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Students ride for DREAM Act



COURTESY OF KEITH HUBBARD(3)

TOP: California college students riding alongside traffic during the nine day ride from UC Berkeley to UCLA.
BOTTOM LEFT: De Anza Student Keith Hubbard pedals uphill on the 371 mile journey to raise awareness for the failed DREAM Act.
BOTTOM RIGHT: Marlo Custodio (left) and Hubbard (right) stretching before getting back on the bike trail.

Amira Farah
La Voz Weekly

The Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act was filibustered on the Senate floor in a vote of 56-43, preventing the act from passing. If passed, the act would have allowed many undocumented workers to have a chance at citizenship, either by completing two years of college, or by entering the military.

The news crushed many who longed for a chance at comprehensive immigration reform. "I felt disappointed, a little bit sad, but at the same time I got strength from that," said De Anza College student Jose Francisco Romero.

"The DREAM Act affects me personally because I'm an undocumented student; I'm not scared of saying that. And with the DREAM Act, maybe I will be able to become a citizen if I meet all the requirements, and if I'm not, I know my brother would," Romero said.

Romero is involved in the De Anza chapter of Movimiento Estudiantil Chicana/o de Aztlán, a national organization committed to "working with the Chicano community and people of color in general, to achieve higher education, self-determination, social justice, and promoting cultural awareness." MEChA members from De Anza took part in the California statewide Day of Action for the DREAM Act.

Romero and MEChA students are planning to take part in a meeting Oct. 16 to plan a Bay Area-wide action. They

want to be "back in the spotlight" as Romero puts it, so that the issue does not fade from voters' minds.

College students from across California took part in a nine day bike ride from UC Berkeley to UCLA, while educating people along the way. The goal of the ride was to raise awareness and to gather support for the act. De Anza students Anaruth Hernandez, Keith Hubbard and Marlo Custudio took part in the bike ride, while Shaila Ramos and Patrick Campbell worked as volunteers.

Hernandez, an undocumented student, was excited to be a part of the ride. "It was an intense experience going from Berkeley to L.A. We traveled through a lot of towns talking about what we were doing," she said.

Hubbard condemned the failure to pass the DREAM Act as well as the recent passing of Arizona's SB 1070 law. "I think it's very racist," he said.

For Custudio, it was the stories and relationships formed on the ride that made it memorable.

"A guy named Lolly Tran and his sister were very involved in the movement. She was involved in all of these organizations supporting the DREAM Act. He said on the first day, for us it was very political, but for him it was personal because his sister passed away in a drunk driving accident," Custodio said. "He was never really involved before but he came on the bike ride in memory of his sister and the work that she was doing. He's continuing to get more involved."

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Marijuana possession reduced to infraction

Sam Amador
La Voz Weekly

Governor Schwarzenegger signed a Sept. 30 bill that will reduce the consequences of possessing less than an ounce of marijuana from a misdemeanor to a maximum \$100 fine as of Jan. 1.

According to Senate Bill 1449, Californians who carry less than an ounce of marijuana will face only an infraction equal to that of a speeding ticket.

When possession of up to an ounce was a misdemeanor punishable of a \$100 fine and no jail time, offenders were subject to arrest, a criminal record and a court appearance.

Students and faculty at De Anza College have mixed feelings about the new law.

"I wouldn't want people going to jail for small quantities," said journalism instructor Cecilia Deck.

While some people are fine with removing jail time for marijuana possession, others are worried that the looser penalties will increase drivers who are under the influence of the drug.

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Student senate pushes for Eco Pass

Sam Amador
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La Voz Weekly

Last year the Striving Toward a New Direction coalition called for the Valley Transit Authority to strike a deal with the Foothill - De Anza District that would provide year-long Eco Passes for each De Anza student. According to the VTA website, it plans to create a new rapid transit bus line that would begin at Eastridge mall, continue to Alum Rock transit center, go through downtown and then down Stevens Creek Boulevard to De Anza, making limited stops on the way.

This line would cut the trip from two hours and 10 minutes to close to an



COURTESY OF VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

One of two designs for a rapid transit line station in Santa Clara County. The VTA's new bus line will span from Eastridge mall to Alum Rock Transit Center.

hour flat. Funding for the passes would come from a mandatory fee between \$2 and \$5 added to each student's enrollment costs. The money will come from the 2008 electoral decision to pass Proposition 1B and Measure A. However, negotiations sodden with bureaucracy have slowed progress.

According to the VTA, the Eco Pass is a means to take more cars off

of the road, and to lessen overcrowding in parking lots. In past talks, they have been reluctant to allow the Eco Pass due to pricing issues.

It would not be financially responsible to purchase Eco Passes from the VTA, since the majority of students who currently use public transit are not full time or are a large enough population to benefit

the larger student body, Vice President of Finance and Educational Resources Letha JeanPierre said.

"De Anza students need to voice their opinion about the transportation fee. The only way the DASB can fully know if a bus program is needed is if students get involved

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Thursday, Oct. 14

SF SYMPHONY OPENING NIGHT
8 p.m., Flint Center

The San Francisco Symphony will present Ravel's "Le Tombeau de Couperin," Rachmaninoff's "Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini" and Walton's "Symphony No. 1." Tickets available from Ticketmaster from \$15-\$71. Information is at <http://www.sfsymphony.org/>.

Friday, Oct. 15

Last day to request pass/no pass grade from Admissions

IT INNOVATION SUMMIT

11 a.m.-5 p.m., Forum 1
Judith Estrin, author of "Closing the Innovation Gap," is the keynote speaker. Featured are vendors, round table discussion, lunch and job recruiters. An Apple iPad will be raffled off. Cost is \$10 for students. Information is at <http://itinnovationsummit.org/agenda>.

Saturday, Oct. 16

ASTRONOMY & LASER SHOWS

Fujitsu Planetarium
Information (times, cost, program titles) is at <http://www.deanza.edu/planetarium>.

PENINSULA SYMPHONY

8 p.m., Flint Center
The Peninsula Symphony program includes Bach's "Tocata and Frugue in D Minor," Beethoven's "Concerto No. 3 in C Minor, Op. 37" and Brahms' "Symphony No. 2 in D Major, Op. 73." Tickets available from Ticketmaster for \$38. More information is at <http://www.peninsulasympphony.org>.

Sunday, Oct. 17

PUNJABI VIRSA 2010

7 p.m., Flint Center
World music featuring Manmohan Waris and Sangtar and Kamal Heer, who fuse "elements of rural farmers' folk music with classical, traditional and spiritual ingredients." Tickets available from Ticketmaster from \$31.50-\$58.25.

Monday, Oct. 18

TIE DYE T-SHIRTS FOR CANCER WALK

10 a.m.-1 p.m., Main Quad
Join the De Anza College team as they take part in the American Cancer Society's breast cancer walk in San Francisco on Oct. 23 and in San Jose on Oct. 30. Tie dye

your own team T-shirt. For information contact Mary-Jo Lomax at lomaxmaryjo@deanza.edu or 408-864-8903.

Tuesday, Oct. 19

TIE DYE T-SHIRTS FOR CANCER WALK

10 a.m.-1 p.m., Main Quad
Repeat of Monday's event. See Oct. 18 for details.

Wednesday, Oct. 20

SEASONAL FLU SHOTS

9 a.m.-3 p.m., Location TBA
To be repeated Oct. 21, 27 and 28.

MEET YOUR STUDENT BODY SENATE

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Main Quad

Thursday, Oct. 21

READING: POET JUAN FELIPE HERRERA

1:30 p.m., Location TBA
Juan Felipe Herrera, poet and author of "187 Reasons Mexicanos Can't Cross the Border" and "Half of the World in Light" will speak. The New York Times compared him to Allen Ginsberg. Presented by Puente.

Saturday, Oct. 23

ASTRONOMY & LASER SHOWS

Fujitsu Planetarium
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A NIGHT OF MAGIC FUNDRAISER

5:30-9 p.m., Visual & Performing Arts Center
The community is invited to join the De Anza College Commission and President Brian Murphy at the 17th annual fund raising benefit "Celebrating Community." Event includes hors d'oeuvres, wine, silent auction, entertainment, art exhibit and a sneak preview tour of the new Multicultural Center. Tickets are \$150 general and \$125 for faculty/staff, and should be purchased by Oct. 12. For information go to <http://www.nightofmagic.org> or call 650-949-6230.

Sunday, Oct. 24

¡LEAD! FASHION SHOW

1 p.m., ReinVintage, San Francisco
De Anza's ¡LEAD! and ReinVintage SF present a fashion show featuring the designs of ¡LEAD! adviser Marc Coro-

nado. ReinVintage is at 827 Cortland Ave., San Francisco, 94110. Proceeds go to De Anza's ¡LEAD! program. For information go to <http://www.reinvintagesf.com>.

Thursday, Oct. 28

TRANSFER DAY COLLEGE FAIR

9 a.m.-1 p.m., Main Quad
Students can meet with admissions representatives from CSU, UC and independent colleges and universities.

Friday, Oct. 29

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

ON DIALOGUE, DELIBERATION
9 a.m.-5 p.m., Conference Rooms A&B
Join elected officials, government staff, community leaders, students and others in a hands-on workshop, "Making Tough Decisions Together," to explore practical, innovative strategies for working together. Cost is \$85, including lunch. Information is at <http://nccd.org/events/sanfrancisco.php>.

Saturday, Oct. 30

ASTRONOMY & LASER SHOWS

Fujitsu Planetarium
Information (times, cost, program titles) is at <http://www.deanza.edu/planetarium>.

Tuesday, Nov. 2

Election Day. Please vote!

Wednesday, Nov. 3

SPEAKER: AUTHOR JOHN FELSTINER

11:30 a.m., Location TBA
John Felstiner, Stanford professor emeritus and author of "Can Poetry Save the Earth?: A Field Guide to Nature Poems" will talk about poetry and environmental activism. His work has been presented on NPR's Morning Edition.

Thursday, Nov. 4

CLUB EXPO

11 a.m.-1 p.m., Main Quad

Friday, Nov. 5

HOWARD NA: SOLO PIANO CONCERT

7:30-10 p.m., Visual & Performing Arts Center
Cost is \$15 general and \$10 for students. For information contact Anna Poklewski at poklewskianna@deanza.edu.

Saturday, Nov. 6

DE ANZA FLEA MARKET

8 a.m.-4 p.m., Parking Lots A&B

Tuesday, Nov. 9

'LEARN TO PLAY' RECEPTION

5:30-8 p.m., Euphrat Museum of Art
The community is invited to a reception with the artists of the current exhibit. It continues through Nov. 24.

Thursday, Nov. 11

DE ANZA COLLEGE SYMPHONIC WINDS

7:30-10 p.m., Visual & Performing Arts Center
This student concert is \$8 general and \$5 for students/seniors/military. For information contact John Russell at russelljohn@deanza.edu.

Announcements

FLUENT ENGLISH SPEAKERS

Cross Cultural Partners (CCP) needs you. Come share your culture and make new friends with those who need help with their English. CCP is taking applications. Visit <http://www.deanza.edu/ccpartners>, e-mail ccpartners@deanza.edu or drop by the office in ATC 304 for more information.

STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER (SSC)

The SSC offers tutoring, workshops, study groups and academic advising at no charge. For math, science and technology, go to S-43. For reading, writing, speaking, social sciences and humanities, go to ATC 3rd floor. Information is at <http://www.deanza.edu/studentssuccess>.

Academic Skills Workshops

These 50-minute workshops are open to De Anza students as space allows. Register in ATC 302 in advance and check the whiteboard for locations.

Mon	9:30 a.m.	Anti-procrastination
	11:30 a.m.	Concentration
Tue	8:30 a.m.	Notetaking strategies
	10:30 a.m.	Vocabulary in context
	11:30 a.m.	Prewriting and organization
Wed	9:30 a.m.	Writing/grammar web resources
	10:30 a.m.	Engaging ethics
	11:30 a.m.	Test taking tips
Thu	9:30 a.m.	Sentence skills
	10:30 a.m.	Memory strategies
	11:30 a.m.	Goal-setting and motivation
Fri	9:30 a.m.	Making decisions
	10:30 a.m.	Time management strategies
	11:30 a.m.	Editing and proofreading

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News & Current Events

De Anza students discuss state-wide political changes

David Byars
LA VOZ WEEKLY

De Anza College hosted a summit on education and the November ballot measures on Oct. 2 in the Hinson Center. Local politicians, organizers, experts and students gathered to discuss community and statewide issues related to California government. The American Leadership Forum, California Forward, and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation sponsored the event.

Members of the De Anza Associated Student Body were among those in attendance. "I want to hear what these grown-ups have to say," said Thoa Hoang, vice chair of Marketing.

"I want to find out what local leaders have to say about various propositions," said Lena Ghamrawi, chair of the Diversity and vents committee. She knew about the Measure E parcel tax, which is DASB endorsed and promoted, but was undecided about others.

Hoang and Ghamrawi were concerned about the impact of the California budget on education, such as the furlough week, which shut down Leland High School from Oct. 4-8.

The attendees broke into groups, including a moderator, a scribe and an expert. They discussed the merits of local versus state control over funds from local taxes, and propositions such as 25 and 26. Prop. 25 would reduce the requirement to pass a budget from a two-thirds majority to a simple majority, and Prop. 26 would increase the requirement to pass some state and local

fees to a two-thirds majority. During a break, a panel of five experts were assembled and asked what was the worst policy problem facing California. Bruce McPherson, former California secretary of state, and Zabrae Valentine, deputy director of California Forward, said that term limits are the biggest problem, as they cause a loss of institutional memory allowing a rise in lobbyist control of government.

Maria Ochoa, a lecturer at San Jose State University, said the practice of paying or the gathering of signatures for initiatives needs to be eliminated.

"A multidistrict proportional representation system would work better than what we currently have to make sure that every vote counts," said Joe Mathews.

DASB President Ze-Kun Li said that his reasons for getting involved with this event were to get "connected with the rest of the community, and to work with other organizations to make this community stronger."

"What we are doing is trying to create participatory democracy," said Chris Block, CEO of ALF-Silicon Valley. He said that the purpose of this event was to "inform and engage people around reform."

ALF and the Knight Foundation will also be putting on a digital town hall to discuss Propositions 22, 25 and 26 on Oct. 14 from 7-8:30 p.m.

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Intensity in Tent City

Students protest to promote education reform

Samuel Amador
LA VOZ WEEKLY

De Anza College students faced harsh elements and an array of wildlife last Sunday through Thursday, in their Main Quad campout, Tent City, to spread awareness about the coming elections.

Since 2003, members of the De Anza student body have gotten together with students from across the state, fighting for an affordable and accessible education. Points outlined in the landmark California Master Plan for Higher Education (also known as the Donohue Higher Education Act of 1960), promote a larger number of schools teachers and services necessary to accommodate California's immense population that boomed after World War II.

"We are educating students and other people on campus about budget cuts and how they are affecting De Anza. We are also raising awareness of the growing movement to help fight against the budget cuts. Student Rights Services deals with a lot of student concerns, so we are probably the closest committee to interacting with the students ... we are the ones who students talk to and complain to," said Nevin Sarina, member of De Anza Restoring Education, and the Student's Rights and Services Committee of the DASB Senate.

For the last three years, students of De Anza have staged a sit-in style protest meant to promote and spread knowledge about the issues and solutions California's education system faces. On Oct. 4 in the Main Quad, the DASB, Stu-



Alex Mendiola/LA VOZ WEEKLY

Tent City dwellers prepare for last Thursday's Day of Action.

dents For Justice and SRS held an open forum in which students could voice their opinion or worries.

"We do a lot of work in collaboration with DARE we just want to get more people involved in the issues," Alandra Juarez, co-president for Students for Justice, said.

According to former DASB president, Robin Claassen, "There's going to be another march in March if there are more cuts, and California is facing an \$800 million shortfall, so it's highly likely."

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in the discussion," former Vice President of Campus Environment and sustainability Keith Hubbard said. "They [VTA] don't feel students need it because De Anza is a commuter school and not enough people would use it. Only 1,000 out of nearly 30,000 students take the bus to and from De Anza."

Jennifer Lau, a nursing major, said the Eco Pass would be a godsend. "It's a very attractive deal. It would be very economic for everyone who spends \$70 a month to take the bus. And more people would take the buses if they had year passes. Everyone in my family rides the bus so I spend about \$200 a month, so paying anything less would save my family money," she said.

"For people coming from downtown San Jose and the south side of San Jose, it really wouldn't make much of a difference in commute time. Also, how can we say we're trying to save the air when we keep putting more buses on the road?" massage therapy major Michelle Gibbs asked. "In this economy we

have enough to pay for like books and student fees. It would be unfair to those who already drive. I don't think it would reduce the number of cars on the road because people are too comfortable in their personal cars. If I had a car I would be driving."

Some students, like undecided major Rachel Sai, offered suggestions on how to move the negotiations with the VTA along. "It would be a better idea for students to apply for the Eco Passes rather than having one issued to everybody," she said.

The decision for the Eco Pass hinges on the cooperation between the De Anza administration and the rapid transit lines, which won't be put into effect until 2014. If students get involved in the issue, "perhaps our grandkids will experience a valuable transportation to De Anza," Hubbard said.

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POLICE log

Saturday 10/2

- 11:33 a.m. Vandalism Stelling Garage
- 12:45 p.m. Suspicious Circ. De Anza College
- 2:03 p.m. Disturbing the Peace Lot C

Sunday 10/3

- 1:17 p.m. Intrusion Alarm A.T.C.

Monday 10/4

- 10:22 a.m. Burglary Flint Parking Garage
- 10:32 a.m. Traffic Collision, no injuries Lot G

- 6:23 p.m. Hit and Run, property damage only
- 6:38 p.m. Suspicious Circ. Skateboarders riding up against building MOD Quad

- 11:59 p.m. Intrusion Alarm VPAC

Tuesday 10/5

- 8:04 a.m. Intrusion Alarm VPAC

- 9:27 a.m. Traffic Collision, no injuries Stelling Garage

Wednesday 10/6

- 9:45 a.m. Preserving the Peace 4200 Building
- 1:33 p.m. Hit and Run, property damage only Lot B
- 1:48 p.m. Suspicious Circ. De Anza College

- 2:57 Traffic Collision no injuries Off campus location

- 4:51 p.m. Intrusion Alarm Flint Center

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Supriya Verma, an undecided major, holds similar concerns about drivers who might be tempted to use marijuana after the new law is in effect.

"I don't care about anybody's addiction to marijuana. It could be just a personal habit, but I don't want to be on a freeway next to a car that is being driven by a stoned driver," said Verma. "So while they don't arrest you ... there should be limitations and fines."

The new marijuana law comes just before Californians will vote on Proposition 19 in the November election. The law would make marijuana legal in California.

Although Schwarzenegger is opposed to Prop. 19, he said SB 1449 was necessary in order to save the state court's money.

"In this time of drastic budget cuts, prosecutors, defense attorneys, law enforcement and the courts cannot afford to expend limited resources prosecuting a crime that carries the same punishment as a traffic ticket," the governor told the Associated Press.

Diana Urkumyan, journalism and public relations major at De Anza, agrees the new marijuana law was for monetary reasons.

"I think the reason why the governor wants to decriminalize marijuana is so that the state can tax it, especially when it's struggling for money," Urkumyan said.

Other Prop. 19 opponents say that SB 1449 will further their cause because police can now focus on more dangerous crimes even without Prop. 19 passing.

"From our perspective, it takes away the last reason anyone would have to vote for Proposition 19," said Roger Salazar, a spokesperson for No on Prop. 19, to the Associated Press.

Those who support Prop. 19 offer a different opinion about SB 1449. Jeff Jones, a spokesperson for Yes on Prop. 19, believes that the new law is progress, but Prop. 19 is still necessary.

"So long as there are any penalties on marijuana users, and so long as the production and sale of cannabis are illegal, we can't rest," said Jones via e-mail to supporters.

In 2008, authorities made over 61,000 arrests in relation to marijuana misdemeanors, according to the latest California Department of Justice records. This is up from over 50,000 in 2006.

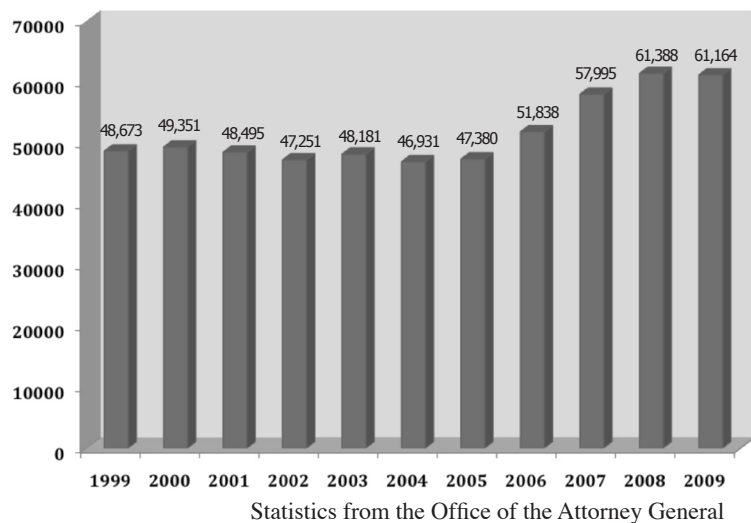
Dale Gieringer, director of the California chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws and co-author of the state's medical marijuana law, argues that the police arrests should be used for crimes that are more serious.

"Californians increasingly recognize that the war on marijuana is a waste of law enforcements resources," Gieringer told the Associated Press.

California voters can decide whether to legalize marijuana altogether on the Nov. 2 ballot.

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Total Misdemeanor Arrests for Marijuana Possession



DeAnza voices

What's your opinion on Governor Schwarzenegger signing of SB 1449, decriminalizing marijuana?



Cynthia Kaufman
ICCE Director

The prisons are full of people who have committed crimes that harm no one. Personally I think pot makes you stupid, but people shouldn't go to jail for it."



Jason Michael Newman, 40,
Social Work

I'm in recovery, so for me drugs of all sorts ruin lives. For people in pain with prescriptions it's ok, but using it as a crutch is stupid and wasteful. Drugs like pot lead to prisons, hospitals and death.

CY HODGKINS(2)/LA VOZ WEEKLY

Jill Biden hosts first White House summit on community colleges Obama's hopes are high for CCs futures

William Ferguson
LA VOZ WEEKLY

The first White House Summit on Community Colleges took place Oct. 5, hosted by Second Lady Dr. Jill Biden at President Barack Obama's request. The summit scheduled representatives from communities across the nation, as well as leaders from the private sector and philanthropic organizations.

"[The] summit is an important next step in our efforts to meet the president's goal of having the best-educated, most competitive workforce in the world by the end of this decade," Biden said.

The summit addressed six key points: industry partnerships to prepare curriculums and graduates for a competent workforce, transfer options to traditional "four-year" institutions, affordability at a variety of monetary levels, veteran and military support, innovation and change for the future of the institution and methods to increase overall graduation rates. One of the themes of the event was the competition of American education against those of other countries.

"China isn't slashing education by 20 percent right now. India is not slashing education by 20 percent," said Obama. "We are in a fight for the future – a fight that depends on education."

The summit featured key players from the private and public sectors, including Melinda Gates, United States Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and Penny Pritzker of the President's Economic Recovery Advisory Board. Representatives from community colleges around the nation, including staff and students, were also present.



Courtesy of WhiteHouse.gov

Second Lady, Dr. Jill Biden, hosted the first community college summit to address issues in what President Obama called "a fight for the future."

“[The] summit is an important next step in our efforts to meet ... the goal of having the best-educated, most competitive workforce in the world by the end of this decade.”

Second Lady
Dr. Jill Biden

The summit explained plans to partner with private institutions to strengthen community colleges across the nation through the recent launch and advocacy of Skills for America's Future, an Obama initiative aiming to have a stronger, more educated American workforce by 2020.

"The idea is simple: businesses and community colleges work together to

match the work in the classroom with the needs of the boardroom," Obama said, "And already, businesses from PG&E, to UTC, to the Gap have announced their support."

The plan and its advisers used the summit as a platform to spearhead the announcement. Additionally, philanthropic organizations had an opportunity to speak at the event as well.

Melinda Gates, wife of Bill Gates and leader of The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, said, "These [community colleges] are the hidden gems in our society that make society tick, and yet every time there is a talk on colleges ... it's about these elite four-year institutions."

The Gates Foundation announced Completion by Design, a program designed to improve community college performance by analyzing various techniques around the country and seeing what is working, what isn't working, and how students can benefit from changes in educational pathways, structures and incentives to perform.

"For millions of Americans, the local community college is the gateway to the American Dream," said Gates on her foundation's blog. "Students who get ... credentials can seize opportunities that those who stopped their education with high school can't."

The importance of community college and its relevance to American society were the highlight of many key speakers at the event, from current students to national leaders. For more information, visit <http://www.whitehouse.gov/communitycollege>.

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Stuff you didn't know you cared about

Laura Wenus
La Voz Columnist

Last week, an embarrassingly small fraction of us will have camped out in the main quad, called long lists of people to encourage them to vote yes on E, or taken part in teach-ins and workshops.

Actually, an equally embarrassingly small number of us have any idea what Measure E even is. If you are among the uninitiated, here's the basic rundown: it's a property tax for all the pampered rich people who can afford to live in the area.

If I'm correct in my assumptions about how many of us actually live in the district (which includes Cupertino, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Palo Alto, Los Altos Hills, Los Altos, Santa Clara, and only a few bits of San Jose) many of our families will not even be subject to this tax.

And those of us who know what it means to have thousands of properties in the area paying the colleges \$69 a year, which for once are paid and not borrowed (like bonds) have probably considered doing more than crossing our fingers to help it pass – and that's real De Anza pride.

You might remember that there was a Tent City on campus last year that attracted local newscasters, and that members of our college community gave, what I feel comfortable labeling "rousing" speeches in front of thousands of protestors marching against budget cuts. Not too shabby.

Then came Measure C bond money, which wasn't exactly a drawback, but is the reason why you see so much construction on campus and get turned away from one of the measly two Precalculus B sections – it was money exclusively for construction and renovation, which is nice, but not what we need most. And now? Now what?

We still have three weeks left until November, give or take. The deflation of the Tent City doesn't mean we can sit pretty and pat ourselves on the back for being movers and shakers.

It means more time on the phone, getting hung up on angrily. More time at Kinko's. More Wikipedia edits. More, more, more. We're not done yet. Inevitably, we'll spend a lot of time trying to justify to critics that we're making people spend their money on additional sections of classes that we'll drop halfway through the quarter.

It's tough to go up against the kind of logic that paints all community college students as disinterested layabouts who wouldn't know what to do with more classes if they had them. But to me, having 10 sections of 49A half full because people dropped them still results in five times as many so-called layabouts moving on to calculus than having two half full sections of 49A.

If my math is correct, that means more classes is always better than the status quo.

Let's make that happen.

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De Anza Faces

Tongan student desires to help others



ALEX MENDIOLA/LA VOZ WEEKLY

Tevita Tapavalu sits at the fountain in the main quad after cleaning up at Club Day.

Alex Mendiola
La Voz Weekly

De Anza College student, Tevita Tapavalu, left to the island of Tonga this summer with four cases full of clothes.

When he returned, he barely had one. Tapavalu, 19, decided to give away his clothes to his family before returning to California, because he wanted to help them have access to something that there is an excess of in America.

The desire to help others is a theme in Tapavalu's life.

He decided to major in political science after a previous trip to Tonga, where he experienced riots against a corrupt government and felt obligated to do something to help the people.

Tapavalu traveled to Tonga to be a volunteer high school teacher, teaching three subjects: English, world history and issues in specific politics.

While teaching at Apifo'ou High School, he grew attached to his students. One student in particular moved Tapavalu after he learned her life story. At 17, his student had already gone through the death of both of her parents, raising her younger siblings and had lived with her uncle who molested her. Her experiences had lead her to being uninterested in school, but Tapavalu was able to change her views and motivate her through school. "That is my pay at the end of the day. To get to know someone and be

able to give them a push in the right direction. I know that she is college bound," said Tapavalu.

Besides working as a teacher, Tapavalu spent his summer interning for the premier of Tonga. In the premier's office, he worked on reviewing different foreign policies and working in the visa and passport departments.

"I went in with an open mind and left more determined than ever," said Tapavalu.

While in Tonga, Tapavalu volunteered three times a week as a counselor for domestic violence victims.

"It hit close to home and sometimes I couldn't take it; it just reminded me of everything that I had dealt with. It really helped me get over everything," he said of his own experiences and counseling. "It helped me deal, and not blame myself."

Tapavalu was born in New Zealand where he lived for the first half of his life. Tapavalu has also lived a significant of time in Australia and Arizona. After high school, he and his family moved to the Bay Area for more opportunities.

"I've learned so much since moving here. I feel like people get me. Everyone is just so open here," he said.

Here at De Anza, Tapavalu serves as a student senator for the De Anza Associated Student Body. He decided to run for senator after seeing the effects budget cuts had on the Honors Program and the Tutorial Center. Tapavalu and his family moved to the

United States for quality education, and the budget cuts inspired him to do something about it to help out not only himself, but also his family and the rest of the college.

"I want to benefit the students as best I can given the position that I'm in. Then I'll be happy," he said.

In the DASB Senate, Tapavalu is a part of the Diversity and Events committee. He is fascinated with the diversity that makes up De Anza.

"You never know what language you're going to hear as you walk across the campus. That's what I want to highlight, the campus diversity. If we experience it, we can have a better college life," said Tapavalu.

One part of college life that Tapavalu wants students to experience is football through the DASB-sponsored event, the Football Tailgate Party which will be held on Oct. 23. Tapavalu, a former rugby player, is excited to be a part of the planning process for the event.

"I want everyone to have a good time while supporting the football team and sharing a sense of unity," he said.

After college, Tapavalu plans to return to Tonga and become an advocate for democracy reform on the island, hoping to help preserve the simple lifestyle of the island and protect its beauty.

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De Anza voices

Was Tent City a success?



Natasha Asar, 18, business

"Yes, there were so many people. It was well organized and put together."



Nevin Sarina, 21, English

"Tent City was a success because of the attention and amount of people. It really brought people together."



Rachelle Bulanudi, 19, veterinary science

"Yes, it was. It looked like a success because a lot of people were coming over to the table and looking around."



Tevita Tapavalu, 18, political science

"Yes, because we got so many students involved who knew nothing about Measure E in the first place."



Sana Kathuria, 18, business

"Yes, because a lot of people noticed the tents and said they would go out and vote."



Robin Claassen, 30, intercultural studies

"Yes, absolutely. We received media attention and lots of people volunteered their time."

COURTESY OF KELSEY LYNNE LESTER-PERRY

What's that brown stuff?



That's what she said

Kelsey Lynne Lester-Perry
La Voz Columnist

Dear Kelsey,
My dog suffers from coprophagia, and I haven't been able to cure her of it. Heck, I can't even pronounce it. Obviously, it is very embarrassing, especially when I have guests over, and they ask what the small dried brown dropping on the floor is that she is chewing on. Do you have any suggestions?

Sincerely,
Embarrassed dog lover

Dear Dog Lover,
There is probably one thing that I hate more than dogs, and that is pretension.

If your friends are honestly complaining to you about a turd that your sick dog is chewing on, tell them to go eat shit.

More importantly, there is one thing that I hate more than pretension – animal cruelty.

You need to take your dog to the vet as soon as possible, because although there is a good chance that its coprophagia stems from a desire to be loved and paid attention to, there is a slim chance that your pup is eating his own stool to make up for a lack in nutrients. In this case, a veterinarian would be able to set you up with special dog food, vitamins, et cetera.

Good luck to you, your dog and your future house guests.

Dear Kelsey,
Is it OK to stalk someone before getting to know them in person, like check out their Facebook? I do it with the intention to get to know them for myself, but is it all right to check out their online profiles to get a feel for who they are?

Sincerely,
No-Stalker Girl

Dear Stalker Girl,
We live in an age where Facebook stalking and lurking are just the name of the game, my stalker friend. Your boss can see photos of your Friday night beer pong tournament. Your ex-boyfriend can log in to the site as many times he wants to see if you are in another relationship.

That said, I think it is perfectly fine to make sure that your newest love interest has a fair balance of party photos and insightful status updates. You can see how many friends you have in common. On some profiles you can even discern a persons' long and short term goals, morals and objectives in life.

I say go for it, Stalker Girl. As long as, I repeat, as long as you actually have the decency and courage to talk to this person face-to-face. As a female it is safe for you to check out your prey, so that you don't turn into it. Facebook lurking as a precaution? Hell yes. But as a means for flirtation? Hell no.

Remember: nobody likes a creepy stalker.

With love,
Kelsey Lynne

Send your questions to Kelsey at lavozdeanza@fhda.edu

Campus arts & culture

Pop-punk band sets to revive music scene

Vanessa Contreras
LA VOZ WEEKLY

Pop-punk bands may have been out of fashion for the last 10 years, but San Jose-based band Communist Kayte doesn't let that stop them from having fun and trying to revive a once strong local music scene.

"A lot of Bay Area kids are dissatisfied with the scene, I guess you can say ever since the Gaslighter in Campbell closed down, there hasn't really been a haven for underage music ... we're trying to set up a home turf in San Jose," 20-year-old bassist Ryan Amstutz said.

The band has been together for nine months and is made up of Amstutz, a De Anza College business major; 21-year-old guitarist Aaron "Pumpkin" Recine; 20-year-old vocalist Brandon Beville and 18-year-old Jamie Allens on drums.

"[The name] Communist Kayte comes from something that sounds really good," Recine said. "We wanted something that was a kick in the teeth and it kind of follows the name of Good Charlotte."

Communist Kayte said they try to tap into every fan demographic with their music by playing songs about girls, transitions in life and even boys. "There are a couple songs about losing friends. Those are pretty popular with the crowd. Some of our songs are about guys, losing a guy friend or making one," Amstutz said.

"Our parents like us," Amstutz said, jokingly. "You feel like you already know the song the first time you're hearing it and then you want to listen to it again."

The band's fans already consist of about 700 Facebook friends and 1,000 friends on MySpace. "Brandon got mobbed by 13-year-old girls ... he sold them a lot of [merchandise]," said Recine.

"We played a show in Antioch ... we were playing a cover of 'My Own Worst Enemy' by Lit and about 15 girls got into a fight near the bathroom. We just kept playing because we didn't know what to do," said Amstutz. "The girls started beating up security who looked like cops. We thought, 'oh my God, these girls are beating up cops.'"

Communist Kayte played a show at downtown San Jose's bar Johnny V's Sunday night. The band boasted about wanting to revive the local music scene. "It's one of those events that people look back on. This is going to be the beginning of a new era. This is the beginning of a time when San Jose maybe gets back what they've been missing for the last five years," Amstutz said.

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Album cover of Communist Kayte's EP "Shut Up."



Communist Kayte plays the Spirit of Japantown on Oct. 2, an annual festival in San Jose.



COURTESY OF COMMUNIST KAYTE (3)

Communist Kayte (from left): Brandon Beville, Aaron "Pumpkin" Recine, Ryan Amstutz and Jamie Allens.

IT summit brings opportunity

Mark Vioria
LA VOZ WEEKLY

This Friday at 11:45 a.m., De Anza College is hosting the first Information Technology Innovation Summit inside Forum 1.

The summit aims to bring IT experts and education professionals together to "discuss innovation strategies, ways to improve operational effectiveness and how to overcome barriers to IT and education pathways to jobs," according to their press release. The event is a partnership between De Anza College and WhyITNow.org – "a grassroots coalition of industry and education professionals."

Attendees can expect to learn about the many aspects of IT, including where IT jobs are located and the skills required for them. They will also learn why innovation projects fail, and how to improve operations and innovation opportunities.

Registration includes lunch and free parking in either the Stelling parking structure or Parking lot C. Registration costs range from \$10 for students and faculty, to \$35 for IT professionals.

Attendees will have the opportunity to network and meet potential employers. People can register on the day of the event at the Campus Center Fireside Room from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. However, attendees can also register in advance at <http://itinnovationsummit.org/register>.

Registrants will receive a raffle ticket at the beginning of the event for a chance to win an iPad, iPod, refurbished laptop, sweatshirt or other prizes. Orga-

nizers expect approximately 500 to 600 people to attend the event. They plan on closing online sign ups early this week.

After registration a lunch mixer will be held in the Fireside Room. Following lunch, speeches and presentations will start at 1 p.m. The keynote speaker for the event is Judith Estrin, CEO of JLABS, LLC.

Estrin has been named three times to Fortune Magazine's list of the 50 most powerful women in American business. She sits on the board of directors of The Walt Disney Company and FedEx Corporation, as well as the privately held Packet Design, Inc. She also sits on the advisory councils of Stanford's School of Engineering and Stanford's Bio-X initiative, according to the press release.

Other panelists include Andy Vaughan, Director of Strategic Programs at Monster; Gary Page, California Education Department consultant; and Christian Hagen, Principal at A.T. Kearney Inc.

In addition to the presentations, there will be multiple vendors will be at the event until 6 p.m. These vendors include book publishers McGraw-Hill and Pearson Publishing, and other organizations in the education field including Cengage Learning and the University of Phoenix.

The recommended dress code for this event is business casual.

For more information, visit the event website at <http://www.itinnovationsummit.org>, call 916-989-2933 or e-mail the dean of the Business and Computer Systems Division directly at mcfarlandron@fhda.edu.

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De Anza Campus Style

Shanna Selsor, 18,
undeclared major

What was your thought process as you got dressed this morning?

"I tried to dress professionally today because I act as the intermediary for Usana Health Sciences. I try to spread the word to fellow students on campus about our cause."



Douglas Ryan Chu, 21,
history major

How would you describe your style?

"Whatever I find to be appealing at the time. Elements of street wear, hipster and Korean pop fashion."



Sarah Kim, 19,
communications major

How would you describe your style?

"Polished, classy and sophisticated with a modern twist."



HELEN KOH (3)/ LA VOZ WEEKLY

Campus Snapshot



COURTESY OF KEITH HUBBARD

De Anza College student trustee Thomasina Russaw (right) shops for local fruits and vegetables at De Anza College's farmers' market on Oct. 2.

Campus arts & culture



Nick Girard/LA VOZ WEEKLY

The Tent City Journals

Sunday

Here we go again - another week of Tent City. I was so excited to see some familiar faces and even more excited to see new faces at the camp. Walking back into the Tent City site brings a feeling of power. It amazes me to see people from all over campus come together to work for something they believe in.

The thought it might help is small, but its impact is not. If we can work all week trying to educate people on campus about different propositions and measures for the November ballot, then we can make an institutional impact to benefit funding for education.

I'm looking forward to an exhausting week.

Monday

Good morning De Anza. Thankfully I slept through the morning leaf blowers and feel well rested. This is probably going to be the best night of sleep I am going to get all week.

Gotta go table in front of camp to feed some hopefully curious minds.

Tuesday

I remember last Tent City, I was overwhelmed at all the community support received and donations people shared.

Let me just say, friends who let you use their apartment to shower = awesome. Friends who work at restaurants and bring free food = awesome. My friend, Fred, lives across the street and has opened up his apartment for me to shower at whenever I need. And my friend Lena works at a really good Mediterranean restaurant that donated some of the best falafels I've ever tasted. Then Sachin works at Cicero's Pizza and came through with 10 hot boxes. Also, Matt Bradley (mega alumni visitor) = awesome.

Tonight eight more have joined us, people I've never met before. And they're here for more than just to hang out and have fun. They're actually interested in learning more and more about what they can do to help. It's mind-blowing. I don't think that would be me two years ago, I would've just come for the party. No lie.

Wednesday

Just got finished with a group meeting and I am SO excited for tomorrow. That's right. Thursday, it's going down.

Thursday

It's 6 p.m. and I still have the Ziploc with my toothbrush in my jacket pocket. I've been on the go since waking up at 6 a.m. running all around campus helping out with Club Day, DARE, Tent City and La Voz. I must've been a greasy, red-faced mess.

My day started with getting up early to take down most of Tent City to make room for Club Day. After that, I continued to go back and forth from the Students for Justice table at club day to the Senate office to make sure things were good for the day.

Reverse Protest - I wish we had been a bit louder and we had more people protesting ridiculous things like "Higher Fees, Yes Please." But I guess that would be a difficult thing for people to take part in.

As I sit here, writing this - reflecting- I guess all I really want to do is help. I want to bring a force into people's lives that make them want to involve themselves to do something for more than themselves and be happy about it.

Regards,
Alex Mendiola

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Courtesy of Jonathan Michael



Vivian Nguyen/LA VOZ WEEKLY

TOP: Night falls on Tent City Wednesday as students make last minute preparations for the coming Day of Action.
MIDDLE: So Choi (left) and Ali Masood take a break from making signs to hang out in the community tent.
BOTTOM: Ismail Desouki (left) pokes fun at former student Cain Ramirez during Thursday's Day of Action.

Sports Fitness & Health

Dons fall short against game with San Francisco De Anza College Dons look to shake 3-game losing streak



COURTESY OF ED JENKINS(2)

Tight end Mark Piethe and offensive linebacker Shawn Holmes provide lines of defense against CCSF as the Dons attempt to make their way down the field and to a touchdown.

Michael Maninna
LA VOZ WEEKLY

Another Saturday, another loss on the record as the De Anza College football team came up short against the City College of San Francisco Rams on Oct. 2.

Flags appeared multiple times as fouls and penalties happened like clockwork.

The Dons scored 3 points in the first half, while San Francisco saw themselves with a nice cushion of 35 points entering the second half of the game.

In the second half, the Dons had some promising opportunities to score, but were unable to get down the field.

A fumble by the Dons was picked up by Rams player Kenny Haynes for a 55 yard return and touchdown, making the game 42-3 with the Rams leading.

A referee's timeout occurred after No. 53 for the Dons, Brad Ruiz, went down. He was able to walk off the



Don's defensive tackle Brad Ruiz attempts to thwart attack by CCSF opponent.

field, but still appeared to be in a lot of pain.

The Dons put up a defense in the last quarter of the game, but the Rams still managed to break through. The Rams scored in the last few minutes, but missed the extra point. When the whistle blew, the final score was Rams winning 62-3.

The next game for the Dons will be an away game against West Hills on Oct. 16. The following week, Oct. 23, the Dons will be back at home playing against Diablo Valley.

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De Anza offers excitement

The outdoor club offers wide variety of outdoor activities for students

April Seo
LA VOZ WEEKLY

The Outdoor Club welcomes all people who are adventurous and have an appreciation for nature. This club hosts a wide range of outdoor activities for De Anza students, faculty, and staff.

It provides the opportunity for its members to partake in activities like camping, snow camping, skiing, canoeing, hiking, kayaking, surfing, paintballing, backpacking, and horseback riding, as well as other outdoor activities and volunteering opportunities.

However, students who are beginners in any of these activities should not be discouraged from joining. Peter Ye, VP of the Outdoor Club, encourages students who are interested to "give it a try, because you don't know what it's like until you do."

In fact, the Outdoor Club specializes in hosting trips for beginners, and even provides lessons for most activities from experienced club members and professional instructors for newcomers.

The Outdoor Club also provides its members with the convenience of pre-planned events, without the hassle of obtaining permits, setting up carpool, or coordinating events. All club events are open to every-

one and are not limited to only club members, however, becoming a member has its advantages.

Members of the Outdoor Club have the benefit of receiving discounted prices on all equipment rentals, as well as paying lower prices on all club events. Membership only costs \$15 for the entire year, which covers equipment rental fees and is a better deal compared to the prices of other rental companies.

According to Ye, some of the Outdoor Club's main events for this year are snow camping in Yosemite Valley and camping at Grand Tetons National Park in Wyoming.

The club's first event of the academic year will be paintballing on Saturday, Oct. 24. Students, faculty, and staff who are interested in signing up for this event or learning more information about the Outdoor Club are welcome to attend any of their meetings.

For more information, visit their table at Club Day this Thursday, e-mail them at dac_outdoorsclub@yahoo.com or go to their website which can be found on the ICC Club website: www.deanza.edu/clubs under Outdoor Club.

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Women's soccer battle Foothill College Oct. 1



COURTESY OF KEITH HUBBARD (2)

De Anza's assistant coach Chris Fitzpatrick talks to the team following their game Oct. 1.

Amira Farah
LA VOZ WEEKLY

The De Anza College women's soccer team faced a stiff challenge in its Oct. 1 game against Foothill College. After losing their previous three games, the Dons were anxious for a win, and their frustration was evident on the field. After Foothill scored twice early on, Dons forward Sylvia Torres managed to beat Foothill's tough defense and score before the end of the first half.

"I think I did really good, especially since it was against our rival team. I tried to put 100 percent, which I think I did," Torres said.

Dons Maddie Meighan scored on a penalty kick in the second half, after a Foothill player committed a foul inside the box.

"A PK is really intense. You really don't want to screw up," said Meighan.

Foothill managed another goal in the second half, leading Foothill to a 4-2 victory. Still the players and coaches felt that there were improvements from the previous games.

"In the first half we struggled in putting things together. But the girls were a bit more hungry in the second half," said Dons assistant coach Chris Fitzpatrick. "The passion, the desire to compete, to win, was there. Foothill won the first half we won the second half. Unfortunately they put more goals in the first half than we did."

"We did pretty well," said left winger Athena Reclusado. "In the first half we were a little confused, we didn't know what we were doing. We became a little more focused on winning the ball. I thought the second half was a lot better. We picked up; our pace was better. We just put more effort into it," said Reclusado. "Next time we need to bring aggression and momentum to win."

"They learned that they need to compete; they can rely on



Marisol Sanchez attempts to take the ball down the field, but is blocked by Foothill in her mission to score.

themselves," said Fitzpatrick. "Some players weren't giving 100 percent before; now they are. We will build from this game."

Dons head coach Cheryl Oweisny praised goalkeeper Vanessa Martinez, while also mentioning the team was still learning to get comfortable. "My goalkeeper stepped up her game tremendously from the beginning of the season. As a team we're still trying to find a system," she said. Torres commended the team on its improved passing and communication.

"I definitely think we do better in the practices," Torres said. "We don't put 100 percent sometimes in the games and the practices we're ourselves ... and in the games there is pressure so we kind of put ourselves down with that."

The next game for the lady Dons is at home on Tuesday Oct. 12, against Chabot College at 4 p.m.

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Sports spotlight: Shawn Holmes

Marielle Mapile
LA VOZ WEEKLY

Right guard Shawn Holmes Jr. is a sophomore with a passion for football and big dreams for a successful future. His hard work has paid off and has earned him visits from recruits from Montana State, UCLA, San Jose State University, Idaho State and his dream school, the University of Southern California.

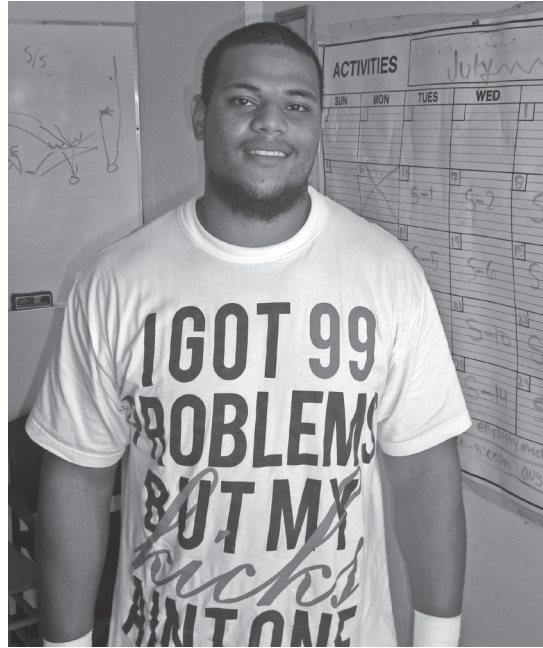
After a tough childhood in San Jose he moved from his hometown to Los Banos. He played for Bryant Middle School as a right guard for his first year. He was a family oriented child and was inspired to play football by his cousins. He attended Weston Ranch High School, located in Stockton, where he played on the varsity football team for all four years of high school.

From Los Banos, Holmes moved back to San Jose and is now attending De Anza College as the team's right guard. He is a very hard worker and a positive person and is currently working towards his Associate's degree. His goal is to get a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice and later work for his Master's degree and become a correctional officer.

He is motivated by his family, in particular his mother, whom he considers the backbone of his life. Holmes is referred to as a true leader and likes to lead his team by example. He lives by the words "Go Big or Go Home" and feels that "things should be done to the fullest" and "never half step anything in life."

"To have a good head on your shoulders and to be right mentally are strong aspects of a football player," he says.

Although Holmes has accomplished a lot through hard work and strong leadership he is influenced by Michael Jordan. To Holmes, Jordan is a true heroic figure and he continues to strive for his dreams just as Jordan lived his. His favorite football player is run-



ning back Walter Peyton of the Chicago Bears.

He is proud of the way he handles the game and of the aggressive football player he is. Holmes is very focused on the sport not only while he is playing in a game, but when he watches football in his free time, he likes to concentrate on breaking and evaluating films. Holmes doesn't fit the stereotype of the brawny football player.

His life consists of family (which includes three sisters), football and his dog. His family, friends and his surroundings are what make Holmes who he is.

"It takes a lot to break me down, [and] football relieves my stress," said Holmes.

Holmes is now striving to become a football player for USC.

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Womens Volleyball: Fall 2010 schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Wed, Oct. 13	Foothill	Foothill	6:30 p.m.
Fri, Oct. 25	Ohlone	Ohlone	6:30 p.m.
Fri, Oct. 22	San Francisco De Anza		6:30 p.m.

Mens Soccer : Fall 2010 schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Tues, Oct. 12	CCSF	Daly City	1 p.m.
Fri, Oct. 15	Cabrillo	Aptos	2 p.m.
Tues, Oct. 19	Evergreen	San Jose	4 p.m.

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<http://www.deanza.edu/athletics>

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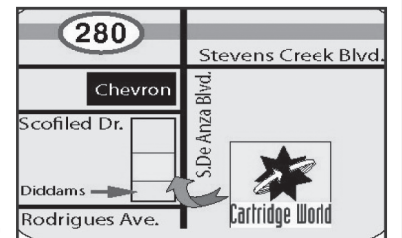
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Football: Fall 2010 schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Sat, Oct. 16	West Hills	West Hills	2 p.m.
Sat, Oct. 23	Diablo Valley	De Anza	1 p.m.
Sat, Oct. 30	Merced	Merced	1 p.m.
<i>NOVEMBER</i>			
Sat, Nov. 6	Los Medanos	De Anza	1 p.m.
Sat, Nov. 13	Chabot	Chabot	6 p.m.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minestrone • Asian Chicken w/ Scallions & Sesame Dressing • Chinese Chicken Salad • Beef Stroganoff <p>Burger of the Week: Sun-Dried Tomato Chili Butter, Smoked Gouda, Avocado, Caramelized Onion, Spring Mix and Tomato on a Honey Whole Wheat Bun.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broccoli & Cheddar • Hamburger Cheddar • Black Beluga Lentils, Fusilli, Cumin Roasted Chicken, Toasted Pine Nuts, Sun-Dried Tomato, Cilantro, Spring Mix, • HARRISA Vinaigrette • Southwestern Fusilli 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beef Vegetable • Margherita • Spring Greens, Fresh Apple, Candied Walnuts, Cranberries, Bleu Cheese and Oil & Balsamic Dressing • Tortellini Carbonara: Cheese Tortellini, Prosciutto, Peas, Portobello and Grated Egg with Parmesan and Sun-Dried Tomato 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tortellini Vegetable Sun-Dried Tomato, Caramelized Onion & Feta • Southwestern Chicken • Broccoli Bow Tie Pasta 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chef's Choice • New England Clam Chowder

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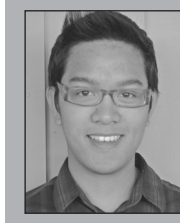
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Federal wiretap bill forces easy message interception, gives hackers back-door access



Mark Vloria
LA VOZ WEEKLY

On Sept. 27, Charlie Savage from the New York Times reported that the Obama administration plans on introducing a new bill that would make communications sent over the Internet easier to wiretap sometime next year.

Although the bill itself is still in the drafting process, some of the provisions of the bill would require three things: companies that provide encrypted communication services must have the ability to easily decrypt those messages, companies based outside the United States must have an office within the country that is capable of intercepting and decrypting messages, and lastly, peer-to-peer communication software must be redesigned to accommodate for interception. If the bill passes, companies who fail to follow these guidelines will face penalties. The bill would affect major technology companies such as Google, BlackBerry, Facebook and Skype.

The bill was proposed to counter terrorism in today's age of technology. An increasing number of terrorists communicate through secure channels online. And although law enforcement agencies are able to intercept these communications through lawful means, they are not always able to decrypt these messages at

a fast enough rate. Also, some of the software that can be used for secure communication don't have ways to be easily intercepted.

Although the concept is simple, its application won't be as easy as it sounds. For starters, existing companies will have to spend money on research and development on products that already work simply to comply with the law. This could force some products to become temporarily unavailable as software developers tweak them. For domestic startups, this legislation could also impede on the software development of new products and make innovation and competition with foreign startups more difficult.

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Even if the bill does not pass, law enforcement agencies still have other options. These

options include installing software or hardware that tracks keyboard strokes on a suspect's computer to sending them spyware nicknamed CIPAV – Computer and Internet Protocol Address Verifier. Such spyware has been successfully used by the FBI and DEA in cases where communications and files were encrypted using PGP – Pretty Good Privacy, a software that provides users with encryption that is close to military-grade. Therefore, the electronic surveillance capabilities of these agencies are not completely crippled without the legislation.

Still unconvinced that this is a bad idea? Sometime between June 2004 and March 2005, someone exploited a back door on Vodafone cell phones that belonged to Greek government officials. Installed by Ericsson, designed solely for government usage, this system was breached by a group that still remains unknown.

Overall, no one sums it up better than computer security specialist Bruce Schneier in his commentary on the proposed legislation:

"Yes, communications technologies are used by both the good guys and the bad guys. But the good guys far outnumber the bad guys, and it's far more valuable to make sure they're secure than it is to cripple them on the off chance it might help catch a bad guy."

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Corrections from the Oct. 4 issue of La Voz Weekly

- The event listing on Pg. 2 for the date of the next Flea Market should have been Nov. 6, not Oct. 30
- The "Learn to Play" exhibit photo on Pg. 1 was taken by Sam Amador, not William Ferguson
- In the Pg. 4 article "U.S. District Court finds Prop 8 unconstitutional," gay marriages must wait until after the hearing, not the appeal, in the ninth Circuit Court. Also, the text above the graphic to the aforementioned article should read "... if Prop 8 ruling is confirmed."
- The authors of the "Travel around the world during multicultural day" article are Nadia Banchik and Amira Farah, not Duncan J. Cook
- In the Pg. 8 article about the Shotokan Club, the name of the writer is J. Duncan Cook, not Duncan J. Cook
- We apologize for the improperly formatted crossword puzzle

Opinions & Editorial

Paper or plastic becoming controversial



April Seo
LA VOZ WEEKLY

Paper or plastic? It looks like people will still be hearing that line for a while.

A bill that would have banned single-use plastic bags would have given grocery baggers the opportunity to find a new line to start off conversations with their customers. Unfortunately, the bill that would have provided them with that new found freedom, AB 1998, failed to pass by the California state Senate.

This bill, had it passed, would have created a statewide ban on the providing of free plastic bags to its customers, and instead provide the option for customers to pay a small fee for paper bags or use reusable bags. It seemed that recently the Golden State was beginning to embrace the green, as several other cities and counties across California were passing their own bans on the usage of single-use plastic bags.

But it appears this movement is nowhere near getting on the fast track.

Had the bill passed, California would have been the first state in the country to pass such a law, following the example of San Francisco, which, in 2007, was the first city nationwide to pass the plastic bag ban. As one of the leaders in environmental sustainability, it seems only fitting for such a law to be passed.

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According to Care2.com, a social networking website that connects activists who fight for similar causes, Californians alone dispose of 19 billion plastic bags each year. It seems that even China has moved quite a large distance ahead of many countries including the United States. So why this sudden loss of momentum toward a greener future? The Ameri-

can Chemistry Council. It seems that those trying to conquer the plastic mayhem, the crusaders of this mission, namely Assemblywoman Julia Brownley, the author of the bill, and its supporters such as Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Dan Jacobson, legislative director of Environment California and the California Grocer's Association were immediately labeled by the ACC as the "bag police," as made clear by their website at the end of every campaign video, www.stopthebagpolice.com.

The ACC also continually pointed out that the state has bigger problems than how Californians bag their groceries, and that politicians are wasting the taxpayer money by spending their time on plastic bag banning regulations when they should be focusing on the budget deficit.

ACC lobbyists also did not hesitate to feed off of people's "sympathy for unemployment" and "concern for education," claiming that thousands of manufacturing jobs would be lost as well as classrooms suffering. Unfortunately for the environment, the fear of unemployment and a lack in education is higher up on the social problems hierarchy.

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Transfer system streamlined by proposed bills



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LA VOZ WEEKLY

The state of California has taken a decent step in the right direction for its community college students and its higher education system.

On Sept. 29, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed two pieces of legislation that will offer an easy way for California Community College students to transfer to California State Universities and Universities of California: SB 1440 and AB 2302.

SB 1440, The Student Transfer Achievement Reform (STAR) amended by Senator Alex Padilla was designed to clarify and streamline the transfer process from a community college to a CSU.

According to Padilla, despite the fact that preparing students to transfer to four-year universities is one of the key functions of community colleges, only 25 percent of students hoping to transfer achieve their goal.

One of the main reasons is divergent and inconsistent coursework requirements at each school. The fact that requirements for a certain major vary with different colleges causes students to take excess units, which also requires excess money, time and energy. In fact, the average units of coursework that a transfer student completes are 120 quarter units, when only 90 units are required, according to a study by the community college chancellor's office.

SB 1440 will solve this problem by mandating that community colleges create new established associate degrees for transfer to a state university with areas of emphasis. A student who achieves an associate's degree and graduates with a C average or better will have guaranteed admission to CSU as a junior.

The other legislation signed is AB 2302, the focus of which is to facilitate more direct transfer pathways for students hoping to transfer to UCs. Amended by California assembly

member Paul Fong, AB 2302 will request the UCs to join the new transfer reform movement initiated by SB 1440.

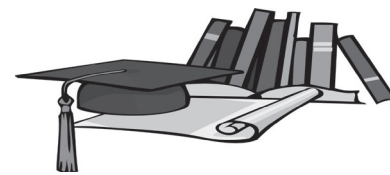
Students who want to transfer are inclined to apply to more than one college. Since each UC campus requires different prerequisites, students usually end up taking unnecessary classes or not completing requirements. In addition, because they are concentrating on transfer requirements, a significant number of students leave their community college without an associate's degree. The inefficiency must end.

The bills are expected to have two beneficiaries: community college students and the state of California. Simplified course requirements will reduce the money and time students invest. Students staying longer at community colleges financially supported by taxpayers is not goods news to the state, either, which is currently concerned about a shortage of one million baccalaureate degrees they will face by 2025.

Fong stated that an efficient transfer system from community colleges to four-year universities will be a key to meeting the state's workforce demand for more educated workers.

According to Padilla, some states such as Arizona, Florida, North Carolina and Oregon have already clarified their transfer programs. Therefore, more students have successfully transferred to four-year universities, and the money saved allows the higher education system to serve more students.

The bills just passed last Wednesday, so they won't affect students planning to apply for fall 2011. But for those who intend to transfer to CSUs or UCs in the future, SB 1440 and AB 2302 are delightful news.



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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The 2010 California gubernatorial election will be held on Nov. 2 to choose the governor of California. The higher education plan is the number one criterion when I evaluate the candidates, especially because I'm going to transfer to UC hopefully next summer. I can't afford further tuition fee increases. The two top candidates, Jerry Brown and Meg Whitman, had their first debate on Sep. 29. I watched their debate on education on YouTube. A UC Davis student asked whether they would roll back the funding cut to the UC, CSU and community college systems. Both candidates addressed the importance of higher education. They also said they empathize with students. However, none of them made any promise to reduce tuition fees.

"Would I roll all the fees back? Not my first year with \$9 billion deficits ... I certainly don't want to see them go up," Brown said. "Yes, I care about the university system. I try hold down the fees the best I can, but we are at tough time, and we all have to sacrifice," he added.

Whitman answered, "I want to reduce the cost of this government, and take \$1 billion

and put into the UC system."

That sounds good to me. But when the moderator asked whether Whitman would use this money to hold the fees high in the future or roll back the fee, she said that she would let the chancellors decide how to use this money for the system; whether to invest into research, faculty or reduce fees.

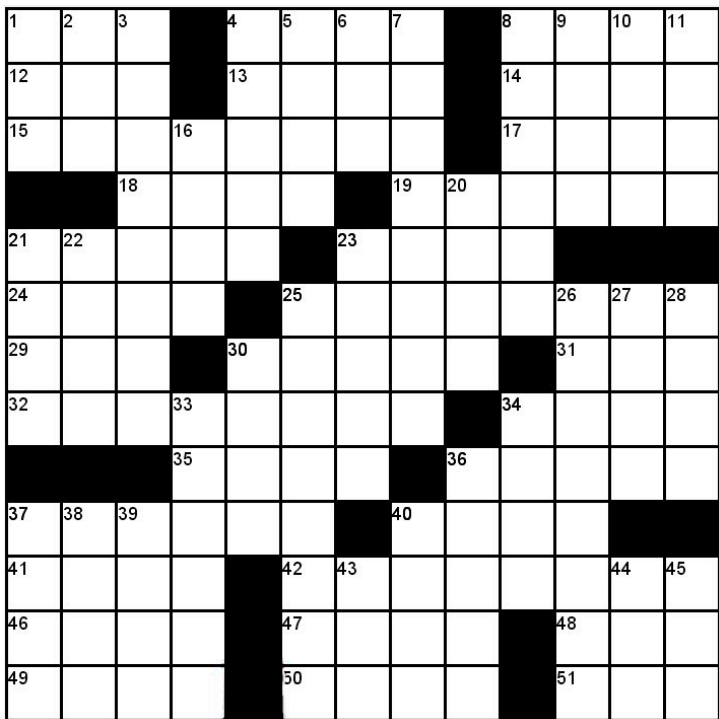
It sounds like none of them made any promise to reduce fees. We should consider ourselves lucky if fees don't go up next year. So far, I don't believe any of the candidates will help me finish my UC degree. I guess the only thing I can do is to work hard and graduate as soon as possible before another 10 percent fee increase.

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Comics & Games

Crossword

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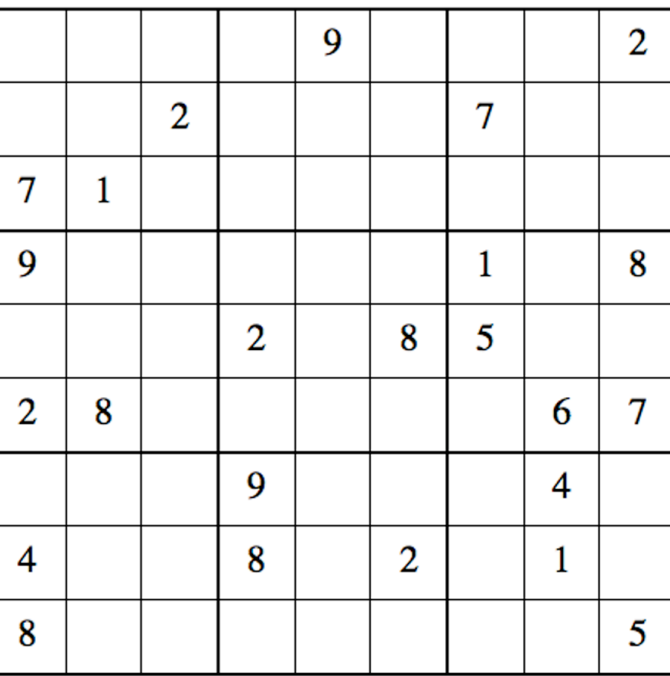


Last weeks Answer's



- Across**
- Pirate prosthetic
 - Accessory case
 - Like a sonnet
 - Pirate call
 - British seabird
 - "Up the ___"
 - 8-legged spindler
 - NE^10
 - Want vs. ___
 - "No ___" reaction to accusation
 - Opposite the zenith
 - Streetcar
 - Alkenol portmanteaux
 - Associated with sacred persons or like Del That Funkee Homosapien
 - Down south acronym
 - Dog command
 - "Are we there yet?" guesstimate
 - Amsterdam is known for this district
 - Cousin of the fly
 - Toward the leeward side
 - Microsoft Mr. Money Bags
 - A caprice or fancy
 - Eastern College Athletic Conference
 - Prison crafts project
 - Like Michael Phelps
 - PBS science programming
 - Indian cosmetic oil
 - "Spinal ___"
 - Excessively dainty
 - "Do or do not, there is no try." speaker
 - Pirate response
- Down**
- Monetary unit of Myanmar
 - Corn measurement
 - Two thirds of GOP
 - Nothing is as helpless as this kind of binge
 - You can do this with a bar or buds
 - Smallest state higher education location
 - Glancing blow
 - That canal country
 - Stripper tip
 - Henry IV boys academy
 - Experi-
 - Surgical scrubs color
 - ___-Hammer 40000
 - Not far
 - Chamber prefix
 - Olde English for "tenth"
 - Dominant control achieved through consensus not control
 - De Anza quad community
 - Intervention through arts education acronym
 - Anthropomorphic Broadway hit
 - Elite Irish poet
 - Animal juvenile stage
 - "The World According to ___"
 - Hulk-inducing rays
 - Microplate serum neutralization test
 - Online tutorial site for almost anything
 - "Frankly my dear I don't ___ a damn"
 - Black ___ Peas
 - Zodiac pride leader
 - Call them for a tow truck
 - Source for news on the radio

Sudoku



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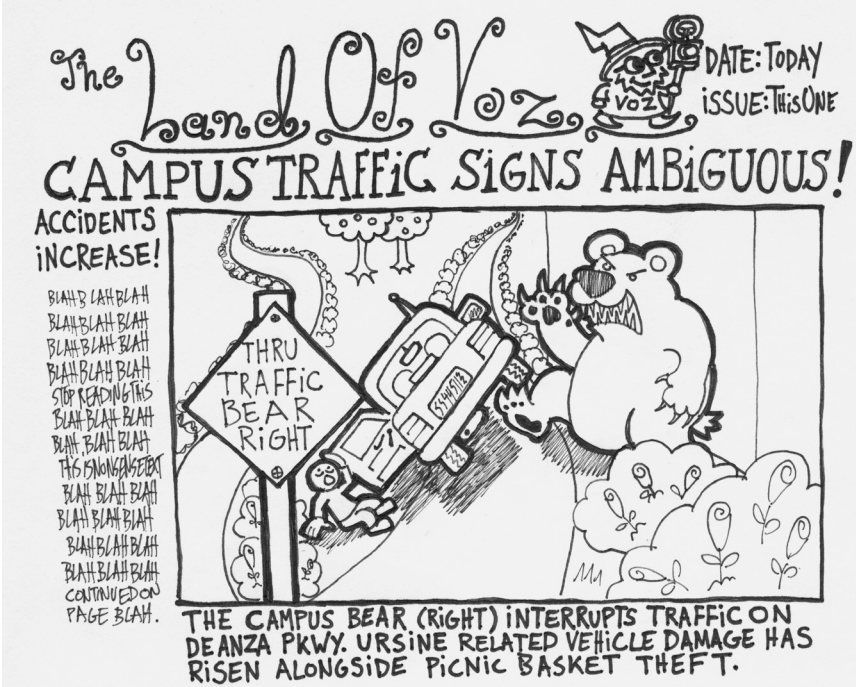
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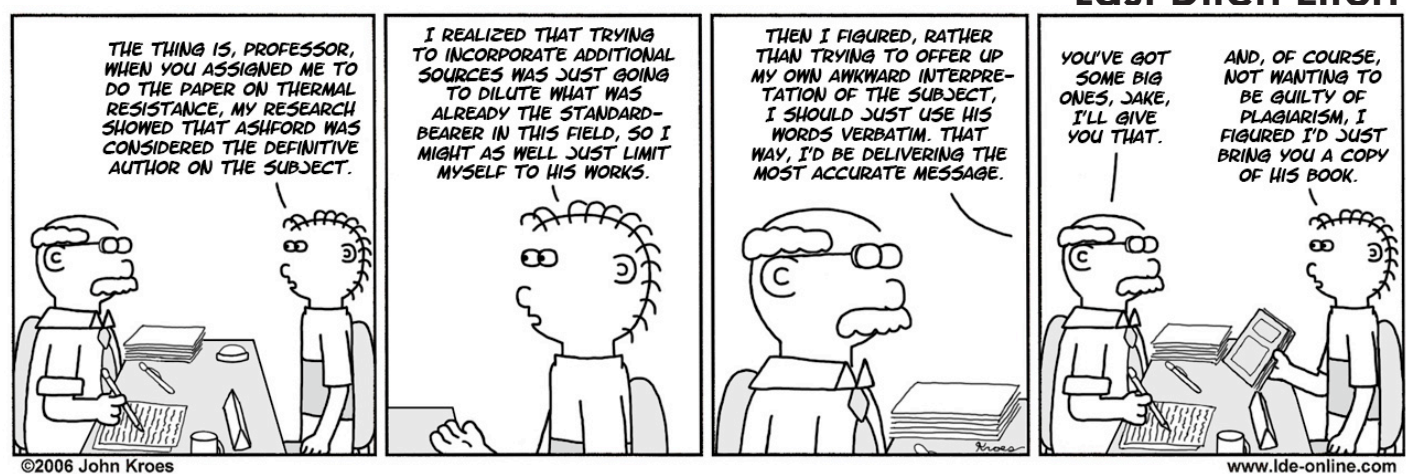
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- Scott Pilgrim vs. The World
 - The Expendables
 - Despicable Me
 - Salt
 - anjaana anjaani (*in Hindi)
 - Toy Story 3
 - Endiran (*in Tamil)
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