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## Identity theft occurs almost 700 times a day

**Students should follow recommended steps to protect themselves from loss**

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An identity was stolen roughly every two minutes in 2010. That's a little more than 687 thefts a day, and 250,854 thefts over the course of the year.

And, according to the Federal Trade Commission's annual report, that's just the number of times the crime was reported, not the number of times it was committed.

Identity theft is the illegal use of someone else's personal information such as a Social Security number, in order to obtain money or credit.

Fortunately, there are steps that can and should be taken the moment a person realizes his or her identity has been stolen.

**Immediately request a security freeze or fraud alert be placed on your credit reports.**

A security freeze prevents anyone from accessing someone's credit to take out loans or open new credit cards. In order to place a freeze, a consumer would need to contact each of the three major reporting agencies.

"It costs up to \$10 to place, temporarily lift, or remove a security freeze," says Kathi Rawls, managing partner of Rawls Law Offices.

"But it will stop the flood of your information being used wrongfully, and allow you to begin to clean up your credit and communicate with the individual vendors regarding access to your credit, and explain that this isn't you."

A fraud alert requires that any business opening new lines of credit in the victim's name take reasonable precautions to ensure the person opening the credit line is not an identity thief.

A person only needs to contact one agency to place the alert. The other two will be notified and also place an alert on their copies of the report.

Liz Brandon, outreach coordinator for

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## Easy beat



RACHEL MORRISON/PIONEER

Science major Ivan Ponce De Leon plays the djembe drum outdoors during a break from class. Ponce De Leon said he plays many different sizes of the djembe and this small one was the first that he bought.

## JAZZ BAND, REFRESHMENTS AND READINGS PLANNED

# Absolute reception April 28

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A reception to celebrate the publication of the 2011 Absolute will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. on April 28 in CU 1 and 2.

There will be a jazz band, refreshments, and readings from the new edition.

"The Absolute is a literary anthology of community work," said English professor Marybeth McCauley.

"We take submissions from everywhere, but we have a lot of submissions from the campus and the surrounding community."

Jon Inglett, English professor, said the Absolute has been one of the "staples" of the college for years.

"It has a long tradition and history," he said. "And that tradition keeps evolving and growing to provide quality literary pieces to students and to the community."

McCauley said she's excited about the

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# OPINION

**EDITORIAL** | Writer argues people should do a lot more research about the candidate they are electing

## Politicians shouldn't play games

There is something seriously wrong with our elected officials. Despite the constant stream of examples demonstrating their inability to actually do their jobs, we keep electing the same type of person.



Jeremy Cloud

Perhaps some examples? The recent government shutdown scare comes to mind.

In the event of a shutdown, close to 600,000 workers would have been suspended or furloughed without pay.

The military would have required essential personnel, which is most of the military, to work without pay.

That also applies to those essential employees of the government who would not have been furloughed.

But the elected officials who created the problem by using the budget as a soapbox would continue to be paid their full \$174,000 a year salary. Another example: same-sex marriage. The phrase conjures up mental images of vast controversy, images of religious leaders going head to head with civil rights leaders in an all out war.

This issue has arisen again and again in recent years.

California's same-sex marriage laws have bounced back and forth for nearly seven years now, with no sure end in sight one way or another.

Earlier this year, Maryland and Rhode Island both took steps to legalize same-sex marriage. Maryland failed, but Rhode Island is still working through it.

Both bills, and similar bills across the nation, are almost always greeted with a storm of rhetoric and controversy.

But since March 2010 the District of Columbia, our nation's capital, has had legalized same-sex marriage. What this amounts to is that those in power, our elected officials, have available to them a right that they claim the people do not want.

A right so controversial that it has given rise to amendments to state constitutions designed to suppress it. And while the average LGBT individual waits for this right to become available to them, those who work in the nation's capitol have free access to it.

And though it was passed through congressional scrutiny into law, congressmen and women are still using same sex marriage as a hot button topic to gain quick political points one way or another. Why are we still electing these people?

Why do we continue to put people in office who seem to consider our wellbeing to be a bargaining ploy for more control? So once again: go research



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these people. Learn more about whom you're electing.

Then get out there and shut the bad ones down. Because our nation is not a chess game, and the politicians and officials should not be allowed to treat it as such.

—JEREMY CLOUD  
SENIOR WRITER

**YOUR VOICE** | Student urges readers to donate for 'Be the Match' program April 28

## Donors needed for community awareness project

**To the editor:**

A few of the Surgical Technologist Students from Moore Norman Technology Center have adopted a community awareness project to focus attention on the need for donors to register with the "Be the Match" program run by our Oklahoma Blood Institute.

This program is busy hosting and promoting registry drives all over

the state to find new and willing bone marrow donors.

We want everyone to think seriously about people they may know that have been affected by a blood disease such as leukemia, lymphoma, or sickle cell anemia, and the toll it takes not only on the patient but their family as well.

More than 10,000 Americans are diagnosed with these life-threaten-

ing diseases.

Only 30 percent of patients in need of a bone marrow transplant have a match in their own family. The other 70 percent rely on OBI's "Be the Match" program to find a donor.

Registry only takes about 15 minutes. To register, a person must be age 18 to 60, in good general health, and answer a few health questions, then provide a cheek swab

sample.

All ethnicities are needed in the registry, but minorities are desperately needed at this time.

The little boy Isaiah, featured on our flier, is just one example of those that are in need of a bone marrow transplant.

He also represents one of the minorities that are in need.

You know you would be grateful if a stranger

was willing to save your child's life.

Just imagine the great feeling of joy that you would have if you were the one to save a life. Register now and feel the joy.

The process of donation is not much different than giving blood, although on some occasions an outpatient surgery is needed.

No matter which process is needed, it is easy

and causes minimal pain.

Our "Be the Match" drive is being held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on April 28 in the health building at Moore Norman Technology Center, 4701 NW 12th Ave. in Norman.

Please join us. You may be the match for Isaiah.

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## COMMENTS AND REVIEWS

**YOUR VOICE** | Student says foul language is disrespectful

### Profs deserve respect from students

**To the Editor:**

Professors are here to teach us, they care about their chosen profession, and they have earned the right to be treated with honor and respect.

They have been students themselves and have had to deal with term papers, essays, higher math, all the same subjects we do.

This is an institution of higher learning, a place where adults should walk the halls.

“... the F-Bomb is a word that should be reserved for only abhorrent occasions, sailor speak etc.”

—MARY C. NEWCOME-HATCH  
OCCC STUDENT

As students we need to be aware of how our behavior and speech is seen and heard.

The uses of foul language, especially the “F-bomb” is a word that should be reserved for only abhorrent occasions, sailor speak etc.

This word should never be used when speaking with a professor, and equally when speaking to a fellow student.

Foul language is not only disrespectful, but also in using it, you become disrespected by your fellow students.

A potty mouth is a foul thing!

Lest you think me extremely old-fashioned, why not think about reserving your “F-bombs” for occasional usage. Common usage only makes it a common word with no value attached to it.

Or better yet, try to find another more acceptable word to use.

—MARY C.  
NEWCOME-HATCH  
OCCC STUDENT

**YOUR VOICE** | Readers says club needs to be more active on campus

### OCCC should reinstate ‘green’ club

**To the Editor:**

In response to all the articles published in the Pioneer recently about recycling and “going green,” I can’t help but wonder where OCCC’s Environmental Club is in all of this.

As of last year, the Environmental Club was listed on the campus grounds website but is no longer there.

After attending the Environmental Fair April 19 for going green week, I know there are plenty

of people interested in the well being of our environment. If this is the case, why are we not able to maintain an environmental club?

We need to make students realize that helping the Earth and environment shouldn’t only occur one week out of the year but all the time.

One thing people have pointed out recently is that while there are places around campus to recycle bottles, places to recycle things such as paper and

aluminum are non-existent. If students could get an Environmental Club back together, recycling is one of the things that could be done as a service project.

Instructors could place boxes outside classroom doors where students could deposit unwanted paper. Then once a week or so, the paper could be picked up by Environmental Club members and taken somewhere to be recycled.

Also, there are many

places around the state that pay around 10 cents a can for recycling aluminum. Not only would we be recycling, but also those funds would add up and could be applied to helping the club do other environmental related activities.

I believe reinstating this club would be the key to show students as well as other people in the community that OCCC really does care.

—NAME WITHHELD  
BY REQUEST

**YOUR VOICE** | Too many children have died from being left in vehicles in hot weather

### Never leave a child alone in a car

**To the Editor:**

According to a fact sheet at <http://ggweather.com/heat> the total number of heat-related deaths from kids being left in cars from 1998 to date is 496 with 20 already having occurred this year.

The Kids and Cars website at [www.kidsandcars.org](http://www.kidsandcars.org) gives the following advice:

- Children should never be left alone in a vehicle, not even to run a quick errand
- Keep vehicles locked at all times, even in the garage and driveway
- Keys should never be left within the reach or sight of children
- Teach children never to play in or around a vehicle

- Check to ensure that all child passengers have left the vehicle after it is parked

- Don’t overlook sleeping infants

The website reports “young children, the elderly and pets are particularly vulnerable because their bodies are ill-equipped to fight off the heat and resulting dehydration.”

So please, don’t leave a child in a car alone for even one second. A few minutes of unburdened time may end up costing you a lifetime of guilt and grief. Of course, that’s a small price compared to what the child pays with — his life.

—RONNA AUSTIN  
OCCC EMPLOYEE

## COUNSELOR'S Corner

### Students encouraged to embrace uniqueness

Perhaps I shouldn’t try to write this column when I’m hungry, but as I contemplate the topic of diversity, my mind keeps taking me to muffins. Who doesn’t love a good muffin now and then?

There are many kinds from which to choose, but we don’t necessarily embrace each kind with equal enthusiasm.

Some people enjoy a good muffin filled with fruit: blueberries, strawberries, apple pieces. Others prefer nuts or chocolate chips in theirs.

Some would rather eat just the plain muffin part around whatever has been baked in and leave those morsels behind.

Before anyone thinks I’ve completely lost my mind, let me explain the analogy I’ve drawn between muffins and a community.

A community is comprised of groups of people who share a general location and who, perhaps, have other qualities in common.

While individual people belong to communities, they also have their own distinct qualities that make them who they are.

In that respect, the world is like a giant muffin filled with all sorts of human morsels.

As a member of this community, we are very similar to all the other individuals who comprise it; yet, we still retain our own look, our own ideas and beliefs, and our own culture and values. As with different kinds of muffins, people have more commonalities than differences.

As geographic boundaries that allowed us to remain isolated within groups in which we were all very similar have broken down, communities have become more diverse.

One question that follows that greater diversity is, “How do we keep ourselves intact in this great muffin in which we live?”

Another that must be addressed is, “How do we share this muffin with other morsels without losing our space in the mix?”

One very important way for us to feel less threatened by those who are different from us is to become more comfortable with ourselves. I encourage each of you to explore your personal history and feel confident in your uniqueness.

It is only when we are comfortable in our own skin and embrace ourselves as individuals that we can sustain ourselves in peaceful communities.

—MARY TURNER  
LEARNING SUPPORT SPECIALIST

# Sideshow performer talented entertainer

This past Sunday night in a tiny bar called the Drunken Fry, a woman yelled vulgarities, cracked Jew jokes, and brandished a full-sized sword at a crowd of people.

But don't call the police just yet. The woman is the Amazing Boobzilla, a comedienne and sideshow performer. And it's all part of the show.

Part of the Carnival of Cleavage, an all-female vaudeville troupe, Boobzilla bills her act as "the worst show you will ever see."

But the truth is far from that. Though the show lacks the polish of an ongoing circus act, it's a strong and fun show that draws a diverse crowd.

About half of the material in Boobzilla's show is classic sideshow, involving such feats

as sword swallowing, fire eating, and shoving her hand into a raccoon trap.

The other half is a mix of vulgar humor, her ability to work an audience, and her guest performers.

Interspersed between what Boobzilla refers to as "the dangerous stuff" were dance numbers based on classic burlesque, performed by members of the 7 Deadly Sins Burlesque Revue.

The performances were diverse, including a steampunk number by a dancer named Panhandle Pearl, a rendition of Pee-Wee Herman's "Tequila" number by Eddie Mercury, and a story number that showed Vera Voodoo changing from a demure librarian to a sexy vixen in minutes flat.



And Pepe LaRue did a gender bending number set to Rebecca Black's "Friday." He walked onstage in a miniskirt, disco boots, a purple wig, and a moustache.

But the focus of the show was Boobzilla. Although she also states that her jokes aren't funny, she kept the crowd

laughing almost all night.

One of her favorite tactics is to get in a pre-emptive strike by heckling the audience before they can heckle her.

The trick works amazingly, getting the audience laughing and cheering, and keeping the excitement and good humor high throughout the show.

One of the few moments where her humor failed was during an act where she halved an apple held in her assistant's mouth — with an electric chainsaw.

Afterwards, she called a volunteer from the audience and did almost the same thing. The difference was, she gave the volunteer a capsule of stage blood, and pretended to slip with the saw.

Despite the assurances of

the volunteer to the audience that it was indeed a blood capsule, it took Boobzilla and her guests several minutes to restore the audience's spirits.

The climax of the show, and the act from which she takes her name, features Boobzilla using her breasts to lift various objects ranging from phone-books to a folding chair covered in cinder blocks.

All in all, Boobzilla's performance is strong, amusing, and unapologetically vulgar.

It's also one of the best live performances I've ever seen.

Oh, and the Jew jokes? Boobzilla is Jewish, and claims it is therefore her God given right to make fun of herself.

**Rating:** A

—JEREMY CLOUD  
SENIOR WRITER

# Restaurant's food is bland and flavorless

Nestled in a tiny building the heart of the Deep Deuce area of Bricktown, Sage is an Oklahoma City attempt at organic fine dining at reasonable prices. Sage features locally grown organic foods, a nice selection of cheeses, gourmet dressings, and beer.

Sage is known for their signature dish, a version of the

comfort food classic macaroni and cheese.

My girlfriend and I started with the hummus plate (\$6), of celery, carrots, and tri-colored tortilla chips. which tasted bland and flavorless.

While the hummus might have been uninspired, the macaroni and cheese (\$15) was simply amazing.

Featuring lump crab, scallops, and shrimp, the three cheese macaroni (\$11.50) is a dish that would be appreciated in Green Bay with its blend of sharp cheddar, Muenster, and Gorgonzola.

A drawback, even of the macaroni and cheese, was the dishes had minimal, if any, salt. Perhaps this is in a ploy to

lure diners in, to ordering one of the various \$2 salt varieties.

The service was adequate, but nothing special. The sad part about dining at Sage is, with the venue and location, it could be something special; however, it barely rises above mediocre.

Sage is located at 228 NE 2nd Street in the Deep Deuce

area of Bricktown.

They are open Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to midnight, and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. All major credit cards are accepted.

**Rating:** C-

—JOEY STIPEK  
EDITOR

# Thunder looks to make run for championship

Last week some teams fought for playoff spots and others looked to go home on a good note, yet the final game of the NBA regular season versus the Milwaukee Bucks was a time of rest for the Oklahoma City Thunder.

In a game where superstars Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook only played 23 and 21 minutes respectively, resting the starters for the playoffs seemed to be coach Scott Brooks's main focus as opposed to winning the regular season finale.

Despite limited playing time, Westbrook managed

to rack up 20 points as Durant ended the season as the league's scoring champion for the second year in a row.

The bigger story is what some call the "real" NBA season as Oklahoma City's own hope to make a memorable run in the tournament toward the NBA championship.

With the recent addition of center Kendrick Perkins and the push of power forward Serge Ibaka into the starting lineup, fans and experts alike are eager to see how far the Thunder can go.

After last year's exciting, yet deflating, first-round loss

against the detested Los Angeles Lakers, expectations are soaring for the fourth seeded Thunder in this year's playoffs.

With improved play from shooting guard James Harden in addition to the altered starting lineup accompanied by Durant and Westbrook, talks of a title coming to Oklahoma City are getting louder by the minute.

Before we look ahead, however, the Thunder must focus on winning the ongoing opening round series against the Denver Nuggets.

Without scoring machine Carmelo Anthony, many as-

“ [T]he Thunder must focus on winning the ongoing opening round series against the Denver Nuggets.”

—MORGAN BEARD  
STAFF WRITER

sumed the Nuggets would plummet to irrelevancy. Instead, the Nuggets have been on a roll without their former superstar.

The series against the Thunder is proving to be one of the more tantalizing first round matchups, as is always the case with the fourth and fifth seeds.

Only time will tell if the Thunder can make a legitimate run toward an NBA title, but regardless, there are many reasons to be excited in Oklahoma City for a long time to come.

**Rating:** A

—MORGAN BEARD  
STAFF WRITER

# App helps students navigate campus life

**NICK DYER**  
News Writing Student

Android phone users now have their own OCCC application.

Students can use the free Android app to get a campus map, campus news and weather reports, said John Richardson, online marketing coordinator.

This provides a complement to an iPhone app released last fall.

The motivation behind the iPhone application was for the college to have a presence in the mobile environment and help students with information.

"Immediately after releasing the iPhone application, we knew we wanted to have a presence in multiple environments," Richardson said.

In mid-fall Straxis, the

company the college used to program the application, announced that it could transfer their application to Android.

"We wanted to provide services to the growing Android market as well, so we immediately jumped on Straxis's new Android services," Richardson said.

OCCC's Android application was released early this semester.

Equipped with a campus map, campus news articles, weather, and a directory for the numerous departments, among other services, the application is very helpful to all students.

"All I've gotten from students is positive feedback and some minor suggestions," Richardson said.

One student appreciates the weather report.

"Since I do not live in Okla-

homa City, it's nice to see what the weather will be like," said OCCC Student, K.D. Wood, who lives in Moore.

"I remember before I had the application, I went to class one day not knowing I would be walking from my car in a torrential downpour."

Wood found out the app was available through the OCCC website.

"One thing that really helped me earlier this semester was the GPS feature. It not only helped me find my buildings, but it was fun to play with," Wood said.

Richardson agrees.

"The part of the application that I think is most fun is the campus map, because you can use the GPS capabilities on your phone to find a specific building on campus," Richardson said.

The campus map uses sat-

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—JOHN RICHARDSON  
ONLINE MARKETING COORDINATOR

ellite imaging to show users exactly where to go, which can be very useful to new students, Richardson said. But it's not the only useful tool.

"Finding buildings shouldn't be the only reason people download the application," Richardson said.

"You can stay connected through the Pioneer news feed, check out the college's YouTube page, and see a seven-day weather forecast."

As of right now the OCCC telephone directory in the application is limited to phone numbers of certain depart-

ments, such as the bookstore and the EMT lab.

Richardson said there is a strong likelihood the directory will be expanded to include e-mail addresses for specific faculty members, which will cut down on the time it takes students to get in contact with their teachers.

To download the Android app, you can go to the Android Market and search for the OCCC application.

For more information, contact John Richardson at 405-682-7552 or jrichardson@occc.edu.

# Students can now get tutoring from home

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News Writing Student

Long-distance English tutoring has come to the OCCC campus via Echo 2.0. The Communications Lab uses Skype to connect students with tutors in real time, even if they are miles apart.

Bethany VanderSchans, an Echo English tutor said students can't always come to campus to sit down face-to-face with a tutor.

"For a campus that has so many nontraditional students, this is an innovative way for the tutors to come to you," VanderSchans said.

Non-traditional students include those who have full-time jobs or are taking all their classes online.

Echo 2.0 is a Skype-based tutoring system that allows students to connect to tutors and receive help on papers for their OCCC classes.

Once students have set up

a Skype account, they may e-mail their papers to the lab so the tutors have a chance to look at it before meeting with the student. Students then log on at the designated time and begin their tutoring session from the comfort of their own home.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, and 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

For many nontraditional students, the drive to campus is enough of a hassle to stop them from receiving the help they need.

The Communications Lab had previously been using e-mail tutoring, where students could e-mail their paper into the lab and a tutor would proofread it and e-mail the paper back with corrections and any additional suggestions.

Nick Webb, who brought the Echo system to OCCC, said the e-mail tutoring was not

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—BETHANY VANDERSCHANS  
ECHO 2.0 ENGLISH TUTOR

allowing students to get the face-to-face time with tutors that research has said makes an impact.

Webb said he thinks the Echo 2.0 system has "improved the quality of online tutoring through solving this simple problem."

Rachel Olsen, director of the Communications Lab, said synchronous tutoring, or tutoring in real time, allows a higher level of engagement for the students.

Synchronous tutoring differs from the online tutoring system that was previously used with the e-mails, which was asynchronous. Asynchro-

nous tutoring means the tutor and the student are working on the project at different times.

Webb's ultimate goal for the online tutoring would be a merger between the two types of tutoring, "a service that allows students to choose."

A problem for Echo 2.0 is that it can only be accessed while the lab is open so it still has its limitations.

The tutors that are on Echo have been specially trained for the Skype tutoring, VanderSchans said.

She said she is still trying to get the hang of this new way of helping students.

She said she wants to learn the best ways to channel her knowledge through the web.

Students have mixed feelings about the program.

Student Amanda Campana said the set-up seems like a lot of work. However, Webb said, if students are having trouble setting up and using a Skype account, the lab is willing to help get one started.

Campana said she would rather just go into the Communication Lab itself, though she understands why this tutoring system would be useful to other students.

On the other hand, John Dewberry, a film student, raved about the online tutoring and said that he will definitely be back to use it again for his course work.

For more information on Echo 2.0 or other tutoring opportunities, call 405-682-1611, ext. 7379 or visit the Communication Lab located at 1N7 of the Main Building.

ADVISER TO ADVOCATES OF PEACE HONORED BY RESPECT DIVERSITY FOUNDATION

# OCCC professor presented with peace award

**MONICA MANCEBO**  
News Writing Student

An OCCC professor won a peace award recently for his many years of involvement with Respect Diversity Foundation.

Professor Stephen Morrow accepted his peace award at the 10th annual Respect Diversity gala at Science Museum Oklahoma on March 29.

"I am happy to receive the award for the college and the students," Morrow said. "It took me by surprise but I certainly feel good about it."

Morrow has been working with the Foundation for more than 10 years now, he said.

The Respect Diversity Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, created

to help people of all ages successfully live, learn and work in an increasingly diverse society, according to its website.

Morrow is involved with peace issues at OCCC. As the adviser for the Advocates of Peace club, he works closely with students to promote peace around campus through events and guest speakers at club meetings.

The founder of Respect Diversity Foundation, Michael Korenblit, is one guest speaker Morrow likes to invite to talk to students.

"I have been a fan of (Michael's wife) Joan and Michael for many years now, and I hope that we have many more years of peace-making together," Morrow said.

Morrow also teaches an



PROFESSOR STEPHEN MORROW

Advocate of Peace class. In the class, students learn about people from different geographical and cultural backgrounds. They study two important peaceful leaders,

"Peace is a very simple thing for me: it is the core -- the core-age, the courage to speak from the true voice of the human heart."

— PROFESSOR STEPHEN MORROW  
ADVOCATES OF PEACE ADVISER

Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., on how they created freedom for their people through non-violent and non-aggressive ways.

Advocates of Peace students also got to take part in the Respect Diversity art gala. Students in the class worked in small groups to create one big art project for the event.

This year's project is called Caring Voices, which is on display at Science Museum Oklahoma as part of the Re-

spect Diversity Art Exhibit.

"If we let students know we appreciate their best voice, we can help the world change for the better," Morrow said.

"Peace is a very simple thing for me: it is the core -- the core-age, the courage to speak from the true voice of the human heart."

He believes the more each person is valued and the more each person is supported for living from that heart center, the more peace there will be.

# Happy! Project celebrates Japanese pop

**GABRIELLE COX**  
News Writing Student

Melissa Shows is the leader of an all-American Japanese pop girl group that has appeared at conventions around the country. The group, Happy! Project, has even appeared in FLASH magazine, a publication about Japanese pop culture.

Shows, 23, currently attends OCCC, with the goal of earning a degree in music management. She and fellow OCCC student Tara Muchmore are the only two who live in Oklahoma. The newest members of the group, Kristy Valdez, 24, and Morgan Davis, 18, live in Texas.

Shows said all four of them were fans of J-pop music and began the Happy! Project in 2006 with the idea of locating other Japanese pop music fans in America.

"Happy! Project strives to be the first well known Japanese pop group in America and to eventually perform in Japan," Shows said.

The Happy! Project covers newly released Japanese songs that are catchy to the ear and that American music fans can relate to.

"Japanese music has more of an '80s pop feel and American music is more electronic and hip-hoppy, so we try to find the middle ground," Shows said. The Happy! Project girls personally choreograph their dance moves to popular J-pop music as they cover



Tara Muchmore, Melissa Shows, Kristy Valdez and Morgan Davis

popular Japanese pop songs.

In July 2009, Happy! Project attended Animé Expo in Los Angeles, America's largest animé and manga convention. They were also featured in the issue covering Morning Musume's first U.S. concert in FLASH magazine. Morning Musume is a popular all-girl group in Japan.

Muchmore said the Los Angeles expo was an important milestone for the group.

"Attending Animé Expo and being in FLASH was really an exciting moment for us as a group because we have come so far," Muchmore said.

Happy! Project headlined their first concert at Animéland Wasabi in Denver at the start of 2010 and

will be performing at Comicpalooza in Houston from May 27 to 29 with autograph signing and a concert showcasing their talent.

"We perform mostly at animé and sci-fi festivals where audiences are familiar with our music," Shows said.

Muchmore said the group has overcome the biggest obstacle: being taken seriously.

"But the Happy! Project takes too much time and money to be a hobby," she said. "It's something we truly enjoy."

Shows said new members of the group have to adjust to the demanding time commitment.

"We easily work 35 hours each week on choreography and singing, on top of costume designing and solo work," Shows said.

"The Happy! Project continues to search for talented and charming girls with natural dance and singing skills that are passionate about Japanese pop music," Shows said. "We're interested in meeting talented singers and dancers that are interested in Japanese music and are willing to do the long hours."

The Happy! Project's music samples and live concert excerpts can be heard through YouTube or at their blogging site [www.happy-project.org](http://www.happy-project.org). For more information about the Happy! Project or for audition information, they can be reached at their e-mail and blog at [official@happy-project.org](mailto:official@happy-project.org).

MORE THAN 100 CERTIFICATES RECEIVED FOR INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

# Students presented awards at recent ceremony

**KIMBER MILLER**  
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More than 100 students earned special recognition April 15 at the 25th Annual Student Awards Ceremony.

Top honors went to 17 scholars who received the President's Award for Excellence.

Other categories included Certificates of Appreciation, Student Organization Awards, Civic Honors Awards, Student English Essay Awards, Academic Awards and Certificates of Achievement.

The President's Awards recognized the efforts of students who have excelled inside and outside the classroom and generally have maintained a GPA of 3.5 or higher after completing at least 30 college credits, said Liz Largent, Student Development dean.

Literature major Nhu Nguyen, 27, was chosen to receive the President's Award of Excellence in the Arts and Humanities Division. Originally from Vietnam, Nguyen will graduate with honors in May.

"I wanted go to college and excel in my courses because something bothered me about not having a degree," he said. "I have had a job for two years but felt like I needed more."

Nguyen said he will continue his education at the University of Central Oklahoma with a major in English.

Another President's Award winner was 27-year-old Kelvin David Amarquaye, a pre-med major from the West African country of Ghana. Chosen by the Science and Mathematics Division, Amarquaye was commended for his involvement with the Health Professions Club and for his summer

research internships at an Oklahoma City biotechnology firm. He will graduate with honors in May.

"I took honors classes because I wanted to get a deeper understanding of the concepts," Amarquaye said. "Getting one-on-one activity with the professor really allows you to ask more questions."

Amarquaye said he will continue his education at the University of Oklahoma where he will major in biochemistry.

Certificates of Achievement went to 58 students, recognized by their professors for being outstanding in their academic degree program.

Among them was Tobra Crownover, 29, of Norman. She was recognized for being the most outstanding student in Legal Office Procedure of the Administrative Office Technology program.

"I desired to better myself and have more opportunity," Crownover said. "I was motivated by my professors' patience and willingness to answer questions."

Crownover is a soon-to-be graduate with plans to be a legal secretary. She said she loves interaction with people.

Other President's Award for Excellence winners are:

**Arts and Humanities:** LaDonna Elliston, humanities; Patricia Hauck, diversified studies; Mitchell McFarland, theater arts.

**Business:** Matthew Crofford, business; Jeremy Elkins, automotive technology; Kody Payne, business management; and Lindsay Sherwood, business.

**Health Professions:** Mike Bruce, physical therapist assistant; Jennifer Hader, nursing; and

Melissa Vice, emergency medical sciences.

**Technology:** Amber Frantz, computer technology-game design, and Earl Premont, computer science-cyber/information security.

**Mathematics:** Matthew Adair, pre-pharmacy, and William Layden, biology.

**Social Sciences:** Analyn Gill, political science.

Certificates of Achievement recipients are:

**Arts and Humanities:** Theresa Ashley, modern languages; Randall Baum, CGOM-print media; Aaron Chenoweth, film and video; Christopher Conklin, humanities; Angela Curtis, theater arts; Amanda Freeman, visual arts; Tawny Hacker, Spanish; Melissa Jones, broadcasting; Michelle Korenblit, GCOM-multimedia; Magdalena Martinez, pre-education; Christine Pickett, public relations; Nick Pinkerton, liberal studies; Janet Reznicek, GCOM-photo; Janet Skannal, diversified studies; Cadmus Sorrell, humanities-philosophy; Joey Stipek, journalism.

**Business:** Daniel Adame, automotive technology; David Addison, business; Barbara Andros, banking and finance; Darla Beck, AAS-accounting; Pamela Fields, administrative office technology-office specialist; Tiffany Howard, general office support; Phillip McDonald, business; Daniel Murphy, GM Automotive Service Education Program; Andre Omena, automotive technology internship program; Kody Payne, business management; Grant Swayze, GM Automotive Service Education Program; Ida Manuela Nkwinkwa, business.

**Health Professions:** Ray Espy, emergency



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Tiffany Crawford receives a student organization award from Rosemary Klepper for Student Physical Therapy Assistant Organization at the Student award ceremony April 15 as her children look on. Crawford also received a Civic Honors Award.

medical services; Bill Grayson, emergency medical services; Kristin Ring, physical therapist assistant; Carl Tucker, nursing.

**Technology:** Adeola Adebayo, geographic information system; Paula Boatner, web design and development; Kevin Brannan, web design and development; Jeff Brown, cyber information security; Jeffrey Campbell, computer science; Luis Damazo, computer-aided technology-game design; Steve Damazo, computer-aided technology-game design; Tierney Eden, computer-aided technology-multimedia; Willis Knight, computer-aided technology-computer animation; Manish Manandhar,

computer science; Brandon Roberts, computer-aided design; Bryan Seikine, computer animation; Brandon Warner, computer-aided design.

**Mathematics:** Khalid Alzubi, pre-dentistry; Prognanwita Barua, biotechnology; Joseph Kidwell, mathematics; William Layden, biology; Vivian Nguyen, pre-pharmacy; Hanna Pastor, biology; Ahmed Salous, pre-medicine; Stuardo Trigueros, chemistry; Edward Wilkinson, physics.

**Social Sciences:** Mark Burgess, political science; Angela Lykins, sociology; Mary Taylor, psychology.

Students who will graduate with honors were recognized with a golden stole to wear

at graduation. They are Kelvin David Amarquaye, Taylor Barnett, Ida Manuela Nkwinkwa, Jennifer Bohn, Celina Pang, Amanda Freeman, Jessica Pickle, David Low, Mark Smith and Nhu Nguyen.

Winners of the student English essay awards are:

English Composition II: Edwin Coyoy, first place; Nathan Steinman, second; Samantha Huereca, third.

English Composition I: Rachel Morrison, first; Amanda Owens, second; Amanda Lindsey, third. College Writing II: Christina Forney, first, and Rebecca Cass, second.

Pioneer Certificate of Appreciation went to Joey Stipek, Pioneer student newspaper editor.

# SPORTS

## Courtyard dancing

French major Heather Arnett teaches Bachata dance to a group of willing students and faculty in the courtyard April 20. Arnett said the dance, which originated in the Dominican Republic, is a great way to get cardio exercise and is excellent for body isolation workouts.



RACHEL MORRISON/PIONEER

**SUMMER PROGRAMS** | OCCC works in conjunction with Community Outreach College for Kids program

## Enroll for youth summer camps

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OCCC is taking admissions on Monday, April 25, for Summer Youth Sports Camp and Recreational Camp for kids.

And, all those enrolling between April 25 and May 6 will receive a 10 percent discount, said Jenny Kellbach recreation and fitness secretary.

OCCC is working in conjunction with the Community Outreach College for Kids program, she said. Most of the camps last one week and cost \$39.

Sports activities include basketball, soccer, tennis, golf, baseball, softball, track and field, karate, swimming, volleyball, soccer, cheer leading, flag football and more, Kellbach said.

She said the turnout last summer was amazing.

"By the end of June, all the programs were filled," she said.

The difficulty of the sports camp

determines what ages can participate, Kellbach said.

Parents can drop their kids off between 7:30 to 8 a.m. and pick them up between 4 to 5 p.m., according to the web site at [occc.edu/rf/pdf/Schedule.pdf](http://occc.edu/rf/pdf/Schedule.pdf).

The outreach program also provides other learning opportunities for those who may not be interested in sports camps, she said.

General interest youth camps include Junior Astronaut, adventure story time, computer whiz, five senses, human body, book club, stomp, photography and many more, Kellbach said.

Josh Walker, business major, has two kids, one 17 months the other 6 years old. He said the camps are a great idea for kids.

"I think it's a great for kids to get involved with summer activities and learn teamwork skills," Walker said.

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—JOSH WALKER  
BUSINESS MAJOR

OCCC has provided this service to the public for more than 10 years, said Eric Watson, sports and recreation specialist.

For more information, contact the Fitness and Recreation office at 405-682-7860. For a schedule of events, visit [www.occc.edu/coe/schedule](http://www.occc.edu/coe/schedule).

Do you know of an OCCC athlete worthy of a mention? If so, contact Jacob at [sportswriter2@occc.edu](mailto:sportswriter2@occc.edu) or call 405-682-1611, ext. 7676.

## UPCOMING INTRAMURALS EVENTS

• **May 2:** Boot Camp class, \$20 monthly for students, Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:15 - 5 p.m. Class located in the OCCC Wellness Center room 005. For more information call the Wellness Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.

• **May 2:** Cardio Kickboxing class, \$20 monthly for students, Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 - 6:25 p.m. Class located in the OCCC Wellness Center room 005. For more information call the Wellness Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.

• **May 2:** Abs Express class, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:05 to 5:25 p.m. in the Wellness Center room 004. For more information call the Wellness Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.

• **May 3:** Bosu Blast class, \$20 monthly for students, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. Class located in the OCCC Wellness Center room 010. For more information call the Wellness Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.

• **May 3:** Hatha Yoga class in the Wellness Center room 005. Classes are on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information call the Wellness Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.

• **May 5:** Extreme Cross Training course in the Wellness Center room 005. Classes are on Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information call the Wellness Center at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.

• **May 6:** Zumba class, \$20 monthly for students, Fridays from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. located in the OCCC Wellness Center room 020. For more information call the Wellness Center desk at 405-682-1611, ext. 7310.

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# 'Next Generation' plays to run April 28 through 30

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Only in theater can you see a professor, a financial aid officer and a student all performing on stage together, said theater student Bettina Patterson.

An eclectic collection of cast members is just one of the enticements to attend "The Next Generation," the last theater production of the season.

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28, and continue through Saturday, April 30, in the Bruce Owen Theater in the Arts and Humanities building. Admission is free on Thursday to OCCC students and faculty and \$10 for general admission. Students pay \$5 on Friday and Saturday.

"Next Generation" features three student-directed one-acts.

"Where else can you see three different shows by three separate directors for \$5?" Patterson said. She plays Mrs. Peters, the sheriff's wife, in "Trifles," a murder story by Susan Glaspell.

Student director Jade Webb takes on "Trifles," an early 20th

century feminist play. It's a dark satire about a woman in jail for the murder of her abusive husband, ironically named Mr. Wright.

The play's theme mocks the culture of its time, Webb said. It plays into an overdramatized perception of women, their love of irrelevant matters, and their total incompetence.

While deriding societal constructs, Webb said, it shows that it's almost silly that women would be treated differently.

"It's funny that we wouldn't be seen as equal, in any time period," Webb said.

The opening act is "Degas C'est Moi" by playwright David Ives. Student director Angela Curtis describes "Degas C'est Moi" as a lighthearted comedy about a man who awakens to realize he is Edgar Degas, the famous French painter.

"It's a way of him trying to look at the world in a different way, but in the end you have to be happy with yourself," Curtis said.

The third and final act, "Bobby Gould in Hell," is directed by Mitch MacFarland. This drama is about a man who spends an hour in hell. Forced to look

at himself, he poignantly discusses the perceptions of what makes us good or evil.

"We don't know who we really are until someone outside of us objectively puts a list of things you have done, and all these things make you a certain kind of person," MacFarland said.

All three directors said they want their plays to be seen and they want to feel supported by their fellow students. This is the last semester for all three directors and the culmination of their work here at OCCC.

Actor Randy Beavers, who plays Mr. Hale in "Trifles," voiced his excitement for the directors.

"It's great what the school is allowing them to do," he said. "When they leave here, they will have experience and respect. They directed a play themselves."

Beavers urged everyone to attend.

"Come out and forget your worries for an hour and a half," he said. "I promise you won't be sorry."

For more information, call the Arts and Humanities Department at 405-682-7558.



RACHEL MORRISON/PIONEER

Theater student Eric Hofrechter rehearses his role as Ed for the upcoming play "Degas C'est Moi." The play is one of three one-act plays which will be performed at 7:30 p.m. in the Bruce Owen Theater running from Thursday, April 28, through Saturday, April 30. Tickets are \$5 with a student ID. Admission is free on Thursday to OCCC students and faculty and \$10 for general admission. Students pay \$5 on Friday and Saturday. For more information, call the Arts and Humanities Department at 405-682-7558.

## Identity theft: Following up with credit agencies crucial after theft

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Oklahoma Money Matters, said it's really about the level of inconvenience you can handle.

"The freeze [is] safer because no one can use your credit cards or information without lifting it, including you."

Brandon said that doesn't work for everyone.

"For some people that's just not realistic because they need to use their own credit."

Brandon said although a freeze or alert will stop new accounts from being opened, it won't stop thieves from using accounts already created.

Consequently, victims must monitor for any fraudulent activity, even after placing a freeze or alert, by getting a copy of their credit report from all three reporting agencies.

"First thing, you need to assess the damage and find out what has been done with your information, in your name," Brandon said. "Look for any addresses, accounts, names or other information you don't recognize. Out of place information is a good indicator of fraudulent activity."

According to the FTC, once an alert or freeze has been put in place, the account holder is entitled to a free credit report from each reporting agency.

**File a police report.** Specifically, file an Identity Theft Report, a special kind of police report that goes into more detail than a standard report, according to the FTC.

"A police report gives you credibility. Ten years down the line, someone might accuse you of using identity theft as an

excuse to get out of a debt," said Elaine Dodd, vice president of the fraud division of the Oklahoma Banker's Association.

"Having that report shows that you were aware of the theft at the time of the report."

**File an investigation request.** Also known as a Credit Agency Correction Request, this form requires the credit reporting agencies to investigate any activity you believe to be fraudulent, Rawls says.

"List the name of the business, account number, [and] any other information you have on the fraudulent usage."

Rawls recommends sending the form by certified mail and requesting a return receipt.

"The agencies have 30 days to investigate the charges, beginning on the day you receive the receipt. Having that receipt

ensures they can't claim to have lost the request, and they will take prompt action."

The form can be found at Rawls website, [www.rawlslawoffice.com](http://www.rawlslawoffice.com)

**Contact the businesses where affected accounts were opened or used.**

Use the police report, credit report, and investigation request to prove possible identity theft, Brandon said.

"Check your credit report regularly and report to the police you've been working with if you see new activity. Close down affected accounts whenever possible and open new ones if you need to," Brandon said. "Beyond that, just stay on it. Keep checking your credit report and alerting police of anything out of the ordinary."

**Document everything.**

Always keep a log of who you spoke to, what was said, and the date and time of the conversation. Brandon recommends buying a notebook for that specific purpose and updating it after every contact, while Rawls recommends her clients use paper forms and certified mail for documentation.

Finally, Rawls, Brandon and Dodd agree that recovering from identity theft takes time.

"You have to keep checking, especially once you think you're done," Brandon said.

"Even after you've closed an account, and done the work, and gotten the charges cleared off your credit, you absolutely must follow up regularly to make sure the thief isn't still using your information."

For more resources, go to [www.ftc.gov/identitytheft](http://www.ftc.gov/identitytheft).

# CAMPUS COMMUNITY

## Candy, anyone?



HOPE club members Isaac James, Christian Lee and Sergio Lopez organize a booth and sell candy to raise money for their club. HOPE stands for Hispanic Organization to Promote Education.

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COMMUNITY | OKC-Go students picks up trash on May Avenue

## OKC-Go volunteers clean up

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News Writing Student

It was a hot and sunny afternoon earlier this month when 14 OKC-Go scholarship students took to the streets to spruce up their community. The OCCC students spent three hours cleaning trash from the roadsides along May Avenue, from SW 74 Street to SW 84.

Their service was part of Adopt-A-Street program, sponsored by Keep Oklahoma Beautiful, said Jill Lindblad, Service Learning and Student Life programs coordinator.

While students were picking up trash, people passing by would sound their horns and wave to students, to let them know of their good work. Others would drive by slowly and ask the students what this was for.

Students were given an orange vest, a plastic bag and plastic gloves for their safety before beginning the cleaning service.

As the group walked along, trash started to be more and more noticeable.

Students were surprised as they passed by a gas station and saw how much trash was around, knowing there were trash cans where people could throw it in.

Cigarette butts proved to be the most plentiful item.

"All you see was more cigarette butts, more than bottles, trash or anything else," said student Celese Jones. "It was ridiculous."

Other trash items were gum wrappers, straws, glass, vehicle parts, a condom pack, one sock, a fork, a needle, a credit card, cigarette packs with matches,

and more cigarette butts.

Afterwards the group gathered in the Student Life Center for a review with Lindblad. She talked about how littering damages the planet.

"Some states don't have enough funding and taxes to clean up litter," Lindblad said. "One example is Pennsylvania; they don't have tax money to help clean up the road field.

"Another thing you might not be aware of is that in the oceans, 50 miles or 100 miles away from land, is considered basically nobody's property," she said, "which means it's not regulated.

"There are some countries, and the United States has been at fault sometimes for this as well, actually dump in the ocean," Lindblad said. "And all this trash ends up washing up."

After completing their service and Lindblad's review, the group was rewarded with a snack of veggies, fresh fruit, cookies, lemonade and cold water.

"I've never done community service before," Jones said. "It was good, I liked it."

OKC-Go is a scholarship program sponsored by OCCC for graduates of Oklahoma City public high schools and Western Heights High School. One criteria for receiving the funding is that students participate in 12 hours of community service per semester, said Allyson Stell, OCCC admissions adviser.

More service events will take place in upcoming weeks. Students interested in helping the community or wishing to complete service hours can find dates and sign up at [www.occc.campusgroups.com](http://www.occc.campusgroups.com) or call 405-682-7523.

## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

### Christians on Campus meeting

Christians on Campus will meet at noon on Monday, April 25, in room 2P7 of the Main Building for a Bible study. Members will discuss 1 Corinthians. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact James at 405-314-7739.

### Brown Bag series-Stress Free Living

Attendees will learn techniques to manage stress in their lives in this workshop at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, in CU1 of the College Union. Contact Student Life at 405-682-7523 or stop by their office in the Main Building for more information.

### Internships topic of workshop

Students will discuss how to find and apply for college internships during the next workshop at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20 in room 1G7 of the Main Building. Contact Student Employment & Career Services for more information at 405-682-7519 or [employmentservices@occc.edu](mailto:employmentservices@occc.edu).

### SHOUT: Young Women Cancer Survivors

The Health Professions Club invites students to listen to survivors' first-hand experiences fighting cancer. The discussion will be from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 28, in room 2A7 of the Robert P. Todd Science, Engineering and Math Center.

### Spanish Grammar Workshop

The World Languages and Cultures Center will host a workshop on the subjunctive tense for students in Spanish II courses and higher from 4 to 4:40 p.m. on Thursday, April 28 in the World Languages and Cultures Center on the second floor in the Main Building. For more information, contact Chiaki Troutman at 405-682-1611, ext. 7104.

### Elements of Fiction Writing

Lydia Rucker will share her secrets to writing compelling fiction during this workshop hosted by the Communications Lab. The workshop will be at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Monday, May 2, in CU2 in the College Union. For more information, please call 405-682-1611 ext. 7678 or visit [www.occc.edu/comlab](http://www.occc.edu/comlab).

### Brown Bag series-Finals Preparation

Attendees will learn techniques to study effectively for upcoming finals during this workshop at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, in room CU1 of the College Union. Contact Student Life at 405-682-7523 for more information.

**All Highlights are due Monday by 5 p.m. for inclusion in the next issue.**

**Highlight forms can be picked up in the Pioneer office, located in 1F2 of the Arts and Humanities building, just inside Entry 2.**



# Absolute: Submissions being taken for next year

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new edition.

“It’s really, really good.”

“We had a lot of good submissions and unfortunately we didn’t have enough room to publish them all. We’re looking forward to the reception on the 28th.”

McCauley said although a theme often seems apparent in the Absolute, it isn’t planned.

“It just happens that way when the student editors are choosing the pieces for publication. A sort of theme develops that we didn’t start with, but it just kind of happens.”

Inglett said although he hasn’t determined exactly what that theme is this year he has a few ideas.

“I’m actually reading it over again to find that theme, that tone. But it could be ‘overcoming.’

“Overcoming odds, overcoming difficult situations, overcoming loneliness — there are a lot of pieces about that in this edition.”

For more information about the Absolute or to submit a piece for consideration into the publication, visit [www.occc.edu/ah/absolute.html](http://www.occc.edu/ah/absolute.html). To buy a copy, visit the college bookstore on the first floor of the Main Building. Copies are \$5 each.

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