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# Humboldt County's future is dope

Cannabis advocates discuss marketing ideas and the future of weed

by Freddy Brewster

The future for Humboldt county is dope and those in the cannabis industry got together to brainstorm ways to market what some consider “the dopest dope you’ll ever smoke.”

A panel of cannabis professionals held a discussion on the future of the industry March 28 at the Humboldt Patient Resource Center’s Connection studio in Eureka. One of the panelists was Siobhan Danger Darwish, owner of Blessed Coast Farms and the first person in the state to receive a growing permit.

“Who has a better story line than Humboldt county? No one, use that guys,” Darwish said. “We need to capitalize on the name Humboldt and the fact that we have been doing this for generations. We need to educate on sun-grown cannabis.”

Darwish stressed the importance of social media and its potential to reach a wide audience. She runs Instagram and YouTube accounts called Grow Sisters where she provides tutorials on how to “grow your own” and other cannabis-related DIY projects.

Darwish is “a second-gen-



Praying mantis searches for aphids on a cannabis bud.

Photo by Freddy Brewster

eration, black-market cannabis farmer” and decided to come to the legal side of the cannabis world in 2016. Darwish stressed that the future for Humboldt county cannabis farmers is collaboration.

“Let me come to your farm, I will smoke your product,” Darwish said. “I will tell my 65,000 followers what your product tastes like.”

Darwish went on to stress the importance of educating the public about sun-grown

cannabis and how businesses and dispensaries should sponsor small farmers. Bryan Willkomm represented HPRC at the panelist table and has said that HPRC has been working closely with farmers since their beginning in 1999. Willkomm said that the future of cannabis in Humboldt county is “bright and beautiful,” but those in power have to step up.

“For a future regulations standpoint, we need a tasting room,” Willkomm said. “I can’t

have you sample something without buying \$40 of it. So, allowing farmers to have some sort of tasting or events, will really help bring more exposure to our farms and community.”

Willkomm said he believes the future of cannabis is linked with ecotourism for Humboldt county and that cannabis can be used as an amplifier for those experiences. He went on to say that the county administrators need to focus on transportation access, with an emphasis on

airport and road infrastructure to help alleviate the isolation of Humboldt county. Rachel Moore represented the Humboldt County Office Economic Development at the panelist table and stressed the importance of Project Trellis in Humboldt’s cannabis future.

Project Trellis was implemented on March 12 as way for the county to help farmers negatively impacted by prior marijuana laws. Project Trellis will allow \$340,000 in micro grants for farmers as well as \$1.19 million in funds for a Humboldt county cannabis marketing scheme with a focus on markets in San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego.

“Part of Project Trellis is to listen and engage in dialog, so we can help inform the process,” Moore said. “The supervisors are interested in protecting the Humboldt brand. That is an important piece. We are here to be a part of the conversation.”

Jaleel Abdul-Ali, an HSU student majoring in kinesiology, attended the event to offer insight as a patient and consumer.

“The consumer can help out in terms of advocating for the whole industry,” Abdul-Ali said. “The main way to help out in terms of legislation is to vote. We need to let people know that yes, your vote does matter.”

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# Safety in numbers: UPD launches new escort program

New safety escort program allow students to to help other students

by Delaney Duarte

Humboldt State University is an open public school that hosts many strangers on a daily basis. Some students, faculty and staff feel unsafe walking alone at night on campus. To ease their worries the University Police Department has started a program that enlists student escorts to assist other students and faculty who feel unsafe walking.

You can find these escorts walking around campus wearing bright green jackets. Karyn Hoppe, the clery coordinator and live scan supervisor at UPD, said the program fulfills some of the safety needs of students, faculty and staff.

“Unfortunately in society, people in authority are not looked at in a favorable light, especially police officers in uniform,” Hoppe said. “With the peer program, people feel more comfortable being able to say things without getting in trouble. Some even feel uncomfortable being with a police officer or being seen in a patrol unit be-



Police pole right outside of the Student and Business Services.

Photo by Emily Osthimer

cause people wonder why you’re in there.”

Students, faculty members and staff can be escorted from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m., Monday through Friday within school grounds. Student escorts are not permitted to go outside of campus to assist students. They only offer

assistance from the end of the Jolly Giants building to 14th Street.

Alan Valle, a fourth year student majoring in sociology, works as an escort for the peer program. Valle said he usually gets calls anywhere from the BSS to the library.

“A lot of students I get do feel unsafe and want someone to walk with them to their destination, due to reports of strange people walking on campus they have heard of or emails they have gotten in the past.”

Miguel Altamirano, a fifth year kinesiology major, also

works as a student escort for the peer program.

“It can be a little sketchy walking at night, depending on the hour, especially working on a project at midnight,” Altamirano said. “You feel like you want to rush home because you see people you don’t recognize or who don’t look like students.”

Students now have the opportunity to be accompanied by another student without feeling unsafe. Paola Morgado, a second year student at HSU majoring in biology, shared her opinions and thoughts on the student escort program.

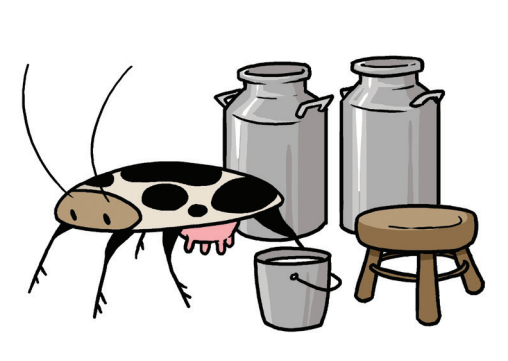
“I never feel safe walking alone on campus at night,” Morgado said. “There are some weird people roaming around on campus. I believe that the campus is finally becoming more aware of incidents happening on campus with strange activity of random people, so I think this program will help a lot of people.”

If any students, faculty or staff members feel unsafe walking from one destination to another late at night on campus, they can request a safety escort by calling (707)826-5555, or dial x5555 from a campus blue light courtesy phone.

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# Humboldt County spearheads green energy initiatives

*RCEA moves forward with 100 percent renewable energy by 2025*

by T. William Wallin

Redwood Coast Energy Authority is continuing its plan to make Humboldt County powered by 100 percent renewable energy by 2025. The board members of RCEA voted in favor to eliminate all fossil fuels and nuclear power 20 years before the state of California’s requirement for 2045.

“We are so excited you consider this resolution,” Wendy Ring of 350 Humboldt said to RCEA board members. “We are joining over 100 jurisdictions in the country.”

Ring is a member of an organization whose core mission is to keep fossil fuels in the ground and reduce the amount of carbon in the atmosphere. Ring said of RCEA’s renewable energy resolution that it’s signaling what kind of power we want to buy and allows for more community input.

“I think this is tremendously important,” Ring said. “This may be a little stone in the water but it casts a big circle.”

RCEA was created in 2003 and is a local government Joint Powers Agency. The members include representatives from the County of Humboldt, the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District and the cities of Arcata, Blue Lake, Eureka, Fortuna, Rio Dell and Trinidad. Their purpose is to “develop and implement sustainable energy initiatives that reduce



Photo by T. William Wallin

Members of 350 Humboldt hold signs expressing their support for RCEA’s resolution.

energy demand, increase energy efficiency, and advance the use of clean, efficient and renewable resources available in the region for the benefit of the Member agencies and their constituents.”

RCEA Executive Director Matthew Marshall said in 2018 the state of California established a policy for renewable energy resources and zero-carbon resources supply called the 100 Percent Clean Energy Act. The plan was to be implemented by 2045 and at their monthly meeting in January RCEA decided to adopt the act by 2025.

“RCEA will develop this strategy and enhance it every so often,” Marshall said. “We align with the county-wide

effort toward a climate action plan that city members and the county are participating in.”

Pat Carr of 350 Humboldt is one of these members and is in support for 100 percent renewable energy in Humboldt County.

“RCEA has led a leadership role in recent years for local energy resources,” Carr said.

Part of RCEA’s resolution is considering the different resource mixes and local vs. non-local sources to meet the 100 percent renewable goal. Carr said we are already meeting the goal and that there is plenty of local energy in Humboldt County.

“This resolution is important for our community to think

about what is clean energy,” Carr said.

RCEA board member Estelle Fennell agrees with Carr and said there are advantages to local renewable energy and we should have that as the goal.

“I want to stress I want to see as much local as possible,” Fennell said. “I can appreciate local in the resolution and as we move forward I want to see other local projects. We want local businesses and I will support that as long as there is local energy.”

A new renewable-energy project that RCEA is considering is an off-shore wind farm in Humboldt Bay. Last April RCEA entered a multi-year project with CIASO called the Redwood

Coast Offshore Wind Project. There are two other potential areas in Morro Bay that could get the project if the lease isn’t granted to Humboldt Bay. This project is still in its early steps with the first study just coming out on the potential feasibility of having a wind farm 20 miles West of Eureka.

Executive Director Matthew Marshall said the other three partners are ready to move forward with the conclusion of the study. Marshall said there is a strong team of companies who do this around the world and are interested in doing it in Humboldt.

“Because it’s shallow you can do work in the bay, don’t need crane systems and operations and can tow with a boat the floating structure in an easier and safer way,” Marshall said. “If the study came back and wasn’t feasible we wouldn’t be moving forward but that isn’t what the study said.”

Not everyone is convinced, though. Community member John Shaffer has worked with renewable energy as an electrician for over 40 years and said he disagreed with the project proposal and RCEA should reconsider. Shaffer said off-shore wind farms are too costly and there hasn’t been any credible feasibility study of off-shore wind in Humboldt.

“I strongly support renewable energy,” Shaffer said. “But when so many better ideas are available I do not support uneconomic ones.”

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## ACAC hosts Educator Job Fair

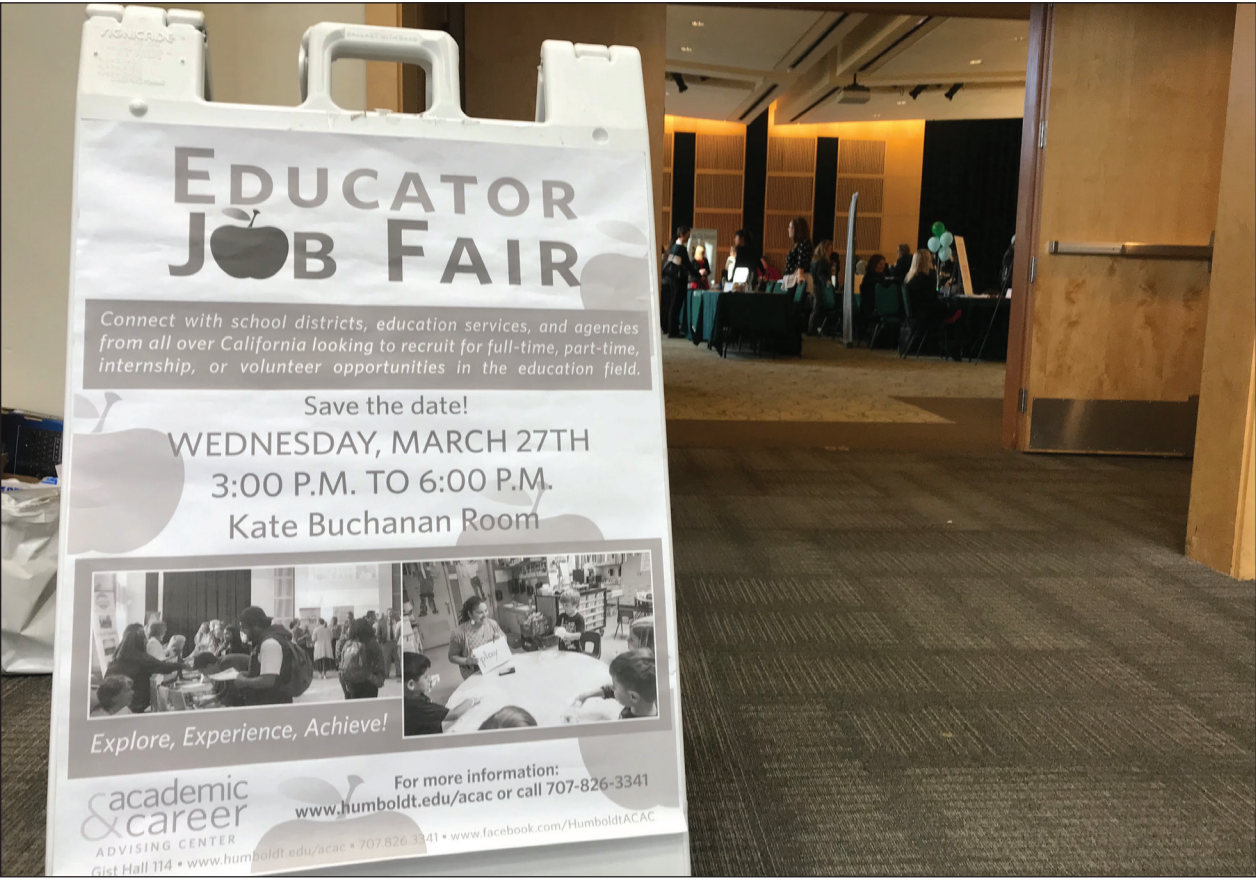


Photo by Collin Slavery

A sign outside the Kate Buchanan Room welcomes students to the event.

*The Academic and Career Advising Center hosted its second Educator Job Fair*

by Collin Slavery

In the Kate Buchanan Room, school districts assemble to search for the next generation of educators.

Amy Martin organized the event. Martin is the Academic and Career Advising Center’s Employer relations coordinator. She said the Educator Job Fair was an excellent opportunity for students to connect with career opportunities in the education field. Martin identified a need both locally and in California for educators.

“The Educator Job Fair gives students the opportunity to figure out what they’re looking for,” Martin said. “The fair gives students the chance to fill positions when they have

their full teaching credentials, or find a temporary job to get their foot in the door.”

The Educator Job Fair attracted about 30 organizations including school districts and volunteer groups. Martin mentioned one of the districts had come all the way from Iowa.

Gina Short, a representative from Fortuna Elementary School District, was looking for applicants for next year’s positions. During the event she collected six resumes and eight phone numbers.

“We met a lot of people,” Short said. “We’re hopeful to call them and follow up as soon as tomorrow.”

The academic and career advising center serves two purposes: academic advising and career advising. Martin said that academic advising helps students figure out appropriate classes, navigate DARS and

make sure students graduate on time. Career advising directs students towards opportunities in their field of study and helps students figure out career goals.

Kelly Fortner is a recent graduate of HSU who is now an AmeriCorps CSU STEM VISTA. Today she was helping students check into the job fair. Ninety-nine students showed up in the first couple of hours and another 50 or so were expected.

“It’s good to see networking going on between students and employees,” Fortner said. “Districts who are looking for educators also have the opportunity to connect with and meet the needs of students.”

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# Jazz in the most unlikely of places

*The Speakeasy in Eureka plays host to musicians keeping the art of jazz alive in Humboldt County*

by T. William Wallin

On a rainy Tuesday night tucked away in a dimly lit Old Town Eureka alleyway, a tenor saxophone can be heard echoing off the brick-patterned mural-covered walls. A multistory Billie Holiday painting stands as a beacon of light covering the entrance to the 1920s-style jazz joint, The Speakeasy. Every Tuesday and Friday night The Opera Alleycats can be seen and heard performing covers ranging from Miles Davis’ “So What” to Thelonious Monk’s “Straight, No Chaser”.

This particular Tuesday night the small and cozy New Orleans-style bar is full. Local musicians and bar patrons have gathered solely to hear the quintet wail the not-so-long-ago Be-

bop style of jazz that hit America with a left hook harder than Muhammed Ali himself.

The brass players, keyboardist and percussionist all play in sync on the same level, feeding off their improvisations and individual solos. The trombone player embodies J.J. Johnson, a low beat from the percussionist leads his rhythm and after the last blowing exhale all the hands in the bar are clapping enthusiastically.

One wouldn’t think of Humboldt County as a destination for authentic jazz. Typically places like New York, New Orleans and San Francisco come to mind. But if you’ve ever heard jazz in any of these cities than you would be pleasantly surprised to realize jazz is at your front door.

Once you step through the

doors of The Speakeasy you are transplanted to when the consciousness of America was widening and bebop jazz could be heard in every dingy dive bar from coast to coast. The low lighting sets a hipcat mood, while the selection of booze behind the mahogany colored bar makes one feel as if they’ve walked into a Humphrey Bogart movie. The only thing missing is the ability to light up a newly packed Camel wide while crossing one’s leg and asking the person next to them for a light.

Trombone player Brian White said that the Speakeasy is his favorite place to play.

“We don’t really make any money, but The Speakeasy is the only place we can play with such freedom and people actually come to just listen to us,” White said.

He is right. Sam the bartender was busy making Manhattans and whiskey gingers for a crowd unable to keep their legs from tapping or their bodies from moving in rhythm to the band.

Local musician Anna Hamilton said this is the best group of musicians playing together in Humboldt County.

“I travelled up here from Southern Humboldt because I needed to hear some great music tonight,” Hamilton exclaimed in between sips of whiskey sour.

Most of the band are transplants to Humboldt County, bringing their musical influences with them. White is from Los Angeles and has been in Hum-



Photo by T. William Wallin  
Brian White blows the trombone during The Opera Alleycats weekly jazz night at The Speakeasy in Eureka.

boldt for over 20 years. He said he wouldn’t want to play jazz anywhere else besides Humboldt because although he has regular job, he is allowed room to breathe and play what he wants with his friends.

The youngest member of the group is the saxophonist Issac Williams, who was born and raised in McKinleyville. The Opera Alleycats have been playing together for six years at The Speakeasy with most members interwoven into other Humboldt County musical groups.

Tonight, the band’s lineup is Brian White on trombone, Issac Williams on sax, Tim Randals on keyboard, Ken Lawrence filling in on bass and filling in for drums is Mike Labolle. They play three sets and in each intermission are out in the crowd, sipping I.P.A.’s and engaging in hearty laughter. Humboldt County being so small and rural, naturally the band and the audience are all good friends.

The band ends on a nine minute ride of Miles Davis’ “So What”. The crowd is aware right as the first key is struck. The keyboard keys start slow and mellow, the bass riff comes in setting the tone, and everyone’s involved by the time the brass comes in. Even without a trumpet player the band is able to summon the feeling of Davis and keep the spirit of jazz alive.

After each player gets a chance to express their skills on their individual instruments, they all come together center stage, right toes tapping, lungs filled with inhalation blowing from the Hara outward

They all end the night on the same note, with a ringing of a tenor saxophone echoing across the brick-patterned alleyway walls covered in murals close to midnight.

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Photo by T. William Wallin  
Sam the bartender pours a drink for Anna Hamilton on a set break during The Opera Alleycats weekly jazz night at The Speakeasy in Eureka.

# The fungi among us



An assortment of mushrooms.

Photo by Silvia Alfonso

*Mushroom week was in full swing at HSU this week*

by Silvia Alfonso

Humboldt State is home to a variety of mushrooms that are sprouting as the rain comes and goes. CCAT held a series of presentations and workshops to further educate more students on mycology this week, and it came with a lot of educational fun facts about mushrooms. The most interesting being the things that can be made from mushrooms.

Casey Albarran, the internal co-director of CCAT said mushrooms can be more than just food.

“There are so many applications of mushrooms that are revolutionizing different things in the world,” Albarran said.

According to students at CCAT mushrooms can be made into bricks, buildings, leather and of course food. They can be medicinal as well. These discoveries of mushrooms have led to so

many innovations with what can be made from them. There is still a lot of testing that needs to be made, though. The use of mushrooms traces back to traditional Chinese medicine, and that’s the kind of information that CCAT wanted to display to the students.

Michelle Stone, president of CCAT said that her favorite thing about mushrooms is identifying them.

“It’s kind of like a scavenger hunt without knowing what you’ll find,” Stone said.

Stone explained that with making something like leather out of mushrooms, it would support the vegan movement and revolutionize the industry making leather. She also explained that over-producing mushrooms can be a problem with all these innovations, and the goal would be to create a more sustainable form of production.

“We wouldn’t be able to just completely switch to myco-building, but it’s still an interesting idea,” Albarran said.

One big thing about

mycology is that it is incredibly complex. Just when you think you know a good amount of information there turns out to be a whole new array of facts and information.

JT Abbott, a student involved with CCAT, explained that despite his knowledge on mushrooms that there is still so much he doesn’t know.

“I love substituting my groceries by finding mushrooms, they’re a really fun addition to my forest walks,” Abbott said. “But eat them only if you are good at foraging.”

Mushrooms are notorious for their role in breaking things down in the ecosystem, and it’s myco-remediation that draws so many students to learning more about them.

Ben Nguyen is another student that is apart of CCAT.

“Nothing would be possible without them because they’re the natural digesters of Earth,” Nguyen said.

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## HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

# Student Fee Referendum

There will be an advisory student fee referendum on April 3–4, 2019, to gather student input on the following proposed increase in student fees:

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Polling begins Wednesday, April 3rd at 8 a.m. and concludes Thursday, April 4th at 7 p.m. To vote, click on the link in the Student Union Fee Referendum email that will be sent to all HSU Students.

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# Serving the community

There are many opportunities for community service on campus

by Collin Slavey

Humboldt State University has a multitude of clubs who participate in community service. This week’s focus will be on, the Natural Resources Club, Campus Center for Appropriate Technologies, and the Redwood Chapter of Environmental Educators and Interpreters. Environmental science student and natural resources ‘Club Homie’ Alexander Mouriten talked about a recent invasive Himalayan blackberry removal project at Fern Canyon. “I gotta say, the thorns hurt but getting to work with my friends made that nothing,” Mouriten said. “I enjoyed it. I always enjoy volunteering.” Mouriten said he volunteers for the field work, the experience and the gratification of a good honest job. Early on Saturday mornings, the Natural Resources Club meets in front of the Natural Resources building before heading out for their weekly restoration service project. The Natural Resources Club does invasive plant removal, trail building and habitat restoration on a regular basis. Food and coffee are provided to keep up morale, and the club welcomes all students to join. The Campus Center for Appropriate Technologies, CCAT, is built on en-



Students from ESM370 are given a tour of the CCAT house.

Photo by Collin Slavey

vironmentally-friendly means. CCAT often creates opportunities to volunteer and provides students with hands-on experience with unique technology. Sebastian Forward is the sustainable gardener at CCAT. Forward is working on an ethnobotanical gardening project to educate people about the science and history of food domestication. Forward said he believes everybody who works at CCAT is here for the community. “CCAT is a source of information and education in the community,” Forward said. “Every Friday is our signature volunteer Friday. Everyone is always enjoying their talking and enjoying their time.” Volunteer Fridays are a

really good opportunity to get involved with the CCAT community. CCAT invites environmentally conscious people who have sustainable technology ideas to come to the house and make their ideas come to life. Visitors will be met with a welcoming attitude. Just ask what you can do to help. To have a healthy community, the community must serve itself. Every weekend, community service projects pop up across the nation. Projects rely on volunteers who offer their time to improve habitats, clean up streets and improve their communities. Participating in community service gives volunteers the opportunity to help improve the place they

live while offering the chance to create a special bond with whomever they serve. The Redwood Chapter of Environmental Educators and Interpreters, RCEEI, excels at explaining challenging topics to the community in approachable ways. The club serves young community members often, with events like their annual March 4 Parks. Brighton Hayashida is the vice president of RCEEI. He said March 4 Parks is an opportunity for students to serve young members of the community. “Kids are really excited about March 4 Parks,” Brighton said. “Just the fact they’re outside is important. The biggest thing is that we made nature relatable

“I gotta say, the thorns hurt but getting to work with my friends made that nothing,”

— Alexander Mouriten  
Environmental science student

to kids.” RCEEI communicates environmental knowledge by interpreting it. Scientific interpretation is similar to language translation. Instead of language, RCEEI talk about science in a way everybody can understand. It’s a valuable tool for inspiring people to volunteer to serve their community. Service is one of the United State’s defining values. From the beginning of the nation, Americans have been volunteering their time and energy for selfless progress. In 1736, Benjamin Franklin founded the first volunteer fire department. In 1865 William and Catherine Booth form the Salvation Army, which would become one of the largest volunteer organizations in the nation. Finally in 1961, President John F. Kennedy founded the Peace Corps which created volunteer opportunities across the world. “And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country,” President John F. Kennedy said.

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# Men's volleyball powers past William Jessup

*The Jacks dominated with a clean three-set sweep, they continue their unbeaten streak, winning (25-13, 25-13, 25-14)*

by Matt Shiffler

On Saturday night the men's HSU volleyball team improved to 6-0 overall after defeating William Jessup Warriors inside the Lumberjack Arena Saturday. The Jacks were able to play above the net without obstruction from the opposing team's blockers. Their offensive spikes went straight down into the Warrior's defense where they rarely played the ball smoothly to an outside setter.

Team captain, Carter Eyrich said it was a good feeling mixing up.

"The jump serves were getting aces, but also we were able to cool it down and float some in there," Eyrich said. "For the most part, we created some great setups. And we were able to put it away each time. I got kills, but it was a team effort today for sure."

Both teams opened the game with a lengthy rally. Jacks middle hitter Andrew Rauchway connected with a hard outside spike that sent the ball straight into the net. The Warriors took over possession and an early 3-2 lead. Number four on the Warriors served the ball out of play resulting in a service error. The slight edge they built vanished off the side of the mishit serve. While the Warriors contin-

ued their offensive mistakes the Jacks started to settle in. The Jacks defense and blockers stabilized the initial spike, allowing their setters to place the ball just above the net for heavy spikes. This recipe helped attacker Micheal Jacobs ramp up the energy and start bouncing around the gym covering multiple spots on the court. Jacobs confidence and ability to get above the Warriors blockers led him to 18 kills.

"I gotta be the hype man," Jacobs said. "I come from a football background, and volleyball guys seem more relaxed but let's bring the excitement."

The Warriors fought back but couldn't handle the setting accuracy of the Jacks. The Jacks set up fake spikes to the left and right helping either Eyrich, Jacobs, or Rauchway get the kills in the attacking zone. The 3-2 lead early would be the final time the Warriors had any hope during the game. The score climbed to 18-10 in a hurry, forcing the Warriors to call a timeout. The strategic timeout and late match substitutions would prove ineffective as the Jacks take game one 25-14.

"We basically did everything right beside some serves and errors," Rauchway Said. "If we clean that up we could potentially win some games



Photo by Matt Shiffler  
Number 11, Carter Eyrich (left) in position to block a potential spike from the Warriors outside hitter.

25-2 or 25-1."

The Jacks remained talkative, calling out plays and reading the Warriors one-dimensional offense. Blockers were in position ready to set a wall before the attacking Warriors started their set. The Jacks built a 16 to 9 lead that grew to a 25-13 win in game two.

Game three started worse for the Warriors falling behind 7-0 early. The body language was night and day for the two teams. The Jacks went for the kill, doubling down with their power spikes. At one point the Warriors started to turn

away from the incoming rockets disguised as volleyballs. The Warriors defensive specialists stopped digging out hard spikes from the Jacks attackers. Jump serves looked to sting the forearms of the Warriors and slowly broke the cheers and their final hope of a comeback.

An unfortunate injury to setter number eight Raul Roman occurred late in game three. Roman went down on the far side of the court clutching is foot or ankle and staying down for a while as the gym went silent. Roman finally was helped to his feet but didn't

put any weight on it as he was sat down on the training table. Roman would not return to action but didn't need to as the game was already coming to a close and the Jacks dominated a 25-14 win in game three.

"It was tough seeing one of our setters go down but we stayed strong," Eyrich said. "We dropped some points after that but we were able to take a breather. We came back as a team and I'm excited to see what's next for us"

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# Expand those taste buds

*The LJ Editorial Board encourages everyone to try alternative foods*



Art by Phoebe Hughes

by Editorial Board

When it comes to our diet as college students, we tend to stick with the same routine. Either cooking some ramen noodles, or grabbing a bite to eat at the various food courts or restaurants around HSU. Sometimes we don’t have the time to cook for ourselves but that shouldn’t hinder our chances of trying something new every once in a while. Let’s talk about cockroach milk. Cockroaches are without a doubt to some people

disgusting and a pest to have running around at home or in public. A trend that has been going on recently is cockroach milk. The milk itself comes from the gut of one cockroach species, and is actually produced in crystalline form. While it may come in small amounts, scientists at the Institute for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine in Bangalore, India discovered that cockroach milk is very nutritious and has three times the calories of buffalo milk. However, it should be noted that

more studies on cockroach milk need to be done before it’s deemed safe for consumption. Cockroach milk is not the first insect food involving dairy. Casu marzu is a well known meal in Italy and France, consisting of a block of pecorino cheese that is left outside so Cheese Flies (Pio-phila Casei) can lay eggs inside the cheese. The cheese is then eaten with the larva inside. People who’ve eaten it have described the taste as a strong Gorgonzola. While it’s considered a del-

icacy in parts of Europe, Casu marzu is considered a dangerous food to eat, and illegal to produce. According to All Things Interesting, it’s important correctly chew and kill the maggots before swallowing. “Otherwise, they can live in the body and rip holes through the intestines. No biggie. But kind of a biggie.” If you are interested in eating insects safely, grasshoppers are considered to be rich in protein. Coming in a variety of flavors and varieties from chocolate-covered grasshop-

pers to toasted grasshoppers with salt and lime. In Thailand, it’s very common to walk through a market and find vendors selling stir-fried insects, ranging from giant water bugs to Bamboo worms. So if you’re a picky eater, try something new. Just be informed on what you eat, and be sure to chew hard if what you’re eating is still alive.

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## Letter to the Editor: Charmaine Lawson responds to APD press release

### PRESS RELEASE: For Immediate Release

Charmaine Lawson, mother of David Josiah Lawson: In response to APD’s Press Release

Dear Humboldt County Community Members,

I, Charmaine Lawson (Mother of DJ Lawson), was disheartened and outraged at the press release issued yesterday from the Arcata Police Department (APD). For the first time after almost two years of allegedly investigating the murder of my first born son, APD set up a 24-hour tip line and released images of potential witnesses. Why weren’t these actions taken two years ago? And, why is the APD primarily releasing images of African American attendees of the party? As a Mother who raised two ambitious, amazing, brilliant, outstanding, young Black men (that both went to college), I am deeply disturbed by the recent actions of the APD. When I viewed the blurry images from the press release, all I saw was Black and Brown young people leaving the scene. Why didn’t the officers on the scene that night obtain their names, contact information and statements at the time of the murder? Why – after two years – is the APD just now trying to identify people in attendance at the birthday party? This is beyond negligent.

I was told by the three chiefs of police from APD and a city official that Kyle Zoellner’s DNA is on the knife that was used to murder my son. It is time that Humboldt County residents call out and address the Arcata City officials and Humboldt County DA Maggie Fleming regarding DNA evidence appearing on the knife that was used to murder a young college student. I cannot bring my son back, but we can help take a murderer off the streets. Why should a murderer walk the streets with your loved ones? If he killed once, he will kill again. Do you feel safer as a result of the actions the APD has taken in connection with this case? If not, then I encourage you to demand answers from your local representatives. \*\*\*I demand that the DA’s office hand over a copy of the official Grand Jury transcript to my lawyers.\*\*\*

This case must be immediately turned over to the CA Department Of Justice (DOJ). DA Fleming has previously called in the FBI and State Attorney General for help during the Sheriff’s Office corruption investigation. Fleming emphasized the urgency of the need for assistance to these outside agencies during that investigation. Why did she not push for the DOJ to take over the investigation of the murder of my son (especially after she failed to present adequate and/or sufficient evidence at both the preliminary hearing and grand jury proceedings)? The DOJ will not decline a county official request.

I have been informed that there are only two major DNA contributors on the knife. DNA does not LIE. But, the DA has decided that in order to take any further action on this case the investigators need to find an eye witness. In other words, District Attorney Fleming wants the public to believe that eyewitness testimony is more reliable than the results of scientific DNA forensic testing. This is beyond absurd.

- Ann O’keefe was 11 years old when she was strangled to death in Southern alifornia in 1973. DNA evidence brought her murderer to justice about 3 weeks ago.
- Anna Hiavka was found murdered in Portland in 1979. DNA evidence identified her killer as Jerry “Animal” McFadden.
- Grim Sleeper, serial killer Lonnie Franklin, responsible for decades of murders, was caught through DNA evidence.
- The Golden State Killer – 13 murder counts from 1970s to the 1980s – was caught through DNA evidence.

These are just a few examples of how DNA evidence can identify a person(s) responsible for committing crimes. How long will I have to grieve before my son’s murderer is brought to justice?

Two years ago, my son and his friends were leaving a birthday party when they were approached by a young woman and her friends about a missing cell phone. My son lost his life over a cell phone. A phone that was later found by Lila Ortega.

I will fight for justice for my son. I will fight for justice in Humboldt County. There are many murder cases on DA Fleming’s desk that she is unwilling to prosecute. I am fighting for those families as well. The failure of the APD to protect and serve this community is an issue that is greater than my son. I will not accept the lack of justice for families (like mine) that have suffered as a result of incompetence, lack of proper training, and/or intentional or negligent mishandling of serious criminal investigations. My son is not the only murder victim whose case has been buried and swept under the rug in Humboldt County, California. Enough is enough. It is time to speak truth to power. I would like to offer my condolences and heartbreak to the family of Brandon Brocious, for the loss of your son, and miscarriage of justice today. The Lawson family stands with you. Justice for Brandon. “To be a man is to be responsible, is to feel shame at the sight of unmerited misery” – David Josiah Lawson, my beloved DJ.

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In love and justice,

Charmaine Lawson

*Charmaine Lawson*



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**Wednesday, April 3rd**  
International Fashion Show  
7:30 pm  
KBR

**Friday, April 5th**  
Surrenderings: Spring Dance Concert  
7:30pm - 10:30 pm  
Gist Hall Theater

**Wednesday, April 3rd**  
APD & UPD Luncheon  
11:30am - 1:30 pm  
NHE 106

**Saturday, April 6th**  
9th Annual Homebrew Fest  
2:00pm - 7:00 pm  
Arcata Community Center

**Thursday, April 4th**  
Campus Movie Nights  
7:00pm - 9:00 pm  
NHE 102

**Saturday, April 6th**  
California Big Time and Social Gathering  
11:00am - 6:00 pm  
West Gym

**Friday, April 5th**  
Roller Disco Night  
7:00 pm  
Blue Lake Roller Rink

**Monday, April 8th**  
Spring 2019 Withdrawal Deadline  
11:59 pm

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