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The Lumberjack

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Community searches for missing HSU student

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Jason Lovell on the left | Provided by Seth Bradley

From soldiers to college students

by Ryan Nakano

When 19-year-old United States Navy medic Christopher Mendoza came back from Iraq in 2006 there were two thoughts on his mind: "I want to shoot something, or drink the bottle." Unsure what to do, Mendoza worked three jobs and relied heavily on alcohol to cope with the constant flashbacks and horrific memories of war. Sleep did not come easy for Mendoza, and he never slept without a knife underneath the pillow of his bed. The effects of war never left him after he came back.

"I had a buddy, Allen Gulden, from the military and he was a cool dude, smart and he seemed pretty calm after coming back. We were living together and one day I came home and it was completely dark. I thought maybe he went out but I saw his keys on the table. He never left without his keys. I thought maybe he was in the shower. I knocked. No answer. I pulled back the shower curtain and there he was dead, a .45 to the face," Mendoza said.

Now 26 years old and a student-veteran at Humboldt State, Mendoza has successfully acclimated into everyday life.

"When I first decided to go to Humboldt State I was rude as fuck. Now I'm calm and focused studying cellular molecular biology with a minor in chemistry," Mendoza said.

Kim Hall, HSU veterans coordinator and founder of HSU Veterans Enrollment and Transition Services, called Mendoza's story a "miracle", and she may be right.

A recent NBC news article revealed that more active-duty U.S. soldiers committed suicide in 2012 than died in combat. Even after the Army initiated its suicide prevention program in 2009 there has been a nine percent increase in soldier suicides since, that has led to 176 deaths total in 2012.

Victor Arredondo, 26-year-old HSU veterans affairs work study and sociology major, was not surprised by the recent statistics on soldier suicide.

"What needs to be understood is that the 54 percent increase in soldier suicides in the army over the past three years includes those who are not in the combat zone. When you are not deployed you feel like you're not the soldier you're supposed to be," Arredondo said.

Arredondo, who spent five years in the U.S. Marine Corps and served in both Iraq and Afghanistan, said this warrior mentality could also explain why many soldiers do not seek help with regards to their mental health.

"To seek help shows weakness. A soldier must have a strong mind. It's pounded into your head, you don't want to be known as a 5150," Arredondo said.

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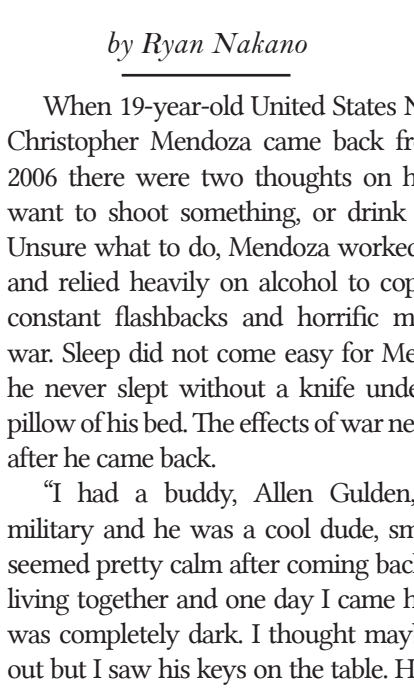

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Provided by Matt Mais, Yurok Tribe Public Relations

Will GM salmon make it upstream?

FDA announces GM Salmon safe to eat

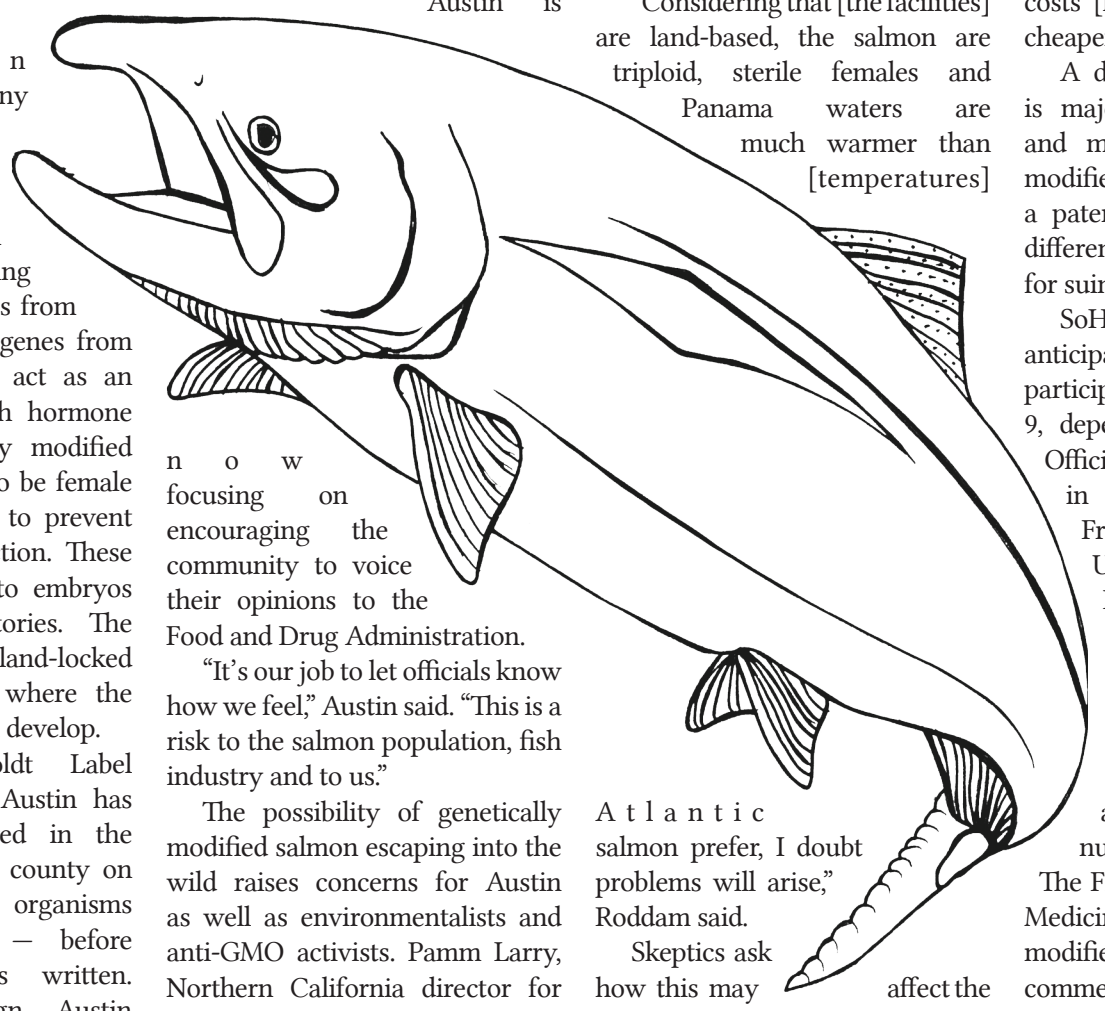
by Lillian Boyd

Last November, activists failed in their initiative for the labeling of genetically modified food products, also known as Proposition 37. Now, anti-GMO crusaders have bigger, genetically modified fish to fry.

Canadian biotechnology company AquaBounty has been working for 14 years to patent the AquAdvantage, an Arctic salmon containing growth hormone genes from Chinook salmon and genes from ocean pout fish that act as an enabler to the growth hormone genes. The genetically modified salmon are designed to be female and infertile in order to prevent uncontrolled reproduction. These genes are injected into embryos in Canadian laboratories. The eggs are flown to land-locked lakes in Panama — where the AquAdvantage salmon develop.

Southern Humboldt Label GMOs' Director Isis Austin has been actively involved in the efforts to educate the county on genetically modified organisms since August 2011 — before Proposition 37 was written. During the campaign, Austin led summer events and media outreach, gathered local efforts and set up booths.

California voted down the proposition 51.5 percent to 48.5 percent. Although the loss was disappointing, the close turnout was impressive considering the campaign budget for GMO labeling was one-sixth of the opposition's budget, she said.



Graphic by Maddy Rueda

Austin is now focusing on encouraging the community to voice their opinions to the Food and Drug Administration.

"It's our job to let officials know how we feel," Austin said. "This is a risk to the salmon population, fish industry and to us."

The possibility of genetically modified salmon escaping into the wild raises concerns for Austin as well as environmentalists and anti-GMO activists. Pamm Larry, Northern California director for www.labelGMOs.org, argues that if the AquAdvantage salmon enter waters shared by other species of fish then competition may disrupt the ecosystem. The genetically modified fish grow twice as fast as wild Atlantic salmon and potentially pose a threat.

However Humboldt State fisheries graduate student Meiling Roddam feels that the likelihood of negative consequences is slim.

"Considering that [the facilities] are land-based, the salmon are triploid, sterile females and Panama waters are much warmer than [temperatures] Atlantic salmon prefer, I doubt problems will arise," Roddam said.

Skeptics ask how this may affect the fish industry, wild salmon, commercial fishermen and the economy in general. HSU fisheries professor Darren Ward believes any problems that may arise for the economy will not be unfamiliar.

"Farm-raised salmon are already much cheaper than wild-caught [salmon]," Ward said. "If people are afraid that GM salmon will drive down prices, that's already happening. The production costs [for GM salmon] are much cheaper."

A different concern for Ward is major corporations patenting and monopolizing a genetically modified product. If a strain of a patented gene shows up in a different product, that is grounds for suing, Ward said.

SoHum Label GMOs Group anticipates the possibility of participating in a protest on Feb. 9, depending on public interest. Official protests will be held in Portland, Oregon, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Updates are posted on the Facebook page.

The grassroots organization also urges others to give feedback to the FDA by going to www.regulations.gov and searching the docket number FDA-2011-N-0899. The FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine is evaluating the modified fish and allows for public comments on the docket page until Feb. 25 to factor into the final decision.

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The World in Briefs

On Jan. 18, the Transportation Security Administration discontinued its nude body scanner program.

The makers of the body scanners, Rapiscan, had a contract to produce 500 machines for the TSA at a cost of about $180,000 each. However, they could not meet the deadline to produce improved scanners.

Instead, the TSA will use millimeter wave technology scanners produced by L-3 Communications, which produces a generic-outline image.

The government spent about $90 million replacing traditional magnetometers with the nude body-scanning machines at airports nationwide.

Source: *Wired.com*

On Jan. 23, former CIA officer and whistleblower John Kiriakou was sentenced to 30 months in prison for revealing the identity of a fellow agent to a New York Times reporter.

Kiriakou is the only CIA agent, to face jail time for any reason relating to the U.S. torture program. He was charged with violating the Intelligence Identities Protection Act.

The former chief of counter-terrorist operations in Pakistan, Kiriakou, said, "This ... was not a case about leaking; this was a case about torture. And I believe I'm going to prison because I blew the whistle on torture," Kiriakou said, in an interview with Democracy Now. "My oath was to the Constitution. ... and to me, torture is unconstitutional."

Source: *Democracy Now, RT News*

The Obama administration's justification for killing Americans without due process was found in a confidential Justice Department memo obtained through the Freedom of Information Act by NBC.

In a news conference, General Attorney Eric Holder said "The Constitution does not require the president to delay action until some theoretical end-stage of planning, when the precise time, place and manner of an attack become clear."

Source: *NBC news*

Since Colorado legalized the use of cannabis on Jan. 1, farmers have taken to planting hemp.

The hemp will be used for building materials and as a superfood.

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Two tablespoons of shelled hemp seeds contain about 11 grams of protein and 2 grams of unsaturated omega-3 fatty acids.

Source: *Natural Society*

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UPD Bullet Points

Graphics by Ella Rathman and J. Daniel Fernandez

State of California County of Humboldt **No 2**

☒ City ☐ Town ☐ Township of Arcata

Location:	Date:
Humboldt State University	Friday, Feb. 01

Description:

2:49 a.m. -Reports of off campus harassment occurring in downtown Arcata.

Watch out all you harassers, UPD is on the case.

Location:	Date:
Humboldt State University	Friday, Feb. 01

Description:

9:58 a.m. -Officers responded to a male using a long knife to carve on wood sticks.

No fletching arrows on HSU campus, Legolas.

State of California County of Humboldt **No 2**

☒ City ☐ Town ☐ Township of Arcata

Location:	Date:
Humboldt State University	Friday, Feb. 02

Description:

1:26 a.m. A concerned friend reported their friends for driving toward campus from Spear Ave. after drinking.

Kudos to the brave soul who took a stand against drunk driving even though it was their friends behind the wheel.

Location:	Date:
Humboldt State University	Sun. Feb. 3

Description:

1:30 a.m. A community advocate reported three males carrying an intoxicated female up the hill towards Crestview.

Some people just can't handle their liquor.

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Corrections

There is no credit for the exercise routes accompanying page 19's story "The HSU stairmaster," in the Jan. 23 issue. The Humboldt State kinesiology department made the map.

In the infographic on page 17, in the Jan. 23 issue, the pictures referring bowline and two-half hitch knots are reversed.

Dave Marshall is not the Dean of the College of Natural Resources as stated in the story "Better, faster, stronger" on page 5 in the Jan. 23 issue. The actual dean is Steven Smith.

News

New flight deal still up in the air

Arcata airport seeks a to add a new airline

by Eduardo Barragan

In less than two years the price of an airline ticket at the Eureka/Arcata airport rose 40 percent. In 2011, a one-way ticket to Los Angeles International Airport cost $130; tickets now cost up to $250.

Several Humboldt State students feel that, as the only major airline operating out of the airport, United Airlines has a monopoly. Some have been led to believe that the monopoly was due to a hostile takeover or the lack of ticket sales.

"The tickets are freakishly expensive!" HSU social work major Natalie Fernandez said.

The alternate options the community has are to drive to another airport and fly from there or to use the bus system. The problem with this is that flying costs much more in comparison to traveling via bus. Airline competition would potentially solve this problem by having more affordable ticket prices and giving customers the convenience of getting to their destinations in a remarkably faster time. Now, with the help of the Redwood Region Economic Development Commission, a new airline is coming to the airport.

Horizon Airlines discontinued air service because it was not profitable. Its parent company Alaska Airlines said, "We have tried a variety of alternatives ... to improve financial performance of these markets. Unfortunately, we saw no significant change," in a 2011 press release.

The RREDC is a coalition of all the local governments, including Arcata and Eureka, which loans money to small businesses that cannot get a bank loan. The RREDC created the Air Service Development Fund in order to raise $1 million to attract and sustain an airline.

At first local governments were under the impression that this fund was simply giving away money to an airline without expecting some sort of payback for the community. During an Arcata Council meeting, the questions on some people's minds were, "How will this benefit the county?" and "Should we help fund this?"

After thorough explaining to the local governments and businesses, the RREDC was able to raise its goal of $1 million. Among the contributors were the cities of Arcata and Eureka at $10,000 and HSU at $15,000. The funds are divided into three portions; $750,000 came from the Small Community Air Service Development Program Act, $125,000 from the Headwaters Fund and $125,000 from local funds summing up to total $1 million.

The money has been raised, but there is no word on which airlines are being negotiated with.

American Airlines came to Humboldt County looking to open a new route in April 2012.

They expected a minimum revenue guarantee within a few weeks, but the county could not meet the deadline, so the airline left.

According to the RREDC's Don Ehnebuske, there are two things that attract an airline to a rural.

area like Humboldt. The first thing is whether it would be a profitable route, and second is the low risk because of a minimum revenue guarantee, which is what the money raised in the Air Service Development Fund will be used for. A minimum revenue guarantee promises an airline will make a revenue minimum on its own or with the help of the raised funds. Then, once the guarantee is met by the airline and if there is money left over, it gives the airline the option to open another route. If another route is not chosen then the remaining funds would be returned to the contributors.

An airline gets its revenue from the money received per flight. If there are empty seats in a flight, the guarantee funds pay for those empty seats. This does not mean that the entire $1 million would be given to the airline if they did not sell any tickets.

The way minimum revenue guarantee works is that it gives a specific amount of money an airline whether or not they succeed in selling tickets.

In a videotaped presentation for the city of Arcata last September, Ehnesbuske said the placement of a new airline will benefit this community with tourism and local export jobs like timber and local professionals such as medical professionals and government officials, and airport construction with local contractors. The RREDC estimates that for every dollar invested, the community gets a $34 payback. Within the two-year span that the community contributes $250,000, the payback is estimated at $8.5 million.

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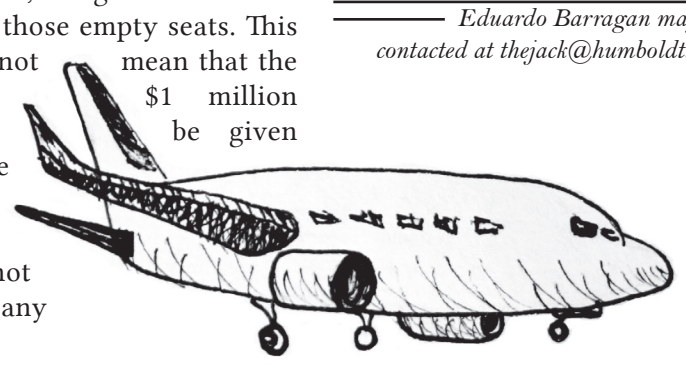

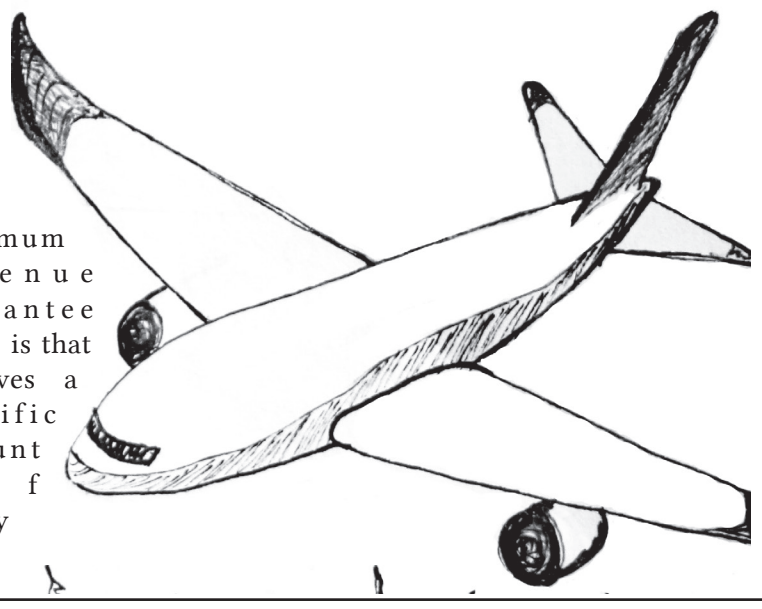

Graphic by Charli Beck

Looking to the future

HSU police lieutenant retires after six years

by N. Hunter Cresswell

Most raccoons have a bad reputation due to the black stripe over their eyes that makes them look like thieves, but some actually are bandits. If woodland creatures ever get away with your valuables while you are on campus, call Humboldt State police department Lt. Kris Mechals.

In all of Mechals' six years at HSU, the most interesting call she received was from a concerned student who noticed two furry hands poke out from under the bench he was sitting on and steal his wallet from right next to him. Officers responded and located the thief in a bush.

Mechals said the wallet was returned to the owner but, "The criminal got away."

Mechals has been working for UPD since December 2006 but retired at the end of last semester. "[I] feel it is time to do something different," Mechals said.

Lynne Soderberg, UPD Chief of Police, met Mechals in 1989. At the time, Mechals was only a recruit at Eureka Police Department and Soderberg was her training officer.

You can still find Mechals on campus as an annuitant lieutenant — a temporary position with specific conditions. Stipulations include a 960-hour limit on the number of hours she can work in a year, Soderberg said.

Mechals is an annuitant in order to help out the university while it looks for her replacement because the university police force is already one officer short, Soderberg said.

Associate director of HSU Housing, Patty O'Rourke-Andrews, who is the committee chair for a new UPD lieutenant, is spearheading the search for a new lieutenant.

The search is completely confidential Andrews said, but the committee for choosing the new lieutenant consists of seven people: Andrews, two administrators, one retired CSU police officer, a UPD representative, a student and an Arcata Fire Department representative.

The application process is open to people with a high school level education, 10 years law enforcement experience and to people who have a supervisory certificate from the California commission on peace officer standards and training.

There have been seven applicants and no applicants will be turned down until a new lieutenant has been hired. Anyone who meets the qualifications are invited to apply, and may end up with a $7,000-$8,000 a month salary and full benefits.

The committee is looking for three to four serious candidates so they can move to the next step of interviews. Possible lieutenants will need to pass through two interviews with Soderberg, one over the phone and one in person. Soderberg said she was looking for someone who will work well on campus and will be a mentor to his or her officers.

Mechals plans to use her retirement to travel and help out at the local animal shelter she applied to volunteer for.

**Next week The Lumberjack will have an update on the candidate forum.*

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Rollin out the red carpet

HSU President speaks at welcome ceremony

by N. Hunter Cresswell

Shortly before the Spring Welcome 2013 started, Associated Students council assistant, Rob Christensen, handed Humboldt State President Rollin Richmond a sticky-note that made Richmond grin and tuck it away in his speech notes.

Richmond revealed what was written in the note during his welcome speech: 93.3 percent of votes that were cast in the bottom floor of the "J" this past November were in favor of passing Proposition 30. HSU accounts for 2.5 percent of the governor's proposed Proposition 30 budget if this budget is approved, Richmond said.

Spring Welcome 2013 was held in the Kate Buchanan Room at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 16.

Richmond said the event is held annually to, "Celebrate accomplishments of [the HSU] staff."

Richmond's speech covered the accomplishments of the university, university staff and HSU students.

Richmond noted the California State University System's online program during his speech. This program is relatively new, Richmond said, but is an effort to bring all the online CSU courses together on one website.

Also mentioned during the speech, was the Fall 2012 Campus Diversity Report. When asked about the report, Richmond said there have been Latino student retention programs for a few years but that they are not large enough.

In reference to the low retention rate, Richmond said the school provost would like to see more classes focused on basic life skills.

The event featured an opening speech by Peg Blake, the HSU vice president of student affairs, and performances by the HSU jazz orchestra. Richmond said, Patty Lindley, who is the administrative support for president's office, organized this event.

There is also a Fall Convocation held at the beginning of every fall semester, but there are only staff recognition awards given during the Spring Welcome, Richmond said.

Ten staff members were nominated by their coworkers and won cash awards given to them by President Richmond during his speech.

Carmela Paradise, from the HSU School of Education, did not expect to win a recognition award but she said her co-workers guilted her into going. Her boss also deemed the event mandatory, Paradise joked.

Along with Paradise, there were nine others who won a cash prize.

One winner was Dan Cleaves, from information technology services, whom Kim King from the athletics department nominated. "[Cleaves is] one of the most upbeat people," King said.

University President Rollin Richmond speaks at the Spring Welcome 2013 on Wed. Jan. 16 | Photo courtesy of the HSU Library Humboldt Room

After the awards were presented, the staff was treated to a free-food banquet in the Karshner Lounge outside the Kate Buchanan Room, where the faculty were able to mull about and converse with one another over food.

"I'd still come if there was no [free] food. The food's just the icing on the cake," King said.

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Humboldt State student Jason Lovell still missing

Provided by Seth Bradley

by Lisette Saldana

The search for Jason Lovell continues since reports of his disappearance to Arcata Police Department on Jan 29. Family and friends of Lovell have not seen or heard from him since Jan 25.

Lovell was reported missing by his friend and coworker at the Humboldt State Bookstore, Seth Bradley, after not showing up for work on Monday and Tuesday.

Since his disappearance, family and friends have organized searches along the Samoa Peninsula, Orik and Arcata areas in search of clues as to where Lovell could be.

According to friends and family Lovell was last seen at 11:45 p.m. on Jan 25. No one has been able to reach him via phone and it is presumed that it is either lost or turned off. Lovell's car was found on the 1200 block of F Street in Arcata with several of his belongings.

Lovell was in between residences at the time of his disappearance. He was couch surfing and most of his belongings are in a storage unit in Arcata and in his car — family members have not been able to see inside either but police officials did search his car.

Lovell is known for taking the animal with him almost everywhere he goes. A Facebook status on "Bring Jason Lovell Home" said Lovell's stuffed The Giraffe was found in the car.

A Sacramento-area native, Lovell originally moved to Arcata to be with his girlfriend and pursue his education at HSU.

Family members JoAnn and Jenna Cardoza said Lovell is funny, very intelligent and loving with his family. Jenna Cardoza said Lovell is an undergraduate who wants to pursue a master's degree and become a professor.

Lovell is an avid hiker who enjoyed the outdoors and listening to music. Search parties scoured areas he is known to hike near Samoa but had no luck finding him or evidence that could lead to his whereabouts.

Lovell has family in the Oregon area, and while his relatives hope that he is headed that way, his family members in Oregon have not heard from him either.

"We are at that stage where we don't know what happened," JoAnn Cardoza said. "We'll continue to hope, that's all we can do."

JoAnn Cardoza is grateful to the many student volunteers who have put forth such an effort in trying to find Lovell.

"We love him and we hope that he comes home soon," Jenna Cardoza said.

**Anyone who thinks they may have seen Lovell is urged to call APD at 707 822-2424. The recovery effort can be reached at aec67@humboldt.edu.w*

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Weekly Events

Clubs! Submit your event to the calendar at thejack@humboldt.edu with the subject line: ATTN: Calendar

Sunday, Feb. 10

"Art for Your Sweetheart"
Trinidad Art Gallery
5-8 p.m.
Free

Wednesday, Feb. 13

Get It On
The Serenity Sisters host this event promoting safe sex.
Siemens Hall, 113
7-9 p.m.

through Feb. 22

Faculty and staff are invited to submit nominations for Humboldt State's annual Outstanding Student Awards. Information available at humboldt.edu/forms/outstandingstudents.

Wednesday, Feb. 6

Informational Q-Grad meeting.
MultiCultural Center
3-4 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

Marrow Drive: join the Be the Match Registry
A painless cheek swab enters you into the bone marrow registry, to make life-saving donations.
University Center South Lounge
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 13

Conservation Lecture Series: Dawn Goley
The HSU zoology professor will present "Marine Mammals in Northern California — Studied Dead or Alive!"
Sequoia Park Zoo Classroom
3414 W Street, Eureka.
7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 7

Last day to register for the Feb. 23 GWPE at the Testing Center.

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Last Issue's Winner: **Laura Wong**
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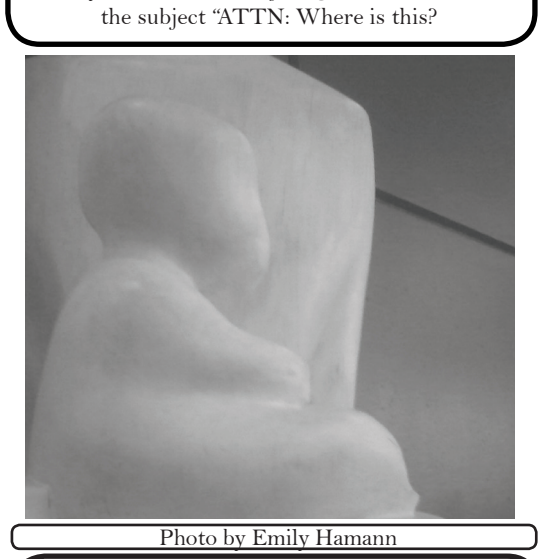

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A farm of their own

The Humboldt Garden Collective seeks self-sustainability

Illustration by Aizik Brown
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by Diover Duario

If you eat food, this concerns you.

Going hungry in Humboldt County is a step closer to being a memory. The fruits of the Humboldt Garden Collective's labor have yielded a community event that aims to shed light on this issue.

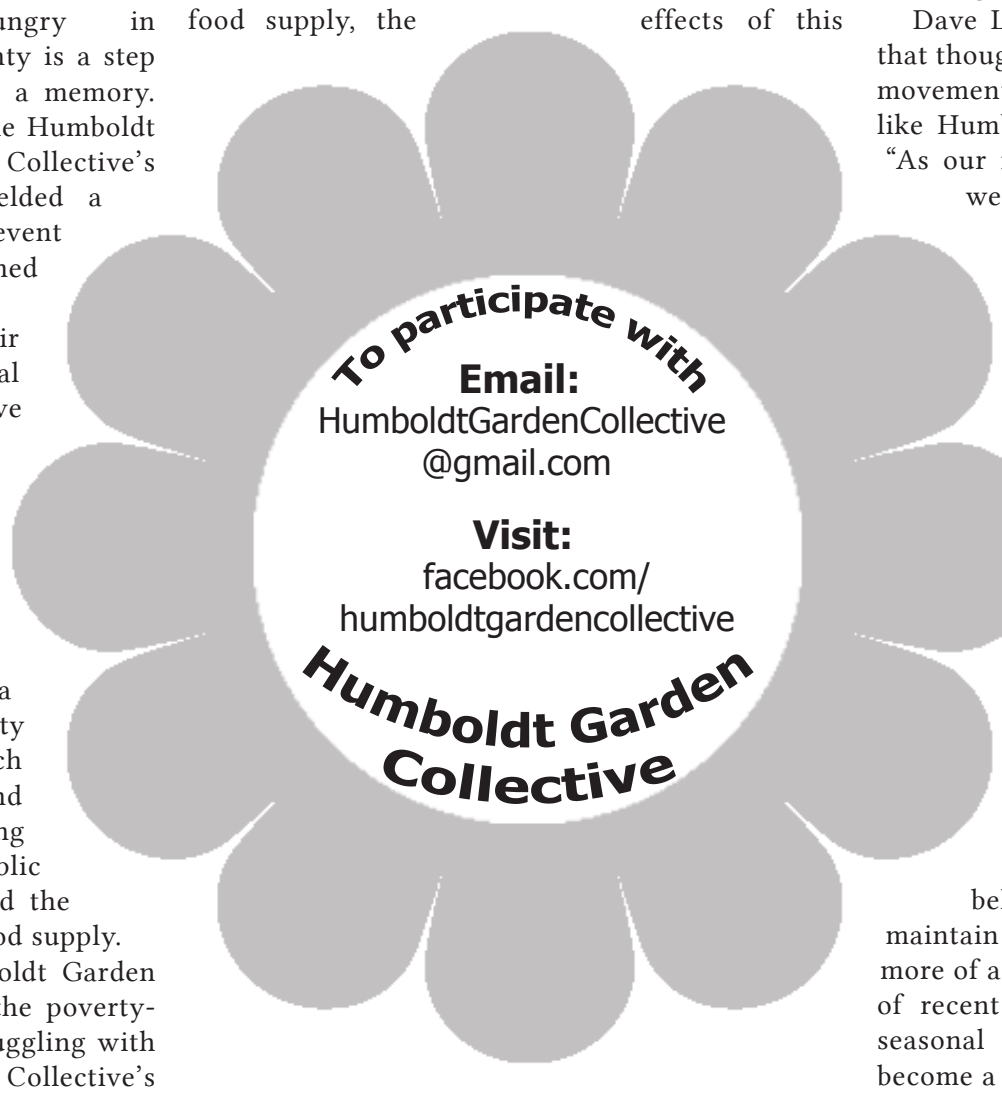
Through collaboration with their partners in "DIY Gardening," a local community magazine, the Collective organized a magazine release party fundraiser on Friday, Feb. 1.

The event included raffles, live music and giveaways at the Humboldt Capoeira studio revolving around their theme of the month, agriculture.

The Collective thinks this serves a dual purpose of educating the community on alternatives to market produce ,such as public and personal gardens, and helping combat the ails of those enduring economic hardship by providing the public with community space, assistance and the resources to grow a self-sustainable food supply.

This is not to say that the Humboldt Garden Collective's outreach is exclusive to the poverty-stricken. Anyone, especially those struggling with finances, can reap the benefits of the Collective's resources. Amy Studzienko, a College of the Redwoods agriculture major and charter member said, "This is ... the perfect thing for a student if they want to get actively involved with their community and learn a bunch of skills."

The National Gardening Association estimated in 2009 that an average family with a vegetable garden would spend about $70 a year on it and produce approximately $600 worth of crops. Aside from the practical human uses of a self-sustainable food supply, the effects of this emergent lifestyle could help tip the scales of fluctuating produce prices to the layman's favor.



The World Development Movement reported that finance executive Jon Corzine and Goldman Sach's generated more than $400 million in 2012 on food speculation, it is possible that, for many, a substitute to purchasing produce could very well mean the difference between going hungry and not breaking a sweat.

Dave Lembke, also a charter member, explains that though the food crisis can be felt nationwide, a movement such as this growing out of a community like Humboldt County is far from a coincidence. "As our food situation becomes more precarious we have a unique opportunity in this county that is very sparsely populated, to have a self-sustaining food supply," Lembke said.

"It's already beginning to happen due to our unique needs that food needs to be transported for major distribution centers so ... local food is priced competitively with that at Safeway because of the cost of distribution."

Those in the Humboldt Garden Collective have found that public interest in their green crusade is multigenerational. Attendees often range from kids to the elderly, experts and the curious newbies. Studzienko said this is because regardless of experience there is always something new to learn.

The Humboldt Garden Collective believes that the capability to grow and maintain a self-sustainable food source is becoming more of a valid concern. If the ecological hardships of recent years such as droughts and distorted seasonal climates persist, produce could soon become a luxury most cannot afford.

With help the the Humboldt Garden Collective, however, soon everyone could learn to grow their own produce.

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That's a WRRAP!: On-campus green activities

The Humboldt State Waste Reduction and Resource Awareness Program kicked off Recyclemania 2013, a national recycling and waste prevention competition between colleges, on Feb. 3. Recyclemania lasts for 10 weeks ending on March 30. Last year, HSU received the top rank in its athletic division, eighth out of all competing California colleges, and 167th in the nation overall.

Interested? Visit recyclemaniacs.org and check to see how well HSU is doing in the competition.

HSU competes in The Campus Conservation Nationals, the largest national energy and water reduction competition among colleges, on Feb. 13 through March 6th. Weekly meter readings will be posted in the residence halls to alert students of their energy usage and community advocates will help put on events in each dorm to promote friendly competition between each residence hall.

For more information go to competoreduce.org and get updated on how much energy is being used every week.

HSU placed third in the "diversion rate" category at the National Game Day Recycling Competition, a nationwide college campus event focused on waste diversion and proper recycling. WRRAP volunteers helped football fans divert almost 80 percent of waste that would otherwise go to a landfill at the Oct. 20 HSU football game against Dixie State College of Utah.

Photo provided by the Yurok Tribe.

Native Americans speak out against GM salmon

by Lashay Wesley

The idea of genetically altering an organism, plant or animal, makes people question not only the nutritional value of genetically modified food, but for some it comes down to ethics.

This is the case with genetically modified salmon, and specifically how local natives feel about changing something that is so integral to their society and culture.

There is a company out there trying to make that happen. AquaBounty Technologies, a Canadian company, is coming closer to producing genetically modified salmon.

"The Yurok people for instance, we are known as the salmon people," Keith Parker VanPelt, a Yurok Tribe member and fisheries biology junior at Humboldt State, said.

"Our entire culture, our religious activities, our dances and everything revolve around the river and the cultivation of salmon."

The native salmon are not only an essential part of their diet, but are at the heart of their culture too. "The river is everything. It's like the lifeblood," VanPelt said.

For many opposed to GM food, AquaBounty's proposal brings up the ethical issue of how far science can go. For tribal people it is much more than that.

"Culturally, it just seems wrong to change something that's already perfect," Barry McCovey, a fisheries biologist and member of the Yurok tribe, said.

For him and other tribal members it is very wrong to change the natural order of things.

"We don't want to stir up the pot and mess with the natural order of things. Things are in their natural order for a reason. Things didn't become this way by accident," VanPelt, who has fished throughout his life, said.

For local tribes, salmon is more than something you pick up at the supermarket.

"It's our most important food source," McCovey said.

Almost all tribal members living on the reservation fish,he said.

It is not just the idea of genetically modified salmon that worry some local natives, it is the potential threat to the future salmon. One of the largest arguments against GM salmon and other fish is that the genetically modified fish will escape and breed with native fish in their native surroundings. The possibility of these GM salmon escaping and finding their way back to the Klamath river is a big fear.

According to McCovey, this would result in some serious problems. McCovey said, the genetically altered salmon would be able to outcompete native salmon. Some studies have suggested that if these fish are introduced they could wipe out the native population completely. This "Trojan gene effect," McCovey said, could wipe out the native Chinook salmon that is so vital to their culture.

In the past decade the salmon season has been hit and miss. Fisherman are always concerned that salmon levels will drop again to the same numbers as in 2002 when thousands of Chinook salmon were killed on their way up to the river to spawn. That year a combination of temperatures, water quality and other environmental factors made it one of the largest fish kills. This past year tribe members have been lucky to have one of the best fish harvests. A combination of good water conditions and habitat conditions made 2012 ideal for salmon, said Dave Hillemeier, fisheries program manager for the Yurok Tribe. With such a large harvest the tribe was able to bring in $3 million.

AquaBounty proposes that its salmon will be better. That its unique breed of Chinook and Atlantic salmon will be more cost efficient, resistant to disease and be more environmentally friendly. AquaBounty plans to change the DNA structure of the fish to make it mature faster. The idea is if salmon can mature faster they can ultimately reduce the overall cost of salmon on the market and make salmon more readily available to the average consumer.

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> Fisheries Biologist and
> tribe member of Yurok Tribe

Hillemeier said GM salmon is not worth the risk. "I think it's a pretty reckless move," he said. He believes that if the FDA approves AquaBounty's petition for genetically altered salmon that it would open the floodgates to other companies trying to do the same sort of thing, "They'll end up doing it closer to home."

"Even if they put it on the moon, it's still wrong," McCovey said, who believes that wherever the AquaBounty fishery is located it is still ethically wrong.

"It's an illusion that modern man thinks they have control of science and they can do all these miraculous things, but really, in reality, they don't have much control," VanPelt said. "They can make GMO salmon, but they can't stop the waves from hitting the beach, they can't stop the wind."

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HSU veterans search for solace on campus

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The California Welfare and Institutions code 5150 requires individuals with mental disorders who are seen as a danger to themselves or others to be put into a facility and detained for 72 hours.

But for student veterans at HSU, seeking help is welcomed by the HSU V.E.T.S. Affairs office.

The HSU V.E.T.S. Affairs office is the hub for all academic matters and financial benefits for student veterans and dependents on campus.

There are 350 students in total who benefit from HSU V.E.T.S. Affairs, 132 of which are veterans.

The annual budget allotted to the program by the University is $88,000. Not including staff salary, HSU's annual budget for the HSU V.E.T.S. Affairs office totals $3,000.

The Department of Veterans Affairs contributes $4,200 in total for both veterans and dependents.

To put these figures into perspective, a New York Times article on Sept. 11, 2012 explained that through student fees and private money HSU spends $650,000 a year on football.

In comparison to the HSU V.E.T.S. Affairs office, the HSU football Web page lists 124 people on this year's team, including the coaching staff.

Through the post 9/11 GI Bill veterans generally get all tuition and fee payments paid for in-state colleges. Housing payments depend on the zip code of the school and the specific pay rate, identified by years of experience and specific rank.

A yearly stipend of up to $1000 for books and supplies is also provided under the GI bill. Full-time dependent students receive $987 per month to pay for tuition and fees alone.

These are just a few benefits that come from the GI Bill alone. There are disability benefits, healthcare benefits and even benefits through claims that many veterans are eligible for.

But Hall, who started the HSU V.E.T.S. affairs in the early 90's, believes there is more to be done on the educational side.

"We're sticking veterans into classes with 18 and 19-year-old students who are talking about the war but haven't been there. The faculty might not understand the conflict there," Hall said.

Eric Banks, a 31-year-old HSU veteran, agrees, "Honestly the student body doesn't care about vets. Even the instructors sometimes say certain things about war and veterans that irk me because those things aren't real to them. I don't think they do it out of malice but out of ignorance," he said.

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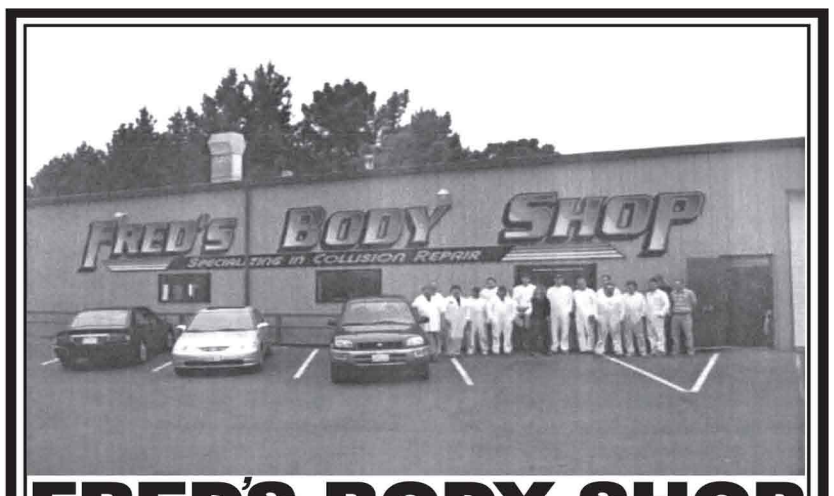

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EDITORIAL

The subject of genetically modified organisms and foods is complicated and steeped in the mysteries of science that only initiates can understand.

That is why The Lumberjack reached out to Humboldt State president, Rollin Richmond, a trained geneticist who wrote, “...opposition to GMOs is anti science,” in an email to former Humboldt County Planning Commissioner, Denver Nelson.

As students, we look to our teachers and administrators for leadership, insight and advice. Instead, our President referred us to a blog: http://www.mnn.com/your-home/organic-farming-gardening/blogs/prop-37-why-its-good-that-california-said-no-to-gmo-labeli

Rather than explain his beliefs to students, Richmond and his spokesperson, Paul Mann, prefer to avoid the issue. It is part of the reason why every week The Lumberjack asks, ‘Where’s Rollin?’

It is a question the community should be asking. After all, the President wields considerable power of suggestion over local politics and the community.

It is a sad state of affairs when the leader of a learning institution refuses to teach. It is even more sad when that person decides the best way to deal with a situation is to hide.

From: Denver Nelson [dennel@suddenlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, September 04, 2012 8:55 AM
To: Clendenen, Clif; Lovelace, Mark; Sundberg, Ryan; Bohn, Rex; Bass, Virginia
Subject: FW: Sorry

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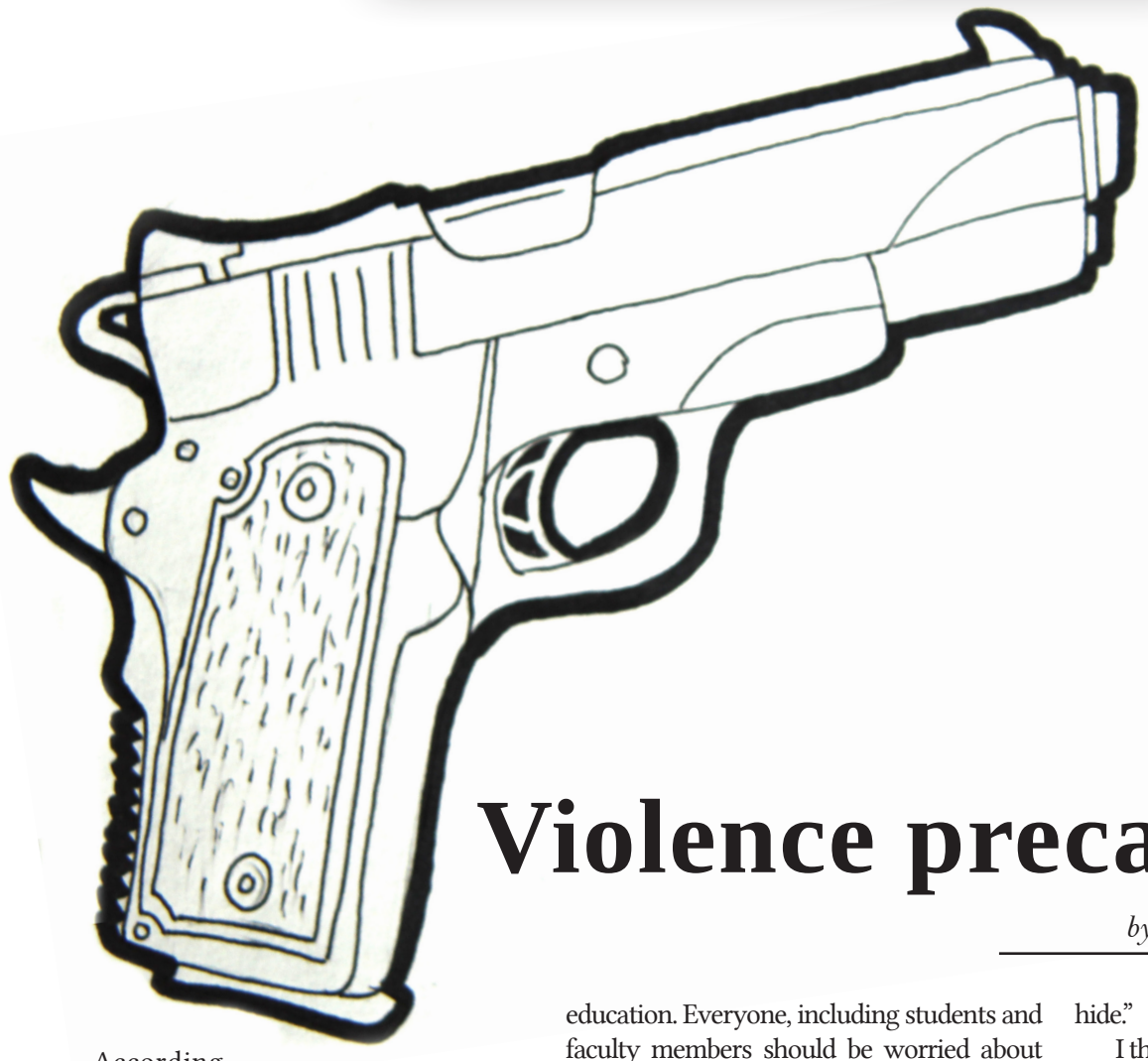
Denver: Got to my office and checked the calendar. I've got two meetings scheduled that I need to attend when the Supervisors are meeting on this issue. So, I regret that I cannot be there. I would point out that genetic modification of plants and animals has been going on since they evolved, that our bodies contain many more bacterial and fungal cells than our body cells, that opposition to GMOs is anti science, and that this sort of effort is similar to the efforts of unthinking religious people to ban stem cell research. Had it not been for the efforts in California to support stem cell technology, several very promising medical applications would not have been developed. Good luck and let me know how it went. Rollin

Email from Rollin Richmond to former Humboldt County planning commissioner.



To the Editor:

January 25, 2013

The gun industry and its progeny, the National Rifle Association, wants to arm everybody and arm all the teachers in the schools. Arming every teacher in America would be expensive and intrusive. Arm the students.

Consider: A gunman enters a first grade classroom and is met with a hail of .22 hollow points fired conveniently at the groin level, effectively taking him out. I bet the kids of today are good shots after playing all those video games.

Such a plan meets NRA’s gunslinger-in-chief Wayne LaPierre’s axiom of a badman with a gun is met by a good man (in this case a good munchkin) with a gun, 15 of them.

What a wonderful surprise, a win-win for everybody except the “harvested” (gun) terrorist.

Ron Lowe Nevada City, CA

Violence precautions on campus

by Saryah Robinson

According to the Los Angeles Times, on Jan. 22 at Lone Star Community College in Houston, 22-year-old Trey Foster threatened another person with a gun due to an accidental bump on the shoulder. This incident then led to a heated argument, which gave Foster the idea to use his weapon. There were three people injured on campus and fortunately there were no deaths.

We never think such things could happen to us, but when they do, we are never fully prepared because we do not want to think that something this horrid would happen to us. We want to believe we are safe. If we are aware of the fact that incidents of a violent nature could happen, why do we not prepare ourselves? We prepare for earthquakes, tsunamis, fires and even tornados. All of these situations hold the same possibility as someone firing a gun on campus.

What we should do is protest in making the school invest in tools to secure our safety to a higher degree. We need to express our concerns. We need to make it known that we value our safety as much as our education. Everyone, including students and faculty members should be worried about their safety on campus. There have been too many violent incidents involving guns in the U.S..

In July 2012 the “Dark Knight” shooting in Aurora, Colo. resulted in 12 deaths and 70 injuries. In December the Sandy Hook Elementary school shooting in Newtown, Conn. left 20 children and six adults dead. Most recently 15-year-oldHadiya Pendleton who performed with her school’s band at the 2012 presidential inauguration was shot and killed in a park near her school on Jan. 29. It is now time to consider the safety we have in our public institutions.

Nicolette Amann, a Humboldt State English instructor, said, “The truth of the matter is that anyone could have a gun in class at any time, and anyone can snap at any time.” She said the truth we should be aware of and prepare ourselves for. You should ask yourself, “How prepared am I if a violent incident were to occur? What actions would I partake in?”

First year HSU business major Angel Winston said, “My first instinct would be to hide.”

I think this is what many of us would do, but Sergeant John Packer of the HSU police department said, “You’re going to have to react; you’re going to have to react violently towards that person.”

They both have a good point and Packer is right in saying that your first defense should be to defend yourself and those around you. On the other hand it is human instinct to do what is in the best interest of yourself.

I agree that you should react in some way to defend yourself, but the point that needs to be emphasized is the reality of basic human instinct. When your life is being threatened, you are not going to act in provoking the aggressor; it is instinct to cooperate and do what will keep you alive.

“We need to figure out ways to use technology,” Amann said. She reveals the idea that public institutions should use technology as a tool for protection. The use of a crisis button in every room would be an excellent tool to get.

If a crisis situation were to occur, there may not be accessibility or the time to use a cell phone to call the police. A crisis button would appear more discrete, and it could be generated to be further beneficial than using a cell phone when calling for help. To be prepared for an incident is hardly describable since if a violent incident were to occur, everyone would act on impulse.

What we should act on is being sensibly aware of the people we are surrounded by. As Packer said, “Everyone has the means.” We need to be aware of the attitudes, personality, and even appearance of the people we are surrounded by. It is nearly impossible to know who is carrying a weapon, thus it is essential to be prepared. If you feel suspicious about an individual, let UPD know.

Conclusively, if you were to be in a violent incident involving the threat of your life, do what you think is in the best interest of yourself and those around you. Many want to believe they would be heroic, but when you are faced between life and death, your human instinct will force you to react in a way to secure the essence of your life.

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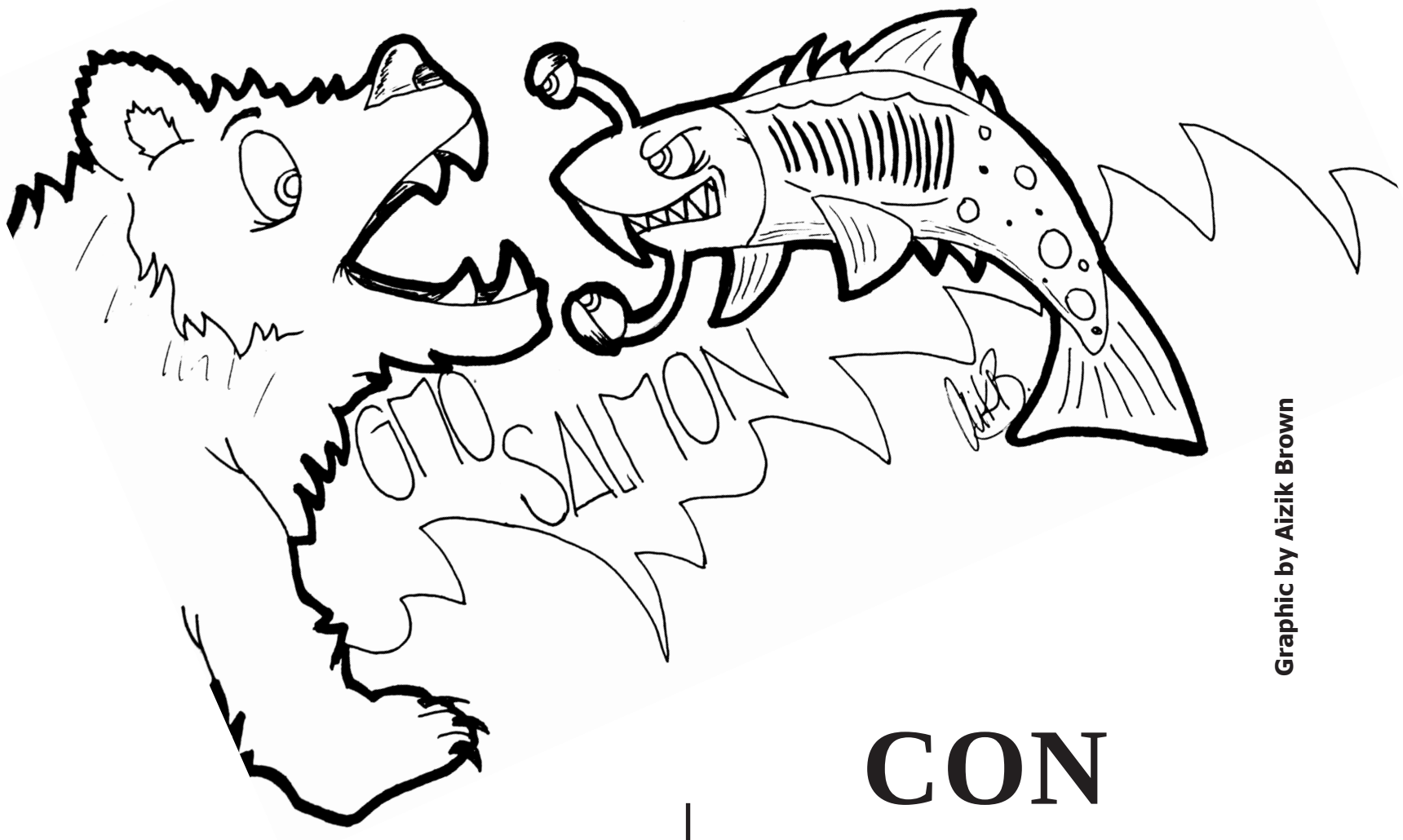
GM salmon: tipping the scale



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PRO

by Colleen Brougher

I voted no on Proposition 37. I know. I KNOW. I felt like it was such an elitist bill. I imagined a world where it passed and I could see being in a grocery store, especially in Arcata, and buying something labeled "GMO" and being severely judged. There would be a caste system and whoever bought the cheap and genetically modified foods would be at the bottom. How horrible that would be, I thought.

I do not think I even went on ballotpedia.org to check out the arguments; I just came up with that theory all on my own. And I love ballotpedia.org.

I have never really cared about GMOs. There are too many problems in this weird world. That is not much of an excuse, but there you go. I mean, I probably came across the Wikipedia article once or twice, but that is about it. Also labeling is just a bandaid solution. If Proposition 37 passed proponents would feel powerful, but it is kind of like the day of the year we are supposed to wear purple to support gay rights. Figurative — but meaningless and a lazy way to deal with the problem. This issue is not about labeling though. This issue is about genetically modified salmon. I thought it might be helpful to know where I stand in the bigger picture though. Disclosure. Moving right along.

Upon a Google search on genetically modified salmon an article on infowars.com was first. "The FDA Quietly Pushes Through Genetically Modified Salmon Over Christmas Break" by Anthony Gucciardi. Infowars' tagline is "There's a war on for your mind!" Well, sure. You can imagine what the angle was for the article: we are being tricked by The Man into eating "Frankenfish."

"Frankenfish" is a bit harsh though. It is like nobody got the true meaning of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein. To me, Frankenstein's creation was just a tender, tortured soul who wanted to be human but lived in a world where he was called a monster. Like Boo Radley. Poor guy. Sure Frankenstein's monster killed people but only to express the misery of his alienation. He could not love because he never knew it.

It is possible "Frankenfish" derives from the 1990 film "Frankenhooker," the story of how Jeffrey Franken's fiancé "goes to pieces" in a freak lawnmower accident then brought to life using choice body parts of New York prostitutes. "His reanimated girlfriend no longer craves his body... she craves every body! And, for money, she will love anyone ... to death!" I can see more of a connection there. Salmon are basically the prostitutes of the sea. Genetically modified salmon in effect really would be the "Frankenhooker" of the sea.

I suppose what I am really saying is we are extremely lucky. A debate about whether or not genetically modified salmon should be allowed in our society? What a privileged thing to be able to argue, take a side on, mobilize for or against. Words are created, propositions are drafted, articles are written about it. We are lucky in this. I love this debate, not because I feel strongly either way, but because it is even able to happen.

Do not buy genetically modified salmon if you do not want to. Educate yourself on the subject of GMOs, but just know we are not victims of science. If your side fails, keep it in perspective that you are lucky to have had time and energy to care about it in the first place. Plus there will probably be another fleck on Earth's porcelain skin to worry about shortly thereafter.

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CON

by Guest Columnist James Ficklin

Last fall Humboldt County saw record numbers of Chinook salmon return to local rivers. Salmon advocates and watershed restoration groups rejoiced. After decades of hard work trying to protect salmon spawning habitat from the ravages of clear-cutting, fish blocking dams, water diversions, road building and other impacts; this falls spectacular salmon run was a true blessing.

The year 2012 saw more salmon in the Eel River than anyone had seen in 40 years! Could this be a sign of real recovery of a threatened species? While hopes run high that our watersheds can be restored, and the resilience of nature will heal old wounds, now a new threat to wild salmon has emerged from left field.

The Food and Drug Administration quietly released its Environmental Assessment of genetically engineered salmon, with findings of "No Significant Impact" on Dec. 21. The FDA has to wait for a 60-day public comment period, to give their final approval. Opponents have until the end of public comment period on Feb. 25 to stop it, and momentum is building rapidly.

Transgenic salmon will be the first genetically engineered animal ever produced for human consumption. If it gets onto our dinner plates without a fuss there will be more to follow — 25 other species of transgenic fish, including endangered Pacific Coho, are waiting in the labs, transgenic pigs are also in line, and who knows what will be next. The industry is watching very closely to see if consumers reject GM salmon or not. If they consumers reject it loudly and clearly, it could signal a tipping - point where growing distrust of GMO's leads to investor withdrawal of future biotech foods.

The only tests that have been done on GMO salmon have been done by AquaBounty, and it only tested six fish, which is considered woefully incomplete by Consumers Union scientist Micheal Hansen, still, these are the results that were reported: GMO salmon are 19 percent more allergenic than regular salmon. This according to Aquabounty, is "not statistically significant" — so 19 percent, that is about one in five, could cause allergic reactions in humans, but this is "not significant" according to the FDA & corporate "experts". They are higher in IGF-1 (insulin-like growth factor). "Epidemiologic studies have shown that IGF-1 is positively associated with the risk of colorectal cancer," according to an article in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

AquaBounty claims their fish will not escape into the ocean because they they will only be raised in land-based facilities in Panama and Canada. Its egg production tanks in Canada do drain into the ocean. Its facility in Panama happens to be next to a small river. During a recent heavy storm and mild flooding event, there was fear that the fish could escape into the river.

The FDA cannot prevent AquaBounty from selling to fish farms in other countries. The vast majority are not "land-based," but are giant pens in the ocean. Fish farms are notorious for escapes. Take the case of farmed Atlantic salmon brought to the Pacific coast of Canada. These non-native varieties are known to spread disease and weaken the genetics of wild Pacific salmon. Referring to the the farmed Atlantic salmon farms in British Columbia 12 years ago, Jennifer Lash, director of Living Oceans Society said, in an article from Mother Jones, back then, "We were told they wouldn't escape. They escaped, We were told they wouldn't survive in the wild. They survived. We were told they wouldn't get upstream. They got upstream. We were told they wouldn't reproduce. They've reproduced," in an article from Mother Jones, "Aquaculture's Troubled Harvest."

AquaBounty's future is linked to GM salmon, it has already invested $50 million but are having trouble raising more. The company is worried that further delay or non-approval from the FDA will drive it into bankruptcy. Meanwhile organic products continue to gain market share and "non-GMO verified" labels are popping up everywhere.

Salmon are sacred. Changing their DNA in a laboratory for the sole purpose of making factory-farmed salmon more profitable for a handful of corporations is an unethical form of animal cruelty, a serious environmental threat, a health hazard and a sacrilege to those who consider salmon a fundamental part of the intricate web of life.

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Sports

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

by Patrick Evans

Humboldt State men's basketball forward Darren Turpin Jr. is one of the Lumberjacks' toughest players, skilled in offense and defense and committed to working with his teammates.

"It's the passion, the passion for the game … [you] go all out and give it all you can," Turpin said. "Whether that's either energy, rebounding, helping another player out. The rest, it just comes with practice."

Turpin, 23, is a senior business major at HSU and wants to start his own business after graduation but basketball has been a lifelong pastime.

"I started at the age of four. So yeah, so I've been doing this a long long time," Turpin said.

Turpin's father Darren Turpin Sr. played basketball and football in high school, and passed sports on to his children.

Turpin's brother, Damion Turpin, is an 18-year-old football player for the University of Washington. His youngest brother, Darrius Turpin, 13, also plays basketball.

"I'm the oldest of three, so it was just a habit," Turpin said. "My dad used to play basketball and football, so I just kinda took to basketball."

Steve Kinder, HSU men's basketball head coach, said he counts on Turpin for his skill and the incredible energy he brings to the game.

"Darren Turpin's one of our hardest working players, day in day out," Kinder said. "He's the first guy to dive on the floor for a loose ball. He's the first guy to get a rebound in a crowd. He's a warrior," Kinder said.

Turpin's free throw average is an intimidating .909 percent, and in a recent win against San Francisco State University of California, he scored 18 points.

Turpin started playing college basketball at Navarro College, in Dallas.

He was recruited from Dominguez High School in Compton, Calif. by Navarro assistant coach and HSU alumni Eric Colbert. "Darren was a very big part of our success here," Colbert said. "We went to the final four with Darren, he was a role player, a tough guy. We gave him the Bulldog award for just being the toughest kid on the floor."

In 2009, Turpin's junior college team, the Navarro Bulldogs placed fourth in the nation at the National Junior College Basketball Tournament and went 30-4 overall.

In 2010, his sophomore year at Navarro, Turpin won Navarro's Junkyard Dog award, for most energetic and supportive player. "He played on a team with all seven high major division one players, and you know, out of all those players, the one we couldn't play without was him," Colbert said.

Colbert said he saw Turpin's ability and the potential it offered, so he contacted HSU's coach Kinder.

"I gave Kinder a call, and I told him that he was a young man that I thought could make an impact at that level," Colbert said. "I've never steered Kinder wrong, so I'm happy he believed in me and gave Turpin a chance."

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Frankenfish rises

Fisherman are concerned as the first ever genetically modified organism hits the market

by Kjell Dreher

Voters defeated Proposition 37, that would label genetically engineered foods, last November. But the Food and Drug Administration may approve genetically modified salmon eggs that have the potential to wind up in our rivers.

What some have called "Frankenfish" are Atlantic salmon that have been genetically modified to grow to market size twice as fast as normal salmon. AquaBounty Technologies, the company that produces the salmon eggs, cites that these were made to meet the demand of the growing seafood market.

If the FDA approves the eggs, they will be the first ever genetically modified animal to be approved for human consumption. The FDA researched the possible effects and found no potential harm.

Dan Schwab, a senior freshwater fisheries major, voted no on Proposition 37.

"I just don't think that there [has] been enough long term research on GMOs," Schwab said. "If they escape, the fact that [means] they go twice as fast as wild salmon, they could eat the resources of wild salmon."

AquaBounty has tried to combat these risks by keeping the fish in secure fish pens. But research done by ICES Journal of Marine Science shows that on average, a handful of salmon make it into the wild from fisheries.

If they escape they have made the fish sterile but AquaBounty recently admitted that up to five percent could be fertile. This could be thousands of fish if the market for these eggs are as big as the company wants them to be.

Parasites, such as sea lice, are another problem that can be associated with farm-raised fish.

HSU fisheries professor Mark Sokolowski said that it is still inconclusive that these net-penned salmon can cause substantial deaths in the wild, but the sea lice can cause a problem for migrating fish. When wild salmon come into the area of a fish farm, they can come into contact with all the lice and parasites associated with the farm.

Josh Bancroft, from McKinleyville, fishes often and is concerned with the potential of GMO's winding up in our rivers.

"That's worse than going to the store and having to decide between a non-GM apple and a GM apple," Bancroft said. "When you stick your line in [the water] you don't know what you're going to get."

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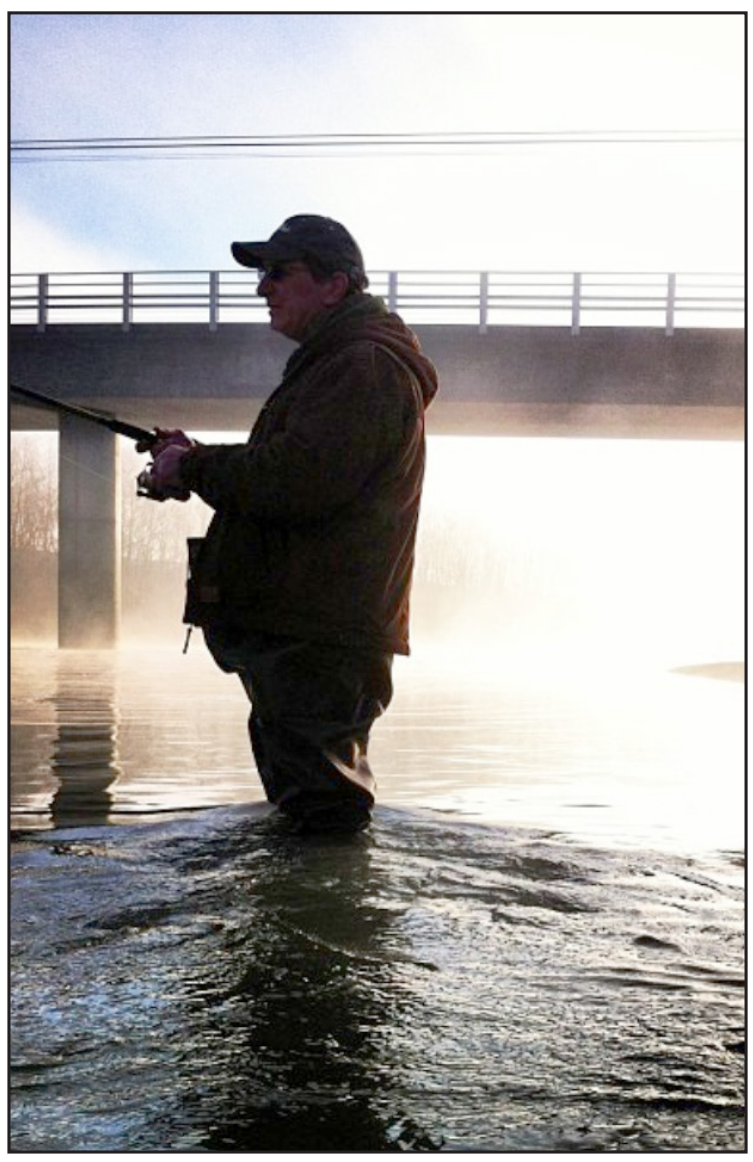

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THE BAY VERSUS LA

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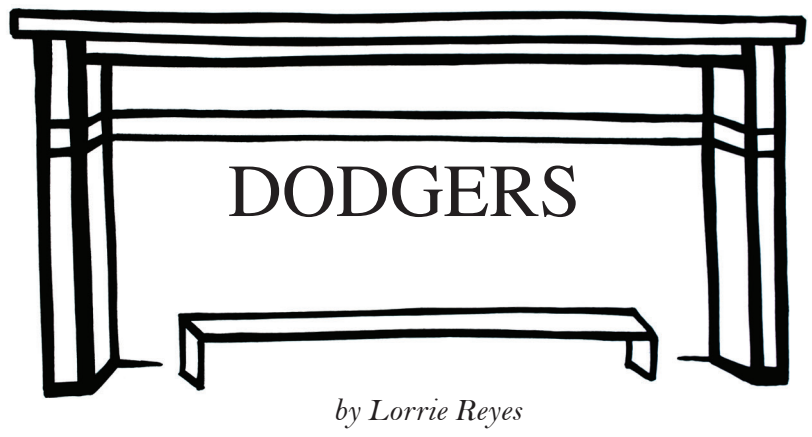

by Lorrie Reyes

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What answer best explains the following words? "Together we're Giant." (a) marketing genius (b) a phrase Giants' fans know very well (c) the truth (d) all of the freakin' above …

That is right, dust off your orange and black, or just keep on wearing it proud because baseball season is just around the corner. Note: if you are actually dusting off your Giants' gear, shame on you. Keep it fresh, champ.

Now, onto business — keeping the nucleus of World Series Champions together.

Just as soon as the Halloween/Championship Parade concluded, the Giants' offseason began, as did the fear of losing coveted free agents like center fielder Angel Pagan, second baseman Marco Scutaro, or pitchers Jeremy Affeldt and Santiago Casilla.

But, as Giants faithfuls have become accustomed to, General Manager Brian Sabean got the job done and re-signed all four players. Pagan: four-years, $40 million. Scutaro: three-year, $20 million. Affeldt: three-year, $18 million. Casilla: three-year, $15 million.

Voila! By Dec. 17, 2012, all the gut-wrenching questions had been answered. The bulk of the work was done. The core was intact, and it was done in typical Giants fashion. Not flashy. Not loud. Just solid. Just classy.

But, a champion's work is never completely done. It might be time for the reigning National League Most Valuable Player, Buster Posey, to get offered a long-term deal. This would allow both Posey and the Giants to settle in a bit, while avoiding arbitration between now and 2016, when he is currently slated to enter free agency.

The Beard: There is a good chance that relief pitcher Brian Wilson will not be wearing an SF hat this year, as he makes his return from Tommy John surgery — a surgery where a ligament from the elbow is replaced by a tendon from another part of the body. The Giants have shown interest in signing the rehabbing right-hander to a low base salary incentive-based contract, but Wilson has balked at the concept thus far. At this point, San Francisco seems to be content serving up the 2012 winning recipe of Sergio Romo on the mound to close games.

With pitchers and catchers reporting on Feb. 11 and Spring Training firing up shortly thereafter, the end to the offseason celebratory parade is near. Make sure you enjoy every last bit of being the undisputed champ. You earned it.

**Sources: New York Post, baseballprospectus.com*

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Frank McCourt is gone. Los Angeles Dodgers fans can no longer blame the former owner for ruining baseball in Los Angeles.

Since May 1, the Dodgers' new owner, Guggenheim Partners, have been spending money like they have it, and unlike McCourt they do.

The Dodgers recently announced details about their potential television deal with Time Warner Cable. The 25-year deal still needs to be approved by Major League Baseball, but if approved would be worth between $7 and $8 billion.

This TV deal helps justify the spending spree the Dodgers' management has been on, but it does not automatically guarantee a World Series Championship.

More than $600 million has been spent within the last year in player salary alone. Another $100 million has been in renovations to the Dodgers' Stadium.

The projected salary for the upcoming Dodgers season is more than $200 million.

Here is a snapshot of some of the salaries on the 2013 roster.

First baseman Adrian Gonzalez will make $21 million. Outfielder Carl Crawford will make $20 million. Center-fielder Matt Kemp will make $20 million. Newly acquired pitcher Zack Greinke will make $19 million. Starting pitcher Josh Beckett will make $15.75 million.

Sounds like a lot, right? I am not finished.

Shortstop Hanley Ramirez will make $15.5 million. Outfielder Andre Ethier will make $13.5 million. Starting pitcher Ted Lilly will make $13.167 million. Former number 2 pitcher Chad Billingsley will make $11 million. Starting pitcher Clayton Kershaw will make $11 million.

Most Dodgers fans must be jumping for joy. The Dodgers are finally opening that checkbook that they previously had to pry open. The plus side to all this spending is a very talented baseball team. The Dodgers are stacked in the outfield, on the pitching mound and at the plate.

But here is the reality. They have to win. There will be tremendous pressure on them to produce on the field.

The Dodgers have not won a World Series since 1988. They have not been to the playoffs since 2009. In 2012 the Dodgers finished eight games behind the San Francisco Giants.

Pitchers and catchers reported to Spring Training on Feb. 3. The full squad arrives Feb. 16. All eyes will be on the high-spending Dodgers on opening day April 1.

If the Dodgers do not get to the World Series in 2013, all the money that has been spent is pointless.

World Series Champs or bust. Think Blue.

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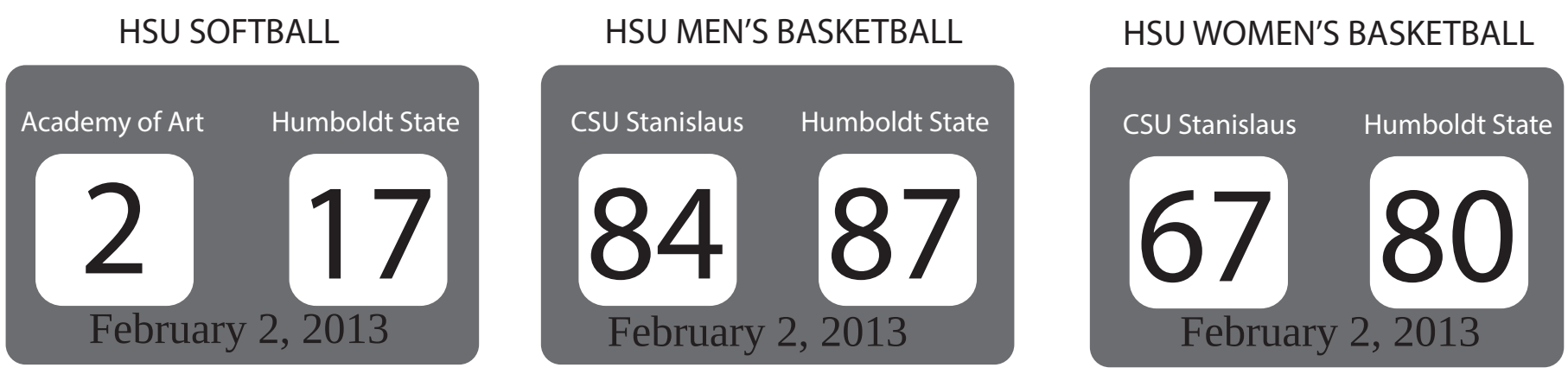

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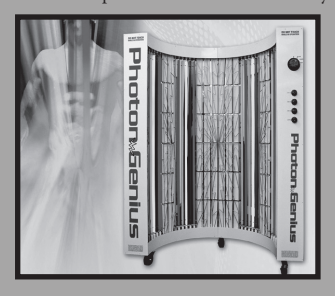

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