

Cheating Scandal Could Turn Into Lawsuit in New Jersey

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Brendan Clare, an average high school student was accused of cheating on his ACT, which stands for American College Test. He received his results of the the exam May 2, 2018 and in order to ensure his score of 26, ACT contacted Clare accusing him of cheating. Clare had taken the ACT twice and the first score he received was a 21, so the jump in his score had ACT confused. Clare has the options of having his scores invalidated, offering evidence that they were valid or retaking the test.

“If a person is caught cheating on a test as important as ACT, I believe that it should be taken as seriously as possible only because this is the test that can determine one’s whole future and what college they end up going to” senior Winston Yan said. He tried to convince ACT that he did not

cheat with evidence of tutors he hired and books he purchased which helped him improve, however he felt obligated to retake

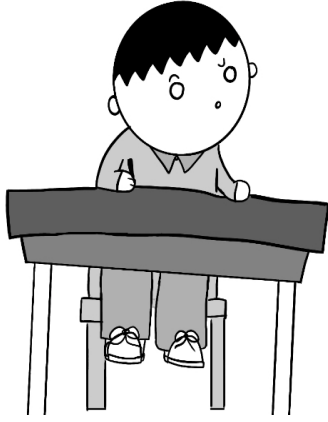
of his father because he is lawyer and his mother has also sued ACT in New Jersey court for multiple grounds. The suit includes

ACT failing to notify Clare 10 months after he took the test. Which also happened to be around the time his admissions to college would be accepted or denied.

“If people worked hard for their score, it should be rewarded, but only if they did not cheat” sophomore Nathan Barajas said.

The suit against the ACT company challenges the way the testing company determines who may have cheated. The reason the ACT be-

lieved Clare had cheated was because of his drastic improvement between his first time taking the test and his second time. Currently, the law suit is still taking place, but Robert Schaeffere, a critic of the ACT and College Board says that this could be a very significant case.



the test and he did so, because if he did not he could lose his \$25,000 scholarship and his ability to apply to his dream school which was Pennsylvania State University. His new score resulted in a 25.

Clare has decided to sue ACT with the help

Law Enforcement in Cali

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Recently in Los Angeles several issues have occurred due to law enforcement unions limiting the landmark transparency law. This is caused from police officers in California doing misconduct occurring before the new law taking place. The judge’s decision does not get put into effect until March 1, which allows for police unions to appeal and discuss with the court to stop the release of records.

Ever since last year California has had the nation’s most strict protections on an officer’s personal files. California’s law enforcement had repeatedly blocked attempts to make any changes.

Multiple lawyers for news organizations have said that it is the public’s right to know about police misconduct or serious occurrences to happen that highlights a officers’ privacy rights. A few weeks prior a request from the local deputy union for a task to prevent the lease of police records, had been denied from a judge for injunctions from local police unions.

Senator Nancy Skinner had formally notified the state Senate that she intends to open up records from the past as well as future records. On the other hand several law enforcement groups have discussed that it does not apply to the release of records since Jan. 1, in which the law has taken place. Furthermore they argued that publicly disclosing personnel files would violate the officer’s pri-

NASA Rover is a “Missed Opportunity”

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The NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, ended its eight-month attempt to reconnect with Opportunity, one of a pair of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration’s (NASA) Mars Rovers. This robot was the fifth to achieve a successful landing on Mars, out of eight NASA spacecraft that landed on the red planet. The team responsible for its mission declared Opportunity’s death the end of an era.

“This is a hard day,” project manager John Callas said. “Even though it’s a machine and we’re saying goodbye, it’s still very hard and very poignant, but we had to do that. We came to that point.” He added: “It comes time to say goodbye.”

15 years ago, the 6-foot Opportunity

and its twin, Spirit, landed on opposite sides of Mars. Their 2004 mission was intended to last only 90 days, but Opportunity set a traveling record of 28 miles and is the longest-running rover in NASA’s history - until it entered a fierce dust storm in June 2018. It was exploring Mars’ Perseverance Valley, coincidentally, when the storm blocked its solar panels and cut off communications. After sending more than 1,000 recovery commands, the flight control team tried one last time. With project costs amounting to about \$500,000 a month, they sent a final wake-up song, Billie Holiday’s “I’ll Be Seeing You” with a sequence of signals to the silent rover on the night of Feb. 19. No response from the record-setter.

The two vehicles’ greatest accomplishment was the discovery of hematite,

gypsum, magnesium, clay minerals and iron carbonate on Mars’ surface, minerals that could have only formed through the presence of water. Spirit also found silica, evidence of hot springs and geothermal vents, and an ancient volcano, where microorganisms may have made a home. NASA collected valuable information about Mars’ geography, atmosphere and climate that it would use for future missions, and hopes to send astronauts there in the 2030’s.

In May 2009, Spirit became embedded in soft soil. Using its only five working wheels, scientists spent months performing tests and careful maneuvers to no avail. They ended Spirit’s mission on May 25, 2011.

“I think the rover’s death is not important because it’s a machine,”

Metro’s Idea to Implement Bike Locker Programs for Thieves

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Metro may scrap its bike locker program because of thieves, break-ins and inappropriate usage. Thieves have constantly breaking into LA Metro bike lockers placed at train stations, stealing bicycles and ransacking the personal contents stored inside and prompting the transit agency to consider scrapping the program. As an alternative, Metro staff is recommending removing and replacing the lockers with larger digital docking rack systems at five stations by July, soon expanding to 10 stations, according to the report, presented to Metro’s Operations, Safety and Customer Experience Committee Thursday. The digi-

tal docking system can lock and unlock bicycles at a multi-space rack using a smartphone. Metro is also considering to create bicycle and scooter parking pens accessible only to TAP-card holding transit riders.

Wes Reutimann of Active SGV, an alternative transportation advocacy group based in El Monte, says that in the last year, people have been “losing their bikes,” after locker break-ins, and that the group has shared their concerns with Metro.

The use of lockers for long-term storage has attracted thieves, who raid them after midnight and on weekends, the report says. Several lockers at the Memorial Park Gold Line Station in Old Pasadena have flimsy, plywood backs, some hanging by a

few screws making it easy for thieves to break in. Even after adding more security elements, the lockers again were compromised, the report found. By allowing patrons to rent lockers for a year, it promotes the wrong type of use, the report says.

“There are questions about the length of use of those lockers,” said Los Angeles County Supervisor and MTA board member Hilda Solis during the committee meeting. “Some people are keeping them longer and putting other items in there.”

Metro, taking a cue from the Bay Area Rapid Transit System, recommends doing away with the bi-monthly rental system and converting to short-time rentals, in which people are charged an hourly

Artificial Intelligence

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When brought to the idea surrounding if robots could write an essay or a speech with only a few words given, (or the general thesis of the subject and topic) it excites technology fans and the general public. Upon hearing this, many readers excite with a tumpus wonderlust for finally being in “the world of tomorrow”, the future. Nevertheless, this is far from the truth. With any technological advancement, there has to be some sort of setback.

OpenAI (a non-profit artificial intelligence research organization founded by Elon Musk) recently announced a new text generator that can predict what a writer will say in not only in the next word, but foresee sentences and or paragraphs. While in production and upon release, OpenAI decided that they need to halt the grand opening of the new text generator by phasing out the potential dangers of this powerful Artificial Intelligence.

Upon realizing the dangers, the organization is instead releasing a smaller model for experimenting, in contrast to just letting out the fully capable program. The AI has the potential of creating distinctive and professional writings with extraordinary depth, criteria, characters, plots, details, and descriptions from only being fed a mere prompt to a story. Although, it does have untraversed terrain with highly technical circumstances,

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