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Prop 30 and 32 Can Take \$11.6 Million from Schools

Reinard Bermudez
EDITOR

Imagine all of your classes crowded with 50 students, taught by an underpaid teacher who hates his job, and your textbooks have only half their pages. Scary, right? Well, with Prop 30 and 32 on the ballot, that might just be a reality.

Prop 30 raises the state sales tax from 7.25% to 7.5%. What does that mean to you? The money made from that increase will go to education. Schools will gain an additional \$250,000 annually for seven years. This is all possible from an



Over 200 teachers and students attended a rally at Ethel Pope Auditorium.

increase of just a quarter of a cent.

Gayle Bilek, CTA Board Member said, "Initially [prop 30 is concerned with] budget because California

has already cut \$20 billion from education funding. This would cause an additional cut of \$20 million in Santa Maria. That's massive!"

Prop 32 bans unions



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of the middle class, such as teachers, firefighters, and nurses. It disbands reforms and groups, such as strikes and rallies.

"[Prop 32

proponents] are trying to silence the voice of the middle class," said Bilek, "so the billionaires have a chance to take control of what's happening in legislature."

Already, California is ranked 47th on the "How Much is Spent on Students" report done by Education Week. But Props 30 and 32 threaten the city of Santa Maria with a total of \$11.6 million in cuts. But is this the worst budget cut we have ever faced?

Gayle Bilek said, "Yes, actually it is."

Read about the props and be sure to vote on November 6, 2012.

The Whole Truth and Nothing but the Truth

Rose Anaya
STAFF WRITER

Students spent their lunch in classroom 323 on Thursday, August 30 for the first meeting of a new club: Mock Trial.

The main purpose of Mock Trial is to learn public speaking and the judicial system. This club is good for college-bound and drama students who are interested in law and a good-old-fashioned argument.

"I participated in

Mock Trial as a student and had a valuable experience," said Ms. Staller, founder of the Mock Trial club.

There are limited slots in this national club. And if the PVHS Mock Trial wins the county competition, they go to the state competition and from there, nationals. The Mock Trial club will compete in scrimmages against other schools.

This club will help a great deal with public speaking. So this club would

benefit juniors and seniors in need of that special push of community service.

Esli Morales said that she was "excited" and had never participated in Mock Trial.

Mock Trial is a limited member club that will travel. So come on over to Ms. Staller's and meet new people, perfect your acting skills, better understand your possible future profession, and polish up those college applications.



The mock trials are set up and structured, just like a real court.



Ariana Grande: The New Craze

Jonathan Honrada

STAFF WRITER

Who is Ariana Grande? How has she become so popular?

In 2008, Ariana Grande debuted in "13," the musical on Broadway. In 2009, she won a National Youth Theatre Association Award. Then, in 2010, she made an appearance as the character Cat Valentine on the TV Show Victorious, which she is most well-known for. Currently, she is a singer signed to Universal Republic Records and has two singles out.

When Grande was only 10, she cofounded Kids Who Care, a youth singing group. In 2007, Kids Who Care raised \$500,000 for charity. Grande has also done volunteer work in Africa where she taught many children how to sing and dance.



Two of Ariana's Biggest Fans

Photo by Jasmin Ramirez

"Ariana is very talented," said Jon Daguio, sophomore. "She's a great singer and actress."

Her popularity has spread everywhere. Still some people haven't heard of her yet or have a negative view on her.

"I think she is overrated," said sophomore Adrian Soriano. When someone gains so much fame and popularity, they are bound to have some negative things said about them. This is true for many famous people like Michael Jackson and Nicholas Cage, for example. All in all, it can still be said that Ariana Grande is very gifted and hardworking. It took her years to get to where she is now with effort, perseverance, and determination. She is now walking down the path of success and she doesn't plan on stopping anytime soon.



There's hundreds of styles for Vans shoes.

Photo by Jasmin Ramirez

Who made that? Vans Shoes

Kyle Giesmann

EDITOR

The day was March 16th 1966. Paul Van Doren and James Van Doren, along with three friends, started their first Vans shoes store in Anaheim California. On that first morning they made twelve sales. Their shoes were available by the afternoon as the brothers scrambled to assemble them in the back after the orders were made.

The popularity of Vans shoes rose in the early to mid 70's as pro skateboarders Tony Alva and Stacy Peralta liked the rubber soles which

provided proper traction on their boards. The shoes also had a padded that would not blister their feet.

Their popularity boomed in the mid 80's after Sean Penn wore a pair of black and white checker slip on vans in the 1984 comedy movie hit "Fast Times at Ridgmont High".

The popularity of Vans today is at an all-time high with most people owning at least one pair if not one of every color. That is one of the popularity factors: they come in a variety of colors, making them perfect for every outfit.

Many celebrities have been spotted sporting Vans, such as Justin Bieber, Lil Wayne, and Rihanna.



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Vans shoes are long-lasting.

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Jack and Jill...

Went up the hill, but now Jill's not tumbling after.

Which one is better: 2 year or 4 year college?

Jack:

Why would anyone even consider going to a 2-year college? A 4-year university has a lot more to offer, as it contains much more impressive staff, students, and most importantly, education. A 2-year college couldn't even amount to the prodigious knowledge a 4-year university has to offer.

Jill:

Students opt to attend a 2 year college for many reasons, like seeking "Certification" in a certain major, seeking a 2-year degree in a specific major. Students who attend a 2-year will be taking essentially the same classes for the first two years of college that another student would be taking during their first two years at a 4-year. After they made their choice, a student can then transfer to a 4-year.

Jack:

But a transfer isn't the same.

A student who goes to a 2-year has a likely chance of staying within their original community. By going to a 4-year university, students learn to live independently with different people who have different backgrounds. Students also have more opportunities of making new friends and experiencing new interests, which is an essential part of growing up.

Jill:

A 2-year transfer plan may not be the same, but the end result is. The 2-year transfer option means that a student may decide to stay at home while attending classes for the first two years, before transferring to a 4-year to complete the Bachelor program. The benefit of going to a community college prior to transferring to a university is the



may find that they can't attend a 4-year university immediately after high school graduation due to financial reasons.

Jack:

The end result might be the same, but a wise man once said "it's the journey, not the destination." By going to a 4-year, a student is able to show how much they have succeeded in high school. When a person is done with a 2-year, a 4-year student will already be halfway done. If there's a transfer, a 4-year student has the advantage. The price of a 4-year might be more, but the sense of accomplishment and amount of time saved makes a big difference. And with the increasing cost of tuition, time is something that can't be wasted.

Thanks to Ms. Hinchliff for her college knowledge.

lower cost of tuition at the community colleges. In some instances, a student



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A journalist learns about the 1st Amendment. Photo by Jasmin Ramirez

A Right to Write

Araceli Garcia
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Journalism class in the University of Georgia resigned on August 16, 2012, leaving the school without editors or journalists to write for their newspaper. This was not a random act, but a planned resignation due to the violation of the students' rights.

The University of Georgia forced their newspaper staff to write only positive articles. The university censored negative content to only show what was beneficial toward the school. Is this a violation of the first amendment?

In the Constitution, it is written, "Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech." Journalism class is known for its up-to-date news. Giving the truth is what we're here for, right? Unlike the University of Georgia,

we have our freedom of speech.

Compared to other school newspapers ours is the sweetest. We close up all our stories with endings that make you smile at the perfect resolution.

In the Paw Print, we want to make our readers happy, but we're here to tell the news. We won't be told what to write, like the University of Georgia. We will write what is actually happening, no sugar coating. Sometimes you may not like what you read, but it's a whole lot better than not knowing the truth, isn't it? Like the University of Georgia, we will stand by our First Amendment Rights and speak our minds.

We give the truth and nothing but the truth, and with our rights to freedom of speech, we will make our voice heard to the educated minds of the PVHS student body.



From left to right: Francesco, Filip, Julia, Anne, Rina, Proud

Wilkommen, Foreign Exchange Students

Ariti Tadeo Editor

Every year PVHS gets new foreign exchange students, but this year it seems like we hit the jack pot by getting six exchange students. We are excited to have them at our school, and they are also having fun in our town and school. We open our arms and welcome Anne Henriksen from Denmark, Filip Jarehed and Julia Hilgenfeld from Germany, Rina Kamada from Japan, Francesco Manganiello from Italy and “Proud” Kamolthip Suthsiri from Thailand.

“The school is bigger, and we change classes,” said Anne Henriksen, while the other girls agreed with her.

Francesco and Filip said their schools were small and only had up to 600 students. Another difference is that instead of changing classes in their school they stay in the same class and the teachers are the ones that change.

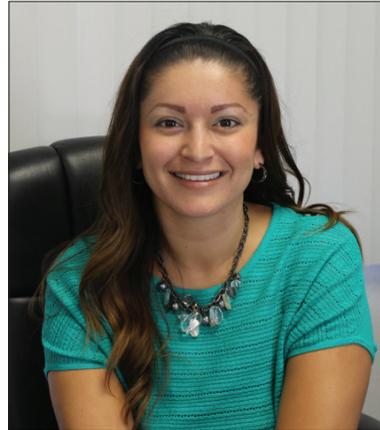
Some of the girls were surprised we had a dress code, because in Germany and Denmark schools don’t have a dressing policy. In Thailand and Japan the girls wore uniforms and if they wore any jewelry or accessories they would get in trouble.

“Today I miss home, but other days no,” said Julia Hilgenfeld.

One of the things they enjoy about our lives in California is the food. Julia and Rina like the snacks that we see every day and find them com

Rina finds amazingly some of the A differer foods is th lot more f countries.

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INTRODUCING:

Ms. Carillo

Where were you born?

- Santa Maria, California

What university or college did you attend?

- UCLA (University of California, Los Angeles)

What subject do you teach?

- Spanish for Spanish Speakers, AP Spanish Literature

Do you have any pets?

- Yes, a Chihuahua

What type of music do you like?

- Mostly everything except country



Mrs. Esparaza: I love my job!
Mrs. Hook: I enjoy working with her.

MS. ESPARZA (on the right)

What do you work as?

- A guidance secretary

How long have you been working this job?

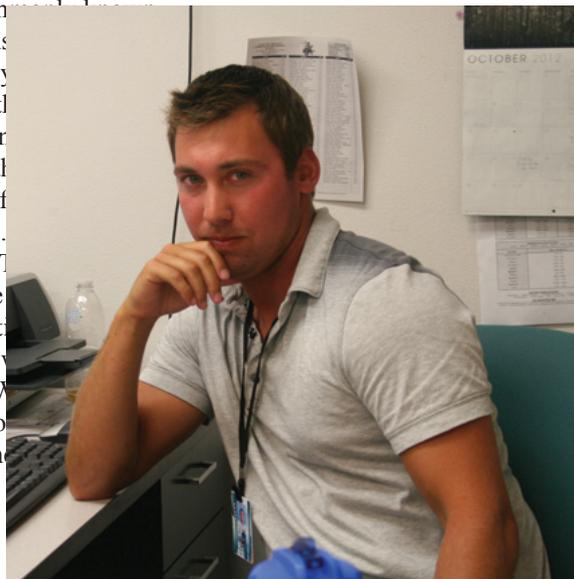
- Has been a guidance secretary for 7 years

What do you enjoy?

- Enjoys scrapbooking

How many brothers and sisters do you have?

- Two brothers and 5 sisters.
- Middle child
- Twin with her fraternal twin



Mr. Blake Busson

What do you teach?

- Special Ed
- many subjects

How long have you been teaching?

- two years

Do you have any pets?

- I don’t have any pets, but I want a tiger. That’s a little [difficult], so I’m getting a boxer.

He has a passion for teaching and hopes to change individual’s lives over the course of a life time.

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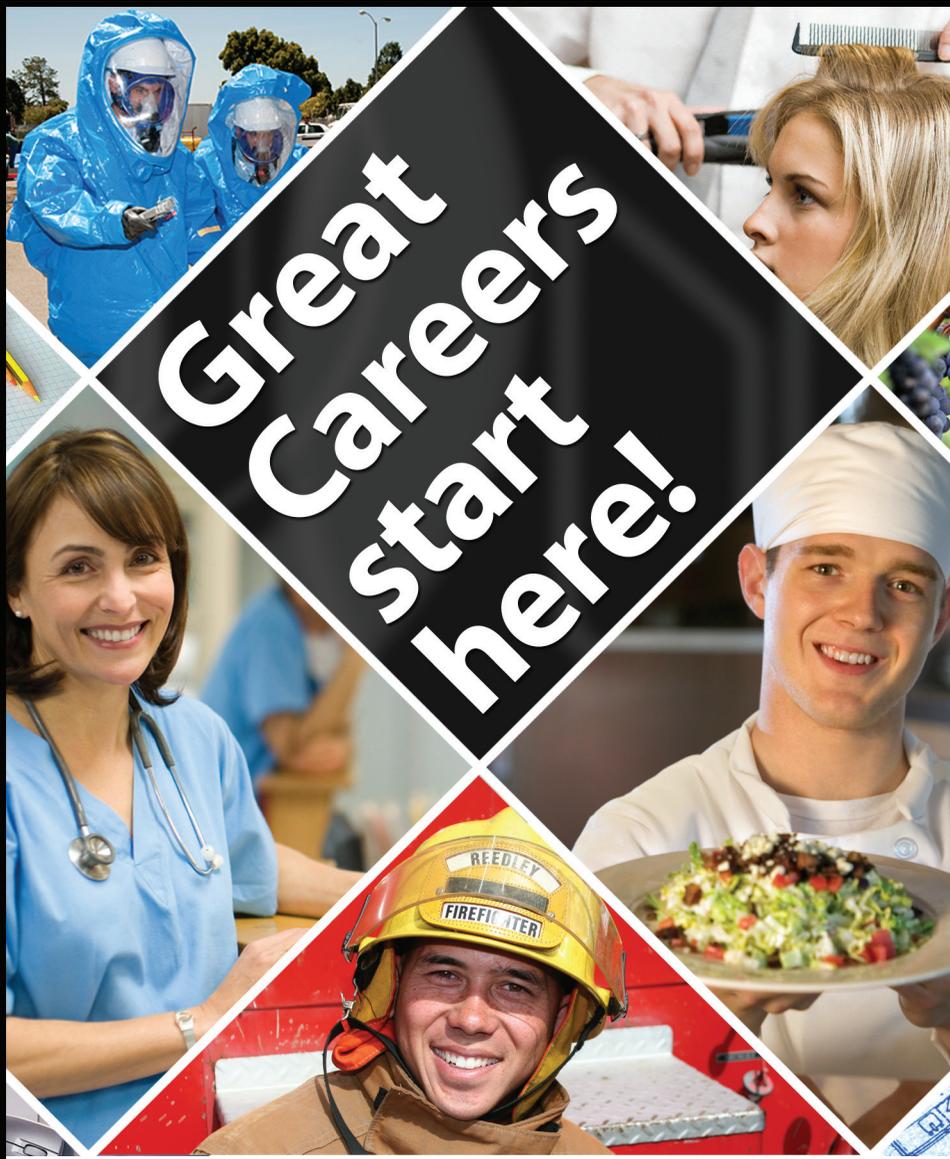
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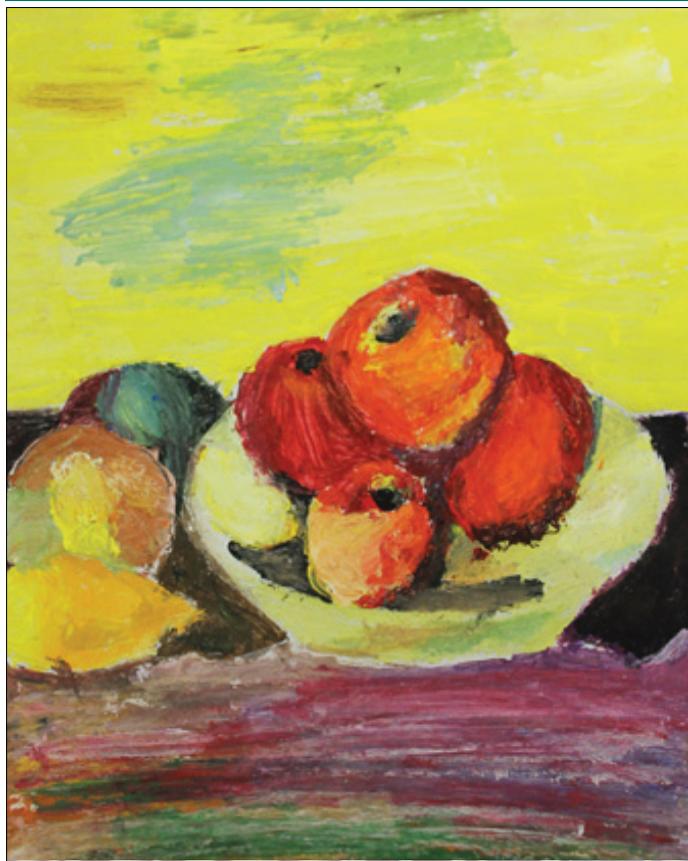
Do you like to fight the undead? How about fighting colossal dragons? Do you like to run around bopping bandits upside the head with a giant war hammer? If you said yes to any of these questions, then Skyrim is the game for you. Skyrim is a role playing game where you make up your characters story. You can be anything you want to be from a strong warrior to a stealthy assassin. From a righteous knight to a bloodthirsty warlord. The people who made Skyrim also made the games *Fallout*, *RAGE*, and *Oblivion*. Skyrim is set in the medieval ages during a civil war. During this time dragons are coming back from years of hiding, and it is up to you to stop them. You can use numerous weapons or powerful spells to bring them down. Skyrim has won awards for best game of the

year and best role playing game of the year. "The graphics are awesome," one of Skyrim's fans said. The only downside to Skyrim is the glitches that occur every now and then, but since Skyrim's release on 11.11.11 most of the glitches have been ironed out. To make the game even more awesome a mod has been released allowing you to become a powerful vampire or a virtuous vampire hunter. The vampires are trying to block out the sun and bring about the Apocalypse, while the vampire hunters known as the Dawnguard are the only people that can stop them (with your help of course). Those are just some of the many things you can do in Skyrim. The game has over 300 hours of gameplay. This includes all of the quests and exploring besides the main quest line. Join the millions of Skyrim fans in the fight against the dragons and vampires. Skyrim is only limited to your imagination.

Creative



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Monica Ramirez, Junior



Ashley Andalon, Senior



Katie Randolph, Senior



Francisco Luna, Junior



Dont mess with these Panther Ladies, they have their game face on.

Set, Spike, *Kill!*

Alex Contreras

EDITOR

She evaluates the court but waits till its her turn to serve. She concentrates on the person she wants to target and locks her aim. She serves the ball at the whistle and scores an ace. This is volleyball.

Pioneer's girls' volleyball played Santa Maria High School on August 27th. Freshmen, junior varsity, and varsity won each of their games.

"It's the beginning of the season..but I can tell

our team knows how to work well together. We all get along great which helps us evaluate our actions easier to maneuver around the court," said Shelby Smith, varsity player.

Varsity's first game ended 25-15, 25-22 the second game, and 25-18 the third game to sweep the Saints.

"One of my goals this season would be to win more league games and break the losing streak we've been in for the past three or four years. Another is to get close

to my team and help them prepare when it's their turn to lead next year," explained Cristine Flores, varsity.

Cristine, whose position is called libero, made killer passes to a hitter.

"As a coach myself, I see Coach Neil Bernado's coaching set at a high standard. He tells his players what they need to hear, not what they want to hear. But most of all he loves to have fun!" exclaimed Johanna Nicole Perez, freshman coach.

The game was dedicated to Coach Reed.

HEAD'S UP!!! PVHS Sports Rally

Zoltan Garcia-Padilla

STAFF WRITER

Architectural mastermind Dax Balzer and an elite team of expert tradesmen designed and constructed, under the utmost secrecy, a structure of a colossal panther head. It is a brilliant blueprint, a display of genius akin to Od-

ysseus and the Trojan Horse.

"We worked literally from Monday till Friday morning," said Roberto Hernandez, senior.

"Wednesday to Friday," interrupted Mr. Balzer.

Clearly these men were exhausted, tapped out from the endless hours of hard labor.

But it all paid off, as the design was executed without a hitch at a school rally on September 21st. Well, mostly without a hitch.

"No one on the cross-country team fell even though they went through it two at a time," said Balzer, "It smacked somebody, though."

"I helped design the

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JUDIT LIMON
VARSITY TENNIS

What's your favorite motto?

"Losing affects your mentality, not your ability."

What's your best game so far?

"It was Doubles against Lompoc. I was with Paula Christiansen, won all three matches, and double swept."

If you were a character in any show which one would you be and why?

"I would be Bubbles, because we're really alike. She can be really nice, but also a tough little girl."



LEANN BARBER
VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

What's the farthest you've ever run?

"6 miles."

What was your fastest mile?

"Five minutes and forty-five seconds."

In a competition you ran three miles by how fast?

"In 19 minutes."

If you were a character in any show which one would you be and why?

"Bart Simpson, because things explode, things get ruined, and it's just fun."

