

AC Transit postpones bus fare meeting

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Due to the new stimulus package, the AC Transit Board of Directors has delayed the initial meeting to discuss the increase in bus fares for adult riders from Feb. 25 to March 11.

This change in schedule will allow more time to re-evaluate the rise in fares depending on the District's financial situation after they receive money from the stimulus package.

The Board has proposed a 25-cent increase in all basic fare, which would mean an increase in adult fares from a \$1.75 to \$2 and a 15-cent increase for youth and disabled riders from 85 cents to \$1. ten-ride tickets and adult 31-day passes would increase as well.

Currently, not much can be said about the decision because the Board needs to re-evaluate their decision according to the amount of money they receive out of the stimulus package.

The public is encouraged to come

to the public hearing that will be held in Oakland on March 11.

With the meeting set on a new date, the Board will be meeting to

agree to act quickly on a proposed fare increase that would go into effect July 1.

If the increase is passed, many

bus riders will be affected and some may stop riding the bus altogether. The AC Transit service area includes 13 cities around the Bay Area.

Psychology Club will host skeptic

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"He is a man who chooses to question the bizarre beliefs of people as a scientist, rather than be a critic of their beliefs," said Psychology Professor Sheldon Helms. Helms, along with the Psychology Club, will welcome famous author and psychologist Michael Shermer at Ohlone at the Smith Center next Friday, March 6.

Shermer is the face behind many successful published books, including *Why People Believe in Weird Things*, and is well known columnist for *Scientific American*. He is also the founder and publisher of *The Skeptic Magazine*. Shermer

has a scientific approach in the way he looks at everything, and, as a scientist, evaluates people based on the evidence presented to him. The Psychology Club said they are honored to be hosting Shermer as he will help demonstrate diversity within the field of psychology.

In today's world, the common man likes to believe a lot of things that are thrown his way, things like aliens, acupuncture and even Big Foot. In a fun, entertaining and witty talk, Shermer promises to explore the human mind and examine how some require little or no proof to come to conclusions about such things. Tickets and more information can be found on the Ohlone website or at the Smith Center.

Silent auction set for 'Yes I Can' scholarship funds

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The Black History Month Committee, the ASOC and Faculty members will present the first ever Black History Month silent auction today. The auction is scheduled for 1 p.m. in front of Building One.

The silent auction marks the ending of the black history month celebrations that took place between the Fremont and Newark campuses. From Feb. 11-26 students are able to purchase raffle tickets from the front lobby in Building one. Tickets cost \$1 for one or \$5 for six. Tickets will be placed in a container and pulled at random with four prizes up

for grabs. Prizes include keepsake books, memoirs and a painting.

The proceeds from the silent auction will go toward the "Yes I Can" scholarship, a new scholarship which will be awarded at a later date. The scholarship is "targeting underrepresented and financial needy racial groups particularly African Americans," according to committee member and Political Science Professor Matt Freeman.

Freeman said, "African Americans are among the most underrepresented people at the college, making up only 4.5 percent of the student body and this scholarship is an effort to try and bridge the racial gap."



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