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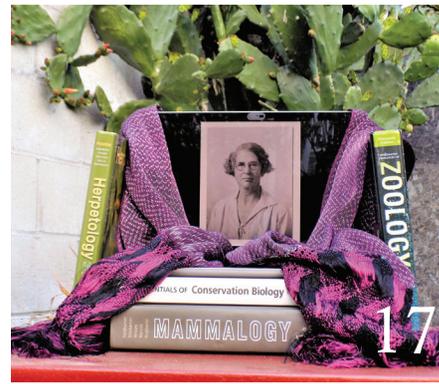
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Arcata: renter's protection against eviction

by Jonathan Silva

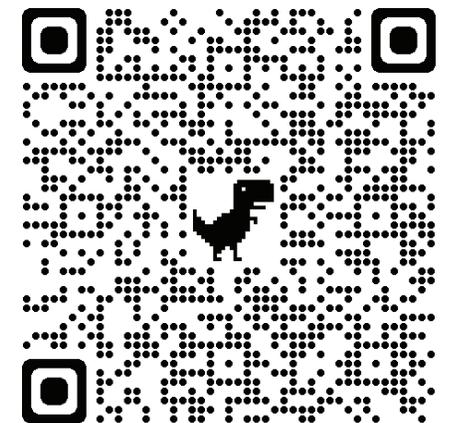
The state of California and the city of Arcata have enacted and placed protections and moratoriums for renters struggling to pay rent due to financial hardship because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Governor Newsom exercised executive order SB 91 in late January which prevents Californians from being evicted until June 30, 2021; extending the former deadline, which was Feb. 1.

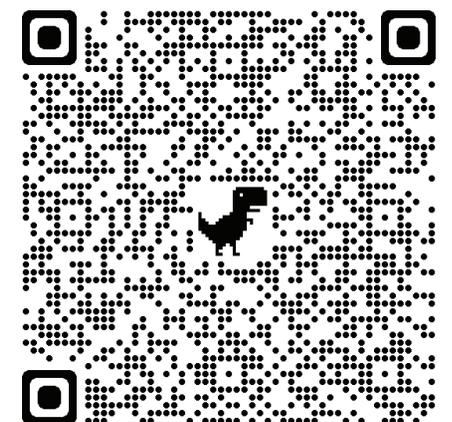
Additionally, the city of Arcata has approved ordinances no. 1532 and 1533 which have placed specific protections against eviction. Both renter protection programs require that all back-due rent be made to the landlord in the future.

Arcata residents who can demonstrate the inability to pay rent due to impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic are eligible for support. Eligibility includes: multiple residents or roommates in a unit, mobile home space renters and commercial tenants.

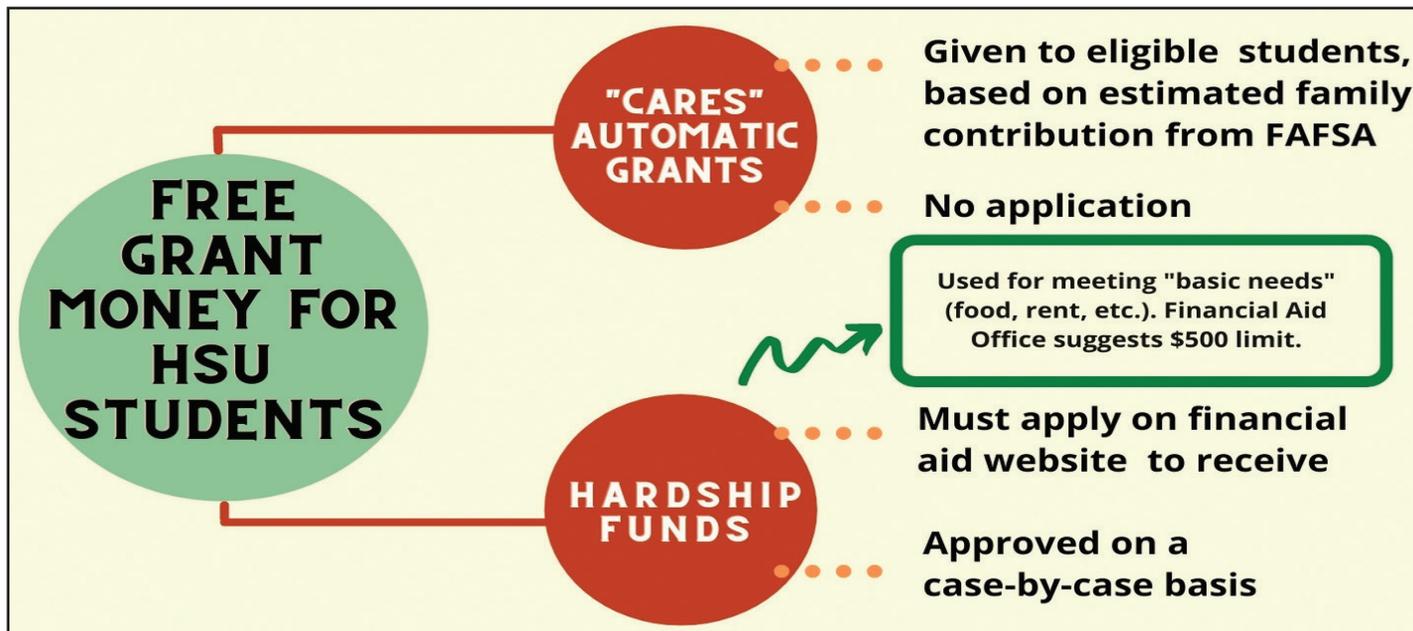
The requirements to receive support are detailed on the City of Arcata's website, or can be found by scanning the QR code below.



City of Arcata's ordinances, scan to view more details on requirements for eviction support eligibility.



Scan to view CA executive order on evictions.



| Graphic by Alexandra Gonzalez

New emergency grants available for HSU Students

by Alexandra Gonzalez

Humboldt State University has received 16 million dollars in the latest round of federal funding to support the University during the pandemic. \$5 million of that is going directly toward emergency financial aid grants to students.

More than 4,100 students have already received emails the week of February 15 notifying them they were automatically awarded grant funds, and those funds should already be deposited into student accounts. Eligible students are those who filled out a FAFSA application for the year 2020-2021. In the past, many students have had refunds lost or delayed through the mail service, the Financial Aid Office recommends signing up for direct deposit through the student center.

A Hardship Funds Request is available for students who didn't qualify for automat-

ic grants. Juan Ruiz a Student Services Specialist at the Financial Aid Office, says the Hardship Request forms are available to any HSU student struggling to meet basic needs. Applications are approved on a case-by-case basis so any one can apply but priority for the Hardship Funds will be given to those who have not received emergency grants this year.

Students can visit the Humboldt State website and use the search bar to find the "Hardship Funds Request." The Financial Aid office suggests \$500 but students can request what they need. Whether students get the full amount they request will depend on how much they request and what other aid options are available. After applying to the "Hardship Funds Request," there will be a two to three-week processing time.

More information about the grant will be communicated primarily through email

and all campus portal announcements. Keep an eye out for emails regarding grant processing and more information about how HSU will be using the remaining \$11 million.

If students have any questions about grant processing, they can email hsu-cash@humboldt.edu Or contact The Cashier's Office on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at (707) 826-6789. Contacting the Financial aid office is another resource students can use to find more information. The best way to contact the office is by email at finaid@humboldt.edu. Emails are managed Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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'Diversity Champion' Elavie Ndura, Ph.D

Elavie Ndura was appointed new associate vice president for the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion on Jan. 4.

by Jasmine Martinez

An educator by training and passion, Elavie Ndura, Ph.D., has dedicated her life to being a leader in any capacity and doing her best to make the world a better place than she found it. Ndura is the new associate vice president for the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (ODEI) as of Jan. 4 and is looking to create a campus community where students, faculty and staff feel safe and supported.

"Humboldt State University really spoke to my core because of the vision," Ndura said. "There are very few institutions around the United States and even the world that publicly affirm that they are committed to improving the human condition and the environment."

Ndura said she hopes to improve the diversity, equity and inclusion work that is being done at HSU and "demonstrate that students from traditionally underrepresented groups thrive when they come to HSU."

DEI Background

Growing up in a society where social injustice and inequity were rampant, Ndura said she had to fight back. She used poetry to express her views since speaking publicly was not safe. As she grew older and became a teacher, she viewed teaching as the ultimate tool and venue to really help transform systems through education.

By default, Ndura said she became a "diversity champion." The subject of diversity has always been at the core of her research and writing.

From George Mason University, Galaudet University and now HSU, Ndura learned that she has the skills, knowledge, and the passion to do the work in diversity,



Elavie Ndura, Ph.D., is the new associate vice president for the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion | Photo courtesy of Elavie Ndura

equity, inclusion and multiculturalism.

MamaStar

Ndura prioritizes motherhood and sees herself as a mother before considering herself an educator or diversity officer. Some people refer to her by her African name, MamaStar, meaning "the mother of Star," her son.

"Being an African-born person, that

doesn't mean the mother to my children only. It means the mother to all the youth, that's a big difference," Ndura said. "Every time I see a student on the street or on campus, for me, that's my child. That's the African ethic of family."

She said that if anyone is in doubt about their place in school or the community, contact MamaStar.

Goals for campus, community

With HSU's and Arcata's history of racism, Ndura said it's okay for students to worry and ask the questions, but that they are all here to transform history.

"We need to do an even better job for communicating who we are as a campus community. It's not just the beautiful, stunning landscape, it's also a community that has people with a heart," Ndura said.

She envisions a community where every person is welcome, where every person feels that they belong in the county and the university. Ndura's idea of a better world is one that is, "a little bit more inclusive, a little bit more forgiving, a little bit more equitable and fair, a little kinder and hopefully, less violent and more peaceful."

Ndura would like to add cross-cultural conversations to engage across different groups among the students, faculty and staff, work with partners to articulate a clear vision of "inclusive excellence."

In the long term, she hopes to work with other partners, faculty, the University Senate, administration and the ODEI council to begin looking at some of the policies that need strengthening or changes to affirm diversity, equity and inclusion at HSU.

She speaks of a "genuine institutional commitment to DEI" and "putting money where our words are."

"What I have learned is that as a Hispanic Serving Institution, yes, that's good, but what more can we do to actually be intentional in supporting all our Latinx students? To increase retention, to increase degree completion," Ndura said. "Who are we, yes diverse, so what? Diverse, yay. Now show it in the daylight."

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HSU budget cuts: class cuts and mandatory department mergers in CAHSS

by Lupita Rivera

Humboldt State University's administration has required academic departments in the College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences to merge, leading to lecturers potentially losing classes, benefits or their jobs.

HSU's budget

HSU's administration reduced general campus spending by \$7.3 million for the 2020-2021 academic year. Even with these reductions, the finalized budget reflected a \$9 million shortage.

El Leñador reached out to Jenn Capps, provost and vice president of academic affairs, but she was unable to meet and referred Humboldt State Communication Specialist Grant Scott-Goforth to comment on her behalf.

"Each college and other area has its own set of strategies to reach their budget targets, there's not one University-wide requirement," Scott-Goforth said in an email.

Scott-Goforth also explained that HSU has been facing declining enrollment and a budget shortfall for years, and the entire university has been working to reduce shortfall expenditures.

He said the budget shortfall is being addressed through a combination of one-time funds, higher-than-expected tuition revenue, and divisional spending adjustments.

El Leñador reached out to Rosamel Benavides-Garb, the associate dean currently serving as interim dean for the College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences (CAHSS).

CAHSS's departments merge to meet budget target

Benavides-Garb said CAHSS is keeping faculty and students in mind while taking measures to ensure that they meet budget reduction goals. For Benavides-Garb, restructuring academic departments is one more, low impact, way of reducing expenditure.

"By the end of this semester, we hope to have to finalize conversation and reorganize the college into new administrative units while maintaining the integrity of every single program, hoping that new concepts and ideas will emerge," Benavides-Garb said.

He also said this isn't a new conversation for the administration of CAHSS. Before last semester, these collaborations, or mergers, were encouraged.

Now, Loren Cannon, HSU's California Faculty Association (CFA) chapter president, says the mergers are mandatory.

He explains how these forced department mergers lead to less department chairs and consequently faculty losses.

Non-tenure faculty affected by cuts and mergers

Cannon explained that tenure faculty are required to teach a certain number of units. Department mergers would mean current department chairs would lose those positions and have to pick up more classes since they'd no longer have chair-related work to do. With the class cuts that have been happening before and during these mergers, there would be even less classes available for non-tenure-track faculty (lecturers) to teach.

Cannon said two scenarios can result from this: lecturers teach less classes, potentially losing benefits and pay; or they no longer have classes to teach.

Students and faculty speak up

The week before spring break, HSU's CFA chapter hosted a "Push Pause Action Meeting" where students, staff and

community labor leaders shared their experiences with budget reductions. CFA and attendees asked administrators to put a pause on any changes, especially because of the pandemic.

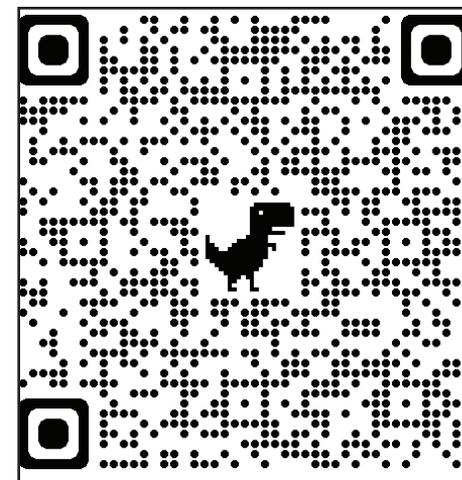
Faculty and lecturers recounted the emotional labor and years they've dedicated to this institution, only to not receive basic job security. Turn after turn, lecturers shared experiences of feeling disposable despite having absorbed the shock when the pandemic forced the university to go virtual.

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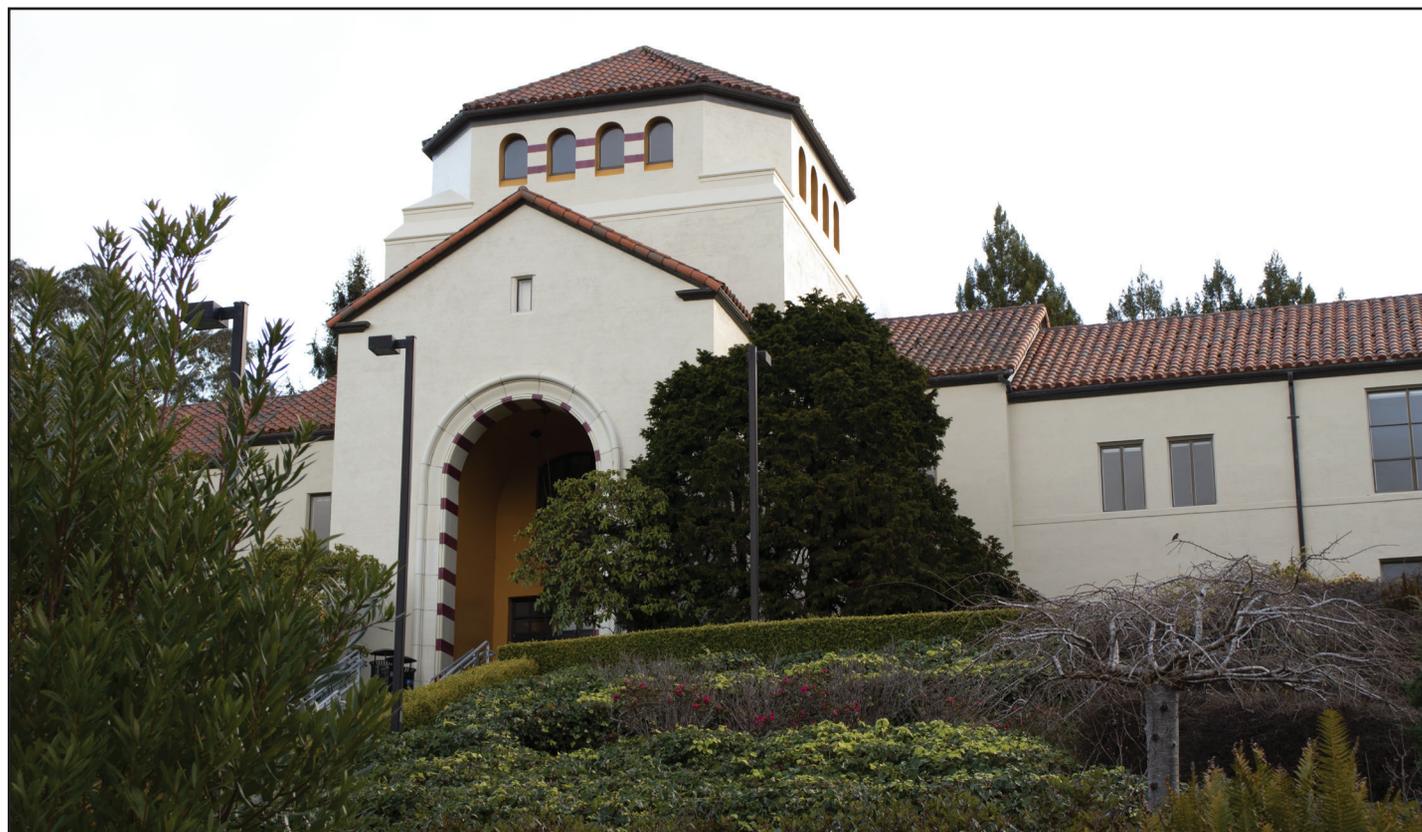
"Looking at a budget, it's not about the inputs, it's about the outputs, it's about how people are treated, it's about what the ramifications are to people. The value of a budget is how it treats real people, real people doing real important work that I think we should cherish."

Loren Cannon, HSU's California Faculty Association (CFA) chapter president

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Interactive chart of campus 200-2021 budget



Humboldt State University's Founders Hall. | Photo by Raul Mendoza

Spanish news segments from Redwood News provide optimism for more local spanish content

Redwood News reporters provide more Spanish news to Humboldt County's Spanish speaking population

by Lupita Rivera

Redwood News Anchor Brenda Rodriguez, and Reporter Hector Mendoza have teamed up to provide Spanish news for Humboldt County. Spanish news segments come out Tuesday nights, and Spanish news articles come out once a week. The broadcasts are available on Redwood News' Facebook page and the articles are on their official website.

On top of their regular journalistic duties at Redwood News, Rodriguez and Mendoza have taken it upon themselves to provide more Spanish news to Humboldt county's Spanish speaking population.

"There's not a lot of Spanish speaking people around here, it just seems like a lot of English content," Mendoza said. "I already had Spanish content, [Rodriguez] was already an anchor, I'm a reporter, and we kind of just teamed up on it, and it felt like it was something that was super needed."

Mendoza has been writing Spanish news articles since December of 2020. Even with these articles, Humboldt County has lacked Spanish resources and news. This is something that has been made evident during emergencies in Humboldt County, most prevalent during the course of the pandemic.

According to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), the Latinx community makes up 12% of the Humboldt County population but as of publication date, they are approximately 40% of all confirmed COVID-19 cases.

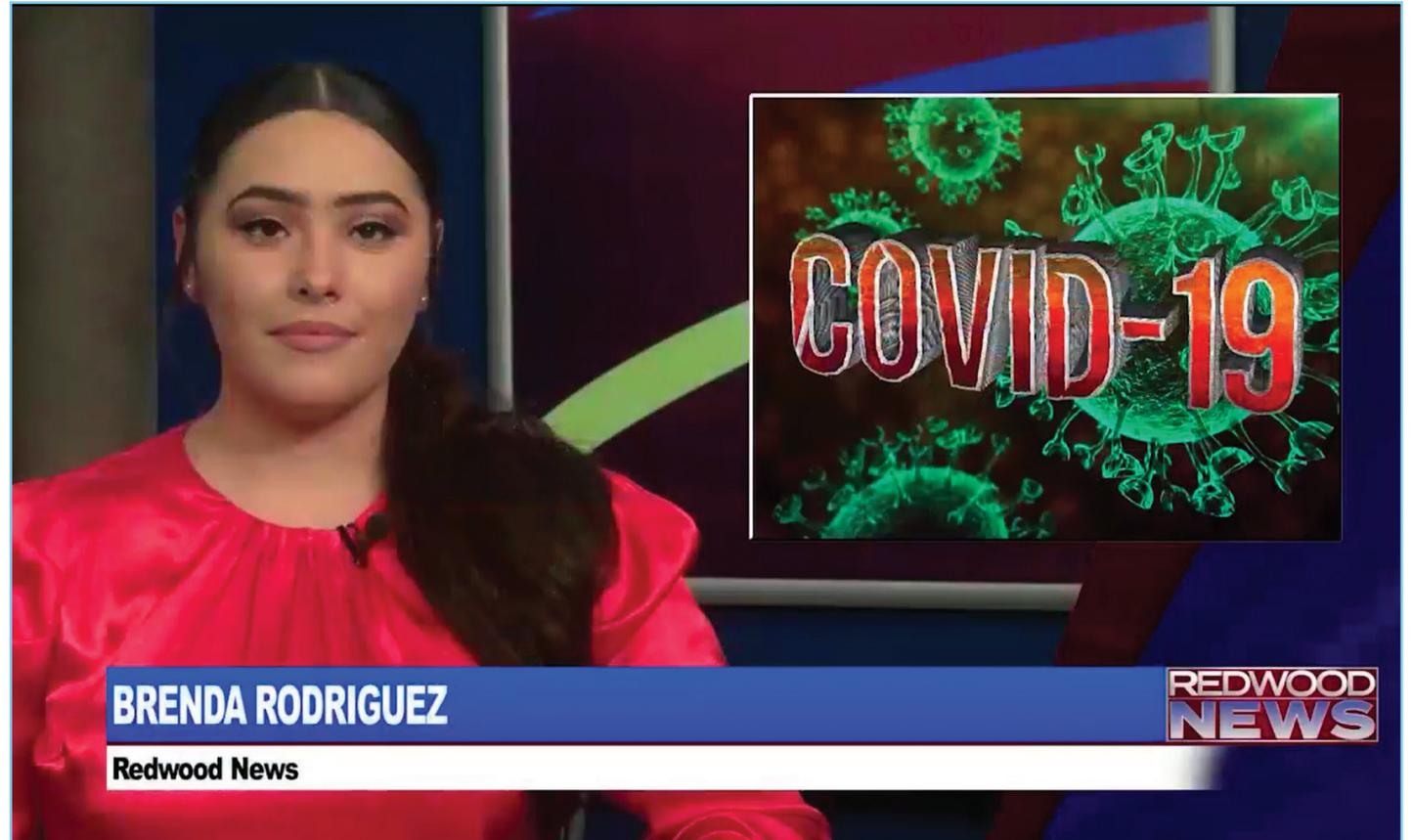
Rodriguez notes this as the catalyst for their Spanish coverage at Redwood News.

"I remember seeing an email when I first started from this from a lady in the community, she was like, 'I kind of wish that we had this in Spanish, I want to know what's going on in terms of COVID', especially in COVID is what she mentioned but she's like 'I want to know more, I want to be more informed', " Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez says it's this support from the Spanish speaking community that helps put into perspective just how cardinal local Spanish news is.

Beyond COVID-19 coverage, Rodriguez and Mendoza recognize a necessity to provide content for the Spanish speaking community in Humboldt County. They both note how the lack of Spanish news can feed into feelings of estrangement.

"As a member of the community I want to know, I want to understand what



Screenshot from one of Brenda Rodriguez's broadcasts posted to facebook. | Photo by Lupita Rivera

is happening around me, how we can help one another," Rodriguez said. "I want to see more of that diversity in local media, I want to see my community represented in that."

Despite its current successes, the Spanish Redwood News content is still an evolving project. For now, short news segments are available on the Redwood News Facebook page, new segments come out Tuesday nights. Spanish news articles can be found on the Redwood News web page under the "Home" drop down menu.

Rodriguez and Mendoza said this project would start slow, but Mendoza hopes it can turn into something more.

"We wanted to start with a few minutes on Facebook, then maybe increase the time, whether it be instead of three minutes go to six or seven minutes, make it something a little longer, and then have it evolve into maybe a segment on the newscast," Mendoza said. "And then eventually, it'll take a little bit of time, but to have a full 30 minute newscast in Spanish to include weather, sports and that's kind of where we want to go with it."



Hector Mendoza, reporter for Redwood News. | Photo courtesy of Redwood News

Segmentos de noticias en español de Redwood News brinda la oportunidad para más contenido en español local

Reporteros de Redwood News contribuyen más noticias en español para hispanohablantes de Humboldt

por Lupita Rivera
traducido por Lupita Rivera

La presentadora de noticias Brena Rodríguez, y el reportero Hector Mendoza de Redwood News se han unido para producir noticias en español para el condado de Humboldt.

Salen nuevos segmentos de noticias en español los martes por la tarde, y artículos noticieros una vez a la semana. Los segmentos de noticias se encuentran en la página de Facebook oficial de Redwood News y los artículos noticieros en su página web oficial.

Sobre encima de su trabajo como periodistas de Redwood News, Rodríguez y Mendoza se han propuesto proporcionar más información en español para hispanohablantes del condado.

“No hay mucha gente

que hable español por aquí, parecía que solo salía contenido en inglés,” dijo Mendoza. “Ya tenía contenido que publicaba en español, [Rodríguez] es presentadora de noticias, y pues nos unimos para realizar este proyecto, sentimos que era algo muy necesario.”

Mendoza ha estado publicando artículos noticieros en español desde diciembre del 2020. Aún con estos artículos, el condado de Humboldt no ha sido consistente con un noticiero proveyendo información y recursos locales en español. Esto es algo que ha sido evidente a través de emergencias en el condado, más recientemente a través de la pandemia.

Desde la fecha de publicación, según los reportes del Departamento de Salud Pública de California (CDPH), personas Latinx en el condado de Humboldt componen 12% de la población pero proporcionan 40% de los casos confirmados de COVID-19 en el condado.

Rodríguez nota esto como el catalizador para su cobertura noticiosa en español con Redwood News.

“Recuerdo haber visto un correo electrónico de una señora de la comunidad,

me dijo ‘Me hubiera gustado tener esto en español, yo quiero informarme de lo que está pasando con el COVID’, especialmente con COVID es lo que me mencionó, pero ella me dijo, ‘Quiero saber más, quiero informarme,’ dijo Rodríguez.

Rodríguez dice que es este apoyo de la comunidad hispanohablante lo que pone en perspectiva la importancia de la información local en español.

Pero más allá de información sobre COVID-19, Rodríguez y Mendoza reconocen lo necesario

“Como persona de la comunidad yo quiero saber, yo quiero entender lo que está pasando a mi alrededor, como nos podemos ayudar.”

—Brenda Rodríguez, La presentadora de noticias

que es proveer contenido informativo para hispanohablantes en el condado de Humboldt. Los dos notan que la falta de cobertura en español puede incorporar sentimientos de distanciamiento con la comunidad.

“Como persona de la comunidad yo quiero saber, yo quiero entender lo que está pasando a mi alrededor, como nos podemos ayudar,” dijo Rodríguez. “Me gustaría ver más cosas que reflejan esa diversidad.”

A pesar de los éxitos con este proyecto, todavía sigue en evolución. Por ahora, los cortos segmentos de noticias están disponibles los martes por la tarde semanalmente, y se encuentran en la página de Facebook oficial de Redwood News. Los artículos en español se encuentran en la página web oficial de Redwood News bajo la sección “Home”.

Rodríguez y Mendoza dijeron que este proyecto comenzaría lentamente, pero Mendoza se mantiene optimista de que puede llegar a más.

“Queríamos empezar con unos minutos en Facebook, y luego alomejor incrementar el tiempo, ya sea tres minutos, seis, siete, y luego algo un poco más largo, posiblemente llegue a ser un segmento en el noticiero,” dijo Mendoza. “Y eventualmente, tomará buen tiempo, pero me gustaría que llegara a un noticiero en español de 30 minutos para incluir el clima, los deportes, y pues así queremos evolucionarlo.”

AS approves resolution to make policies gender neutral and support trans lives

by Nancy Garcia

Humboldt State University’s Student Government, Associated Students, passed a resolution to support Trans lives and prosperity, at its board meeting on Jan. 29.

The resolution was written by and brought to the floor by AS’s Social Justice and Equity Officer Roman Sotomayor. The resolution sought to prioritize the rewriting of university policies with gender neutral terms, and also call upon the Campus Division of Enrollment Management to begin assessment of transgender inclusionary support across campus.

Sotomayor acknowledged that there are other groups and individuals on campus who are doing work regarding gender inclusion on campus.

“There is a lot of work going on in other places, besides Associated Students with regards to gender inclusion on campus and this resolution isn’t intending to take away from that work or control that work or do anything like that in any way,” Sotomayor said.

President Jeremiah made a motion to adapt the Resolution to Support Trans Lives and Prosperity. Student Affairs Vice President Jourden Lamar seconded the motion and with no discussion, the resolution was then moved to a roll-call vote.

“The Associated Students have long been calling for pieces like this to be moved along and yet the university at large decided

to push back on a lot of things that students have wanted,” Finley said. “Especially [in] regards to such important topics like this.”

The Resolution to Support Trans Lives and Prosperity was unanimously adopted.

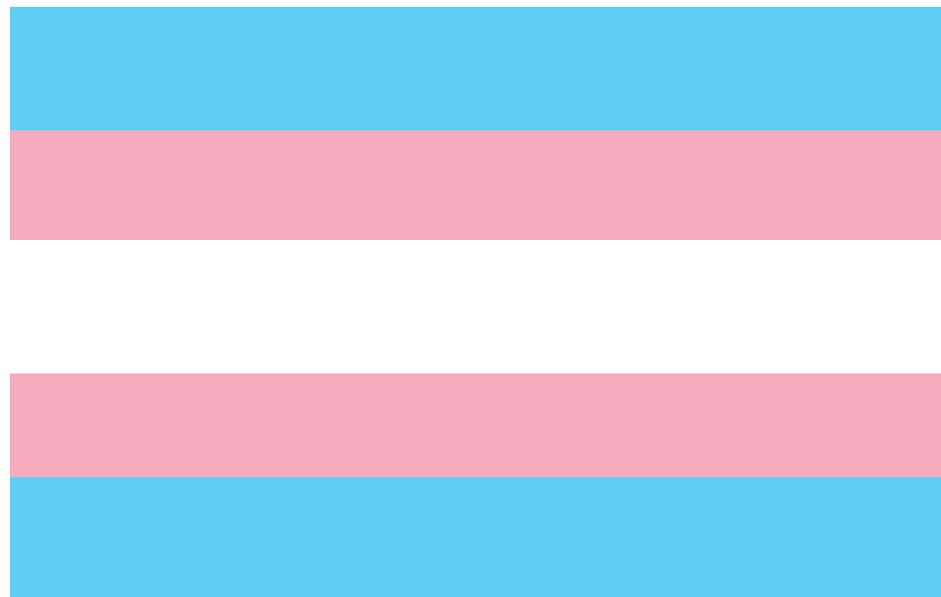
Now that it’s been adopted, Sotomayor hopes that the University Senate will sponsor it and formally make the commitments that the Trans community has been asking for.

“Luckily, our campus is taking this seriously, and the good people at the University Senate and beyond have heard the call for gender justice,” Sotomayor said.

The Trans, Gender Non-Conforming, and Gender Non-Binary Task Force is one of the groups which is also trying to make HSU more gender inclusive.

The task force has four working groups including advocacy, campus climate, data collection and reporting, and staff and faculty trainings. They also help people change their name and pronouns and they help people report acts of harm and discrimination to the Title IX office.

“We ask that in all areas of the university, there be thinking about trans+ inclusivity which includes addressing racism, xenophobia, sexism, and patriarchy,” Mira Friedman, chair of the Trans, Gender Non-Conforming & Gender Non-Binary Task Force said in an email. “Everyone deserves respect and to be free from harm.”



Trans pride flag

More COVID-19 Testing Sites in Humboldt

by Sergio Berrueta

COVID-19 testing in Humboldt is expanding beyond the Redwood Acres location in Eureka with remote sites in Arcata, Garberville, Fortuna, Hoopa and McKinleyville. These sites will operate one day out of the week with Redwood Acres operating seven days a week.

“In April 2020, Humboldt County was one of the first California counties to launch COVID-19 testing with the state-contracted provider, OptumServe,” said Meriah Miracle, Humboldt County Joint Information Center public information officer. “Since then, the county has helped coordinate testing sites at multiple locations outside of the Eureka area to increase access to testing in the outlying areas of the county.”

The expansion comes as more Humboldt County residents wanted to head to testing during the past COVID-19 surge in December and January.

The appointments can be made online in English and Spanish through lhi.care/covid-testing with walk-in appointments available. Those without internet access can call 888-634-1123 to schedule an appointment.

“Testing is provided at no cost to the person receiving the test, and insurance is not required,” Miracle said.

The times and locations are:

Eureka – Redwood Acres
3750 Harris St.
Seven days a week, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Arcata – Arcata Community Center
321 M.L.K. Jr. Pkwy.
Mondays, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Garberville – SoHum Health Sprowl Creek Campus
286 Sprowl Creek Road
Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fortuna – River Lodge Conference Center
1800 Riverwalk Dr.
Wednesdays, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Hoopa – Tsewenaldin Inn
12482 CA-96
Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

McKinleyville – Azalea Hall
1620 Pickett Road
Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



Check-in sign outside Arcata Community Center lets those with appointments to stay in their vehicles during their test | Photo by Lupita Rivera

Más sitios de prueba de COVID-19 en Humboldt

por Sergio Berrueta traducido por Nancy Garcia

Pruebas de COVID-19 en Humboldt se han expandido más allá que la ubicación de Redwood Acres en Eureka con sitios remotos en Arcata, Garberville, Fortuna, Hoopa y McKinleyville. Estos sitios operarán un día a la semana y Redwood Acres estará abierto los siete días de la semana.

“En abril 2020, el condado de Humboldt fue uno de los primeros en hacer pruebas de COVID-19 con el proveedor contratado por el estado, OptumServe,” dijo Meriah Miracle, oficial de información pública del Centro de Información Conjunto del Condado de Humboldt. “Desde entonces, el condado ha ayudado a coordinar sitios de prueba en varias ubicaciones fuera del área de Eureka para aumentar acceso a pruebas en las áreas remotas del condado.”

La expansión sucede al mismo tiempo que más residentes del Condado de Humboldt han querido ir a hacerse una prueba durante el último aumento de COVID-19 en diciembre y enero.

Se pueden hacer citas en línea en inglés y español en lhi.care/covidtesting y también hay opciones sin cita previa disponibles. Aquellos sin acceso a internet pueden llamar al 888-634-1123 para hacer una cita.

“Pruebas se dan sin costo para la persona que la recibe y no se requiere seguro médico,” Miracle dijo.

Los tiempos y ubicaciones son:

Eureka – Redwood Acres
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Los miércoles, 8 a.m. a 5:30 p.m.

Hoopa – Tsewenaldin Inn
12482 CA-96
Los jueves, 9 a.m. a 3:30 p.m.

McKinleyville – Azalea Hall
1620 Pickett Road
Los viernes, 8 a.m. a 5:30 p.m.



The Redwood Acres testing site in Eureka has been the main site since the start of the COVID-19 Pandemic operating seven days a week. | Photo by Lupita Rivera

COVID-19: Year One

Humboldt County

As of March 1, 2021

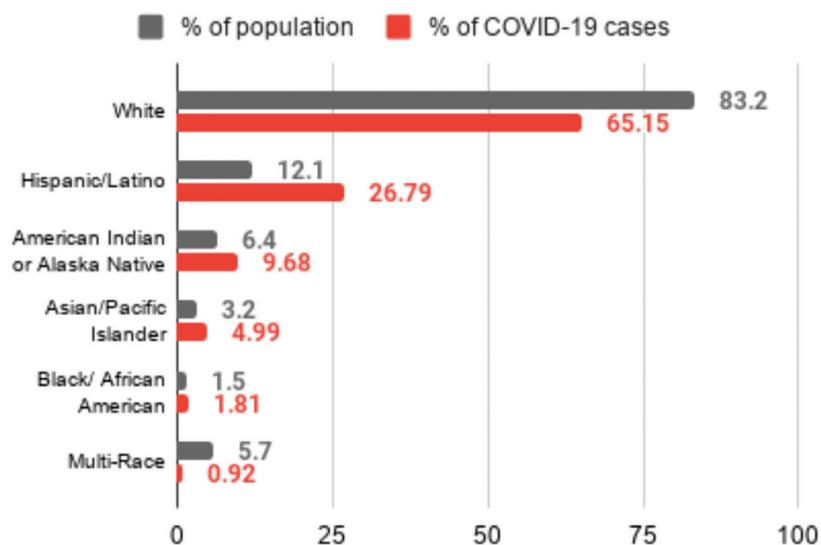
Deaths: 33

Positive Cases: 3,210

Vaccines Doses Administered: 26,789

Source: DHHS Website covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy

Humboldt County COVID-19 Cases by Race/Ethnicity



As of March 2, 2021

California

Deaths: 52,497

Positive Cases: 3,481,611

Vaccines Doses Administered: 9,313,799

Source: www.covid19.ca.gov/state-dashboard/

United States

Deaths: 513,122

Positive Cases: 28,456,860

Vaccines Doses Administered: 78,631,601

Source: CDC www.covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#datatracker-home

World Deaths: 2,535,520

Source: www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019

| Graphic by Claudia Alfaro Hernandez

Anthony Morgan becomes new police chief at HSU



Anthony Morgan, the new university police department chief. | Photo courtesy of Humboldt State University

by Carlos Holguin

After a nearly year-long search, Humboldt State University has announced the hiring of Anthony Morgan as the new Chief of the University Police Department.

The announcement came in a campus wide email sent on Feb. 15, noting that the day of the email was also Morgan's first day officially on the job.

"Anthony Morgan is Humboldt State's newest chief of police and the first African American to hold the position in the University's history," stated the email. "Arriving in Humboldt with a long career in law enforcement, Morgan is excited about living in the redwoods and working hand-in-hand with the HSU community."

With nearly two decades of experience in law enforcement, including in the college town of Kalamazoo, Michigan, Morgan looks to build a sense of community among the department and the community.

"Relationships happen when you are able to communicate," Morgan said during a Zoom interview. "I want to make sure that I am available and open to talk to students, human to human."

Morgan said that while quarantine has made student outreach more difficult, he has

been sitting in digital meetings and listening to students and campus members and plans to engage with the cultural centers.

"It's important to recognize that these spaces are made to help others feel safe," Morgan said. "You know, some students there might not feel comfortable with having me there in uniform and if that's the case I'd be more than willing to show up in civilian clothes."

On the topic of campus safety, the new chief shared potential plans to change the way UPD operates on campus. This includes increased visibility on campus via officer patrols and better vehicle placement.

Morgan also acknowledged that there were students who actively protested against the hiring of a new UPD chief, as well as Black Lives Matter protests throughout the community, and hopes to help them maintain safe demonstrations.

"We are more than willing to offer advice and help to ensure things can happen in a safe manner," Morgan said.

"It's also about understanding and knowing that sometimes it won't matter what the police say."

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Anthony Morgan
UPD Chief

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: Tonita Johnson



My name is Tonita Johnson and I am currently a Wildlife Conservation and Management major at HSU. I've been a huge lover of photography since high school. Since then, I've continued my journey taking portraits of my friends and family as a hobby.

Speaking with my BIPOC friends in Arcata, I constantly heard stories about the challenges they experienced surrounding racism and prejudice. They felt their voices weren't heard and attempts to ensure their safety were overlooked. Frustrated by the lack of change on and off campus, I decided to create a platform that allowed this community to speak about their experiences and shine a light on their unique backgrounds.

I wanted this project to bring attention to the beauty of BIPOC Womxn and non-binary communities here in Arcata and the injustices they've experienced.

In my project title I used the term "Womxn", this is an inclusive term for anyone who identifies as a woman. This term is not limited to society's basic definition of what makes women.

For more of Tonita Johnson's work, visit ellenadornews.com and [@neebsx](https://www.instagram.com/neebsx).



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Hi, my name is Princess Nafiyah. I am a 22-year-old Black woman from Los Angeles and I've been attending HSU for the past five years. I've enjoyed the change of scenery in Humboldt but I haven't felt at home. I'd like to see a better sense of community here so that other Black women feel more welcome and at home here.



I'm Wendy Carranza (she/her/hers) and I am a 25 year old, first-generation, Salvadoran-American graduate. As a first-generation student, I was forced to learn everything on my own and work and push myself harder than everyone around me. Although this journey has been an unpredictable roller coaster, I wouldn't have it any other way. I appreciate all the hardships that came with attending HSU because without them I wouldn't have grown into the strong, proud and resilient woman I am today.



I'm Theresia Bunch. I'm a 25-year-old recent graduate from Humboldt State University where I obtained a B.S. in kinesiology with an emphasis in pre-physical therapy. I was born in San Francisco but Humboldt County is actually my ancestral land where my people are from. I am half Native American from the Yurok Tribe and half Filipina. Even though being BIPOC has its challenges here in the U.S. from intergenerational/cultural trauma, to the many inequalities we face, I wouldn't trade either of my cultures for anything!

Profile: NAACP Chapter President Sharone Blanck

Blanck has created special spaces for BIPOC students, families, and community members in Humboldt County

by Karina Yamileth Ramos Villalobos

Since November 2020 Sharonne Blanck has served her second term as president of Eureka's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) creating a space called Listening Sessions, and has been working with high schools in McKinleyville, Arcata, and Eureka advocating for more education about Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) experiences.

"I am involved in several groups of folks that are doing work in the schools to help teachers and administrators and school boards do a better job of creating safe nurturing and vibrant environments for Black and Brown folks," Blanck said.

The start of Blanck's work began by supporting her husband who joined the NAACP about six years ago when they lived in Reno, Nevada to create a better place for

their two Black sons. Since then they both have been involved in Eureka's NAACP and are working to support BIPOC students and families.

"I think the schools in this county do a terrible job supporting the needs of their students and families of color," Blanck said. "I don't think it's unique to this area but this is where I live so this is where I am focusing."

Blanck implemented Listening Sessions in order to create a safe space for students, community members, and families to speak freely about their overall experiences.

These sessions advocate their needs for future success. Students identify who they want in this space and it's usually a combination of administrators and teachers.

Lorna Byrnat, a close friend of Blanck's, said that Blanck has become more vocal; more present; and more outspoken since becoming president and has used her voice

to advocate for their branch, community and children.

"Sharonne's passion is on display when she is in advocacy mode, especially when children are involved," Bryant said. "Sharonne is a fierce advocate when it comes to issues directly affecting our community, Sharonne makes her presence, her voice, and her passion seen, heard, and felt."

Even though the pandemic changed the ways of face-to-face events, that didn't stop Blanck and her advocacy for more education about BIPOC experiences.

Since the transition to zoom events, Blanck noticed how much more people have been engaged with the content and is continuing on creating events via zoom.

Alia Dunphy, the interim vice president of student services at College of the Redwoods, also a close friend of Blanck's says that she can see Blanck's influence shaping

the community around them.

"While she centers BIPOC voices, she actively and intentionally welcomes all voices and experiences to the table," Dunphy said. "We need each other for any lasting change to take root and become sustainable, as the president of NAACP she is willing to roll up her sleeves and do whatever is necessary, her vision for Humboldt County's future is strength-based and rooted in community-focused solutions."

Although Blanck doesn't intend on being president of the NAACP for decades, she says that this type of work has always been important and there need to be spaces that are for people of color to thrive and that help clear obstacles that get in the way of that.



NAACP president, Sharronne Blanck is now serving her second term and is continuing her work on education about BIPOC experiences in Humboldt County | Photo by Lupita Rivera

Comfort food of the month: Caldo De Pollo

Spicy chicken soup for cold Humboldt nights

by Steffi Puerto

Caldo de Pollo is a classic recipe that brings much joy and horror to Latinos everywhere. Although comforting, warm, and fulfilling on a sick or cold day, it is also the enemy of most of us when we come home on a hot summer day and ask “Qué hay de comer?” and to our surprise we hear “Hise caldo de pollo.”

Nonetheless this recipe has become much more appreciated as I've moved away from home. Making Caldo de pollo now brings such a warm feeling to my stomach and soul, especially during the cold winter nights here in Humboldt County.

This caldo de pollo is different from others you might have had. There's a kick of spice from the chipotle chiles in the broth that adds flavor to the soft squash, potatoes and carrots. As you roll up your tortilla and dip into the soup you feel all the comfort of being at home with family surrounded by the spicy and tasty aroma that fills up your house.

I learned this recipe from my mom, she always says that food is always better spicy. This recipe proves that point. Caldo de pollo is a recipe that anyone can enjoy, and the best part is you can create various alternatives of making it. It's about what feels right to you.

Chipotle Caldo de Pollo

Cook time + Preparation: 1 hour

Serving Size : 4 people

Ingredients:

4 bone in chicken legs
2 chicken breasts
8 cups water, divided (7 cups for chicken broth, 1 cup for the salsa)
1 tablespoon oil (olive, vegetable,



A delicious bowl of caldo de pollo with two rolled up tortillas and a sliced lime | Photo by Steffi Puerto

canola, etc.)

1 chile serrano, chopped
2 tomatoes, cut in quarters
1 large onion, divided ($\frac{3}{4}$ for chicken broth, $\frac{1}{4}$ for salsa,)
3 carrots, diced 2 inch pieces
3 Mexican squash, cut 3 inch wedges
3 potatoes, diced into 2 inch wedges
1 tablespoon of oil (Olive, vegetable, canola, etc.)
one tablespoon of chicken bullion
1 teaspoon salt
1 bunch cilantro, rough chopped
1 (7 ounce can) chipotle (you will use 2 chiles and 2 tablespoons of the sauce)
Limes, cut in quarters

Preparation:

1. Rinse and clean the chicken, then cut each chicken breast into four pieces. Set aside.
2. Wash vegetables, then set them aside.
3. Cut up the vegetables for the soup: the potatoes, squash, and carrots. Set aside.
4. Cut up the vegetables for the broth: chile serrano (leave the seeds if you like it spicy), tomatoes, cilantro, and onion. Set aside with an opened can of chipotle chile.
5. Fill a large pot with 7 cups of

water and add in the chicken, $\frac{3}{4}$ onion and salt. Bring the water to a boil and reduce heat to simmer for 20 minutes with a lid on, then set to the side.

6. While the chicken cooks, start the ingredients for the broth. In a saucepan on low-medium heat, add 2 tablespoons of oil, the diced tomatoes, a diced chile serrano, 2 chile chipotles and the approximately 2 tablespoons of the chipotle sauce, the remaining onion and cilantro. Saute for 5-8 minutes.
7. After your ingredients turn light brown color and soft, add the ingredients from the saucepan to a blender with a cup of cool water, a tablespoon of chicken bouillon. Blend until it salsa consistency.
8. Strain the mixture over the pot with the chicken. Pour 1 cup of water over the strainer to get the full flavor for the broth. Place the pot back on the stove on low heat, with a lid. Let the soup simmer for 8 to 10 minutes.
9. Add in the carrots, squash and potatoes and cook with the lid on for 20-30 more minutes, until the vegetables are tender, and to your liking.
10. Serve with corn tortillas, lime, Tapatio and enjoy!

Best wines under \$10, plus perfect pairs

by Mikayla Moore-Bastide

Walking up and down the wine aisle can be very intimidating. Hundreds of brands, varying prices, different colors, and a whole lot of confusion. While it's easy to google "wine for beginners", it's not entirely helpful. Especially for beginners that don't have the funds to figure out what they like.

As a current student who has a very limited income, I wanted to share my top five favorite wines that are very kind to your wallet.

I want to share this guide because this is good knowledge to have. Imagine, in the future, you're out to dinner with your boss, a client, or even a date and you can't even pronounce Cabernet Sauvignon or Chardonnay, let alone know the difference between them.

I mean college is all about learning, so let's learn.

Simplified terminology check:
Sweet wine refers to having sugar in it.
Dry wine refers to having no sugar in it.

Wine Cube - Chardonnay (shaar-duh-nay) \$4.99 500 ml

It's wine, in a carton. Crazy right? Where glass bottles aren't allowed, these will be. Chardonnay, a white wine, is a good beginning wine because it can almost be paired with anything. It is a dry wine, but it's like the OG of wines. It's light and fruity. It is the most popular white wine for a reason. This brand is only found at Target.

Pairing: Basil Pesto Pasta



Menage a Trois - Pinot Grigio (pee-noh gree-joe) \$8-\$9 750 ml

So CellarMasters.com confirmed that Pinot Gris and Pinot Grigio are the same exact grape, they just have different names due to the area they are grown in. Pinot Gris is in France and Pinot Grigio is in Italy. This sweet white wine is Limelight Pinot Grigio, and it is so light, clean, crisp, and so many citrus flavors are involved. This has flavors of green apples and limes. These can be found at Target and Safeway.

Pairing: Hummus and pita bread! Mac and Cheese! Fruit. Any fruit. All fruit.



Barefoot - Sweet Red Blends \$5-\$6 750 ml

Barefoot as a brand is pretty great on its own. It's a great beginner brand because it's cheap and they're quite good. My favorite is their red wine, sweet red blends.

Yes, it is a sweet wine, so it would be more of a dessert wine. It has a mix of various red fruits like cherries, pomegranate, and raspberries. These can be found at Target or Safeway.

Pairing: Chocolate cake. Any chocolate cake. All chocolate cake.



Cupcake - Sauvignon Blanc (soh-vin-yohn blahn) \$8-\$9 750 ml

This is just one of my favorites. This white wine has a citrus taste, and this is dry with a bit of sugar to give it a little more richness. It's fairly fruity as well. These grapes grow in New Zealand, so that's pretty cool too. These can be found at Safeway and Target as well.

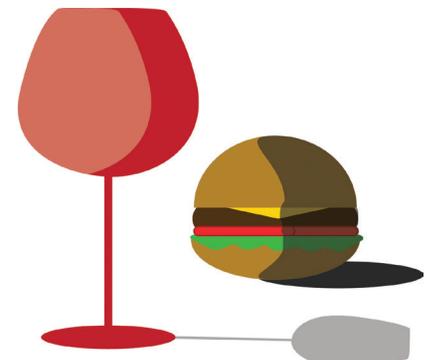
Pairing: Squash is just (chef kiss) perfect with this. So are chicken and fish.



Bogle - Cabernet Sauvignon (kab-er-nay soh-vin-yohn) \$9-\$10 750 ml

This is the most expensive one on the list, but my favorite red wine. Cab Sav is also one of the most popular wines as well. It is a dry wine that is just packed with dark intense fruits like plums and blackberries. This is one of my favorite all-around wines: snack, dinner, and dessert wine. DCarterWines.com approved of my cheez-it snacking with Cab Sav by my side.

Pairing: Burgers, Black bean burgers, Cheez-Its, and dark chocolate anything.



So while these don't cover all of my favorites, these do cover the ones that are easy to try, easy to find, and won't put a dent in your pocket.

Have fun and please drink responsibly.

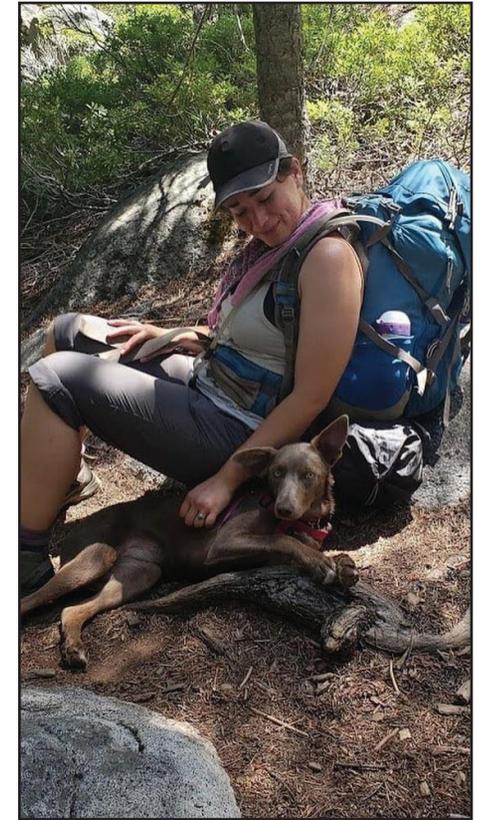
First bilingual bird watch hike of the year in Trinidad



Black Oystercatcher sits along the bay | Photo courtesy of Natalia Sojka



Natalia Sojka and Daisy Ambriz-Peres lead the bird watches Photo courtesy of Suzie Fortner



by Mónica Jarquín Marcial Translated by Nancy Garcia

Spring is here and along with it more activity in the bird population in Humboldt. The Trinidad Coastal Land Trust (TCLT) wants to take advantage of the season by inviting the spanish-speaking community to a bird watching walk. The walk will be led by HSU students Daisy Ambriz-Peres (alum) and Natalia Sojka on Sunday March 21.

Ambriz-Peres and Sojka met each other in a wildlife biology class at Humboldt State University. They quickly became friends since they reminded each other of the Latinx community that they'd left in their home cities.

Ambriz-Peres traveled hundreds of miles from Las Vegas, Nevada to study at HSU. It was here that her love of wildlife began with spiders. In the heat of the desert, it wasn't easy to go out and enjoy nature but Ambriz-Peres remembered that her mother encouraged her to go out and explore. Ambriz-Peres also recalled that her mother was a great naturalist who really enjoyed plants and being outside.

"Even though it was a very urban area, I felt like she always showed me to have curiosity of the outside world, to ask questions," Ambriz-Peres said. "She taught me to be

curious."

Just like her friend, Sojka started her wildlife career with a single species, cats. Her obsession with cats followed her thousands of miles from her native country Bolivia.

“The truth is, I think what everybody likes about them is that they can fly. That has always fascinated me because they're so small and when you think about how there are animals that can fly, it's pure magic.”

- Natalia Sojka, HSU Alum

Here in Humboldt, by taking classes about diverse faunas she discovered a new passion, birds.

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because they're so small and when you think about how there are animals that can fly, it's pure magic."

Their love for birds strengthened the connection between Ambriz-Peres and Sojka

and has culminated in this walk. Ambriz-Peres, who after graduating from HSU started working with Friends of the Dunes had an idea for a bilingual event with Michelle Kunst of the TCLT. Both wished to include spanish-speakers in outdoor spaces.

TCLT's goal is the conservation of the lands under their care for the wildlife that exists there and for the responsible use of the public. With projects of interest for all ages, TCLT is looking to instill values of respect and love for the coastal lands of Trinidad. They want to include the public in the care of these lands and they also have community science programs.

Kunst and the leaders of the walk hope to be able to see a variety of songbirds and seabirds at the height of the trail, perhaps even a whale too. The walk will take place at the Elk Head trail in Trinidad, a beginner's trail. The walk is expected to last from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

For more information about RCLT and its programs, visit their website at www.trinidadcoastallandtrust.org and to sign up for the walk, email Kunst at michelle@trinidadcoastallandtrust.org. There is limited space due to social distancing.

Primera caminata bilingüe de observación de aves del año en Trinidad

por Monica Jaquin Marcial

Ha llegado la primavera y con ello una oleada de actividades en la población de las aves de Humboldt. El Trinidad Coastal Land Trust (TCLT) quiere aprovechar de esta temporada para invitar a la comunidad hispanohablante a una caminata de observación de aves. La caminata será guiada por alumnas de HSU Daisy Ambriz-Peres (egresada) y Natalia Sojka el domingo 21 de marzo.

Ambriz-Peres y Sojka se conocieron en sus clases de biología de vida silvestre en la Universidad Estatal de Humboldt. Pronto se volvieron amigas ya que cada una le recordaba a la otra de la comunidad Latina que habían dejado en sus ciudades natales.

Ambriz-Peres viajó cientos de millas desde Las Vegas, Nevada para estudiar en HSU. Fue ahí donde empezó su amor por la vida silvestre, con las arañas. En medio del calor del desierto no era fácil salir a disfrutar la naturaleza, pero Ambriz-Peres se acuerda que su mamá la animaba para que explorara afuera. Ella cuenta que su mamá fue una gran naturalista que le gustaba mucho las plantas y estar afuera.

“Aunque fue en un lugar muy urbano, siento que siempre me enseñó que tengo que ser curiosa con el mundo afuera, preguntar cosas,” dijo Ambriz-Peres. “Me enseñó a tener curiosidad.”

Al igual que su amiga, Sojka empezó su carrera de vida silvestre con una sola especie, los gatos. Su obsesión con los gatos la siguió miles de millas desde su natal Bolivia. Aquí en Humboldt, tras tomar clases de diversas faunas ella descubrió una nueva pasión, las

aves.

“La verdad, que creo que lo que les gusta a todos es que vuelan,” dijo Sojka. “Eso siempre me fascinó porque son tan pequeños y realmente cuando piensas que hay animales que pueden volar, es magia pura.”

El amor hacia las aves fortaleció la conexión entre Ambriz-Peres y Sojka y ha culminado en esta próxima caminata. Ambriz-Peres quien tras graduarse de HSU comenzó a trabajar con Friends of the Dunes formó una idea para un evento bilingüe con Michelle Kunst del TCLT. Ambas buscan incluir a más hispanohablantes en espacios de la naturaleza.

La meta del TCLT es la conservación de las tierras a su cargo para la vida silvestre y para el uso responsable del público. Con proyectos de interés para todas edades, TCLT busca inculcar respeto y amor hacia las tierras costeras de Trinidad. Buscan incluir al público en el cuidado de las tierras y tienen programas de ciencia comunitaria también.

Kunst y las guías de la caminata esperan poder ver cantidad de especies de aves cantores y marinas y por la altura del terreno, alguna ballena también. La caminata se llevará a cabo por el sendero para principiantes de Elk Head en Trinidad. Con un recorrido aproximado de 9 a.m. a 11 a.m.

Para más información sobre TCLT y sus programas visite su sitio web www.trinidadcoastallandtrust.org y para inscribirse a la caminata contacta Kunst por correo electrónico en michelle@trinidadcoastallandtrust.org. Hay cupo limitado dado el distanciamiento social.

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Humor Writing in Dark Times!

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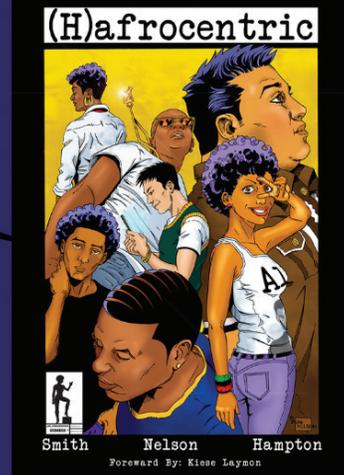
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Spring 2021

UNDOCU-WISDOM WORKSHOP SERIES

Each month, an immigration attorney will provide updates and information on topics that are top-of-mind for undocumented students, immigrant communities, and their allies. Sessions include time for Q&A.

All workshops scheduled for 3pm - 4pm
Zoom ID: 834 8693 4664

Wednesday, February 17

DACA & Immigration Policy Briefing

Wednesday, March 17

Paying for College as an Undocumented Student & Alternate Ways to Make an Income

Wednesday, April 14

Know Your Rights when encountering ICE

Wednesday, May 12

Immigration Reliefs & Immigration Policy Briefing



2021 Spring Breaking Point

Will an exhausted student body survive ten straight weeks of academics?

by Emily McCollum

Spring break for this 2021 semester was moved almost a month earlier than normal. This change was made to accommodate for possible, optional, face-to-face instruction given current public safety protocols.

The last academic year, students have been put through the ringer when it comes to continuing or pursuing their education. Students already deal with the stressors that come with a college lifestyle and living at the precipice of your future can be a daunting task. Add the unprecedented changes of the last year, and what you get is a beaten down student population without even the on campus, in person college experience to stave off the effects of stress.

“With everything that’s happening and how it changes so consistently it’s really difficult to plan anything,” Rachel Stone, a senior and English major at HSU said.

When balancing work and school, knowing what the next four months is going to look like is crucial to college life. The fact that the majority of students were not properly notified of this change was neglectful to those directly affected. The student body seems to have become the least considered

and the most impacted by this decision.

A meeting was had in early December of 2020 for the alteration to the spring schedule.

While student representatives were a part of the meeting and the decision making process, the majority of the student body was uninformed of the change. The decision was made at the end of the fall semester, but the spring academic calendar was not updated until sometime in late January.

This lack of notification and communication on behalf of the student populous illuminates further structural issues. From a student’s vantage point, I see people in high places making decisions on behalf of others

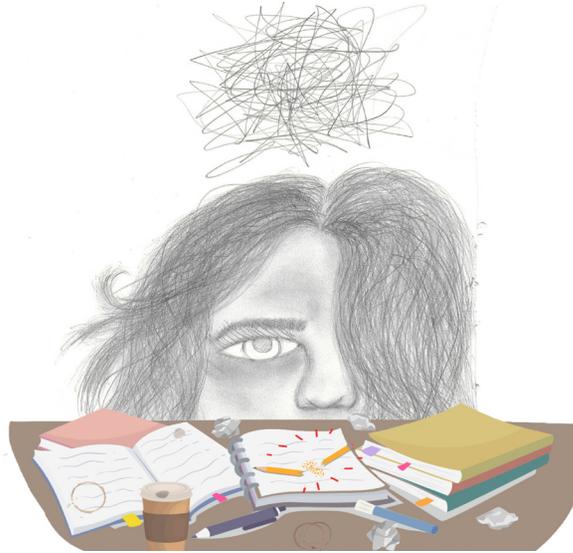


Illustration by Emily McCollum and Raven Marshall

without their consultation. While this spring break will be my last, I would have liked to have had more time and notice to plan appropriately.

“I feel like it was something more to cover their bottoms for having students

come back and live in the dorms, rather than thinking about what would be best for the students,” said Cossette McCave, a senior at HSU majoring in environmental science and management. These changes were made on behalf of the students for possible face-to-face instruction with a complete uncertainty about whether face-to-face instruction would even be plausible.

Without proper notification of the Spring

schedule change, students will now take the brunt of this decision, resulting in ten straight weeks of academic rigor without even one day off for the remainder of the spring semester.

“I don’t think they’ve realized what they put students through or don’t have quite a grasp of it either,” McCave said. “The reality is that they are ruining a lot of our focus for school.”

The majority of my fellow classmates became aware of the change in late January, myself being one of them. The lack of notice didn’t allow for any time to plan something for the last break of a long and arduous academic year. While the decision was made with students in mind, the effort put into notifying students of the change was clearly negligent.

Given the context of the last academic year, shouldn’t students have been properly notified of the schedule alteration if the change was within their best interest? Can an already beaten down student body take another hard hit?

My faculty is not disposable- PUSH PAUSE NOW

by Carina Masters

Carina Masters, a sophomore, Child Development major, attended HSU’s California Faculty Association ‘Push Pause Action Meeting’ on Feb. 18.

The meeting gave students, staff and community labor leaders the opportunity to share their experiences and why they supported the “Push Pause Campaign”.

Here is the transcription of her comment at the meeting:

I’m asking this administration to Push Pause because my life has been completely changed due to the labor of precarious faculty.

The faculty that this administration is threatening with pay cuts, class reductions, and even job loss are the same faculty that have been my shoulders to lean on through some of the greatest turmoils of my life.

They are the same faculty who have introduced me to a world where I have a voice, the same faculty who not only encourage me to learn, but also to teach.

The same faculty who do not know if they will have a job come fall, if they will have healthcare, if they will be able to pay

rent; are the same faculty who have empowered me to be an award winning debater, an educated and invested voter, and a dedicated community volunteer.

My life, along with the lives of my peers, is carefully balanced on the same backs that this administration hopes to cripple. I know that I am not alone in seeing the hypocrisy between calls from this administration to “cultivate a new generation of leaders who have the skills, knowledge, and resilience to address the most pressing issues facing the world today” and simultaneous efforts from that very same administration to disempower and destabilize the very faculty who does that cultivation.

By cutting our faculty, you not only destroy the livelihoods of dedicated people who have given their lives to their students, but you also destroy the hopes of

students to access the education you claim to provide.

My faculty is not disposable, they are not replaceable. They are absolutely invaluable.

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Carina Masters,
HSU Student

I know many students who would not be here, at this institution or on this earth, if it was not for the efforts and the hearts of our faculty. I cannot begin to express the gratitude I feel for the precarious faculty that I have had the privilege of learning from. So thank you. Thank you, and I desperately hope to see you again next semester.

Thank you,
Carina Masters

Humboldt’s California Faculty Association chapter has been pushing for a pause on reductions. Their “Push Pause” campaign circulated a petition that raked up a bit more than 3,000 signatures.

Here is an excerpt from Humboldt CFA’s website explaining their “Push Pause” campaign:

“HSU administration insists there is a budget crisis that can only be addressed by cutting classes and consolidating departments. This is causing the most contingent faculty to lose work and healthcare in the midst of a global pandemic while limiting student access to classes and faculty support, delaying pathways to graduation. We believe these decisions are immoral and urge the university to Push Pause on cuts.”

Ynés Mexía: We need to learn more about BIPOC in STEM

by Tania L. Estrada Rodriguez and Ciencia Para Todos

Being a first-generation womyn of color has given me the perspective to see what institutions lack. Educational institutions seem to uphold a specific identity to high standards, a White educated man being one. We see a cycle of power and privilege that only a certain few individuals hold, which lead to the progression of science with biased perspectives and what we really need is more equitable representation in our learning. Ynés Mexía was able to contribute so much to her field of study and deserves the hype.

I first heard about Mexía through a classmate taking Botany. His professor had a section titled “Botany contributors” for students to learn about Black Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC) who have not received enough credit for their contributions to the STEM fields.

Looking more into Mexía, I found out she did similar work to Darwin, yet she and many others were never mentioned in my educational career. I continuously learned the same material on Darwin’s theory of natural selection, and somewhere along the line, I seemed to adopt the idea that womyn were not involved in this work.

I was wrong; Mexía decided to pursue a career in her late 50s at the University of Berkley. She went on solo expeditions for 13 years, was one of the first womyn to travel alone by plane, and collected over 145,000 specimens. Fifty of these specimens were named after her. Mexía was able to contribute so much to her field of study and paved the way for womyn to participate in research expeditions. Mexía has not received enough credit but as a womyn who fought against patriarchal, sexist, gendered ideals that create doubt about womyns’ abilities, she deserves more hype.

While Darwin’s theories are useful information, as an individual, I did not feel represented by an educated White man. I now realize how that reflected my beliefs of not feeling like I could pursue a STEM-related field.

To bridge the gap, we need to be more inclusive and have representation within our curriculum. We need to hear and tell the stories of BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ individuals throughout history. White supremacy is upheld the second you refuse to mention other groups that were also a part of that history.

It is fantastic to hear the concepts and frameworks that created the majors we choose to pursue, but as a BIPOC it is difficult to identify with the work of only white individuals.

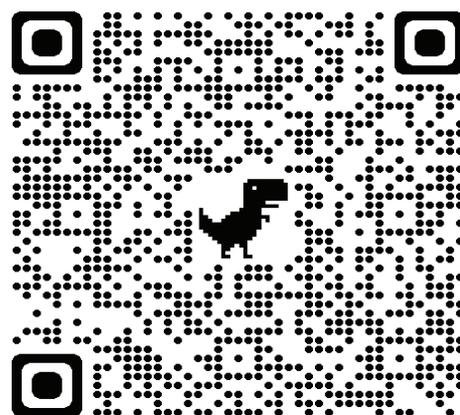
I am grateful for those professors who make an effort to bridge this gap and inspire Womyn, BIPOC, and LGBTQIA+ indi-

viduals by telling the stories that represent us. I only ask those who haven’t considered making an effort, to do better. As a society, we can only evolve when we feel represented and have the space to be heard and not be shut down by white supremacy.

I have added a list of conferences and organizations that do this work to inspire those who will need to rise above all odds despite being in the seat of marginalization. I hope this inspires and brings about awareness to all, do not let those limiting beliefs make you think you are incapable. We all have greatness within us that can contribute significantly to our Earth and those that coexist within it.



A portrait of Ynés Mexía stands between science texts | Photo by Mónica Jarquín Marcial



The same article in Spanish with a list of resources for BIPOC in stem.

Ynés Mexía: Necesitas aprender más sobre BIPOC en STEM

por Tania L. Estrada Rodriguez and Ciencia Para Todos
traducido por Mónica Jarquín Marcial

Al ser una muxer de primera generación y de color he ganado una perspectiva para ver lo que las instituciones carecen. Las instituciones educativas parecen mantener una identidad específica a altos estándares, un hombre blanco y educado siendo una. Vemos un ciclo de poder y privilegio que solamente unos cuantos individuos mantienen, esto llevó a cabo a la progresión de la ciencia con una perspectiva parcial y cuando lo que en verdad necesitamos es representación más equitativa en nuestra educación. Ynés Mexía fue capaz de contribuir tanto a su campo de estudio y merece más reconocimiento.

adopté la idea que muxeres no estaban involucradas en esta labor.

Estaba equivocada, Mexía había decidido empezar una carrera a finales de sus 50 años en la Universidad de California de Berkley. Ella hizo varias expediciones sola por 13 años, fue una de las primeras muxeres que viajó sola en un avión, y tomó muestras de más de 145.000 especímenes. Cincuenta de estos especímenes llevan su nombre. Mexía fue capaz de contribuir tanto a su campo de estudio y preparó el camino para que muxeres pudieran participar en expediciones de investigación. Mexía no ha recibido suficiente reconocimiento, pero como muxer que luchó contra el patriarcado, el sexismo, y ideales de género que han creado duda en las habilidades de muxeres, ella merece más reconocimiento.

Aunque las teorías de Darwin son información útil, como individuo, yo no me sentí representada por un hombre blanco y educado. Ahora me doy cuenta de que eso reflejó mis creencias, que no me sentía capaz de seguir una carrera en STEM.

Para salvar la distancia, necesitamos ser más inclusivos y tener más representación dentro de nuestros currículos. Necesitamos escuchar y contar las historias de individuos de la comunidad BIPOC y LGBTQIA+ a lo largo de la historia. La supremacía blanca es defendida el segundo que uno niega mencionar otras comunidades que también fueron partes de esa historia.

Es fantástico aprender los conceptos y marcos que crearon las carreras que elegimos seguir, pero como parte de la comunidad BIPOC es difícil identificarse con la labor de solamente individuos blancos.

Estoy agradecida con los profesores que cuentan las historias que representan a muxeres, personas de la comunidad BIPOC y de LGBTQIA+ y que hacen un esfuerzo para salvar la distancia. Yo solo le pido a los que no han considerado hacer un esfuerzo, que lo hagan. Como sociedad, solamente podemos evolucionar cuando todos nos sentimos representados y tenemos el lugar para ser escuchados y no ser silenciados por la supremacía blanca.

He añadido una lista de conferencias y organizaciones que trabajan para inspirar a los que tienen que superar obstáculos a pesar de ser marginalizados. Espero que esto inspire y crea conciencia a todos, no dejes que los que limitan las creencias te hagan sentir incapaz. Todos tenemos grandeza dentro de nosotros que puede contribuir significativamente a nuestra Tierra y a los que coexisten dentro de ella.

Aprendí por primera vez de Mexía por un compañero de mi clase de botánica. Su profesor enseñó una sección titulada “Contribuidores de botánica” para que los estudiantes aprendieran de las personas Negras, Indígenas, y de Color (Black Indigenous People of Color o BIPOC en inglés) quienes no han recibido suficiente reconocimiento por sus contribuciones al campo de Ciencias, Tecnología, Ingeniería y Matemáticas (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math o STEM en inglés).

Al aprender más de Mexía, averigüé que ella hizo labor similar a Darwin, sin embargo, ella y muchos otros nunca fueron mencionados en mi carrera educativa. Yo continuamente aprendía el mismo material de la teoría de la selección natural de Darwin, y en algún momento, pienso que

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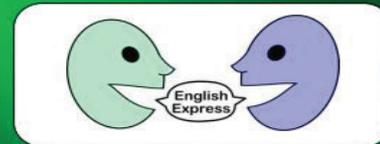
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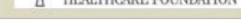


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