California bike laws take on heightened awareness

By Ciara Norton  
The Collegian

With gas prices on the rise and campus parking often difficult to find, some students prefer to travel by bicycle. Fresno State provides a webpage to help students understand California bike laws, safety reminders and prevent bike accidents.

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— Sarait Martinez, Fresno State student

The 2002 National Survey of Pedestrian and Bicyclist Attitudes and Behaviors survey found that 57 million people, or 27.3 percent, of the population age 16 or older rode a bicycle at least once during the summer of 2002. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found that in 2009, 51,000 pedal cyclists were injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes. Of those 51,000 injured were age 14 and younger.

To prevent such unfortunate events, Vehicle Code Section 21600 requires every person driving a bike to be subject to rules that also apply to vehicle drivers such as driving under the influence of alcohol; bev—ages or drugs.

Vehicle Code Section 21203 requires every bicycle to be equipped with a lamp that can be seen from a 300-foot radius. A bicycle must also be equipped with red reflector on the rear of the bicycle that can be seen from 500 feet away. A white or yellow visible reflector is also required on each pedal.

Students are not allowed to carry any materials that prevent them from using both hands when driving a bicycle. Hand signals are also required to properly drive bicycles. Negating these laws can lead to fines or worse: accidents.

“When you’re riding on campus I don’t think it’s necessary,” Fresno State student Alexandra Zentner said. “If you’re riding in a high-traffic area, I would recommend it.”

Fresno State master student Sarait Martinez last semester was involved in two close accidents. “This semester I have been more careful. ‘I didn’t see the car, he was going into McDonald’s and he didn’t look both ways so he almost ran me over,'” Martinez said about the first accident.

“The second time was my fault. I was crossing the street and I saw the red hand, I kept going, but then the light turned green.”

“Now I pay more attention to what I’m doing. I slow down and look both ways,” added Martinez. “You tend to think nothing will happen to you until it does.”

Although California law only requires those under age 18 to wear a helmet, some students believe laws should require helmets.

“If it’s going to keep them safe, I think it’s worth it,” Martinez said. “And it gives you a sense of security.”

Discussion panel held for 9/11 anniv.

By Alicia Luna  
The Collegian

Over 250 attendees and panel members participated in the 9/11 Ten Years Later discussion panel, hosted by the Ethics Center on Monday. Panelists discussed the historical, ethical and practical implications of 9/11 while reflecting on the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

“I want the people to think objectively. This is the opportunity to reflect on what has happened,” Fresno State student, who helped organize the event, Randy Walter said.

While the United States underwent many changes, the panelists agreed that the biggest change was the effect of the United States Patriot Act of 2001. The law overarching goal was to “intercept and obstruct” terrorism.

A recurring theme on the panel was McCarthyism and the spirit of fear that has persisted since 9/11.

McCarthyism is the act of accusing an individual of something that is untrue or unacceptable by society. McCarthyism is named after Joseph McCarthy, who in the 1950s accused many Americans of Communism.

Several Middle Eastern Fresno State students spoke of their experiences in airport security checkpoints and how they have been subject to more airport checks than other passengers.

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“The extremists that commit the attacks are less than one percent of the Muslim population,” Abu-Shamsieh added.

An unidentified student of the United States Patriot

The driving force of terrorism is ridicule,” Knowles added. “There are usually people who think ‘I can do this’ and ‘nothing will happen to you until it does’.

“We want our students to go to school safely,” Director of the Islamic Cultural Center of Fresno, Kamal Abu-Shamsieh feels that there is an escalated negative impression that America has on the Islamic religion.

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Th e build quality in older homes is far superior because builders cared a little more about building something well rather than just building as many as possible.

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Response:

"I don't hear radio"
Bad economy stalls a generation

By Dee DePass
McClatchy Tribune

Ashley Cassidy has spent most of her 26 years looking for a way to support herself without her parents’ help. So far, it hasn’t been easy.

Cassidy has returned home twice after earning college degrees. She moved back after graduating from St. Cloud State University in May, 2009, the year the financial crisis hit. In May, she re-entered the job market with a master’s degree in mass communication, only to discover her old room in Brooklyn Park suburb Minneapolis.

“I just didn’t know how bad or stressful it would be to try and find a job in this market,” said Cassidy, 26.

For most young adults, the only jobs market they know is the one shaped by the Great Recession. For young people 20- to 24-year-olds, unemployment is diminished as fewer new adults struggling to live independently. Their unemployment rate for workers 20 to 34 years old has roughly doubled.

When the housing market collapsed and waves of job losses followed, many of today’s new job seekers were barely in school. Since then, unemployment for workers ages 25 to 34 years old has roughly doubled.

The reality check has been felt in a number of ways. Two of five college graduates who applied for a job this year received an offer, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers. In 2007, the figure was more than three in five.

“T here is really a gap in services for college graduates who are looking to get into the workforce.”
— Jeff Ambroz, spokesman for HIRED in Minneapolis

Kacey Wyttenhove, a Luther College graduate, feels the pinch. She’s lived at home while searching for a full-time job in business management or communications.

“I have been talking to all of my friends, and it takes a long while searching for a full-time job, just the job that they would like to start payments on my (college) loans and start saving, not letting them there,” she said.

Cassidy added, the data are likely to mask underemployment that may be occurring with people with college degrees.

“They may be employed but in jobs that are well under their skill level or might be part time,” he said.

Cassidy aptly fits the “underemployed” description. She works part time at Pier 1 to bring in some income and juggled two unpaid market- ing internships to gain professional experience. She spends the rest of the time looking for a full-time job and the independence she hopes will follow eventually.

“When I do find a job, I know my plans are not to get a house right away,” she said. “I would like to start payments on my (college) loans and start saving as well as have a house.”

Jim Kwapick, director of employment agency Robert Half International, said he sees more college grad uates in their early 20s turning to temporary employment agencies for help.

“We have had success in this market,” said Kwapick. “The situation is more dire. Their jobless rate increased 18.8 per cent. in June. Even in a down economy, the numbers clearly show that education improves your employment outlook, said Steve Hine, director of Minnesota’s Labor Market Information Office. But, he added, the data are likely to mask underemployment that may be occurring with people with college degrees.

The economic impact extends well beyond mom and dad’s wallet. With young adults struggling to live independently, household spending is diminished as fewer new households are being created. As a result, less need exists for furniture, appliances and a variety of services.

“Only when you determine jobs deter mine household formation,” said Maury Harris, chief U.S. economist for TD Bank.

From March 2009 to March 2010, the number of new households in the United States was the lowest on record. The plight of younger workers is played a large part in the downturn of households, as families were forced to constrict their budgets. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found that in 2009, 630 bicyclists died on U.S. roads in a year.

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PANEL: Over 250 attended 9/11 panel

Fresno State political science professor Dr. Michael Becker and Director of the Islamic Cultural Center of Fresno, Kamil Abu-Shamsieh were part of the 9/11, Ten Years Later discussion panel.

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Walter encourages students to “separate themselves from the (9/11 attack) and look at it scholastically.”

The panelists included the former supervisory Special Agent, the director of the Islamic Cultural Center of Fresno and Bill McEven from the Fresno Bee.

Several history, philosophy and political science professors also participated in the discussion panel.

Sponsors of the event included Phi Alpha Theta from the History Honor Society, the Ethics Center, the philosophy club, Phi Kappa Phi, history department and the Fresno Historical Society.

The 9/11 discussion panel was one of several events planned by the Ethics Center, among them the Oct. 3 event, Media Responsibility, Ethics and Civility and the October 13 to 15 event Ethics, Religion, and Civil Disourse.

The event “was a good exam ple of civil discourse,” Dr. Andrew Foa from the depart ment of philosophy said.

Pida added that there were disagreements but every one treated each other with respect.
Fresno State SDA promotes healthy lifestyle through on-campus farmer’s market

By Alene Istanboulian

The Collegian

Students will have the opportunity to grab a peach on their way to the library next Thursday as the Fresno State Student Dietetics Association holds a farmer’s market on campus. The event is a place where students, faculty and staff can purchase healthy snacks and learn about healthier eating habits.

The farmer’s market, held every Thursday, is a place where students can get on the way to class and have something healthy to eat,” Herzig said. “It has evolved into not just selling the product, but also providing nutrition education.

Herzig stressed that the farmer’s market is a way to address the possible inaccuracies of the school’s acceptance of subpar, politically connected students over the past two years. She also stressed that it was created to promote healthy eating habits.

“Any time you have issues raised or doubts about the integrity of any aspect of the institution, it is disappointing and regretful,” said Thomas Hardy, university spokesman. “The key thing here is that there is recognition that we need to work very thoroughly and very quickly and get to the bottom of the matter.”

Pless, a U. of I. law school graduate and dean for the past eight years, could not be reached for comment.

Hardy declined to provide the grades and test scores of the students, faculty and staff, Loomis said. She hopes gain more attention to the farmer’s market by relocating to the Free Speech Area on campus, and by working with the Student Recreation Center to promote its cause.

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“It’s really fun. We are giving the general members of our club an opportunity to volunteer at the farmer’s market and talk about what like to do. Our club mission is to promote health and wellness on campus from this farmer’s market,” Lu said.

The SDA farmer’s market is held every Thursday between the Henry Madden Library and the University Student Union from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Illinois law school investigates admissions statistics

By Jodi S. Cohen

McClatchy Tribune

CHICAGO — The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has put the school’s admissions dean on administrative leave and begun an investigation into whether the school inflated test scores and grades when describing its fall’s incoming class.

The possible inaccuracies come two years after an admissions scandal over the university’s acceptance of subpar, politically connected students has evolved into not just selling the product, but also providing nutrition education.

“We are busy during the time we are open, but we also can reach out to more of the students, faculty and staff,” Loomis said. She hopes gain more attention to the farmer’s market by relocating to the Free Speech Area on campus, and by working with the Student Recreation Center to promote its cause.

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Nearly two-decade old Disney favorite expected to debut at $15 million

By Amy Kaufman

LOS ANGELES _ After 17 years, it appears the "The Lion King" still has a mighty roar. A 3-D version of Disney's popular 1994 animated film is hitting more than 2,000 theaters this weekend for a limited two-week engagement and is expected to debut with about $15 million, according to those who have seen pre-release audience surveys. That should put the movie in a tight race for No. 1 with "Contagion," the pandemic thriller that was most popular with moviegoers last weekend, when it opened to $22.4 million.

Meanwhile, none of the three other new films debuting this weekend is expected to generate much business. "Drive," a violent crime drama starring Ryan Gosling, will likely collect about $11 million. A remake of the 1973 thriller "Straw Dogs" and "I Don't Know How She Does It," a romantic comedy led by Sarah Jessica Parker, will probably each sell between $7 million and $8 million worth of tickets.

Nearly two decades ago, "The Lion King" opened to $40.9 million during its first weekend in wide release. The film went on to be a global blockbuster, raking in $788.2 million worldwide by the end of its run. It sold more home entertainment units than any film in Disney's history but has not been available for purchase on DVD or VHS since 2004.

Disney has re-released its popular animated titles in 3-D before. In 2009, reformatted versions of Pixar Animation's first two "Toy Story" films came out as a double feature, opening to $12.5 million and ultimately collecting $32.3 million worldwide. Earlier this month, a 3-D version of "Beauty and the Beast" played in Disney's history but has been a source of debate, among audiences. At the Toronto, Venice and Sundance film festivals, director Steve McQueen's drama "Shame" could go a long way. If that's the case, the movie in a tight race for No. 1 with "Contagion," the pandemic thriller that was most popular with moviegoers last weekend, when it opened to $22.4 million.

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Sexually explicit "Shame" makes its case proudly

By Steven Zeitchik

TORONTO — When it comes to Hollywood and awards, a little controversy can sometimes go a long way. If that's the case this season, interest in the new movie "Shame" could stretch on for miles.

Centered on an attractive sex addict (played by Michael Fassbender) with a delusional self as she prepares for its ninth season with Ashton Kutcher trying to fill a big void and keep those ratings up 8 p.m., Fox.

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Meanwhile, Sue is her same dismal funk after their stunning victory. Sue Sylvester, doesn't show up to gloat about things. Meanwhile, expect HBO to take home lots of hardware. The cable channel leads everyone with 104 nominations (including 21 for the miniseries "Mildred Pierce"). And two HBO series — "Boardwalk Empire" and "Game of Thrones" — figure to provide the stiffest competition for AMC's "Mad Men," which aims for its fourth straight Emmy in the best drama category 8 p.m. Sunday, Fox.

OTHER BETS:

SUNDAY: "Planet Rock: The Story of Hip Hop and the Crack Generation" is a documentary that explores the connection between hip-hop music and the crack cocaine epidemic. Narrated by Ice-T, the program features interviews with Snoop Dogg, B-Real, Raekwon and others. 10 p.m., VH1.

MONDAY: Break out the sequins, spangles and spray-on tans — it's time for another round of "Dancing With the Stars." Among the 12 marginal celebrities vying for the ludicrous mirror-ball trophy are Chaz Bono, Nancy Grace, Ricki Lake and Carson Kressley 8 p.m. ABC.

MONDAY: Can "Two and a Half Men" survive the departure of Charlie Sheen? TV's most popular sitcom returns for its fourth season with Ashton Kutcher trying to fill a big void and keep those ratings up 8 p.m., CBS.

MONDAY: The retro freshman drama, "The Playboy Club," offers plenty of eye candy in the form of scantily clad "bunny" uniforms. But if that's not enough to fuel the ratings, they've also thrown in a mobster murder case 10 p.m., NBC.

TUESDAY: The Season 3 opener of "Glee" finds our McKinley High crew in a dismal funk after their stunning win at the Nationals. Meanwhile, Sue is her same delusional self as she prepares for its 19th season for its fourth straight Emmy in the best drama category 8 p.m. Sunday, Fox.

TUESDAY: The critics have heaped well-deserved praise on Zooey Deschanel for her sparkling performance in the fresh- sitcom comedy "New Girl." But let's also give some love to her male co-stars who help pump up the laughter and make this one of the most promising shows of the fall. 9 p.m., Fox.

WEDNESDAY: Simon Cowell and his favorite sparring partner, Paula Abdul, return in the "The X Factor," a new singing contest that has solo vocalists and groups vying for a $5 million recording contract. Also on the judges panel are Antonio "L.A." Reid and Nicole Scherzinger 8 p.m., Fox.

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WEDNESDAY: Prime time's top comedy, "Modern Family," returns for its third season with a fresh batch of laughs and a new (older) actress playing the role of Lily, the adopted child of Cam and Mitchell (Eric Stonestreet, Jesse Tyler Ferguson) 9 p.m., ABC.

WEDNESDAY: Most of us still know him as Sam Malone, the lady-killer on "Cheers." But now, Ted Danson makes a dramatic change as the new boss of "CSI: Miami."
3D: Original opened to $40.9 million

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... continuing story, the Morgan's ... her 2009 movie with Hugh Grant about a couple in a witness protection program — did not catch on with American audiences. Of its modest $81.3 million worldwide tally, the film collected only $20.6 million in the US. Another disappointment for Parker was 2008's "Smart People," a quirky dramedy that managed only $11.8 million in global ticket sales. Meanwhile, the original "Straw Dogs" was a critical favorite but never became a

THEMATIC CROSSWORD

A young, urban crowd is expected to show up this weekend to see the film.

— Marc Frydman, producer

The early indications are that the studio will position the film as "Leaving Las Vegas" but with sex; indeed, in the interview McQueen said that, because of its "prevalence" of sex, "the movie is so now. But still it could have been anything... it could have been gambling and it could have been an alcohol addiction.

Because Fox Searchlight is part of 20th Century Fox, which is a signatory to the Motion Picture Assn. of America, it must submit the film to the MPAA instead of releasing it with a rating (an option for smaller studios). That presents an issue: "For shame" seems destined to get an NC-17, and many theaters refuse to play films with that rating. Re-cutting the movie so it lands as an R is not an option, the studio has said, that would essentially curtail the movie's run in a short film. Hollywood studios are no down the aisle one more time? Check local listings, ABC.

THURSDAY: We have a hard time imaging "The Office" without Steve Carell's dearly departed Michael Scott. But we're willing to give the new James Spader, a chance as the comedy kicks off its seventh season. 9 p.m., NBC.

FRIDAY: After four decades of paternity secrets, long-lost ranches, and of course, Erica Kane (Susan Lucci), the daytime drama "All My Children" signs off network television. Will Erica walk down the aisle one more time? Check local listings, ABC.

FRIDAY: How can we tell that the freak fest known as "Fringe" is back for Season 4? Our brain is already cramping. Will Erica walk down the aisle one more time? Check local listings, ABC.

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The old 16-team WAC

Here’s a look at the makeup of the WAC from 1996–98, including what league the school was in when it expanded to 16 schools.

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Bulldog Game Day

NORTH DAKOTA FIGHTING SIOUX
FRESNO STATE BULLDOGS

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WEEK 3 PREVIEW
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, AT 7 p.m., BULLDOG STADIUM

Breakdown: Fighting Sioux
North Dakota will be playing its second game against a Western Athletic Conference opponent after losing against Idaho last week, 44-14.
Next season, North Dakota will be making the jump to a new conference just like Fresno State. The Fighting Sioux will be a Big Sky member a year from now. The Big Sky is one of the top conferences in the Football Championship Subdivision. North Dakota is led by their head coach Chris Mussman, who is in his fourth season as the face of the Fighting Sioux program. On offense the Fighting Sioux’s top signal caller is sophomore Joey Bradley. He beat fifth-year senior Brent Goska for the starting role. Junior running back Mitch Sutton will try to provide balance for Bradley in his third career collegiate start.
On defense, North Dakota has some veterans at key positions in defensive lineman Ross Brenneman and linebacker Mitch Goertz. Brenneman leads the team with two sacks on the season and Goertz leads North Dakota with 17 tackles. They will lead the Fighting Sioux into a tough environment and will have their hands full on Saturday.

Breakdown: Bulldogs
Fresno State is coming off a loss against Nebraska, but the ‘Dogs showed improvements in some key areas. Most of the improvement was on the offensive side of the ball with the offensive line protecting quarterback Derek Carr better than the previous week. Carr wasn’t sacked in the game and was only hit once against one of the top defenses in the nation. The only downside is Fresno State lost guard Matt Hunt in the game and was only able to hold the offense of Nebraska. He finished the game with 36 carries for 169 yards and helped us pressure off of Carr. The defense was another story, giving up more yards to quarterback Taylor Martinez and compadre than against California. Nebraska’s offense accumulated 444 yards last Saturday.
Now, the defense has to focus on this game and try to get back on the same page before the Bulldogs travel to Moscow, Idaho to face the Vandals in their first Western Athletic Conference game of the season.

Keys to Victory
1. Minimize mistakes
The Fighting Sioux will be treating this contest as Fresno State did the Nebraska game so the ‘Dogs can’t look past North Dakota. Fresno State needs to win the turnover battle and limit the penalties it avoids allowing North Dakota the chance at the upset.
2. Continue with run game
Fresno State held its own at the point of attack with junior Robbie Rouse finding running room against one of the top defenses in the nation against Nebraska.
3. Limit the ‘Big Play’
In first two games, the ‘Dogs have been prone to give up the big play allowing both offenses to score on plays of 20 yards or more. Fresno State will have to limit the big plays by North Dakota.

Position match-ups

Player to watch:
Derek Carr, quarterback

When Fresno State runs:
Advantage - Fresno State
Junior Robbie Rouse had his best game of the season last Saturday against Nebraska’s vaunted defense. He will have plenty of opportunities to match that on Saturday.

When North Dakota runs:
Advantage - Fresno State
LB Denis Carr has attempted 74 passes in two games and its safe to say Carr will continue to chuck it up against North Dakota.

When Fresno State passes:
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When North Dakota passes:
Advantage - North Dakota
Fresno State had some lapses in the secondary against Nebraska and with junior safety Terrance Dennis suspended the ‘Dogs will be light in the defensive backfield.

Special teams:
Advantage - Fresno State
Ten Burning Issues, three big field goals against the Cornhuskers and will look to continue that production on Saturday.

What the WAC once was

By Tom Dienhart
McClatchy Tribune

Karl Benson never will forget the April day in 1994 he was hired as WAC commissioner.
“I interviewed on Sunday and got a call that night. I was offered the job and told they were adding six teams,” says Benson, who was hired away from the MAC and remains the WAC’s commissioner.
“I was surprised. I was hand-ed off the six schools. The WAC’s geography stretched from El Paso to Honolulu.

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