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Thursday, Oct. 5

Student Forum Guest Artist: Valerie Zamora, a classically trained concert pianist who is also deaf, performs and discusses the challenges of her career and those of other disabled artists. 1 p.m., Beall Concert Hall. Free.

Author Event: Award-winning San Francisco writer Ruthanne Lum McCunn reads from and autographs copies of her new novel, "The Moon Pearl." 7:30 p.m., Browsing Room, Knight Library. Free.

Town Hall Meeting: This week's topic is "The Only Real Difference Between Gore/Bush: Nader!" 7 p.m., Lane Victory 2000 office, 228 E. 11th. Free.

Theater: "Hurlyburly," about three Hollywood men and their exploits, is the featured play. 8 p.m., Arena Theatre. \$3.


Police Commission Meeting: Use of Force Subcommittee is holding a public forum to discuss scope of work and community participation. 11:30 a.m., City Hall, 777 Pearl Street, EPD Conference Room 109. Free.

RUTHANNE LUM McCUNN
author of
"The Moon Pearl"


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Math

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111, Math 112, Math 251 and Math 315.

Math 111, College Algebra, can pose challenges for University students because the pace of learning numbers, formulas and graphs is swift.

"We're trying to teach in a term that would be taught a year in high school," Koch said.

Math 315, Elementary Analysis, is open to math majors only and it is another common trouble zone for students. The class serves as the bridge between lower 200-level math courses and the upper-level courses loaded with more difficult material.

There are several misconceptions of why certain students excel in math while others are left behind.

Koch said one common misconception is that math success depends on a student's gender, when in fact both females and males struggle with numbers and graphs.

However, Koch said he thinks the two sexes react differently when they are having problems understanding the material.

"Girls tend to be more vocal with their problems, but males don't ask for help as much when they need it," Koch said. Vitulli does not think one gender is better at understanding the material than the other, but she does think that females tend to be less confident in their skills.

"They don't realize they're at the same place, usually, in the class that the males are," she said.

There are ways to calm fears and improve the academic performance of students who suffer from math anxieties.

"After all, even mathematicians get discouraged," Koch said.

Negative attitudes are what will hurt you most. You have to get rid of your prejudice against math in order to do well.

Sasha Harlow
junior
Computer and Information Science

"Your skills will be rusty by then," he said. Also, students should avoid jumping ahead of their math placement test scores.

"The test exists for a reason," Hintz said.

Koch said students who need help with math classes should take advantage of professors' office hours. Private tutors can be located through Academic Learning Services.

Jail funding

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prisons they're increasing it," he said.

Kutcher agreed, but said that's because the county is convicting people who don't need to be convicted.

"The major problem is there's a bunch of people in jail who shouldn't be there because of victimless crimes," he said.

Victimless crimes, in Kutcher's opinion, mostly include drug possession. He argued the county should look at other crimes instead of prosecuting the "victimless" ones.

"Crimes against our environment they don't take very seriously," he said. "There's crimes all over our county against air and water that go ignored."



Not only does Kutcher see the prisons as unnecessary, he views them as money-making machines for "the big construction companies that buy politicians." He said their purpose could just as easily be achieved through preventive programs rather than incarceration, but the system just perpetuates itself.

"The criminal justice system is you just keep building the jails. They'll fill up - they'll go out and find the prisoners to fill them," he said.

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