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SSB rises from the sand



Photo by Jeff Weisinger

According to Lucky Lofton, Director of Facilities, the new Student Services Building is scheduled to be completed June 15. The building will slowly become operational in late June through early July to prepare for the grand opening on Sept. 9.

Ohlone's museum may find new home

By **ALEX LYKINS**
Staff writer

In a unanimous decision by the Faculty Senate, a motion was passed to propose the re-establishment of the Ohlone Museum in the hopes of removing it from the Building 8 room it's currently kept in.

The museum, established in the 1970s, used to display exhibits ranging from artifacts of the Ohlone tribe to Irvingtonian fossils, named after the Irvington area where they were found, dating back a million years. The museum was originally located in Building One before being moved due to reconfiguration. Although still in operation, the museum's cur-

rent location suffers from restrictive space and low visibility.

"I would welcome the moving of the museum anywhere on campus where the public could visit," said George Rodgers, the museum curator and professor of anthropology and geography.

Talk concerning relocating the museum surfaced during a discussion on the secondary effects of the new Student Services Building, which is expected to open later this year, and what to do with the ground floor of Building One when everything is moved up to the new building. Other proposals included moving the tutorial centers or creating a student lounge, but the museum, brought up

by JoRainie Rodgers, a member of the senate and professor in the Anthropology/Geology department, generated genuine interest among the Senate members to pass a motion regarding its reestablishment in either Building 1 or anywhere else on campus.

"We definitely need something that represents the culture and history of this area," said Rodgers. "We owe it to our community."

Rodgers also noted that if these artifacts and fossils aren't put on display for the public, they will be taken away to be displayed elsewhere.

The fossil collection, donated by the Gorden family of Fremont to Ohlone and UC Berkeley, includes such arti-

facts as a part of a mammoth tusk, a saber tooth skull, and a giant sloth.

"To be able to see and touch the real fossils is better than looking at a picture or watching a movie," said Rodgers.

Previous proposals to move the museum have been shot down due to the fact that there isn't a lot of free space on the Ohlone Campus.

Newark Mayor David Smith was also at the meeting to talk about the Citizen of the Year Luncheon being held at the Newark Ohlone Campus in honor of former Fremont Councilman Steve Cho and to celebrate the LEED certification of the campus. Smith also talked about the STARS online scholarship registration and

tracking system and the employee giving campaign, which has raised \$20,000 since January, where faculty members and employees can donate part of their paychecks toward campus causes, scholarships and other things that will benefit the college and its students.

The senate also touched on the ongoing vote to discuss the creation of Department Chairs, which would be headed by faculty members. Bob Bradshaw, the President of the Faculty Senate, said that the results of the vote would be discussed at the next Senate meeting. If approved, the Senate will discuss with administrators the role and function of the new position and when it should be created.

ASOC plans Earth Week

By **ZUNERA SYED**
Staff writer

The Associated Students of Ohlone College (ASOC) laid out the schedule for Earth Week events in their meeting on Tuesday.

Ohlone's Earth Week festivities will begin on Monday, April 20 with Solar Energy in Action, 11:30 a.m. at the Newark Center. Tuesday, Students can join in the Weed Workout, 11:30 a.m. at the Newark Center, where students can get some exercise beautifying the campus. Wednesday showcases Campus Critters and Thursday features the Creek Cleanup Contest, both at 11:30 a.m. in the Newark Center. The events are topped off with the Herbivore BBQ on Friday at 12:30 in the Newark Center Amphitheater.

The Student Senate for California Com-

munity Colleges is going to have a Student Senate Spring Assembly. Each college is allowed to appoint and register one delegate to vote on behalf of that college at each General Assembly.

Registration fees for students and advisers are \$195, and fees for delegates are \$100. Fees increase \$50 after April 20. The event is from May 1-3 in San Diego.

The elections for the new ASOC are going to be on April 28 and 29. With every vote students get a slice of pizza.

Continuing concerns about the lack of advertising of the student ID discounts, the ASOC decided to make a discount card and a booklet that will tell students the places to get discounts.

On June 29, everyone will start moving into the new students services building. The Grand Opening will be on Sept. 9.

International Lunch a success

By **ISAAC WEST**
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The Ohlone Deaf Center and ASL Club held an International Lunch last Saturday, April 11 in the Ohlone Cafeteria. During the celebration, deaf people and cultures were represented around the world, some nationalities wore their countries' colorful clothing and brought their countries' foods to share with 115 attendants. They enjoyed learning many different countries' cultures; Korea, Japan, India, Mexico, Thailand, Indonesia, US and more were all represented.

The foods were amazing with a variety of tastes, some foods were homemade and some from restaurants. Those in attendance enjoyed eating foods while at the same time watching five guest presentations that showed slides of

pictures, country facts, deaf schools, how many languages their country has, sports and games they play and their local entertainment.

The stage kicked off with fascinating presentations, exhibitions, and demonstrations of various countries' sign languages, martial arts skills, history and deaf school.

Two deaf men, Hendri Argo and Jonih Renggono from Indonesia, gave very interesting facts about their country. Another deaf man from India named Jagmeet Hans gave his karate performance. Two Hispanic students, Rochelle Greenwell and Antonio Guzman, gave details about Mexico's culture and signed a few of words in Spanish sign language. Tal Boonwattana, a woman from Thailand, wore a very colorful, beautiful dress and showed a video in two different sign languages; Thai and American sign language.



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The Real Reason why the San Mateo Bridge was closed



OPINION

'Reality TV' is dirty and delightfully depraved

By **DEVERY SHEFFER**
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The genre of television that has become known as "reality TV" could be reasonably regarded as anything but realistic. Whether in pursuit of love or a modeling contract, participants all seem to be seeking their 15 minutes of fame. These shows are packed with melodramatic scenarios and characters, and for some reason I just cannot seem to get enough of this stuff.

Ever since this trend emerged years ago, I've been hooked. It is my guilty pleasure, and in my opinion the trashier the show, the better. I've seen a multitude of fist

fight, cat fights and broken hearts; you name it, it's been on one show or another.

As the years have gone by, it seems the shows have become even more disgusting and degrading. So what's the draw? Something about these outrageous characters pulls me in.

As human beings, we enjoy laughing at other people's expense. The first show to be considered "reality TV," "Candid Camera," aired 60 years ago. This show played innocent pranks on unsuspecting passersby. Even this early example of reality TV was a smash success because people enjoyed laughing at others in awkward and surprising

situations.

This has become the underlying formula for all reality TV shows. People are put in out-of-the-ordinary situations and we, the audience, sit back and watch their reactions. Popular shows like "Survivor," "The Real World," and "The Bachelor" all showcase highly irregular circumstances in comparison with actual reality.

I do not know why I find humor in the misfortune of others, but I know I'm not the only one. Shows like VH1's "Rock of Love with Brett Michaels" just ended its third season. No network is going to run a show for three seasons without the ratings to back it up. Charac-

ters from VH1 shows are actually making a career out of reality TV, going on to other shows like "I Love Money" and "Charm School."

Maybe we like laughing at others because we are self-conscious and like pointing the finger at someone else. I'd rather talk about the ridiculous version of Ricky Martin's "She Bangs" performed on last night's American Idol than my credit card debt. On that note, reality television can be used as an escape from, well, reality.

Besides finding pleasure in other people's problems, I think we also like to see ourselves in their shoes. How would we act if that were us? I personally would never want to

be on a reality TV show. Making a fool of myself as a means of entertainment for the whole world is not something I'm interested in. But when I watch shows like "Fear Factor," I try to imagine how I would react if I were asked to eat a camel spider in order to advance to the next round. Normally, I would never do it, but for \$50,000... maybe. Attempting to relate to a situation so out of my realm of reality is what pulls me in.

Reality TV may not be everyone's cup of tea, it may not be intellectual or particularly uplifting, but it sure does make for a good laugh, and who couldn't use a good laugh here and there?

Praise the iPhone, for it rocks prodigiously

By **JACQUE ORVIS**
Ads manager

"I want an iPhone, but I despise AT&T."

I wrote those very words in a November 2008 issue of the *Monitor*, explaining my torn feelings between my hostility toward AT&T wireless service and desperately wanting an iPhone. I vowed that I would not dump Verizon Wireless for AT&T so that I could jump on the iPhone wagon, but the despair eventually broke me down.

Last month, I marched right

into the Apple store in Palo Alto and waltzed out 20 minutes later - iPhone in hand.

After telling you about my impasse in November, I felt confident that I could wait until Apple and Verizon got their acts together and produced a CDMA-powered iPhone. January came, and the rumors did not pan out in my favor; there would be no iPhone for Verizon (at least not yet). I went through bursts of excitement, telling myself Okay - that's it! I'm switching.

But soon afterward, the excitement would wear off, and my apprehension would lead to admiring

my iPod Touch and knowing that I could still call people on my good ole' normal cell phone.

Then March came when my mom asked me what I wanted most of all for my birthday. All I could think about was the iPhone. Seriously - I could not think of anything else that I could possibly want or need. Car? I have one. Shoes? Can't complain. Other fun gadgets? Why? My iPod Touch can do it all, except be an iPhone.

That must have triggered something - My iPod Touch can do it all, except be an iPhone. After that thought, I spent hours online trying

to find ways around the Verizon/iPhone barrier. I found links to instructions for jailbreaking iPhones that are seemingly fraudulent and more news about CDMA and SIM technology, but the story remains the same - APPARENTLY make the iPhone available for whatever service you want or wait until the service makes the iPhone available for you.

Either way it seems like a waste of time and energy just to avoid AT&T. I mean, could the service still be that horrible? After all, I remember hearing similar horror stories about Verizon 5 or 6 years

ago, and here I am today, blessing them as the best of the best. This realization justified my switching to AT&T just to use an iPhone to the full extent.

This was the plan - I would have 30 days to drop AT&T like a rock if they screwed with me. I would keep my VZW service connected, meaning that I would need get a new phone number with the AT&T service. In 30 days, if AT&T disappointed me, I would crawl back to VZW and cancel the AT&T service.

The iPhone would still belong
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CAMPUS COMMENT >>>

What is your favorite television show?



Aaron Moss
PSYCHOLOGY
"House! I LOVE 'House'."



Annabel Corte
PRE-MED
"Any 'Law & Order.'"



Michael Chen
BUSINESS
"American Dad."



Tauhed Safi
PRE-MED
"The Ultimate Fighter."



Elizabeth Rodriguez
CHICANO STUDIES
"That 70's Show."

Plenty of options for transfer students

By ANNA ALFAFARA
Staff writer

Time is running out. How do I decide where I will go to college? How do I choose my major? What steps must I take in order to set me on the "right" path for my future?

College Counselor Stephanie Ramos answered these questions and more on Tuesday, April 7, at a college transfer seminar.

Ramos' first suggested step was for students to find their own path. She proposed reflecting upon yourself and paying attention to what you enjoy doing. Taking assessments to help see what careers fit with your personality can also help. Another thing she suggested was to ask family and friends about their jobs because their career might interest you.

The second suggested step was to explore the possibilities.

Take a Personal Development, or PD, class to explore what options you have that mesh well with your personality. Taking a PD class can help you figure out what you need in order to be satisfied with your

career choice.

Another way students can plan for their future career is to take some introduction classes to see if a given program interests them. Informational interviews are another way to learn about the different programs. Students can speak with college instructors, professionals and university representatives or departments.

Ohlone offers support for your future by hosting Transfer Day, career panels and seminars. Ohlone also has a TAG, or Transfer Admission Guarantee, agreement with some colleges in California. For more information about the TAG program and what colleges Ohlone shares these agreements with, check the Ohlone website.

Step Three of Ramos's plan was to get as much information on different schools, majors, and departments that you are interested in as possible. The point to remember is that not every school offers your major. Assist.org is a great site that Ramos thinks is helpful to students. It shows different UCs and CSUs in California by

location. Once you have clicked on a CSU or UC of your choice, a list of majors at the school will appear. If you are still unsure about where to start, begin by picking a location or department. "[A] major reflects your passion," said

Ramos. Remember to work closely with your counselor for help.

Making a decision and staying on track is Ramos's final step. She said, "ultimately you must make a decision." Meet with your counselor to develop a Student Education Plan,

this will ensure you are on the right path for your desired major. Students must keep in mind that these plans are being continually adjusted to fit life's most unpleasant pauses or sometimes beneficial fast-forwards.

Upcoming Brown Bag to discuss carbon footprints

By THEODORE HARRISON
Staff writer

The 5th Brown Bag Science Seminar of the semester, entitled "How Big Is Your Carbon Footprint," will be presented by Dr. Laura T Iraci this Friday from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 3201.

The idea for Iraci to present was conceived by History Professor Steve Hanna. Hanna and Iraci both sing in the Schola Canroum and frequently discuss her work at NASA. Because the Science Department Brown Bag Seminar program had originally only budgeted for four seminars, the department was unable to compensate Iraci for her appearance. However, Iraci believes that students would so greatly benefit from her knowledge and insight that she agreed to donate her time and present at the seminar.

Iraci is a NASA research scientist in the Earth Science Division at Moffett Field. Her current work at NASA includes studying Mars

cloud formation and the formation of the polar stratospheric clouds which lead to ozone depletion

According to Yvette Niccolls, who described Iraci as a "dynamic and passionate speaker." Iraci will focus on helping students understand how their consumption habits create a carbon footprint. Once students understand how their consumption choices determine their carbon footprint, they are more likely to take action to reduce the size of their carbon footprint.

The Speech and Communication Studies Department's planned Brown Bag seminar by Ohlone Instructor Kristine Carroll has been rescheduled to next Friday, April 24 in Room 3101. According to Brenda Ahnholz, the topic for the seminar is "Perceived Effects of Prescription Drugs" which focuses on the subconscious choices and decisions we make as a result of drug company advertising campaigns. This presentation is part of Carroll's master thesis at Cal State East Bay.

Rocking iPhone

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to me - since I paid full price for it - and then I could try to unlock it and jailbreak it for fun.

What would I lose? Money. What would I gain? Experience and hopefully, a simplified life with a new iPhone.

And let me tell you, IT WAS WORTH IT! For one, it took me 20 seconds to sync my contacts to the iPhone, since I already had every contact that I could possibly need saved in my address book on my MacBook. Plus, everyone can get ahold of me now, since I carry

it with me like I carried my iPod Touch.

I am never without connection, and that makes all of my family and friends happy. Now I know - the iPhone isn't just a phone - it's something more. It's a mini-computer that makes calls. Oh, the bliss. Constant internet connection, GPS, electronic book reader, music, etc...

It broke my heart to drop VZW as my wireless service provider, but I hope that in 2011 - when my contract with AT&T is up - things will have changed for the service and the phone.

Live 105 radio crew visits Ohlone



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Karlos De La Torre checks out the offerings at the Live 105 tent in the Palm Bosque Wednesday.

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By NOAH
LEVIN
Opinion editor

Flavors of summer

It was about a month ago, when the weather was just beginning to warm and the sharp cold of the winter was starting to recede. I was driving home from school, avoiding the sludge like traffic on the freeway by taking Hesperian Boulevard north towards my house in Hayward, when I saw some eye catching graffiti on a red fence. Written in an innocent, perfect cursive with white paint on a Douglas Fir-red fence read the words, "I can't wait till summer..."

This piece of simple, understated art seemed to encapsulate my exact mood at the moment, and continues to embody my energy these past weeks. I do not pine for summer like a high school student longing to be rid of the bondage of fifth period, but I look forward to summer for its promise of merriment and adventure. It is in the summer time, more than any other season, when I take to the road, embarking on road trips taking me up and down the Northern California coast. It is during the summer that I sojourn to little-known beaches in Half Moon Bay in the dead of night to drink strong whiskey and burn massive bonfires with friends.

The warm California summers, with their bright blue skies scarred by massive Pacific coast clouds, are iconic in both imagery and what they symbolize. For me, summer here in the Bay Area means hot, hazy days and long, party filled nights. Summers mean cruising the streets in the twilight hours, heading to the bar to drink pints of heavy, sharp tasting beer from area microbrews. At the bar, my friends and I congregate on the well-lit patio instead of huddling around a table inside. From the outside of the bar, we can still hear the thumping of a Grateful Dead cover-band, and the music makes us shout and holler.

The music, good lord the music! It's in the summertime that music permeates much of my life. From late morning jam sessions, playing with my band during liquor drenched house parties to blasting Led Zeppelin at top volume while sitting in my backyard smoking a fine cigar, summertime provides the backdrop to often times surreal moments. In those moments, music, be it live or recorded, can determine the entire course and mood of any gathering at my home.

This particular summer should prove to be an interesting one. My house has recently bid farewell to one roommate, and welcomed three in their place. This abundance of like-minded, amicable friends should provide hours of laughs, musical harmony, and all sorts of good times. Because of the scholastic tradition of free summers, I can enjoy myself and find peace in my surroundings, and being in California certainly will not hinder me.

Can you hear me now? Nope...

By NAZIA MASTAN
Staff writer

Ohlone's hillside location has plenty of benefits: from its airy ambiance, to unparalleled views of the bay, to providing a cardiovascular workout to die for, Ohlone's hillside location carries with it plenty of benefits.

Adequate cell phone coverage, however, is not one of them.

"[Coverage] is horrible on campus, sometimes I'll have full bars and won't be able to make a call," said student Rachael Warmack, an AT&T customer. "Sometimes I have no bars and think that I can't make the call, but when I do, the call goes through."

Even though most major service providers, AT&T included, list

Ohlone as a "best coverage" area, coverage with most is spotty at best. Verizon Wireless and Metro PCS, however, stood out as offering the best coverage in an informal survey of several students.

Verizon's superior service is no surprise—Ohlone has a Verizon cell phone tower affixed to the roof of the Smith Center. Other service providers do not have cell phone towers in as close of a proximity as Verizon does, which is one reason Ohlone community members are not as satisfied with their cell phone service as Verizon customers.

English Professor Cynthia-Lee Katona, a Verizon customer, said she gets service everywhere on the Fremont campus.

Despite its status as a smaller network, another service provider, Metro PCS, was named as a front-runner by students. Freshman Najia Quadir said Metro PCS customers are getting the most bang for their unlimited calling buck here at Ohlone. "I didn't expect to get any service at all because of Ohlone's elevation, but I guess I was wrong," said Quadir. "There is barely anywhere that I don't get service."

Sprint customer Naveen Khan said she has trouble making calls on the main stairway leading up to Building One. "I make my calls near the Palm Bosque so they don't get dropped while I walk up the stairs."

Although T-Mobile boasts the best pricing for their service, they fall short

when it comes to covering students at Ohlone. Economics student Bilal Masood said his T-Mobile Sidekick only receives service directly outside of Hyman Hall.

AT&T, though explicitly listing Ohlone as being a "best coverage" area, student Ashley Cunha also agreed with Warmack when it came to AT&T's service at Ohlone. Overall, she said, AT&T's service is poor on campus, but the Smith Center and the Quad are the best places for good reception on campus.

Two years ago, Niles approved the request of one service provider, T-Mobile, to erect a cell phone tower to provide better coverage to Ohlone and the rest of the Mission District.

In order to more fully examine the intricacies of Ohlone's cell phone coverage, the Monitor staff gathered four randomly selected phones (Which coincidentally happened to be four of the phones owned by Monitor staff members) and compared coverage around campus. Take a look:



Verizon



Metro PCS



Sprint



AT&T

Quad	Verizon	Metro PCS	Sprint	AT&T
Quad	Full service	Full service	3-4 bars	2 bars
Hyman Hall	2-4 bars	Full service	4-5 bars	4 bars
Library	3-4 bars	No service	3-4 bars	No service
Gym	2-4 bars	1 bar	3-4 bars	2 bars
Parking Lot B	Full service	Full service	Full service	2 bars
Soccer Field	3 bars	Full service	Full service	4 bars
Cafeteria	3-4 bars	Fair service	No service	No service
Monitor	3-4 bars	3-4 bars	No service	3 bars

Health not ensured for college students

By INEZ BLACK
Staff writer

Sally Bratton, the Director of the Ohlone Student Health Center, said "The American College Health Association (ACHA) Surveys report that about 20 percent of the students do not have health insurance [based on the Government Accounting Office report]. If they have an illness, it can be a catastrophic expense." The study covered students age 18-23 for 2006.

Young adults represent 17 percent of the under-65 U.S. population. However, this age group (19-29), also represents 30 percent of the uninsured population under age 65, according to Sara Collins of the Commonwealth Fund. The lack of access to health insurance is urgent as this is the fastest growing age group.

After age 18 the federal government terminates eligibility for its

public health program for young adults previously enrolled in Medicaid (Medi-Cal) or

State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). Also, private insurers are not required to provide dependent health insurance after age 18 under federal law, and many insurers terminate coverage for young adults, based on the Commonwealth Fund report, "Rite of Passage? Why Young Adults Become Uninsured and How New Policies Can Help, 2008 Update," by Jennifer Kriss, Sara Collins, et al.

The Commonwealth Fund is a private foundation which conducts independent research on health policy and health systems.

Further complicating the problem, statistically young adults have the riskiest lifestyle, specifically for recreational athletic activities and unwise health behaviors of heavy drinking, cigarette smoking, drugs and unprotected sex, further com-

plicating the problem.

Today 31 percent of society smokes, however, 46 percent of college students reported using tobacco products within the last year, based on studies by the Journal of American Medical Association, Massachusetts General Hospital, and the Harvard School of Public Health. They also reported an increase in cigar smoking for California's collegians.

Seven percent of young adults engaged in specific high-risk behaviors – more than twice the percentage of all other age groups. Ninety-three percent (93%) of young adults are sexually active. This includes having sex without a condom in the past year, contracting STD's (sexually transmitted diseases), giving or receiving money or drugs in exchange for sex, according Community Health Data Base's 2004. Without insurance, they are less likely to receive

tests for STDs, pregnancy, and for HIV/AIDS, or receive timely and appropriate medical treatment.

As many as 40 percent of Ohlone students in the health sciences programs, i.e., nursing, physical therapy, and respiratory therapy, are uninsured primarily due to their age -- typically over 25 years old, Bratton stated.

It is a myth that the young consider themselves invincible, according to Anthony Wright, Executive Director of Health-Access California, a statewide health care consumer advocacy coalition.

He said, "They are likely to be low income and work at jobs that don't provide health insurance. We should not blame the "Young Invincibles." We need to reform the health system so that they can get the insurance they need."

Liz Frantz, a 26-year old journalism major at Ohlone College, working for a solar panel installation



DJ perseveres despite handicap

By ANNA BIARITZ ROLDAN
Staff writer

Radio personality Henry James “Hank” Ochs is a proud part of Ohlone’s radio station, 89.3 KOHL. Ochs is a 41 year old autistic who dreams of becoming an all-around professional. He has been in Ohlone since Sept. 2007 and has taken quite a number of broadcasting classes. Ochs has already received an On Air Talent Certificate and a Radio Studio Operator Certificate. He is currently taking the Radio Operations class with Tom Briseno and a Radio Broadcasting class with Steve Taylor. According to Ochs, despite passing with an A Taylor’s class, he is retaking it to improve his enunciation.

Ochs said, “[Ohlone classes] teach me well. I like it better here because when I was at Chabot they had term pots and carts [as opposed to the] wonderful computers they have here in Ohlone.”

Ochs is truly passionate about his dream and works hard at it. Briseno said, “There has never been anyone as dedicated, enthusiastic and focused as Hank. Radio is his life. He’s unique and he’s a good guy. We like him around here.” Ochs is so passionate about radio that he listed it as one of his top hobbies and interests along with music and baseball.

Ochs has a lot of experience in radio. He did everything he could to achieve his goals. Ochs was a promotion intern for 14 years in KYLD WiLD 94.9. He was also a part of known disc jockey, JV’s former morning show. The show was entitled The Dog House where Hank interviewed people, made some prank calls, and stunts. The show was terminated in April 2005 but Ochs continued on with his pursuit to become a radio personality.

He had the Lounging with Hammerin’ Hank Show where he did production pieces. Bob Dochterman said, “I think it’s appropriate to call him a novelty contributor [in that show.] but we think he can take on regular mainstream radio.” Dochterman added that “[Hank] represents another unique set of challenges [and] radio is probably the most severe environment for an autistic person.”

Ochs responded, “I’m kind of comfortable with it but sometimes it’s hard.”



Photo by Inez Black

Radio personality ‘Hammerin’ Hank’s’ motto: ‘Never give up.’

To keep up with his health issues, Ochs sees a doctor and is currently on a diet. He explained that being off the air for WiLD in Aug. 2008 made him depressed and he went on an eating spree.

Even Ochs was proud to say that he still went to KOHL and attended class regularly. He was happy, though, when JV brought him back on-air where listeners from all over San Francisco know him as The Worlds Most Lovable Autistic.

Ochs’s dream started when he was a young boy, even before he went to school. According to Briseno, “[Ochs] sister once told me that Hank used to pretend he was on-air on the radio while holding up a hair brush as his microphone.” Now Ochs is also the co-producer and host of the Hammerin’ Hank Music Video Show which shows Mondays at 9:30 p.m. on Comcast cable

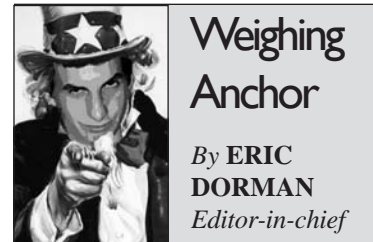
channel 29 for Fremont, channel 27 for Newark, and soon to come in Hayward on channel 28.

Ochs admires many people; JV for inspiring him to do radio the correct way, Christie James and Jon Manuel for being so intelligent and Briseno who taught him all he knows on how to run boards on KOHL.

Ochs has already come a long way and will stop at nothing. He will continue to achieve his goals and will be on KOHL until someone officially hires him which he hopes will be soon.

He is hoping to be put on payroll from his current intern position at WiLD as soon as the economy stabilizes.

Ochs’s advice to everyone including those who have disabilities is “Never give up! Always work on your goals even if you’re autistic.”



Weighing
Anchor

By ERIC
DORMAN
Editor-in-chief

Don’t touch that tweet

We have seen the enemy. And he is 140 characters long.

Perhaps I should back up a bit. This column was never intended to be about text-messaging, or Twitter, or any permutation thereof. It was originally intended merely to be a carefully nuanced, brilliantly devised and painstakingly crafted masterpiece exploring the vestigial genesis of the crippling lack of productivity that humans in general, and students in particular, suffer from today.

Of course, it’s tough to get started on a tour de force like that right off the bat, so I figured I’d take a quick YouTube break first. And darned if after three hours of “fail” clips, old “Seinfeld” episodes and a really good “Charlie the Unicorn” remake, I still couldn’t figure out the answer.

So who knows? If there’s no answer, maybe the premise was wrong. If you think about it, we’re really very productive people. After all, the average American watches five hours of TV a day and 87 online videos per month; 200 million people worldwide have a Facebook, spending a combined 6,500 years on the site each day; YouTube, for its part, receives over 1 billion hits per day. And don’t count out Twitter: about 270,000 people send or receive tweets every month, an average of 80 per user.

At least we’re good at multi-tasking.

Perhaps you were under the impression that Facebook, MySpace, AIM and YouTube constituted the perfect storm of time-wasting accoutrements. If so, allow me to introduce FEMA. Twitter may not be the most ravenous of today’s time-devouring devices, but the ludicrousness of its governing concept is one that begs for ridicule. Why one would wish to receive continual text-message updates concerning the mundane details of the day-to-day lives of others, with a 140-character limit to eradicate any hope of a continuous narrative, is a concept so foreign to me that I was sure there had to be some hidden gem, some redeeming quality, about the service. In the name of research, I signed up for it, hoping that there was some magical quality about Twitter that transformed the boring, random day-to-day thoughts that (thankfully) remain unsaid in most of our daily lives into concise, profound truths that are worth reading and living by. Put simply: there isn’t.

I’m not here to indict our generation for being inherently lazy or possessing an inborn lack of focus; I think that even the most productive generation, faced with these conditions, would fall victim as well. Think Da Vinci. How would he act under the constraints of a 140 character limit? I can see the Tweet now: “at Mona’s smile. Can’t decide. :-) or :-(?”

Jazz act soothing the campus Friday

By DEVERY SHEFFER
Staff writer

Accomplished jazz guitarist, Jay Soto, will be performing at the Ohlone Smith Center this Friday at 8 p.m.

Soto was a finalist in one of the most well known and respected guitar competitions, Guitar Center’s “Guitarmageddon” competition. Since then he has released two albums with a third (having written all the 11 songs) on the way. His tunes

were featured on Sex and the City and the Weather Channel. He is well known in the Christian community as the former lead guitarist for the band Vessel. As a musician he brings more to the table than just his skills on the guitar. He grew up playing the

piano and drums; in 2004 he sang the Star Spangled Banner at a presidential rally at Memorial Coliseum in Phoenix, Arizona. Tickets can be purchased at the Box Office, tickets are 20\$ for students, 25\$ for adults and 15\$ for kids under 12.

Students deemed too risky for insurance

company, said, “At the company I worked for, there were a bunch of us in our 20’s... I worked with people who went snowboarding off the top of the mountain and other crazy stuff... People were getting hurt all the time, when they weren’t on the job... We all knew that we were not invincible, that insurance was important to everyone.”

Cara Buckley’s feature in The New York Times on uninsured young adults, published Feb 17, wrote, “They borrow leftover prescription drugs from friends, attempt to self-diagnose ailments online, stretch their diabetes and asthma medicines for as long as possible and set their own broken bones.”

Frantz added, “I had a friend still on probationary period [waiting to be eligible for insurance], and was windsurfing... he fell on something sharp, I guess, and really [injured] his ankle. It wouldn’t stop bleeding.

After a couple hours of rewrapping it and rewrapping it, it stopped; eventually I guess he was okay.”

Most jobs in the U.S. are created by small businesses; however, of the firms employing less than 25 employees, 41% of the young adults were uninsured, whether they worked full-time or part-time.

In addition, nationally, almost 60 percent of employers, who provided insurance, did not insure dependent children over age 18 or 19, if they do not attend college, based on the Commonwealth Fund report.

Frantz stated, “I’ve been without insurance plenty of times – whenever my husband or I, or both of us would lose our jobs, or not covered by the other’s.

While uninsured, if Frantz got sick, she said, “I’ve gone online and ordered a continuing prescription from Canada that I couldn’t get here as my health insurance had lapse.” She did without when a doctor

would not renew her prescription without an office visit.

“My new insurance will not kick-in for 90 days,” Frantz added. “Now I’m specifically only taking certain medicines that I need when I absolutely think I have to take them because I can’t afford to buy them without health insurance.”

Currently there is no federal legislation to stop the poor from “aging out” of the public health programs like Medicaid and SCHIP, by extending the age limit, as discussed by Kriss in the Commonwealth Fund Report. Colleges generally offer limited services or required health insurance for enrollment.

Over twenty states have passed legislation requiring health insurers to provide dependent status health insurance up to age 24 or 25, according to the Commonwealth Fund report.

Currently California does not require health insurers to continue

to offer dependent status to young adults after graduation from high school or age 18 or 19.

Although Wright believes that more needs to be done to help young adults, he feels that Representative Price’s bill, AB 29 “Health Care Coverage,” which passed the California Assembly on April 14, is a start.

It prohibits limiting the age for dependents for health insurance from being less than 27 years of age, and allows employees to continue coverage for dependents if they contribute the premium for the coverage. This is the first hurdle, as it still requires Senate passage, and the Governor’s signature.

The Commonwealth Fund report revealed that 66 percent of the young adults without insurance coverage during the last year, went without needed health care due to cost. Fifty percent reported difficulty paying bills or medical debt.



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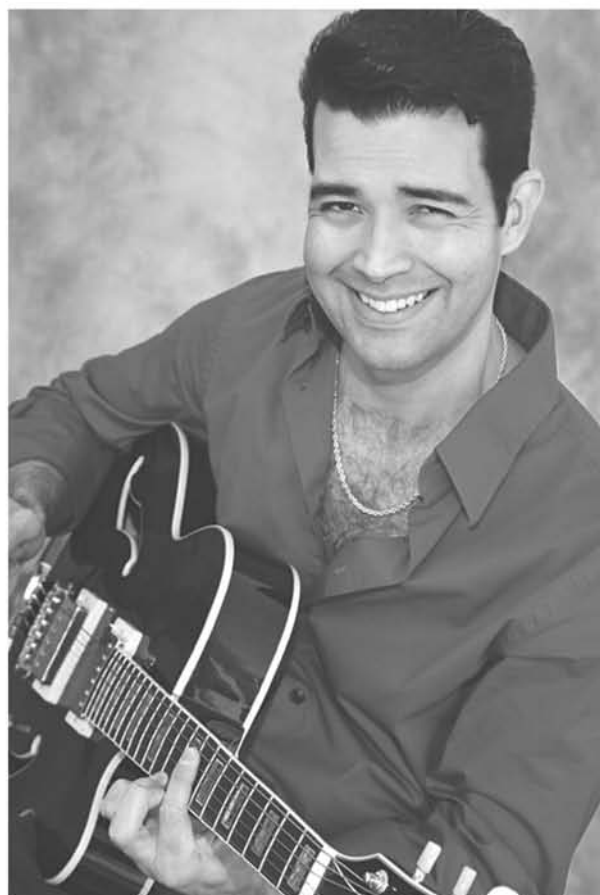


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16-18 Men's Tennis - Conference Tournament in Cupertino

16-18 Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving - Coast Conference Championships in Fremont

16 Men's Baseball - Away vs. Cabrillo College at 2 p.m.

16 Women's Softball - Away vs. DeAnza College at 3 p.m.

17-18 New art gallery exhibit - Annual Student Awards Show in the Louie-Meager Art Gallery.

17 Brown Bag Science Seminar - How Big is Your Carbon Footprint? by Dr. Laura Iraci, Research Scientist, Earth Science Division, NASA/Ames Research Center in Room 3201 at noon.

17 Speech Brown Bag Speaker Seminar - The Third Person Effect of Drug Advertising on College Students by Kristine Carroll in Room 3101 at 1 p.m.

17 Smith Center Presents! - Jay Soto, Jazz Guitar in the Jackson Theater at 8 p.m.

18 Men's Baseball - Home vs. Canada College at noon.

18 Auditions for Summerfest 2009 - Sweet Charity Auditions in the Jackson Theater from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.

18 Women's Softball - Home vs. Chabot College at 1 p.m.

19 Auditions for Summerfest 2009 - Call Backs for Sweet Charity Auditions in the Jackson Theater.

19 Free Triathlon Clinics -

Open Water Swim Clinic at the Fremont Campus pool at 1 p.m.

20 Academics - Summer/Fall 2009 Priority date for new student applications.

20 Meeting - College Council meetings at Fremont Campus in Room 1407 and Newark Campus in Room NC-1219 from 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. - Professional Development Committee meeting in Room 1407 on Fremont Campus at 12:20 p.m.

21 Blood Drive - Blood Drive on Fremont Campus from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Signup online at beadonor.com (sponsor code: Ohlone), or call the Student Health Center at (510) 659-6258, or call 800-GIVE-LIFE (800-448-3543).

21 Event - Earth Day

21 College Hour - Excel is Your Friend by Elliot Cragen at noon in Room NC-1100 on the Newark Campus.

21 College Hour - I Have a Student Who... by Rosemary O'Neill at 1 p.m. in Room NC-1100 on the Newark Campus.

21 Meeting - TechComm Meeting in Room 1407 on Fremont Campus at 2 p.m.

21 Men's Baseball - Home vs. Hartnell College at 2 p.m.

22 Event - Ohlone Spring Health Fair in Building 1 Lobby from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

22 Safety - Fire Drill at the Newark Center campus - Alarm will be sounded between 10:15a.m. and 10:30a.m.

22 Meeting - Board of Trustees workshop at the Newark Center at 6:30 p.m.

22 Fire Drill at the Newark Center campus - Alarm to be sounded between 7:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

23-24 Men's Tennis - Ojai Tournament in Ojai.

23 Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving -

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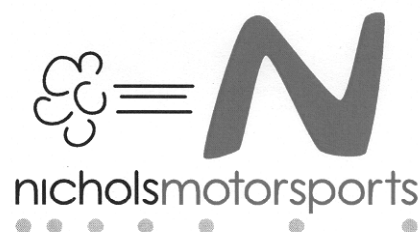
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Shortstop Michael Ussery, above, overruns the ball in the first inning for Ohlone's first of three errors on the day; below, Aaron Chavez was called out diving home in the seventh.

Stuck at 30; Bulldogs outlast Ohlone

■ Renegades drop second straight at San Mateo in pitchers' duel

By JEFF WEISINGER
Sports editor

After defeating Mission College 9-0 last Monday, the Ohlone Baseball team has scored a combined total of eight runs in the last three games, going just 1-2 in that span.

The Renegades looked to come back from a 3-2 loss to Cosumnes River as they took on the College of San Mateo Bulldogs Tuesday at San Mateo.

Both teams fought the harsh, windy conditions, not to mention three errors by both the Renegades and the Bulldogs, but Glenn Wallace's sacrifice RBI in the bottom of the eighth against Ohlone sophomore right-hander Alex Oberle was the difference as the Bulldogs took the win 4-3, leaving the Renegades stuck at the 30-win mark.

Freshman left-hander Roberto Padilla (3-4) kept Ohlone in the game despite their three infield errors, fighting through six innings, allowing three runs, two earned, on just six hits while striking out seven.

"Roberto did a great job against the number one team on the other side of the conference," said Head Coach Jordon Twohig after the game.

However, Bulldogs starter John Austin outdueled Padilla as he got the complete game victory, also allowing three runs on six hits while striking out five.

San Mateo took an early 2-0 lead off Padilla through the fourth; however, Ohlone fought back in the fifth inning against Austin.

Ryan Walterhouse led the rally for Ohlone with a leadoff double to center. Michael Ussery would put Ohlone on the board as his RBI single scored Walterhouse from third.

Ussery's RBI made up for his er-



ror in the first as he overran a ground ball by CSM's Brian Bianchi.

Cody Foster's RBI single to right scored Ussery from second and Steven Ramos scored on an error by Bulldogs third baseman O'Koyea Dickson to give Ohlone a 3-2 lead after the fifth.

The Bulldogs tied the game in the bottom of the fifth on an Adam Chickman RBI single to left field against Padilla.

For the second straight game, Ohlone left the bases loaded as they had a chance to take the lead in the seventh with Steven Ramos, Jeff Johnson and Braxton Miller were all left on base.

Aaron Chavez was tagged out diving toward home plate trying to give Ohlone the lead.

"We had opportunities to score and didn't take advantage of it," Twohig added.

Lady Renegades blow past Mission

■ Colker throws one-hitter as Ohlone wins sixth straight, 12-1.

By JEFF WEISINGER
Sports editor

The Ohlone Softball team is storming through the end of the regular season, winning nine of their last 10 games, including Tuesday's 12-1 win at Mission College in Santa Clara.

The Lady Renegades, currently riding a six-game win streak have outscored their opponents 53-6 in those six games.

Sophomore right-hander Kelly Colker (21-6) pitched another gem Tuesday, getting the complete victory, allowing just one run on one hit while striking out 10 on a windy day in Santa Clara.

Ashtyn Mullin led the charge for Ohlone, going 3-4 with 3 RBI's and

a run scored on the day.

Ohlone had some trouble hitting in the wind in the beginning of the game as Ohlone was held scoreless through the first two innings.

"It was difficult at first, but after a while we adapted to it," Mullin said.

Paulina Gentry, Ashley Nahale and Shelby Tomasello also each had 2 RBI's for the game.

The Lady Renegades were held by Mission to a 5-1 lead; however, they stormed through in the seventh, scoring seven runs to go up 12-1.

The Ohlone offense has been simply dominant this season.

The Lady Renegades lead the Coast Conference North with a team .336 batting average, in runs scored with 279 and in RBI's with 208.

Ohlone has also been dominant on the mound this year.

Colker this year has been a force on the mound, carrying a 21-6 record



Photo by Tara Lynn Lanning

Kelly Colker pitched well in windy conditions at Mission on Tuesday, allowing just one hit.

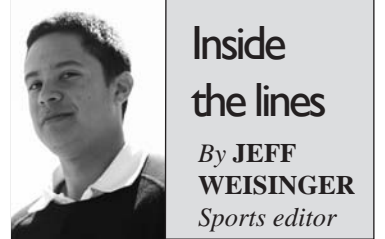
in 28 games as a starter with a 1.46 ERA with 187 strikeouts.

"I just go out there with little goals for each game," Colker said.

"She dominates," Head Coach Donna Runyon said of her sopho-

more pitcher. "She wants to make sure that she's the boss out there."

Ohlone travels to DeAnza today at 3 p.m. before taking on rival Chabot at home in the season finale Saturday at 1 p.m.



Inside
the lines

By JEFF
WEISINGER
Sports editor

Changing the world

Before Obama's Presidential run, before Dr. King spoke about his dream, before Rosa Parks sat on that bus and before nine kids went to school in Little Rock, a second-baseman was stealing home.

Sixty-two years ago Wednesday, a 26-year old man by the name of Jackie Robinson did something that sparked a change in American society.

After just one season with the Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro Leagues, Robinson took Ebbets Field in Brooklyn, New York for the first time as a Brooklyn Dodger in front of 26,623 spectators, including more than 14,000 black patrons, becoming the first African-American player in Major League Baseball. Robinson went hitless in the Dodgers' 5-3 win.

Robinson went on to win the then-Major League Baseball Rookie of the Year honors in 1947, batting .297 in 151 games with 12 home runs and a league-leading 29 steals.

Although he wasn't the best player in the Negro Leagues at the time, Robinson was the best person to handle the oncoming hatred he would get.

Brooklyn Dodgers General Manager Branch Rickey signed Robinson because he wanted someone "who had enough guts not to fight back."

Robinson's MLB debut 62 years ago yesterday not only integrated baseball, but it sparked the integration of a nation divided between black and white.

His accomplishment paved the way for great athletes like Nathaniel "Sweetwater" Clifton to break basketball's color barrier in 1950 and Marlin Briscoe to become the first black starting quarterback in the modern era of the NFL in 1968.

In 1997, MLB Commissioner Bud Selig officially retired the number 42 because "no one is greater than the game. Except Jackie Robinson."

Last season, in honor of the 61st anniversary of his MLB debut, the New York Mets and Washington Nationals all wore number 42 to pay tribute to Robinson.

This season, all 30 MLB teams wore number 42 Wednesday to pay tribute to the man accomplished a lot more than winning a World Series in 1955.

In Citi Field, the new home for the New York Mets, the rotunda entrance was named in honor of Robinson. The top of the rotunda reads: "A life is not important except in the impact it has in other lives."

Society, let alone baseball today, proves the quote.