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Two California State University (CSU) students filed a lawsuit last week against CSU to prevent the 20 percent fee increase that the CSU Board of Trustees approved on July 21.

Troy Donelson of San Bernar
dino State University and Danielle Adame of San Francisco State Univer-
sity are filing the lawsuit on behalf of all CSU students. The complaint they filed said that because the uni-
versity already sent a bill for the fall, it established a legally binding contract that set a price for those classes, by in-
creasing the amount due for classes the university is breaking that contract.

The attorneys representing Don-
sehlan and Adame represented students in a similar case in 2005. Danielle Leonard and several other
attorneys filed a successful suit against the University of California (UC) that involved the double billing of students.

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able to a computer program is the equivalent to a physical world without ramps and elevators, Duffy said.

For Weiss, accessibility is very personal.

"It's about making people with disabilities be the best that they can be," she said. "If it wasn't for the DRC, I would not be able to make it through college."

Information technology systems (ITS) and DRC have approached the process of ADA compliance in three phases. The first step, which is now over, was raising awareness. Cal Poly is currently transitioning between step two, knowledge, and step three, skills.

Mary Shaffer, who is in charge of overseeing the compliance process at Cal Poly, said that an overall change in perspective needs to be made at the university and instead of accommodating for the individual needs of individual students, the goal is that everyone plans ahead before they buy, design and teach.

The first area of focus is the Web. To be compliant, the biggest concern is that all sites need to be formatted in a way that is accessible to anyone who is partially or fully blind or hearing-impaired. This means that every photo must have a description known as alternate text — written into the programming language behind the scenes of each Web page. This description isn't visible to the everyday user unless they put their cursor over the image.

But to a blind person, this text is important because when the Web page is run through a computer program specially created for a blind person — or semi-blind person like Weiss — the description of a photo would read something like, "Photo of a student riding a bike." Weiss said that the biggest difficulty isn't the technical work, but changing the mindset.

"Once you show them how to do it, they can make it part of their workflow," he said. "I'm optimistic we can reach 100 percent compliance by 2013. But when a site is compliant, you're not done... it needs to be an ongoing habit.

For practicality purposes, Shaffer and Duffy said the emphasis is on compatibility of new sites, rather than retrofitting of older sites.

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"We've been working extensively with departments to redesign or retrofit," Shaffer said.

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"Our highest priority is making sure that we maintain all health and safety standards," Loosley said.

Other services including recycling and garbage collection from classrooms and outside bins and street sweeping will not be reduced, as cutting back on these services could generate sanitary conditions, Loosley said.

Like custodial services, building repairs might go longer without attention.

"Buildings might go longer without paint jobs, something like a roof leak might go longer without repair and a bathroom might remain out of order longer," said

Mark Hunter, the executive director of Cal Poly Facility Services.

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During last year, the landscape services staff was reduced by two full-time employees out of a total of 81 employees, will lose the equivalent of one full-time employee. Custodial services, with a total of 81 employees, will lose the equivalent of about eight full-time employees due to furloughs, Loosley said.

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Day before Afghan elections, media says no to censoring

ABUL (AP) — Afghan journalists charged Wednesday that their government was violating the constitution by trying to censor reports of violence on election day, and they vowed to file the order issued by an administration that appears increasingly hostile toward the media.

They believed the reports could dampen turnout, the foreign ministry spokesman said.

Journalists who rushed to the scene of the attack were threatened by police, who pointed loaded guns in their faces and hit them with batons and a butt of a rifle, according to journalists from the Associated Press.

One officer yelled, "Your picture is not necessary! Why are you going on their side?"

A previous version in Dari had been strongly said that such reporting was "strictly forbidden" and "forbidden" for all Afghan people.

"We will not obey this order. We are going to continue with our normal reporting and broadcasting of news," said Rahimullah Samander, head of the Independent Journalist Association of Afghanistan.

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Media watchdog groups condemned the order. Reporters Without Borders said in a statement that the government "violates media freedom but also the fundamental right of Afghan citizens to know what is going on in their country."

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Afghanistan's local media — the country has a host of newspapers, radio stations and television news outlets — condemned the statement as stifling freedom of the press that is supposed to have returned after the ouster of the Taliban in 2001.

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**State**

FORT BRAGG, Calif. (AP) — Mendocino County authorities say a former Army paramedic who served in Iraq and Afghanistan fatally shot an ex-girlfriend before killing himself.

Sheriff's Lt. Rusty Nee says 25-year-old Jacob Swanson apparently shot 26-year-old Amy Betts before driving to Fort Bragg where both were born and raised. A woman said she saw her son suffer after seeing heavy combat during multiple tours of duty.

Nee says the motive is unknown. But Swanson's mother, Tracy Swanson, blames the post-traumatic stress disorder she says her son suffered after seeing heavy combat during multiple tours of duty.

Nee says Swanson and Betts were found dead of gunshot wounds in his duplex north of Fort Bragg where both were born and raised. A handgun was found near Swanson's body.

**Los Angeles (AP) —** Los Angeles police say they have generated more than 1,500 reports through a new program that investigates possible terrorist related activities or other crimes.

Police Lt. Robert Fox said Wednesday's meeting with agencies Suspicous Activity Report (SAR) helps officers gather and analyze information they receive from the community or other sources. Fox said several of the reports have led to investigations.

**Briefs**

**National**

DARTMOUTH, Mass. (AP) — Rep. Barney Frank lashed out at a protester who held a poster depicting President Barack Obama with a Hitler-style mustache during a heated town hall meeting on federal health care reform.

"On what planet do you spend most of your time?" Frank asked the woman, who had stepped up to the podium at a southeastern Massachusetts senior center to ask why Frank supports what she called a Nazi policy.

He said by saying her ability to deface an image of the president and express her views "is a tribute to the First Amendment that this kind of vile, contemptible nonsense is so freely propagated."

**New York (AP) —** Hundreds of concrete slabs were blown in half and uprooted throughout Central Park on Wednesday after a severe thunderstorm with winds as high as 80 mph barrelled through the city overnight.

The storm swept through the area Tuesday night, snapping the park's famous American elm trees in half while uprooting others. One tree lay across the tennis courts at West 96th Street, and a few lampposts stood at half after trees crashed into them.

Several parked cars were also damaged when trees landed on them.

**International**

BERLIN (AP) — Germany's home to brands including Volkswagen, Porche and BMW, became the latest country to fast-track development of electric cars when the government approved a plan Wednesday that aims to put 1 million of them on the road by 2020.

The goal is ambitious. Of the 41 million cars in the country, only 1,452 are electric, and Germany is covering an increasingly congested field.

This month alone, Nissan Motor Co. in Japan unveiled the Leaf, an electric car scheduled to go into mass production for a global market in 2012. General Motors' torque-independent, triple-digit mileage figures for its rechargeable Chevrolet Volt. And President Barack Obama committed $2.4 billion in federal grants to develop next-generation electric vehicles and batteries in the U.S.

ESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — The deputy head of the Pakistani Taliban said Wednesday that left was temporarily assuming leadership of the militant group because its chief, who was Washington and Islamabad have said was almost certainly killed by a missile strike, was away.

The announcement by Mohammad was a sign that Taliban are vying for power for the death of Mullah on Aug. 5.

**Lawsuit**

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Levin also decided by a summary judgment that set a precedent Levin hopes to apply against CSU. There are no relevant differences between the two cases, she said.

"Students are being given as little as a week to come up with the money," she said. "I'm concerned that we are going to see a lot of students dropped from classes because of this."

The chancellor's office issued a statement with information on the status of the suit and said that students will still be able to register for classes.

The fee increase was one of the ways the CSU board of trustees voted in the $84 million deficit the CSU system faced after a state budget crisis.

Levin said the fee increase should not have been an option for the university.

"The law says they can't double bill students," she said.

A temporary restraining order of the fee increase was denied on Monday but the court granted an expedited hearing for Aug. 31.

**Unapproved TV spots land ‘Survivor’ Hatch in jail**

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — The lawyer for "Survivor" winner Richard Hatch said Wednesday that her client was taken to jail because he granted two TV interviews without getting the required permission from the federal Bureau of Prisons.

Hatch had been serving the remainder of his prison term for tax evasion on home confinement at his sister's house in Rhode Island. He granted three television interviews this week — to NBC's "Today" show, NBC affiliate WJAR-TV and the NBC-owned "Access Hollywood."

In the interviews, Hatch accused the prosecutor of misconduct and said he would fight the case to the Supreme Court.

The Bureau of Prisons would not comment on Hatch's case, but a spokesman said prisoners on home confinement cannot grant interviews without first getting permission. Approval typically takes a few days.

"Today" interview was aired Tuesday morning, and the interviews with "Access Hollywood" aired after Hatch was taken in by a sheriff's deputy Tuesday.

Ribas said she and Hatch went through an extensive process to get permission to do the "Today" interview. She said that months ago when Hatch was in a halfway house, she had asked the Bureau of Prisons for permission to do four interviews, including with other TV networks, and they asked her to pare it down to one: Hatch chose NBC.

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When she doesn’t get the job she applied for, she ends up back home in the San Fernando Valley with the kind of eccentric family you only find in the movies.

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More needle exchanges could help curb AIDS epidemic in U.S.

Since the first diagnosis of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) in the U.S. in 1981, over 500,000 Americans have died from the disease. One-third of the fatal cases in this country can be attributed to drug users who were infected with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), the virus leading to AIDS, after using dirty needles.

Well, even with the number of HIV/AIDS diagnoses on the rise, some people still don’t understand the close correlation between shared needles and AIDS cases.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in 2006, 36 percent of AIDS cases in the U.S. were among intravenous drug users, their children and their sexual partners. Twenty-eight percent of new cases were attributed to people who inject drugs into their bodies. This high transmission rate is largely due to contaminated needles.

In an attempt to contain the epidemic, needle exchange programs were established to offer sterile needles and syringes to drug users who could possibly spread the disease throughout the community.

While lawmakers had a good start by implementing the needle exchange programs, others decisions have brought about harm.

Restrictions were recently attached to two House appropriations bills that would prohibit any funding to centers operating within 1,000 feet of "a private or public primary school, elementary school, vocational school, secondary school, college, junior college, or university, or any public swimming pool, park, playground, video arcade, or youth center, or an event sponsored by any states as well as the District of Columbia. In addition, one could be prosecuted if caught distributing the items. Legislation such as this one further adds to the use of dirty needles since it makes it so difficult to find clean ones.

Despite studies that have shown decreased HIV transmission and heroin use in cities like New York, cities that have needle share programs, federal funding for these programs was cut in 2008, according to Harm Reduction Journal. According to the CDC’s Web site, in 2007, some of the highest rates of AIDS cases in America were in cities where the centers have been completely outwashed, including 41.7 cases per 100,000 people in San Francisco, 36.6 in New York and 34.5 in Washington D.C.

By refusing to allow needle exchange facilities in urban areas, citizens ostensibly concerned about their communities are denying drug users the access to clean needles that would prevent them from infections, as well as counseling services available through many of these centers. The centers are also equipped to dispose of contaminated needles, which could cause danger to people who don’t use drugs when improperly disposed of.

Up to this point, society is taking an “out of sight, out of mind” approach to not only the AIDS virus, which is even spreading upon the well being of our cities.

There are currently 185 needle exchange programs in the U.S., operating in 36 states. This is hardly a drop in the bucket when considering how much damage AIDS has caused across the country. While the “War on Drugs” has received much attention and government resources, more thought needs to be given to the other health risks addicts are exposed to, ones that could hurt more than just themselves.

Beyond distributing sterile needles and syringes, the presence of these needle sharing facilities confronts society with the AIDS issue that many choose to believe is a distant problem or simply inexplicable to themselves.

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"Other than a couple of stubborn tire marks, I was able to fix him up to your specifications."

**The New York Times Crossword**

Edited by Will Shortz  No. 0716

**Across**

1 Recreant (6)
7 Commercial prefix with vision (8)
10 Election night lips (9)
14 Ships whose rubbers don't touch water (9)
16 Sounds heard in a bowl (8)
17 36 Across of 57 Across that equals 12-Down (11)
18 Medical suffix (5)
19 Riddled challenges (5)
20 Aeolus (5)
22 The Btg East's Panthers, for short (5)
23 They travel through tubes (8)
24 Winter driving hazards (8)
26 Start of a Hemingway title (8)
28 Less affluent (5)

**Down**

1 Take breath (9)
2 Swiss cheese (5)
3 Cry just before a rabbit appears? (5)
4 Dwells in the past? (9)
5 So, so long (9)
6 Feminine sides (9)
7 Extraordinary (9)
8 Red-spotted (9)
9 Singer of the Wagner aria "Liebestod" (9)
10 Be a broadwinner (9)
11 Detectives' work record (9)
12 Either 17- or 52- Across (9)
13 Snake's warning (9)
15 3.3 in a transcript, maybe (9)
17 R E C R E I N G (9)
18 The Btg East's Panthers, for short (9)
20 Decides who has his conversion, in the Bible (9)
21 Lead from a mountain? (9)

54 Reader of someone else's diary, say (9)
56 Sparkling wine source (9)
57 35 Across of 17 Across that equals 12-Down (9)
59 Marshall's Gulf of (9)
60 Neither high nor low (9)
61 Half dome construction (9)
62 Govt ID (9)
63 First arrival (9)

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

59 Reader of someone else's diary, say
60 Neither high nor low
61 Half dome construction
62 Govt ID
63 First arrival

S u / d o / k u

Puzzle by Elizabeth G. Gordon

26 Women of Astakids: Abbr. (5; 9)
27 Dry's "... that we live!"
(12)
28 With clammy hands, say (9)
30 N. V.C. airport (5)
32 Gymnastics coach Kardos, 2000 Summer Games competitor (5)
33 Possible title for this puzzle (5)
34 Deep discounts, 2000 Olympics (5)
36 Britain's Royal Club, or "Club," (5)
40 Complete the I.B.S. schedule (5)
43 ... fog (5)
44 Block at the 16, 2000 Olympics (5)
46 Punished (5)
47 Dig, with "on" (5)
48 Servings at a shish kebab (5)
50 Doyenne (5)
52 Like L O N D O- (5)
54 100-lb. units (5)
56 Bear's warning (5)
58 Flashing sign (5)

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The Mustangs had seven players chosen during this year's MLB draft, one short of the record eight players chosen in 2008.

Jim Litke
ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's worth remembering one more time that Brett Favre was for retirement before he was against it. So even if we believe the gap is genuinely conflicted, as opposed to selfish, you've got to admit: It's quite a coincidence that Favre has managed to retire twice in 11 months without missing a single game.

What's really shocking is not that he's back, or that the Vikings front office broke nearly every rule in the book about team-building to make it happen. Or that closing in on 40, Favre is willing to risk getting hurt or running his legacy into a permanent punchline.

It's not even having to endure another of those phantom-balance, tear-filled farewells that he's turned into a rite of spring.

No, it's that Minnesota might just be the latest stop in Favre's "Revenge on the World" tour, starring a cranky, increasingly cranky QB who doesn't know what to do with himself so he sees out to average every slight going back to Pop Warner days.

Favre's legacy is that — has -— to do with as he pleases. He fash­ ioned it with hard work and burn­ ished it with a Super Bowl title, three MVP awards and just about every major NFL career passing mark worth owning. He's earned every paycheck he's cashed.

A few short years ago, the consensus was that Favre would go down in history as one of the best QBS ev'er, and likely the grittiest. But I don't think it ends at all. Or even that it ends at all. The more attention Favre got, the less believable every one of his an­ nouncements stands now: "this is not about revenge or turning his legacy into a perma­ nent way to gauge where his repu­ tation stands now: "the courtship was chaotic.

But I doubt it. The Vikings have maybe the best running back in the league in Adrian Peterson and last season's No. 1 defense against the run.

The Vikings are already filling or­ ders for his No. 4 jersey in purple, but short of a Super Bowl appearance or a Favre-fueled run deep into the playoffs, it's hard to see how this thing ends well. Or even that it ends at all.

"This is not about revenge or anything like that, believe me," Favre said at his first news conference in Minnesota. "You can't take away the 16 years I had in Green Bay. It was un­ believable. It was great and that will be forever cherished by me and the guys I played with."

As for the hurdles that preceded this, Favre said: "They ran the same offense together in Green Bay for years — Favre likes to say he could run it in his sleep. And there's always the possibility the mangle will wind up being more con­ ceptual than the courtship was chaotic.

But then he goes on to say he believes he can't squeeze a spiral through. Old doctors don't learn new tricks in their old age, and Favre is more than ready in the first day of training camp.

So what changed? The guess here is nothing, that the fracas made about Favre's torn rotor cuff was just another happy coinci­ dence — not to mention a convenient excuse — that spared him a pounding at the doorstep of the Viking's practice facil­ ity, which was one reason both were willing to put up with all the hubbub that preceded the deal.

Chiefs general manager Clark Hunt was one of the few teams that Favre said he'd consider joining, while others were willing to pay top dollar.

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