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Justice for Josiah to city council: send the case to D.O.J.

Justice For Josiah committee urge the city to send Josiah case to D.O.J.

by T. William Wallin

Over a dozen of Justice For Josiah Committee members filled the chambers at city hall during Arcata City Council’s Wednesday meeting. The open to public meeting was met with dissatisfaction from J4J supporters and a call to send Josiah’s case to the Department of Justice or D.O.J. J4J member Karpani Brown was the first to speak and told Arcata City Council to connect with their humanity.

“I am here to express my disappointment in the J4J decision not to prosecute,” Brown said. “My feelings of the disconnect in this town, county, and country is truly becoming an epidemic. It is beginning to implode on its self.”

It has been nearly two years since the murder of David Josiah Lawson without a conviction. On March 13, Humboldt County District Attorney Maggie Fleming announced there would not be any charges filed in Josiah’s case, sparking protests in Eureka and gatherings at HSU.

J4J organizer Jill Larrabee urged Arcata City Council to send letters to the D.O.J. asking for assistance in the case.

“We ask you to do all you can,” Larrabee said. “All of you have connections and all have the power to write letters.”



Over a dozen Justice For Josiah committee members attended the Arcata City Council meeting to urge them to seek the help of the D.O.J. in Lawson’s case. Photo by T.William Wallin

Larrabee went on to say although she was angry and frustrated, she wasn’t surprised with D.A Fleming’s decision. She told the city council that Fleming isn’t here for black people or justice.

“This is a recognition of racial inequality,” Larrabee said. “ We need this case out of Humboldt County. We are not going anywhere. Charmaine is not going anywhere.”

J4J member Kelsey Reedy was also not surprised with Fleming’s decision. Reedy said the system in place is not here to help people of color but people

of power and that no entity in Humboldt County can handle Josiah’s case.

“We have been told multiple times this is an open and shut case, obviously it’s not,” Reedy said. “We demand you call the D.O.J., however that works, either individually or as a council. We cannot let Charmaine wait any longer.”

External affairs representative for HSU’s Associated Students and J4J member Oliver Winfield-Perez agrees with Reedy and told Arcata City Council the lack of support for Josiah’s case shows

the lack of capability to solve it without the D.O.J.

Winfield-Perez said the friends of Josiah’s who were with him when he was murdered have to live with that trauma everyday and weren’t given the support they needed.

“I wonder about those students a lot,” Winfield-Perez said. “They were disrespected by APD and the community at large. They had to create their own network and space for healing without city council.”

Mayor Bret Watson told J4J committee members Arcata City Council has some letters

already drafted to the D.O.J. as well as local elected officials.

“We will make sure we’ll get some refresh calls for help,” Watson said.

Letters to be sent to the D.O.J. wasn’t the only thing J4J committee members were asking for. Retired Attorney and J4J member Richard Kossow, urged Arcata City Council to release the Police Foundation report on APD’s case.

“Its time we have some kind of understanding of this investigation,” Kossow said. “Is there an action step to close this?”

The Police Foundation is a national organization built to hold police forces accountable. They were called in by Arcata City Council in 2018 once APD’s investigation was wrapped.

City Manager Karen Diemer said the report would be out by May. Arcata Chief of Police Brian Ahearn said he supports the decision of asking the D.O.J. for assistance if that is what city council decides.

“If that determines to be the best course of action for the city than I support it,” Ahearn said. “As long as we are on the case we will look for outside help.”

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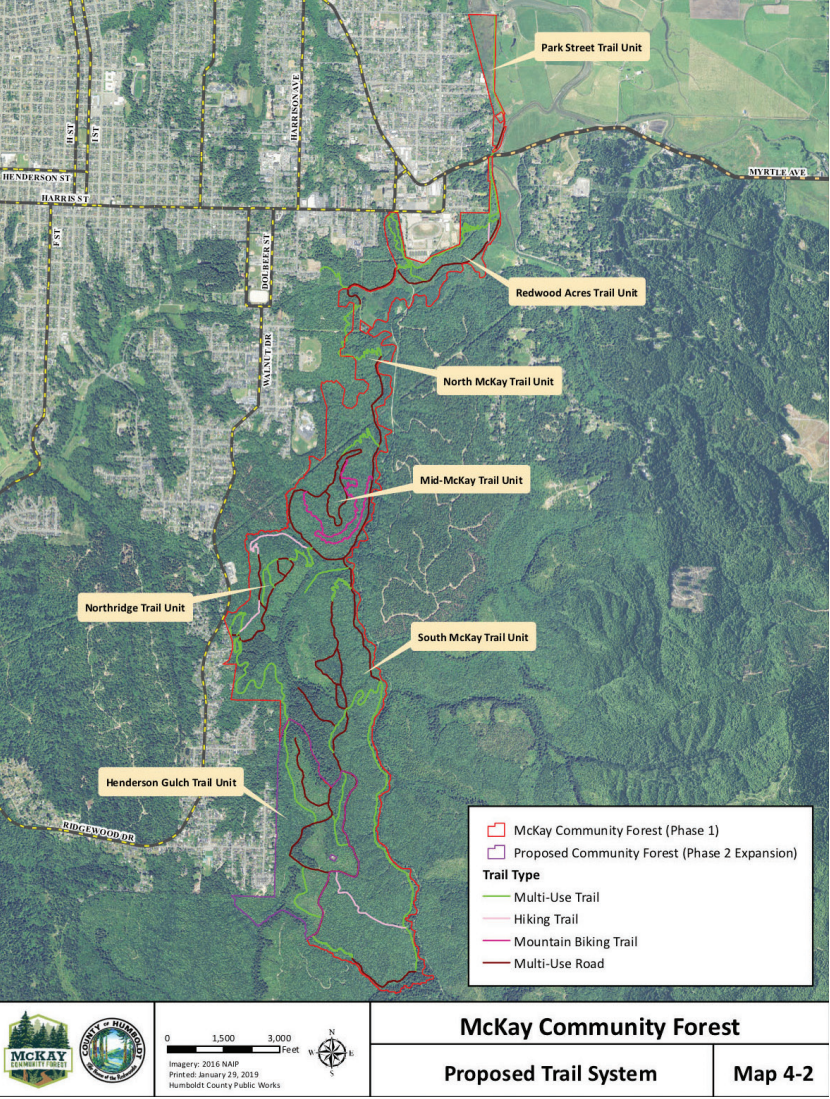
City of Eureka aquires 1000 acres for new community forest

Humboldt County looks to turn 1000 acres of Green Diamond logging land into a multi-use community forest

by Jett Williams

Eureka will soon have its own version of Arcata’s established community park in the form of the McKay Community Forest. An initiative led by Deputy Director of Humboldt Public Works Hank Seemann looks to develop 1,000 acres of forest acquired from Green Diamond logging company into a multi-use community forest with trails for hikers, equestrians and mountain bikers.

Seemann said that Green Diamond initiated the land transfer after determining that some of its own property could be put to better use serving the community. The County is also looking to acquire an additional 197 acres from Green Diamond southwest of the current forest. Locals have been exploring the McKay tract for decades, there is currently a network of vague, carved-out singletracks running through the park.



The proposed plan includes 27 miles of trails total with 1.5 miles being handicap accessible. Map courtesy of humboldtgov.org

“A lot of those trails were not planned, so they may or may not be in appropriate locations or connect to access points,” Seemann said. “One

of our goals with this trail plan was to link trails to proper access points so we’re not having impacts on adjacent neighborhoods.”

On Jan. 30 the county released a draft trail plan for the McKay Community Forest. The planned trail network would contain 27 miles of trails and access roads, including 1.5 miles of handicapped-accessible trail, with an additional 0.7 miles of improved access trail. The next month the County collected input from community members on what they’d like to see in their community forest.

“We received approximately 90 comments, with a large voice expressed from the mountain bike community,” Seemann said. “This group mostly was appreciative of new mountain biking trails near Eureka and offered to assist with further trail design and construction.”

Some residents living near access points to the forest were concerned that there would be increased traffic in their neighborhoods, but the proposed plan looks to phase in other access points as properties adjacent to the forest get subdivided in coming years.

“It will probably take the McKay Forest 10 to 20 years to resemble today’s Arcata Community Forest,” Seemann said. “We’re just in the infancy of figuring out the property and coordinating with community

groups to ensure a robust development.”

Sean Tetrault owns Revolution Bikes and has been exploring the McKay tract since he was a kid attending Winship Junior High in Eureka. He says that after the county started its process of development he sees more use than ever before.

“People are getting curious and walking in,” Tetrault said. “I still primarily see mountain bikers out there myself, once you get distanced from the developed areas.”

For the most part, the unsanctioned trails running through the McKay tract are raw skid lines and singletracks, occasionally cleaned up by those who Tetrault affectionately dubs “Trail Gnomes.”

“This project is going to give mountain bikers better options. Mountain bike specific routes are included in the plan, which is a step beyond what we’ve seen in the Arcata Community Forest,” Tetrault said. “For people that are nervous about being on an unauthorized route, this will make it easier. I think it will grow mountain biking, honestly.”

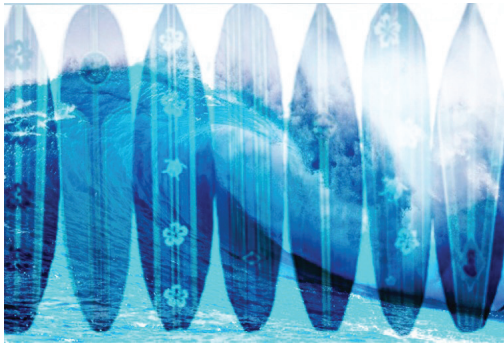
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A survivor's truth

2014 bus crash survivor now turned activist, Santiago Calderon shares his story

by Dajonea Robinson

In 2014, a Spring Preview bus trip filled with many prospective students traveling to HSU from southern California was cut short when a Fedex truck collided into it. Five years later survivor and activist, Santiago Calderon continues to fight and share his story to save more lives.

Calderon went to Oxnard high school located in North Oxnard and graduated in 2014. He is now 22 years young and has a cat named Henny. Calderon played football for 10 years and had plans on continuing his football career in college but, the bus crash changed it all. Calderon said the crash took his life away from him.

“Football was my life, it was everything,” Calderon said. “I escaped to survive. I was pulled out by god, by some entity and landed head first on my shoulder from the charter bus window.”

Calderon said he has vivid flashbacks of the collision. He said that he can see the red Fedex truck crossing the median right before impact, that it’s screwed into his brain. Calderon described that day as the worst day of his life.

“I saw death, I saw war, I saw trauma, tountment, I saw hell on Earth,” Calderon said. “I was in such fear and I didn’t know if I was going to make it out. That day I accepted death because I didn’t think I was going to make it. I told myself I’m not going to live in fear. Have happy thoughts before I die and I started thinking about my family. The life that i’m losing”

Calderon said that during the collision he felt everything, and nothing at once. He said he felt numb, completely numb. He said that at some points he was so distraught couldn’t believe it and told himself that he was hallucinating.

“I remember asking the paramedics ‘is this real?’and then I began to cry,” Calderon said. “Part

living with this, even for me, his dad and his brother, is pretty unbearable.”

Pinon said Calderon is definitely a different person than he would have been if the crash didn’t happen. Calderon suffers from mental health issues that stemmed from the crash. He was diagnosed with PTSD and bipolar disorder. He has tried therapy but is now trying PTSD groups and other programs.

Calderon went to HSU for four years and studied psychology to learn how the mind and how people work. He had a psychotic break in May and had to move back home from humboldt. He described the episode as a very dark moment in his life.

Calderon said he’s not done recovering. He said the crash lead to PTSD related actions he never thought he’d make. That it has caused chaos in his head, and the over analyzing of everything.

“I’ll go into a room and i’ll figure out how to get out alive,” Calderon said. “I’ll do everything I can to stay alive. I feel like everywhere I go i’m going to die. That’s a scary feeling, it’s something I learned to live with. Something that has given me such strength and courage.”

Calderon said that he’s in a continuous fight. When he’s low he sometimes has suicidal thoughts, and feels that it’d be easier just to stop but that is not what his God wants.

“I will not be afraid, I have no fear in my heart, I have no fear,” Calderon said. “ I went through hell on earth. I will never stop recovering. How could you be normal after something like that? You can’t. I’ll never be the same person. I lost Santi that day but a new Santi arose a stronger Santi.”

Angelica Espinoza is a close friend of Calderon. They have a relationship that heals each other when they’re both down. Espinoza said that they reunited



Photo by Dajonea Robinson
Santiago Calderon injured his shoulder during the HSU Spring Preview bus crash in 2014. His high school football jersey is a reminder of what could have been. Calderon is pictured in front of his Southern California home on March 22.

“The therapist said back then he lost his childhood that day, he was only 17.”
— Corinne Pinion Mother

into our bus, more people would have died.”

Every two years the coalition has a conference in Washington D.C. to fight against unjust policies, and they educate themselves of the laws and policies that are in the works. This year Calderon and his truck coalition members will be in Washington D.C. July 13 through 17 for a week of action.

“We’re going to fight a good fight,” Calderon said. “ We’re going to educate ourselves on new policies that are put in place by trucking companies. Create ideas to argue why these policies should not occur at all, while constantly emailing senators to be on our side.

We do it every single day we can breathe i’ll never stop.”

Calderon has been apart of the coalition since 2015 and has been striving to save lives ever since.

“I don’t know where I would be if I didn’t have my truck coalition family behind me,” Calderon said. “They are my family. I would be more lost than I am. The coalition makes me feel like I never went through it. To gain such hope such courage we’re any army fighting against injustice.”

Calderon does not plan on giving up and succumbing to the obstacles life throws at him. He feels as though he’s doing Godly work. Calderon wants to be a vessel of God. He said that he wants to the light to shine brighter than it has been before. He feels that he is the light in this world of darkness.

“If I could I would die for everyone if that meant for everyone to be good,” Calderon said. “Saving lives is everything I do. I want to hear laughter, I want to see joy, and people’s pearly whites. I want the injustices to stop. I want people to hear us and see us. I want truck services to care about truck safety and to actually listen. All we’re trying to do is save lives. That’s all we want.”

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Photo by Dajonea Robinson
(Left to right) Corinne Pinon, Santiago Calderon and Angelica Espinoza sit on a porch swing outside of Southern California home on March 22.

of me died on that bus, I don’t know who I am anymore. I don’t know who I was before. I was broken shattered in pieces and so much more after the crash.”

Corinne Pinon is Calderon’s mother. She and her family has been Calderon’s backbone since the crash and continues to deal with the after effects that stemmed from the incident. Pinon described Calderon before the accident as a great athlete, a honors student, and a happy carefree kid.

“The therapist said back then he lost his childhood that day, he was only 17,” Pinon said.

Pinon said that her family is still healing and learning how to cope. She said that she’s not sure what the right or wrong thing is to do but her family keeps on trying.

“Our family is barely holding on by a string to continue to help him,” Pinon said. “He is not a happy person. He has survivors guilt. Like [Calderon] said, it’s easier if he didn’t make because

at a good time because they were both in a dark place struggling with depression.

“We just talked about healing, we didn’t talk about the crash,” Espinoza said. “It’s really brotherly sisterly bond with a lot of caring and deep conversations. We talk a lot of scripture. We’ve been finding answers through scriptures.”

Calderon received a lot of emails from news agencies after the incident. He said that he came across a message from a man named Harry who is the executive of the Truck Safety Coalition. Calderon said that Harry’s message was different. The coalition was fighting for injustice against policies that would make roads even more dangerous and that was something he wanted to be apart.

“A truck is like a moving missile on the highway, Calderon said. “That was a missle, the bus exploded the charter bus exploded. What if the ruck was 22 feet longer and went 22 feet more

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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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Student Spotlight: OhSnap! volunteers on their way to graduation

Victoria Nazario and Alexis Walker are seniors who work at OhSnap! and are changing the lives of HSU students by helping fulfill their nutritional needs



Photo by T. William Wallin
Victoria Nazario and Alexis Walker are seniors who work at OhSnap! and are changing the lives of HSU students with helping fulfill their nutritional needs.

by T. William Wallin

Q: What are your majors?

Nazario: I am majoring in psychology and minoring in journalism.

Walker: My major is biology with an emphasis on cellular molecular.

Q: Why did you choose your major/minor?

Nazario: I came in for biology but was stirred in for psychology by my advisor because it was the easier way out. I tell people I'm more of a journalism major because I dedicate more of my time to journalism. I chose journalism because I feel like it has given me a way to express what I love, which is health and women's health. I write for El Lenador and typically write about health stories. It has given me a voice to keep in touch with what I enjoy.

Walker: I came in as a bio-chem major but it was too rigorous. I always knew I wanted to go to med school and as I went further in my bio-chem career I realized it wasn't preparing me for med school, so I switched. Biology with an emphasis on cellular molecular is more hands on.

Q: Where are you both originally from?

Nazario: I'm from Los Angeles, east Los Angeles.

Walker: I am from San Diego, California.

Q: What has been your favorite part about living in Humboldt so far?

Nazario: Meeting new people. Humboldt County has helped me grow in a way because I have been able to think for myself, and by meeting new people it has given me new perspectives.

Walker: I think due to the fact that I am from Southern California I go to the beach a lot, up here you get the best of both worlds. You can go to the beach but then 20 minutes away there is snow in the winter. There's fresh air up here, no smog.

Q: What is your least favorite part of Humboldt?

Nazario: My least favorite part about Humboldt State are the academic advisors here. I try to give them the benefit of the doubt but I have had only one solid good academic advisor and he was for students who don't have a major. I still find myself going to him because I don't get the guidance I need. As far as Humboldt its really slow paced, I'm used to fast pace.

Walker: Being from Southern California its slow paced here sometimes. I feel like advisors aren't as helpful up here as they can be. You have to find a niche here to help find your footing. Some advisors are just passing through and don't take the time with you or build relationships.

Q: Why did you want to get involved with OhSnap!?

Nazario: Because I am interested in all things health. Before working at OhSnap! I was taking a couple of nutritional classes. I know I want to be involved with health and women.

Walker: I've always wanted to help people. I've always been passionate about food insecurity and helping people learn that there are resources out there. To tell people there is CalFresh out there and to break that stigma that people feel like they have to look down upon themselves because of food assistance.

Q: What's the most you have gotten from working at OhSnap!?

Nazario: I think it's really cool we're here to feed people. Food is very important to students on campus and it's a really great resource. We get to break the stigma around EBT and CalFresh. I tell my friends all the time to come in and get food. I think it's very important for students to utilize the resources they have here.

Walker: I have gotten more people experience. When I got to college I was an introvert but since working at OhSnap! I've helped people apply to Medicaid and food assistance. I see students around campus and they're happy. They tell me thank you for telling them about OhSnap! and it feels good to know you're helping students who otherwise wouldn't know.

Q: What advice do you have for incoming students?

Nazario: To make sure to take advantage of all resources they have on campus. Don't be scared to ask questions and if your advisor sucks don't end there, keep going to other advisors because you pay for it. Make sure to get the help you need.

Walker: To use all the resources available. To join clubs and get out a lot. Find yourself. If you're coming from a bigger city to Humboldt it's a really good learning experience and you grow a lot and find out about yourself. If someone says you can't do something don't listen to them. Keep it simple, don't give up and work hard. If you need help don't be afraid to ask.

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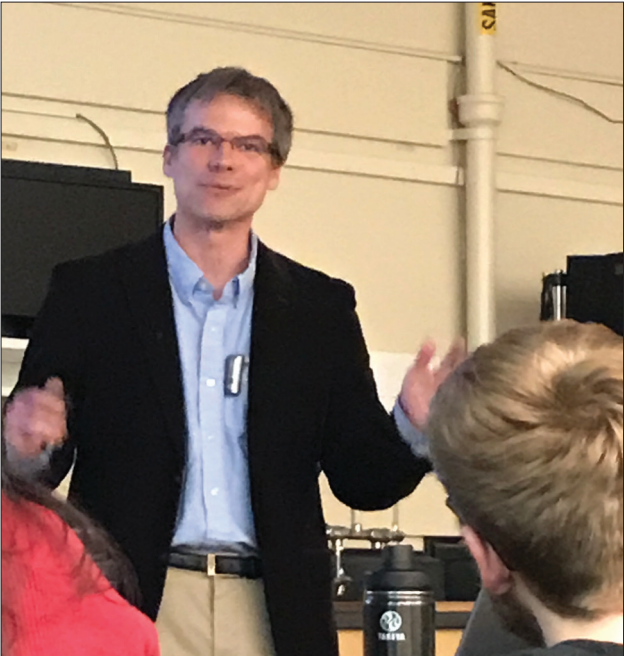
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Illuminating dark matter

Professor Derek F. Jackson Kimball sheds some light on his research into dark matter

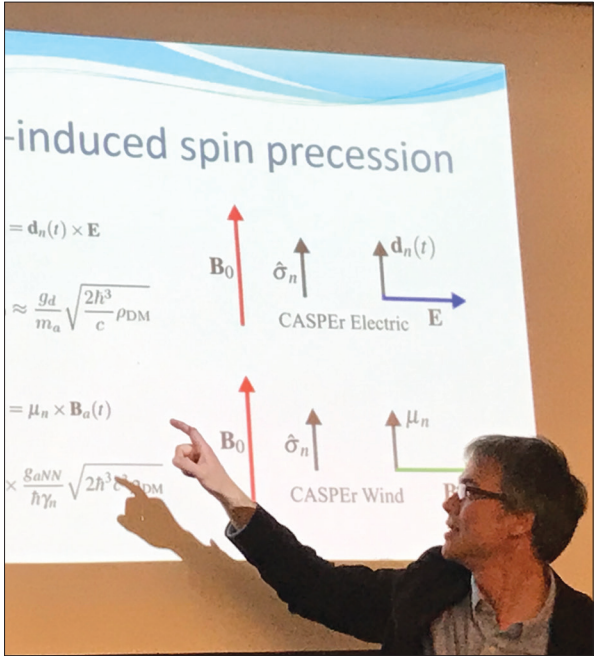
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Professor Derek Kimball
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Professor Kimball pointing out equations used to determine the frequency of an axion's rotation.
Photo by Collin Slavey

Gravity keeps us down, thermodynamics keep us warm and dark energy is getting big. CSU East Bay physics Professor Derek F. Jackson Kimball uncovers the nature of dark matter.

Students from the physics department gathered in Science A 475 to listen to Kimball explain his research into the nature of dark matter. Kimball and his team hypothesized that dark matter is axion particles.

Axion particles are hypothetical particles that are unbelievably small and weigh almost nothing. They're classified as boson particles. This means multiple axion particles could occupy the same space without interfering with one another.

Why does dark matter matter? Kimball used a colorful example to explain his pursuits in physics. His colleague Max Zolotorev, a former citizen of Soviet Russia, said that physicists care about dark matter because they "are curious to know how things work."

"Three percent of rats are physicists," Zolotorev said. "In a Soviet experiment, an electrode is placed on top of a rat cage. Seventy percent of rats touch the electrode, get shocked and never touch the electrode again. Twenty-seven percent of rats watch 70 percent of rats touch the electrode, get shocked and never touch electrode in the first place. Three percent of rats touch the electrode and get shocked. Then the [three percent of rats] touch the electrode from the side, gets shocked. Then rats touch the top of electrode, also gets shocked. [Those] three percent of rats are physicists."

Kimball hopes to detect the axion particles in a rather unconventional way. Since the theoretical particle would be very small, Kimball's team is going to try to detect them using magnetic resonance.

Gynell Higby, a student of physics at HSU, attended the seminar. She was inspired by Kimball's efforts.

"Theories were taken from my modern physics class and made real," Higby said. "That he can put together a new model from his mind and make it happen, it's awesome."

Kimball is working together with physicists from around the world to figure out whether their axion hypothesis is valid. To detect axion particles using magnetic resonance, the GNOME program is a global network of sensors designed

to record an event where the planet Earth passes through axion particles.

The basic idea is to get a baseline recording of what space sounds like. When a sensor passes through dark matter, the axion particles in the air will change the baseline recording, appearing as a spike or a curve over the baseline data. Alas, so far there has been no such event.

Dark matter is a great mystery of nature. It won't necessarily build a better toaster, but to discover what dark matter is will be a great human achievement. Kimball began his explanation of dark matter with a brief overview of what we know about it.

First, we cannot see dark matter because it does not interact with light. That's why dark matter is dark. Second, there is a lot of dark matter. Observations and a lot of complicated gravitational math inform us that dark matter makes up 26.8 percent of the observable universe.

The remaining 63.8 percent of space is dark energy, an expanding force. And the remaining 4.9 percent of the universe is observable matter, stars, planets, galaxies etc. Finally, we know that we know just about nothing else about dark matter.

Knowing so little drives Kimball's research. Physicists know dark matter exists because of some significant astronomical observations. Primarily, the fact galaxies don't spin themselves apart as they rotate tells us dark matter exists.

If only the gravity from visible matter was holding galaxies together, galaxies would break apart and scatter stars across the universe. But they don't. Gravity from dark matter and visible matter combined has enough force to hold galaxies together. The math works out to confirm dark matter exists.

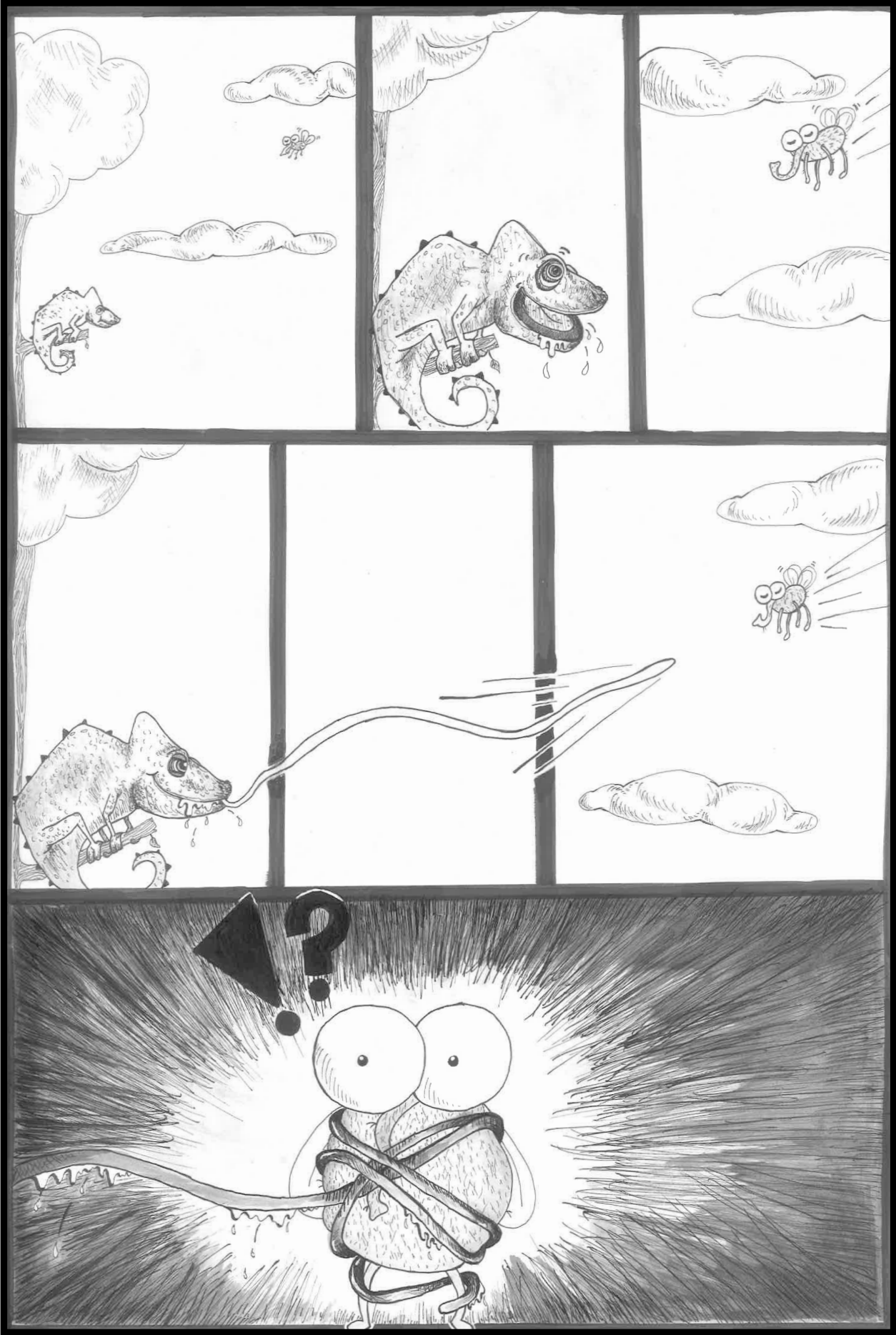
"We may be just swimming in dark matter," Kimball said. "We could be able to detect it here from Earth today. Or maybe we are mostly sitting in nothing but every so often we run into dark matter. It may be clumped up in little dark matter balls or it may exist as massive dark matter walls. We will figure it out."

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“Three percent of rats are physicists”
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Comics from our loyal readers, for your enjoyment



Taylor Bruzza

The World Surf League is just a glorified hobby

Community members answer whether surfing should be a professional sport

by Weston Lazarus

Surfing can be defined as a cutthroat sport to the Australians and Brazilians, and as a hobby by pretentious hipsters who are all about the vibe and the feeling they get from the waves. The fact that anyone can find enjoyment in surfing is what makes it great, so forget about the money or professional aspect and ask yourself, is surfing a sport?

From 1964 to 1982 there were three attempts to make surfing a sport, none of which stuck until now. The WSL (World Surf League) formed in 2015 and is the current platform for professional surfing. Before, there was a 31-year failed effort to represent surfing from the ASP (Association of Surfing Professionals). During the ASP professional surfing was not considered a sport because of the notion that burnouts, potheads, druggies and alcoholics were the ones competing. During the '80s, '90s and early 2000s surfers didn't command much respect from the general public, leaving them without any corporate sponsors or backing. Without money the ASP was forced to hold competitions at low-level spots that were accessible to all. HSU senior Liam Salcuni questions the playing field.

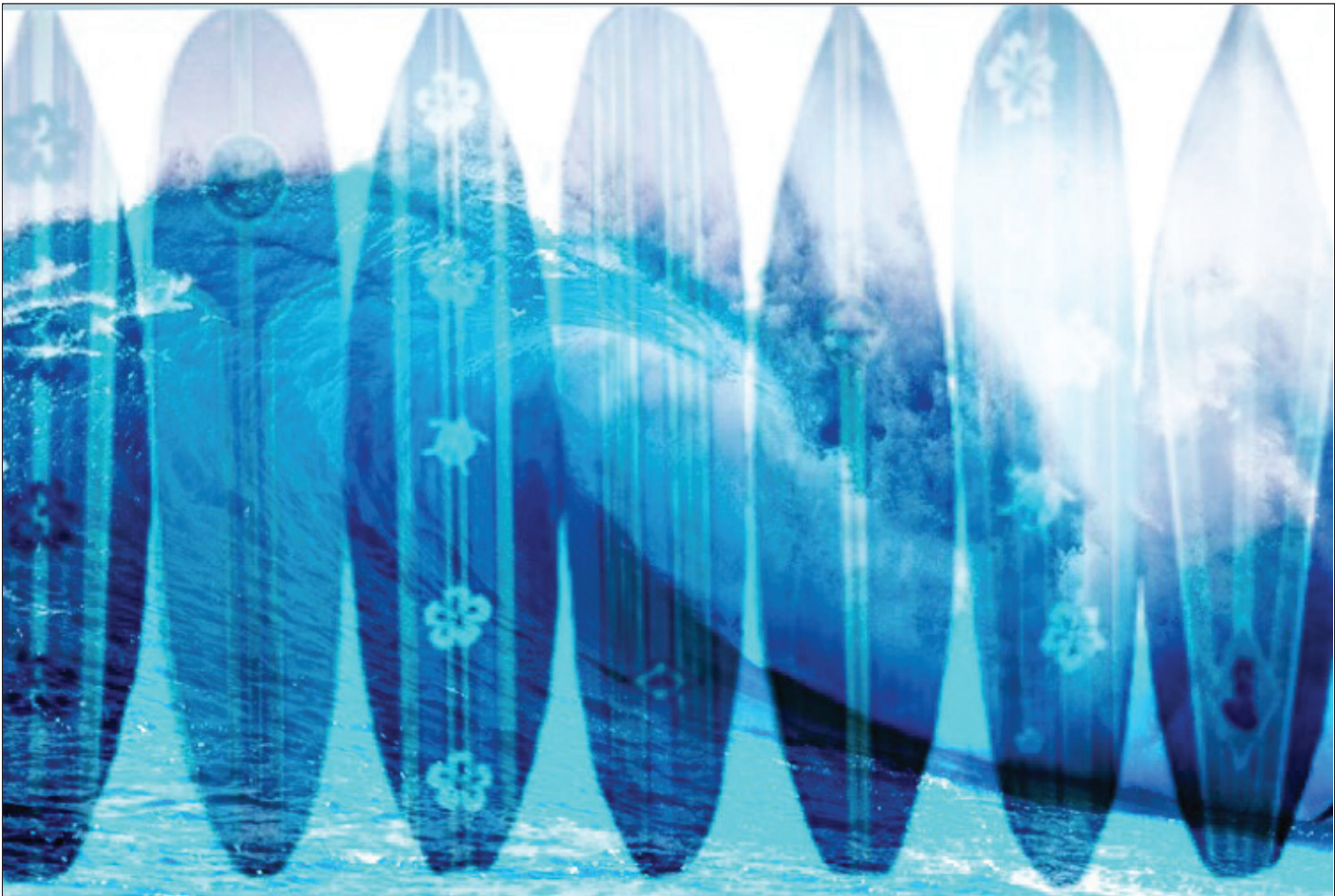
"It's hard to consider surfing a sport when they have to rely on the ocean to just give them the opportunity to compete," Salcuni said. After a spark in young talent, the WSL adopted the ASP format and began work to give surfing an excellent professional representation. One of the WSL's first actions was to provide men and women equal pay. The equal pay when broken down for the 32 men and 22 women averages between \$250,000-\$400,000 a season considering where they place in the ten events. This average doesn't account for the cost of equipment, entrance fees and the hefty amount of travel expenses

when competing in remote destinations ten times a year. There's only so much money that can be made during these ten events to fund a world sport. This brings into question how many people pay attention to the WSL and how much money are they making? Local surfer Mike Krakauer had little to say about the WSL. "I don't pay attention to professional surfing until the season," Krakauer said. "Even during it, I never watch any of the events live." The surfing industry generates around \$13 billion a year even though surfers don't care about watching professional surfing live on a screen, they want to be surfing. The WSL

is owned by Floridian billionaire Dirk Edward Ziff, who has invested a good chunk of his own money in making sure the WSL survives. With a billionaire's bank roll, wave pools on the horizon and an invite to the Olympics, professional surfing seems to be on track, right? Hurley sales representative Mark Simpson shared facts about WSL viewership. "They average just over 1,000 viewers per event worldwide," Simpson said. Even with all the positive steps professional surfing has taken the WSL still can't seem to get the viewership to validate their success. It's hard to consider surfing a sport because of a lack of viewership. They're

the World Surf League, where some of the most athletic surfers compete, but if only 1,000 people in the world are watching can you consider it a sport? Some facts show both sides, one being that Australia's national sport is surfing, and two, surfing is the state sport of California. On the other hand, thousands of people surf and hundreds of people can surf better than the WSL competitors, but hey, they have day jobs. If you ask me, surfing isn't a sport, it's entertainment that a billionaire is trying to profit off of.

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Editorial: Education can be easily bought

Happiness can't be bought but education can

by Editorial Board

On March 12, wealthy families were found to have paid thousands of dollars for their children to attend prestigious colleges. This includes the University of Southern California, Harvard University, Yale University, Stanford University and many more. This was revealed after U.S. federal prosecutors found that the college admission recruiters and coaches were taking bribes since 2011. Those who are involved in the scandal include Felicity Huffman, Lori Loughlin, Mossimo Giannulli and various CEOs.

For some this comes as no surprise that this was uncovered. The old adage of ‘happiness can’t be bought’ is a true statement. Sure, money can make life convenient, but it doesn’t necessarily solve all our issues in life. However, an education can be easily bought if you have enough capital for a degree.

This is not an uncommon occurrence. In 2013 Buzzfeed published an article by a college recruiter that details their experience of parents

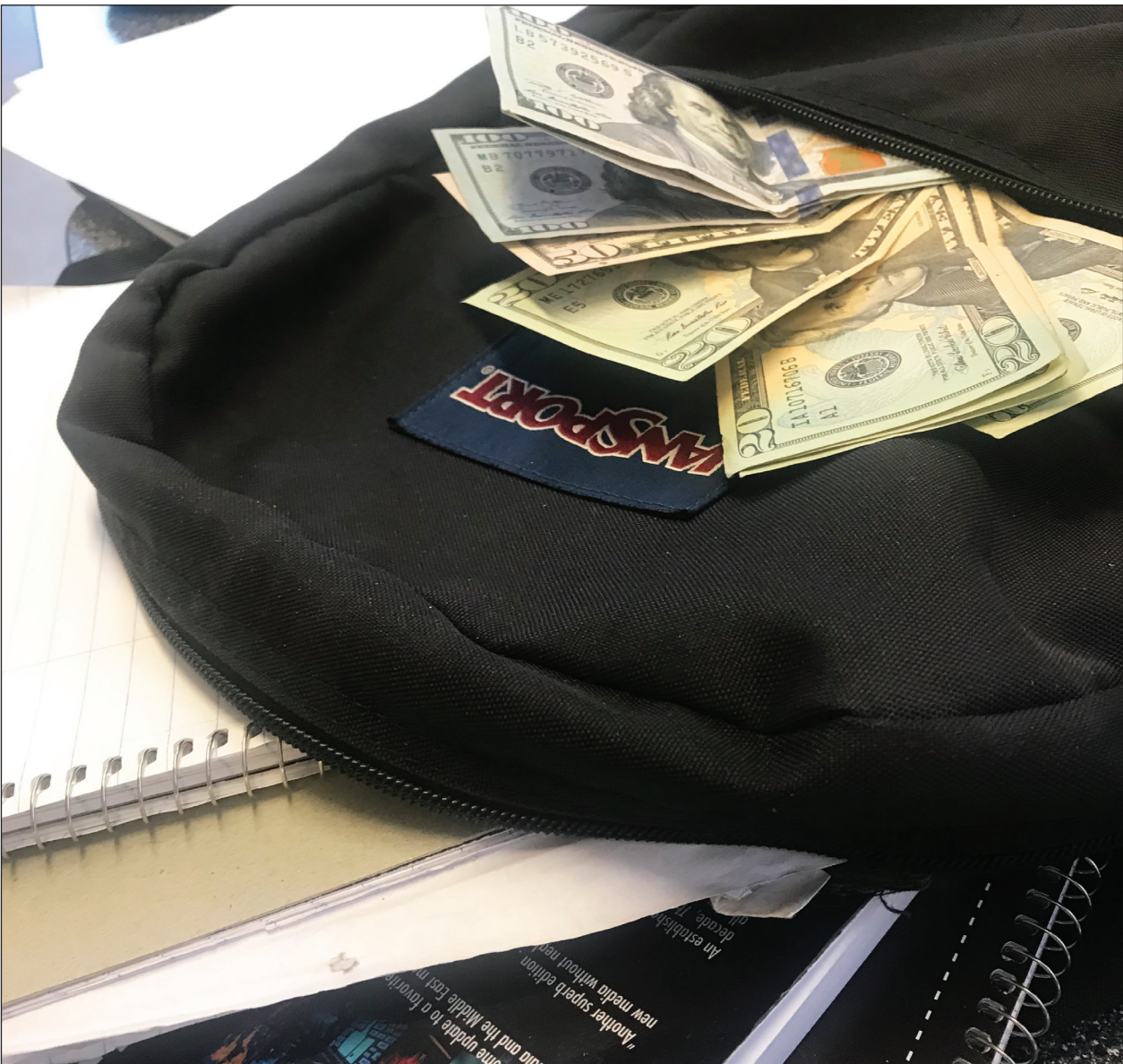


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Artistic representation of what it takes to get into college: money, money, money.

bribing recruiters. Even this year in January, an assistant coach from Oklahoma State University was found guilty for taking bribes since 2017.

Some of the methods used by wealthy families are totally legal. The New York Times highlighted the use of college

consultants, where families can pay as high as \$1.5 million directly to college consultant companies in order to have their kids steered to

certain prestigious colleges from as far back as the start of their eighth grade education. There is even something known as ‘legacy admissions’ where alumni of certain schools like Harvard or Columbia are likely to accept their alumni’s kids to their respective university. Harvard University is known to practice legacy admission, even going so far as to defend the practice.

Anthony Abraham Jack, an alumni and professor from Harvard University wrote a book called The Privilege of Poor. It focuses on impoverished students who attend prestigious colleges and how they still struggle in private colleges from policies that impact them negatively. Jack also discovered how little the racial diversity was in Harvard, even asking himself when he was there, “Am I the only poor black person here?”

It’s unfair for disadvantaged students who work hard to attend prestigious colleges only to not be accepted because of their financial status. For these colleges it’s not about how good you were in school, but how deep pocketed your families are.

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Opinion: Listen to young people

The youngest generation is a driven, opinionated, connected group of people who deserve to be respected and listened to

by Collin Slavey

Today, young people all over the world are finding their voice. The awesome power of the people is being embraced and exercised by these young people. In our own nation young people are advocating for change. It is necessary to let them to grow and act in the world they will inherit.

I have noticed a significant social change in this current generation. Rather than be influenced by the nurturing of their parents, many young people have taken it upon themselves to teach and influence one another to an unprecedented degree. High school students have begun to grasp lessons in critical thinking. The opinions of others are taken with a grain of salt. Society’s status quo is being criticized by very loud voices. Young people are taking a stand for what they believe in and they are taking action to make it happen.

Listen to young people, or else the foundation under the feet of leaders worldwide shall be shook by their determination. In 2018 the average age of representatives in the U.S. Senate was 61 and the average age in Congress was 57. The mid-term elections in 2019 ushered in a fresh group of 25 representatives who are under 40 years old. The youngest elected was Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, who at 29 years old is the

youngest person elected to Congress. She has tremendous support from young people as they organize behind her in the Sunrise Movement.

For too many years the establishment has been dominated by stubborn old men and women who, in the immortal words of Diane Feinstein, have been doing this for 30 years and know what they’re doing.

“I’ve gotten elected. I just ran,” Feinstein said. “I was elected by almost a million-vote plurality, and I know what I’m doing. So, you know, maybe people should listen a little bit.”

She was responding to a group of children who were advocating for the Green New Deal. These children were excluded from the democratic process on the basis of their age yet work to advocate for policies they believe in.

I had the opportunity to sit down and have a conversation with a group of high school students from the North Coast Preparatory Academy. Melissa Horne and Autumn Wright had joined their fellow classmates walking out for the “Youth Strike 4 Climate Change.” Seven of them were sitting in front of Arcata City Hall with signs advocating for a shift in climate policy. They said they were inspired by Greta Thunberg, an individual who is a mover in the 21st century.

While we were sitting



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in front of City Hall the group got a bunch of different reactions from people passing by. There were a lot of horns honking. Some guy walked up and shouted about how oil is the only reason the world runs. Mark Andre, the director of Arcata Environmental Services came out personally to talk with the students about Arcata’s goal to be gasoline free by 2020. Aaron Heart, a wandering thinker, made a point to sit down with everyone and talk about what he had learned throughout his life.

Heart was interesting and engaging. He was

an older man, well experienced in the ways of the world, but he would not listen to these young people. He had seen Leo Pearson’s sign which read “Grow up. Save the planet.” Heart wanted to encourage everybody to grow their spirit “vertically” rather than “horizontally.” He spent a solid hour talking about things he knew, rarely asking questions of Pearson who had caught his attention in the first place. After awhile he stopped and said, “I am not a lecturer, I am a facilitator.”

I jumped on this, posing a challenge to Heart

by saying, “How about we do this like Socrates and ask each other questions rather than just listen to you talk. Let’s begin with Autumn Wright. Autumn, how do you want to see the world change?” And then, believe it or not, she began to talk.

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Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, March 27th

Womxn of Color
12:00pm - 1:00 pm
MCC Vine Deloria Room

Wednesday, March 27th

HSU Movie Showing: Captain Marvel
5:45pm - 8:45 pm
Minor Theater (off-campus)

Thursday, March 28th

105.1 KRFH in the Quad
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
The Quad

Friday, March 29th

Core 48 Hour Gaming Festival
6:00 pm
Jolly Giant Commons - Mad River Room
& Klamath River Room

Saturday, March 30th

Drop-in Pickleball
9:00am - 12:00 pm
East Gym

Sunday, March 31st

Equity Arcata Potluck
5:00pm - 7:00 pm
D Street Neighborhood Center

Sunday, March 31st

Core 48 Hour Gaming Festival
6:00 pm (ends)
Jolly Giant Commons - Mad River
Room & Klamath River Room

Monday, April 1st

Cesar Chavez Day
All Day
No School Yay!!

Tuesday, April 2nd

Backpacking Seminar
6:00-7:15pm
Rec & Wellness Center 124

Coming up

Thursday, April 25th

Chicano Batman
8:00 pm
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