

# GRYPHON GAZETTE



## Sophomoric Behavior: CAHSEE Testing

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### Sophomores!

### Dates (@GHS):

The time has come...  
your moment of truth...

Tues 2/1 English 8:30-noon  
Weds 2/2 Math 8:30-noon

### Special points of interest:

- ✓ ASB Snow Day–  
1/21 meet at GHS  
@ 11 AM– informal  
and open to all
- ✓ Seniors Grad Mtg  
Feb 9 @ 3PM GHS
- ✓ ASB Gym Dates  
Ask a member
- ✓ Upcoming Science  
Fair (see page 4)  
and ROV competi-  
tions. Mr Englund  
has all the details

Fortunately, you are  
well prepared for your  
first attempt at the  
CAHSEE (California  
High School Exit Ex-  
am), thanks to the ef-  
forts of your charter  
family and yourself!

*Pass the test early and get the*



*monkey off your back!*

## Seniors Get Free \$\$\$

Deadlines for college appli-  
cations come sooner than  
you'd think. Most four year  
schools have already closed  
their applications for next  
fall. Financial aid also favors  
the "early bird," even if  
you're going the JC route. If  
you haven't already com-

pleted a FAFSA applica-  
tion online, do so now!

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

It will qualify you for fed-  
eral and state scholar-  
ships in a one-step,  
streamlined procedure.

Don't let free scholarship

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## Academic Decathlon: Part 1- Testing Facts

GHS participated in its first informal scrimmage on January 14 with McLane HS in Fresno. The good-natured scrimmage was arranged as a result of friendly connections between a GHS team member and the AD coach at McLane, Teri Ludwig. Special kudos to Teri, and to GHS' own Austin Lord

(friendly student) and Nancy Garcia (friendly staffer) who helped coordinate the groundbreaking meeting.

The scrimmage, which was modeled after the actual AcaDec test materials, impressed all participants with the level of difficulty. Most of the questions were clearly collegiate level.



**GHS vs. MHS**

## AcaDec: Part 2- Testing “Yakkity-Yaks”

As a follow-up to the AD scrimmage, both teams enjoyed coaching by Andy Souza, husband of GHS's Marsha Souza (and former Fresno City Manager) in the art of

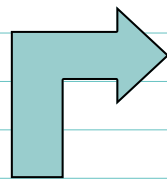
public speaking (AcaDec includes aspects of public speaking: interview, impromptu, and prepared speeches).

GHS also benefitted from the advice and

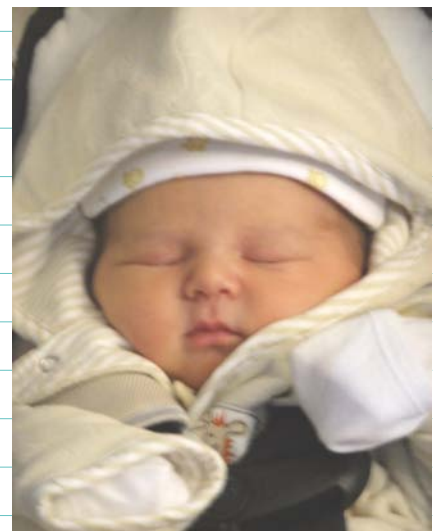
commentary of the McLane team, which had scored impressively in last years Fresno County AcaDec competition- particularly in the speech elements.

## Buca Bambino

Many have been asking about Ms. Buca. Irina and Adrian are proud to announce the birth of a healthy and handsome boy:



**Andre Darius**  
Arriving at over 9 lbs.!

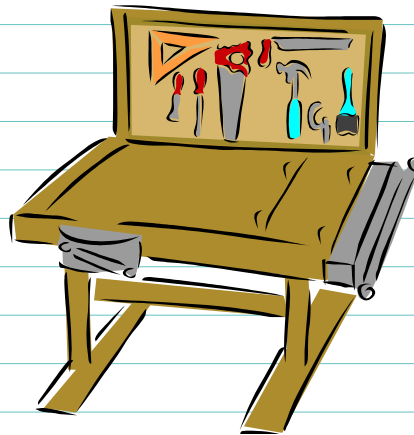


## Coming Soon to a Campus Near You: Workshops

Ever wanted to take a class, but didn't want to make a super-long commitment?

This year, Glacier will be implementing "workshop" courses—namely, courses that are brief and concentrated (and therefore, "over with" quickly).

Like regular elective classes, workshops



will count towards graduation credits, generally falling in the range between 0.5 and 2.5 credits- depending upon the specific workload requirements and the time involved. Workshops will be taught by skilled members of the community, and proposals for workshops are

### Workshop #1: Academic Gameplan

welcome!

Founded by John Baxter, the Academic Gameplan program delivers "secrets of organization, strategic long-term planning, note-taking skills, how to ace quizzes and tests, plus techniques for success in school and life. GHS parent Kaylene Friesen (also of Lamplight Tutoring) has taught the program twice previously, and will be conducting four sessions at GHS (Tuesdays in March,

beginning Mar. 8 A recommended kickoff event will be an all-day seminar in Clovis- Sat, Feb 12 Those who attend will receive 2.5 units; those opting for only the follow-up sessions will earn 1.5 units. Seminar tickets (\$20) sell out quickly, so order with haste @1071 W. Shaw, or online at: [www.myticketportal.com](http://www.myticketportal.com) A signup sheet will be posted on the GHS bulletin board.



For more info, log onto:

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Open to ages 13-18

Parental consent required

Resources available through the site

## Workshop #2: Constitution

Here is a great opportunity to gain a solid introduction to the United States Constitution. The course will run for six weeks.

The class dates are every Thursday from 10:30-11:30, beginning March 3rd and concluding April 7.

Denise Lowe will be the teacher.

A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Glacier HS bulletin board.

While the class will not fulfill American Government requirement, it does certainly support that curriculum, and 1 elective credit will be awarded upon its successful completion.

