

## Fremont council discusses A's stadium

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Tuesday night at the Fremont City Hall was yet another in what seems to be an endless progression of city council meetings with the Oakland Athletics.

As the council members and managing partners of the Athletics went back and forth with concerns and proposed answers, you got the feeling that seeing the Fremont A's, Oakland A's at Fremont, or any other combination of the names actually in Fremont was still very far off.

One of many big hurdles the

A's face in getting their franchise moved to Fremont is the trouble with transportation.

With BART being a mile and a half away from the stadium site and no real plans to extend it in to the Warm Springs Area, many residents expressed their concern with the transportation and traffic issues.

A member of the Sierra Club had this to say: "BART is one and a half miles away, the transit plan is inadequate."

Although there are some concerns, the majority of residents and council members are all for getting a Major League Baseball team in

Fremont. The belief is that bringing a team to the city will stimulate local business and profit.

Whether this is true remains to be seen. Cindi Moseti a life long resident of Fremont said "Community benefits have to be considered, what the A's can do for the city and the people of the city will be great."

The A's have a long and windy road ahead of them, they are a tremendous franchise and not many outside of Fremont want to see them leave Oakland.

However Fremont appears to be the A's last hope to stay in California.

If the A's come up with progressive answers to these many questions, there should be no reason they cannot work out something with the city.

One thing in this ordeal is certain, and that is the desire appears to be there on both sides. The A's would like to be in Fremont, and the city of Fremont would love to have the A's.

It may take many more of these tedious meetings but do not be surprised if some time in the distant future you are sitting at your seat in Cisco Field chanting, "Let's go Fremont!"



**Give 'n Go**

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## Volleyball improving

The Ohlone Women's Volleyball team hosted their third pre-season game last Friday night against Skyline College. Though the Renegades lost their third consecutive game, the team has grown stronger, and has improved. "The team is progressing and getting a lot better, we just need to keep working and get ready for our upcoming games," said coach Jaime Cortez.

Though the Renegades lost Friday, it was an exciting and entertaining game. The team played with a lot of heart and motivation. There was a lot of communication between the players and the coaches.

Throughout the first period, Ohlone remained only a few points behind. At the end of the first period, Ohlone fell short 21-30, giving the first frame win to Skyline. In the second period, Ohlone started off a little slow. Skyline had the first serve, where they scored, but then Ohlone got right back into the game. They came back strong and had some perfect serves, hard spikes and nice blocks. At the end of the period the score was in Skyline's favor, 30-23. The third period was the most intense and thrilling. The Renegades fell behind Skyline after two consecutive points, until they fought back and tied it at 10 apiece. From there on out, the Renegades were tough. The game rallied back and forth, and Ohlone stayed ahead by one point throughout the rally. Both teams played with a lot of determination, which got the score back at a tie, 28 all. Skyline took the third period win with some good serves, ending the game at 30-28. Though the final outcome didn't favor Ohlone, the Renegades played well. "Skyline is a top team, and we played awesome," said coach Cortez.

Ohlone's Jackie Acuri and Demi Wilson had very strong performances. Together they repeatedly blocked Skyline's attempts to score. Overall, the Renegades had some very nice set plays, and they worked well together to try and take the win.

The team's improvement and performance has really pleased the coaches. The games are very entertaining and fun to watch. The team would love to have more fans to come and watch their games and support them. "We would really appreciate more fans, the team really enjoys the support," said coach Cortez.

The next Women's Volleyball home game is Friday, Sept. 21, at Ohlone College, against rivals Chabot College at 6:30 p.m.

## Oden out for '07

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The Portland Trailblazers and their fans were met with some disappointing news recently when No. 1 draft pick Greg Oden underwent knee surgery, sidelining him for the 07-08 season.

Injuries and health problems have been an issue for Oden since his days as Ohio State's star center. The wrist injury he suffered during his freshmen year at Ohio State caused the right handed Oden to play mostly left handed. However this did not stop him from leading the Buckeyes to the national championship game where he scored 25 points and grabbed 12 rebounds before falling to the Florida Gators.

After being drafted by Portland as planned Oden struggled through a few summer league games and underwent a tonsillectomy in July.

Now after suffering the knee injury and undergoing arthroscopic surgery Oden's career has taken a big hit.

However, at 19 years old, Oden is still a very young player and should be able to recover through physical therapy and rehabilitation through the next season.

A comforting fact for fans of the Blazers is that Phoenix Suns center Amare Stoudemire had microfracture knee surgery done back in '05 and returned last season with no problem.

Still with an injury like this and the '84 draft fresh in the Blazers' minds this loss is a devastating blow for the whole Blazers franchise.

Oden's injury and Kevin Durant's potential as the Seattle Supersonics' new star has led to comparisons to the infamous '84 draft when Portland chose center Sam Bowie over shooting guard, Michael Jordan.

We'll have to wait another season to see Oden face off against NBA stars such as Tim Duncan, Shaq and Yao. Now we can only hope that Oden recovers from knee surgery as successfully as Stoudemire did be hopeful he shines in '07-08.

## Water Polo's Gill leads in scoring

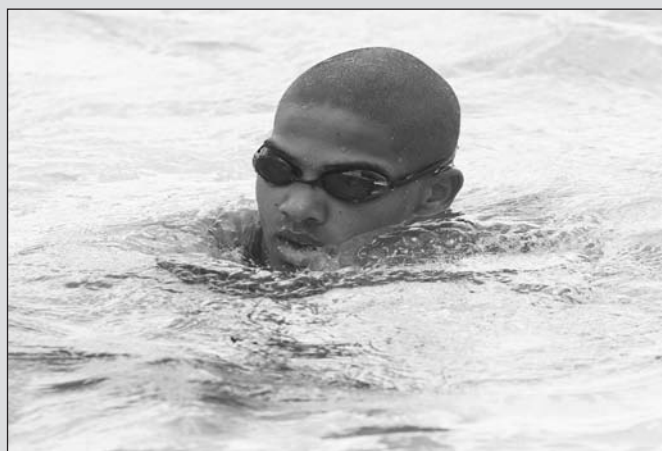


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**Ohlone's Water Polo Team has not started off so well. But Freshman Nate Gill is leading the team in goals after scoring 9 of the team's 18 total goals. The men's next tournament is this weekend, here at the Ohlone pool.**

## Home run ball could orbit the Earth

Answer numero uno and numero dos. Either of these have my vote for the decision on Barry Bonds' record home run ball.

Mark Ecko, owner of the popular clothing brand Ecko, bought 756 from the New York kid, Matt Murphy, who ended up catching the record-breaking ball.

The sick part, me being a Giants fan and all, is that the guy was just passing through the Bay Area on his way to Australia. And he wasn't even a Giants fan.

Well, Murphy basically needed to sell the ball or else he'd have to pay a boatload of tax money just to keep it. So he decided to auction it away and split the earnings with a buddy of his.

Now before he ended up shelling out \$752,467 for the ball, Mark Ecko decided to make a website to get a feel for what the general public would want him to do with the ball.

His website vote756.com listed three different options for people to vote on: a) send the ball to Cooperstown b) brand the ball with an asterisk and then send it on to Cooperstown or c) strap it to a rocket and blast it into space.

Now the last one seems like it may win just because the thought of sending a "tainted" record breaker



**Triples alley**

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into space and eliminating it from the third rock may do the sports world some good (not to mention lighten the mood a bit on the whole subject).

Of all the different record-breaking memorabilia and hall of fame inductees that have cropped up the last decade, the decision to allow the fans to choose what is right for this piece of memorabilia is appropriate.

To get things started, Ecko voted for the ball to be sent to Cooperstown free of any embellishment.

He also stated on the website that he "bought the baseball to democratize the debate over what to do with it."

Like most journalists, Ecko believes those who care about the game most, the fans, should rule the fate of the baseball. Ecko also said that "the idea that some of the best athletes in the country are forced to decide between being competitive and staying natural is troubling."

When it comes down to my vote I may have to flip a coin to either decision a or b. For sure, the ball belongs in Cooperstown. There is no doubt about that.

The whole reason behind Cooperstown is to tell the story of baseball. Ty Cobb sliding into a base with spikes high and sharp, Gaylord Perry spit-balling his way to a great career and the 1918 Black Sox throwing the World Series for money.

All the above are some of the most talked-about stories in the history of this game, and yet none are ignored in Cooperstown.

Since telling the story of baseball is the whole purpose of the place, then the ball definitely belongs there. Even among the choices, you could see the importance of sending it to the Hall. Two of the options have the ball heading to Cooperstown.

Ecko obviously understands the importance of getting it there, which is why he even voted for it to go in the first place.

If it is labeled with an asterisk and goes to Cooperstown, then the ball will in great detail paint a picture of what transpired in the steroids era.

The asterisk on the ball will get fans 50 years from now asking why

the ball was marked, and someone will be able to fill them in about the situation that baseball turned a blind eye to.

Now, with an available choice like blasting the ball into space, there is the chance of a ginormous group of people getting together to rid of the ball entirely. But I don't realistically see that happening.

Another thing to think about. If you take a look at the position players who were voted to start this years All Star game, the same folks who voted them in will be the same people voicing their opinion about the ball. So there is also a chance that the people choosing may make a terrible decision.

Barry Bonds, though he said he didn't care what the guy who caught the record breaking baseball did with the ball, did have a comment on Mark Ecko. Bonds was quoted as saying, "he's stupid. He's an idiot."

Alas, the voting will not drag on for too long. Ecko says a decision will be made after voting ends Sept 25.

Please folks, put the ball where it belongs. Whether it be marked or not, put it in a glass case in New York, not on "I used to be considered a planet" Pluto.