

# DEBATE

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...ions and was seated adjacent to Clinton's daughter, Chelsea, in the state hall.

...afterward, Waters argued that there is no difference between Clinton and Obama on the war, as both voted to authorize funding once Obama was in Senate.

The proof of the pudding is in the eating," Waters said. "Why did you vote to fund it? What's the difference between them? They both voted to fund it. ... So I don't think we should linger on who was right and who was not. We should wipe the slate clean and move forward."

Mark Penn, Clinton's chief strategist, argued that voters are more interested in how each candidate will handle the responsibilities of presidency.

I don't think voters are going to sit on a 2002 speech," Penn said. "People are not going to sit on what is now a 6-year-old speech. They want to know who is going to be ready to be commander in chief."

María Elena Durazo, the executive secretary-treasurer of the Los

...of community colleges," he said. "We believe that it's time for unity colleges to be recognized and funded accordingly."

...California Federation of Teachers supports the measure. ...of the University of California and California State Universities, as well as the California Teachers Association, are in support of the plan.

...said thing about this is that it doesn't represent a plan for education in California," said Gary Gill, consultant to the Proposition 92 campaign. "We have one segment trying to spend money at the expense of the



Bernard Golden, dressed as SpongeBob SquarePants, joins supporters and protesters along Hollywood Boulevard before Democratic presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama debated at the Kodak Theatre.

Hans Gutknecht/Staff Photographer



California's community college system is the nation's largest, with 109 campuses and 2.5 million students. At one time it was free, but fees rose as the state's economy waned, hitting a high of \$26 per unit before dropping back to the current \$20.

Proposition 92, which goes before voters Tuesday, would reduce community college fees to \$15 per unit and limit fee increases in the future. Currently, fees are waived for about one-quarter of students who are low income.

It also changes the way education dollars are divided.

...edly tried to goad the candidates into attacking each other, but again and again they refused to take the bait, preferring instead to stress their points of agreement.

...communication at Sacramento State University.

"This is an issue that people won't have time to figure out because there's too many other things on the ballot that are more important to them," she said.

But Andrew Acosta, spokesman for the Yes on Proposition 92 campaign, said tough financial times may make the measure more attractive.

"People are concerned about the cost of higher education," he said. "For us to go out and say we're going to lower the cost of higher education, I think we have an opportunity to make our case to California voters."

# Web disruption causes global pain

By Matthew Rosenberg  
The Associated Press

**NEW DELHI** — At least for a while, the World Wide Web wasn't so worldwide.

Two cables that carry Internet traffic deep under the Mediterranean Sea snapped, disrupting service Thursday across a swath of Asia and the Middle East.

India took one of the biggest hits, and the damage from its slowdowns and outages rippled to some U.S. and European companies that rely on its lucrative outsourcing industry to handle customer service calls and other operations.

"There's definitely been a slowdown," said Anurag Kuthiala, a system engineer at the New Delhi office of Symantec Corp., a security software maker based in California. "We're able to work, but the system is very slow."

While the cause of the damage was not yet known, the scope was wide: Traffic slowed on the Dubai stock exchange, and there was concern that workers who labor for the well-off in the Middle East might not be able to send money home to poor relatives.

Although disruptions to larger U.S. firms were not widespread, the outage raised questions about the vulnerability of the infrastructure of the Internet. One analyst called it a "wake-up call," and another cautioned that no one was immune.

The cables, which lie undersea north of the Egyptian port of Alexandria, were snapped Wednesday just as the working day was ending in India, so the full impact was not apparent until Thursday.

There was speculation a ship's anchor might be to blame.

## U.S. Navy Announces Alternative Arrangements for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act and Requests Public Input



On January 15, 2008, the Department of the Navy accepted alternative arrangements, approved by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). These alternative arrangements specifically address the use of mid-frequency active (MFA) sonar and its effects on marine mammals during Navy exercises in the Southern California (SOCAL) Operating Area. These exercises include Composite Training Unit Exercises (COMPTUEXs) and Joint Task Force Exercises (JTPEXs) scheduled to occur between January 15, 2008 and January 23, 2008. A Decision Memorandum documenting the Navy's acceptance of these alternative arrangements was published in the Federal Register on January 24, 2008.

Information on the Navy's proposals for the SOCAL Operating Area including the full text of the Decision Memorandum is available at [www.SOCALRangeComplexEIS.com](http://www.SOCALRangeComplexEIS.com).

The Navy will prepare a post-exercise assessment after each exercise. By this Notice, the Navy requests input from the public on the process for reviewing the post-exercise assessments. The Navy is also offering the public the opportunity to discuss the implementation of these alternative arrangements. Input on reviewing the post-exercise assessments and any requests to meet with Navy and CEQ representatives about the alternative arrangements may be submitted by contacting Mr. Alex Stone at (619) 545-8128 or in writing to:

Naval Air Station North Island  
Attn: Alex Stone, CFF Environmental  
McCain Boulevard, Building 678, Room 218  
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For more information about the Navy's Decision Memorandum, visit [www.SOCALRangeComplexEIS.com](http://www.SOCALRangeComplexEIS.com).

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