Hills Ninja, on my side.

Can you hear me now?



Last month, Verizon Wireless, one of the largest telecommunications firms in the U.S., admitted to disclosing tens of thousands of customer phone and Internet records to federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.

In hundreds of these instances, which occurred from January 2005 to September 2007, records were transferred without court orders or subpoenas. AT&T and Qwest Communications have also recently admitted to similar behavior.

Unfortunately, these are not isolated incidents, but rather a sign of the times. These days, as a result of

apathy and credulity, American citizens are surrendering rights that men and women have fought and died for since the inception of our country.

This erosion of our freedoms has not been conspicuous. It has been a gradual, subtle process. After Sept. 11, we were convinced that the government needed more information to combat terrorism. In response, the Bush administration quickly passed the PATRIOT Act, granting the executive branch more power than ever before.

The result has been the monitoring of phone calls and Internet activity without warrants, imprisonment without due process, torture and more that we have yet to learn about.

Was Verizon's behavior legal? Yes, says Terry R. Ellis, Esq., Director of Administration of Justice and the Paralegal Program at De Anza College. According to Ellis, records such as these are considered to be the prop-

erty of the company, and therefore the company's to distribute.

But the legality of these actions only further underscores the point, because although Verizon did not commit a crime, what it did was wrong. It is indicative of a modern legal environment in which the government is increasingly empowered over its citizens.

The real danger, however, lies not in today's legal environment, but tomorrow's.

"The history of this country is such that when people voluntarily decide to give up rights, they rarely ever get them back," said Ellis.

This concern is common to many American citizens. Many of us hope that the next presidential election will bring about change in favor of reduced governmental control. Unfortunately, history has taught us time and again that rulers are not quick to relinquish power. 🐱

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Gossiping ladies or pushing up daisies?

THE FALL SEASON TELEVISION LINEUP BRINGS BOTH GOLD IN THE CITY AND GARBAGE THAT'S GRITTY

Ehssan Barkeshli
LA VOZ NEWS

Gold:

"Gossip Girl"
Wednesdays 8 p.m.

In "Gossip Girl" a fabulous new fangled group of elite teenagers live their lives in the posh Upper East Side of New York City where they live, go to school, and sleep – sometimes with each other.

Adapted from Cecilia Von Ziesgar's #1 New York Times Bestselling book series of the same name, which remains privately familiar to most of today's female youth, it plays close to the craft of its source material, altering very little yet adding an ace duet of players.

Portraying the viperous Blair Waldorf is actress Leighton Meester and her best friend/worst enemy Serena van der Woodsen, played by actress Blake Lively. Together they spearhead their high society clique. It was Aristotle who said that the perfect tragedy should take place in the royal court, where connected people of grand status can be dragged through the mud with the greatest effect.

Lately, upper-class high school melodrama seems to have taken the place of the old "gridirons" of the stage, as its turbulence remarks well the hyperbole of Romantics, where status means everything, love knows no bounds and revenge takes a front



"Gossip Girl," a fall season show about an elite group of teenagers living large in New York, airs on the CW (formerly the WB) on Wednesday evenings.

seat in the spectacle of the show.

One can almost hear Blair's furor as she finds out Serena slept with Nate Archibald (Chace Crawford), her current boyfriend, which occurred before she stole him from Serena when Serena went off to boarding school without letting anybody know – what a lion! You can make out in Blair's eyes a rage akin to Queen Tamora of Shakespeare's "Titus Andronicus," who remarks proudly that she will "find a day to massacre them all, and raze their factions to the ground."

Blair does just that, spreading rumors about Serena's time spent in a drug clinic not only to her friends and family, but also to an entire Ivy League admissions committee. If you

liked Mean Girls or the O.C., you will adore this blend of the two, the mod-chic accomplishment of the fall season.

Garbage:

"Pushing Daisies"
Wednesdays 8 p.m.

This is a crude show and furthermore, a waste of time. Watching this is similar to reading a bare outline for a Cambrian Age cave painting that somebody folded over itself and kept folding until he held a teleplay in front of him. In its entirety it is without color or spirit, or a pleasing outfit. Simply put, it is crude.

Its protagonist, Ned, has the ability

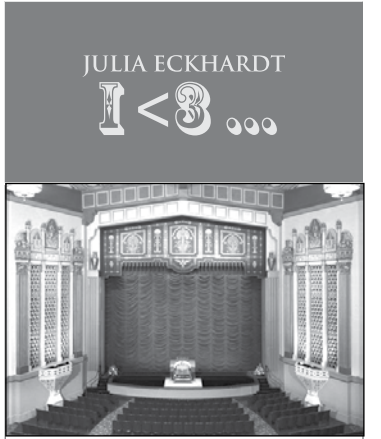
to bring the dead back to life through only his touch. If he touches twice, the living being dies once more. He uses this ability to temporarily wake the deceased and ask them about the circumstances surrounding their deaths. For solving their murders he receives a reward, which he divides fairly between himself and an investigator.

But there is a trade-off for Ned's power; if he does not touch, and thus kill, the living again within one minute of revival, another person close by will die to make up for "the imbalance of the universe."

The laws of the "Pushing Daisies" world are never explained beyond this small note, and they do not especially ask to be. Most of the facts and moments of the show are arbitrary. Life histories of insignificant characters, such as the sweetheart's grandparents, are doled out at an instant, as if viewers could care less for the novelty.

There lies no entree in "Daisies," no fat to chew. The whole thing is a garnish. The offbeat humor simply mimics the suburban kink of "Desperate Housewives," and only imitates quirk, adding to a silly mixture of the macabre and a Kafkaesque superpower.

Other shows in the past have made the same mash, but "Pushing Daisies" is the best example of calamity, an ugly stroke of an otherwise healthy television station.



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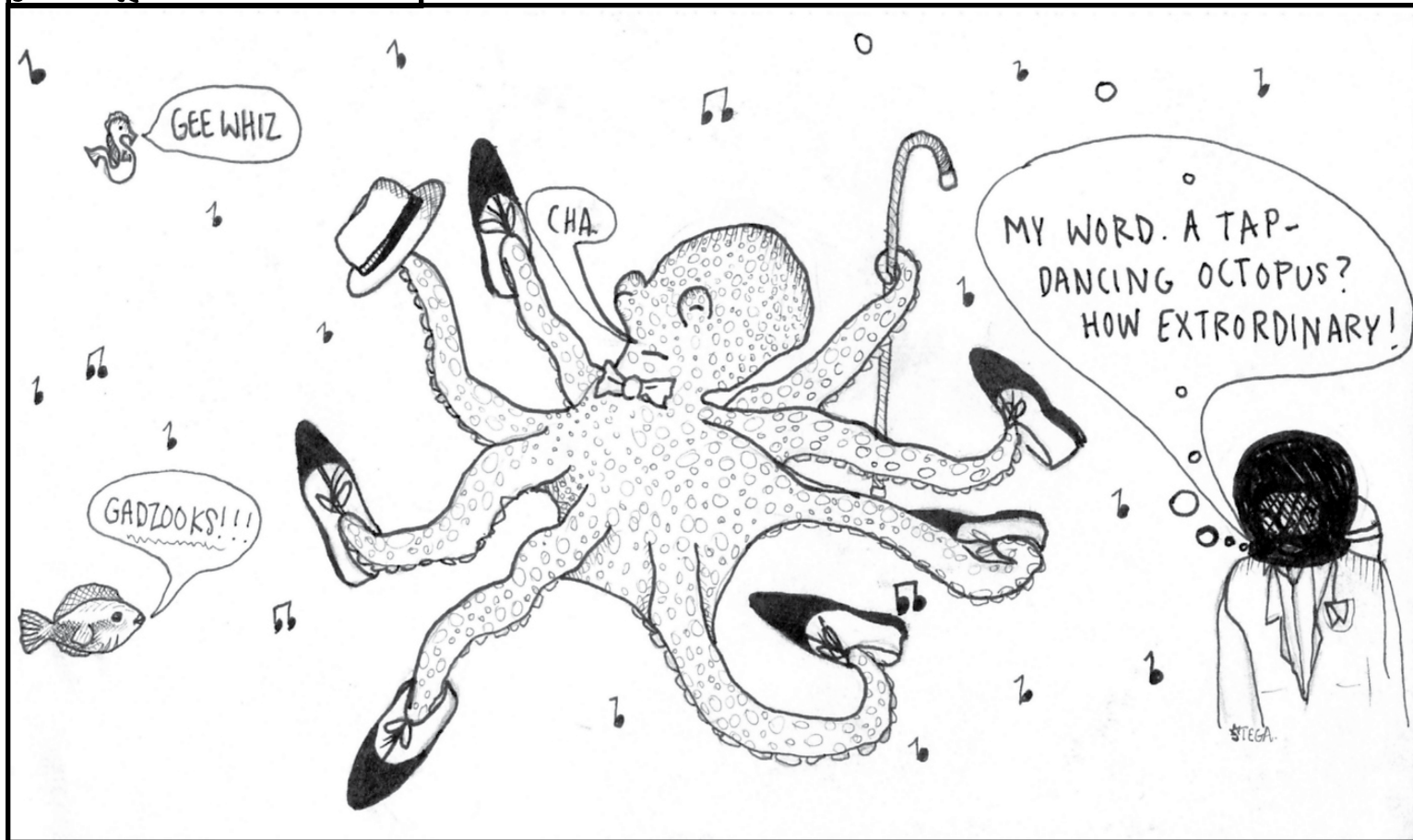
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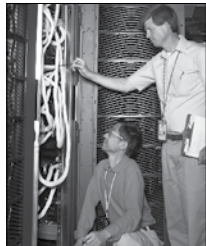
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