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# News Updates in Humboldt County

by La Leñadora Staff

Although Claudia Portillo, Arcata mother of four, had been detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and was denied a case review after being transferred to the Mesa Verde Detention Facility in Bakersfield as of Nov. 30, she may soon be returning home. According to her lawyer, Joseph LaCome, she now has a pending U visa and awaits to hear back from a filed appeal brief.

After six months on air, Radio Bilingüe has changed stations from 95.5 FM to 103.3 FM, increasing its power from 100 wattage to 3,000. In a Sept. interview on the matter, KHSU manager Peter Fretwell shared the difference in frequency range that could be made with the increase. “If we can get higher power at this site,” Fretwell said. “The resulting signal would be even stronger.” The move, however, is only temporary as KHSU awaits approval from the FCC for their new station filing on 107.7 FM.

The city of Arcata has reinstated the public forums that were put on the city’s agenda by David Josiah Lawson’s mother and HSU students, which were shut down after only four sessions. The first public forum since their abrupt end will be held at the D Street Neighborhood Center on March 22, 2018. Lawson’s mother has also agreed “that to protect the integrity of the case, there will be no more public updates on the investigation,” according to the San Francisco Bay View.

The Arcata City Council voted to remove the McKinley statue as well as the Jacoby Storehouse plaque on the Arcata plaza on Feb 23. It was a win for some community members after years of protesting as many thought the statue represented genocide.

# Noticias del Condado de Humboldt

por La Leñadora Staff

Aunque Claudia Portillo, madre de cuatro hijos de Arcata, había sido detenida por el Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas (ICE) y se le negó una revisión del caso luego de ser transferida al Centro de Detención Mesa Verde en Bakersfield, podría regresar pronto a casa. De acuerdo con su abogado, Joseph LaCome, ella ahora tiene una visa U pendiente y espera escuchar de un escrito de apelación presentado.

Después de seis meses en el aire, Radio Bilingüe ha cambiado las estaciones de 95.5 FM a 103.3 FM, aumentando su potencia de 100 vatios a 3.000. En una entrevista en septiembre sobre el asunto, el gerente de KHSU, Peter Fretwell, compartió la diferencia en el rango de frecuencia que podría hacerse con el aumento. “Si podemos obtener un mayor poder en este sitio”, dijo Fretwell. “La señal resultante sería aún más fuerte”. Sin embargo, el movimiento es solo temporal, ya que KHSU espera la aprobación de la FCC para su nueva presentación de la estación en 107.7 FM.

La ciudad de Arcata ha restablecido los foros públicos que fueron puestos en la agenda de la ciudad por la madre de David Josiah Lawson y los estudiantes de HSU, que se cerraron después de solo cuatro sesiones. El primer foro público desde su abrupto final se llevará a cabo en el D Street Neighborhood Center el 22 de marzo de 2018. La madre de Lawson también ha acordado “que para proteger la integridad del caso, no habrá más actualizaciones públicas sobre la investigación”. de acuerdo con la vista de la bahía de San Francisco.

El ayuntamiento de Arcata votó para eliminar la estatua de McKinley y la placa de Jacoby Storehouse en la plaza Arcata el 23 de febrero. Fue una victoria para algunos miembros de la comunidad después de años de protestas, ya que muchos pensaban que la estatua representaba el genocidio..

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# Teaching People About People

## New Award Winning Anthropology Professor

by Cassandra Caudillo

Stepping into a lecture hall in the Behavioral and Social Sciences building and looking out amongst a sea of 85 students can be overwhelming. As the students file in, talking to each other, the professor gets everyone's attention.

"Let's get started," says Claudia Chávez-Argüelles, the newest anthropology professor.

Chávez-Argüelles joined HSU in the fall of 2017 as an assistant professor. She teaches in an open discussion style where the class is mainly run by students' arguments and commentary. Prior to this she was a lawyer, but became an anthropologist and got her masters and doctorate in this field. She has shown everyone how possible it is to make big life changes successfully.

"When studying law my main concern was to work with indigenous struggles," Chávez-Argüelles said. "When I was working in civil and family law, that was not happening. So the way I wanted to connect my experience as a lawyer with indigenous struggles was through a field that I didn't know even existed. It's called legal anthropology. I realized that's what I wanted to do all my life."

### Past Accomplishments

Chávez-Argüelles has done exceedingly well in anthropology. Not only has she published a book with a team of partners that is now being used at multiple college campuses, but she also won a prestigious award. In November of 2017, she won the Fray Bernardino de Sahagún award, presented by the National Institute of Anthropology and History, for the best dissertation in ethnology and social anthropology. This was an open award that accepted applicants nationwide in Mexico. Her dissertation focused on the case of the Acteal massacre in Chiapas in 1997 and on Maya survivors' struggle for truth and justice.

"I was not expecting to get a good response," Chávez-Argüelles said. "The topics I conducted research on are very controversial, so I was just testing the waters to see what would be the reaction. I felt that activists' research was validated by specialists in social anthropology, by the jury that saw the proposals and dissertations in this topic."

### Impact at HSU

In the past two semesters, she has taught cultural anthropology as well as Latin American studies and visual anthropology.

"She's amazing," Marisol Cortes-Rincon, anthropology department chair said. "She's one of those people that look great on paper and when



Claudia Chávez-Argüelles, prestigious award winning anthropology professor. | Photo courtesy of Department of Anthropology website.

you talk to her, it's just astonishing. She's turning out to be a fabulous colleague and we're very lucky to have her here."

In the many classes Chávez-Argüelles teaches, there were kind words to be said. Claire Walton, one of her teaching assistants, shared how Chávez-Argüelles's ethnic background aided her effectiveness in the classroom.

"I really appreciate that kind of perspective coming in," Walton said. "It gives a different perspective on the class. It's a refreshing change. She's very approachable as a person too. She also gives a lot of room to be open and discuss things."

### Personal Life

Being in the United States, more than two thousand miles away from her family back home in Mexico City, she often misses them. And although she does go back every opportunity she gets to visit them, she finds it difficult to be so far from them.

Growing up, her parents had taken her to different parts of the world, Europe, India, South America. She grew up with the knowledge that it was important to learn about and immerse yourself in different cultures.

"I like to challenge the way I see the world and these trips had me challenge the way I saw myself," Chávez-Argüelles said. "Anthropology was a part of my formation without knowing it, even when I didn't know it was anthropology. It set in my head a set of questions that accompanied me as I grew up, and later in life I realized that anthropology would allow me to better understand those questions and to try to answer them."

# Educando a las personas sobre las personas

## La nueva profesora de antropología en HSU

por Cassandra Caudillo

traducido por Itzel Tirado

Entrar a el salón frente al edificio de ciencias sociales y de comportamiento y ver hacia el mar que son 85 estudiantes es abrumador, también lo es tomar asiento justo en el medio de el aula y mirar alrededor sólo para toparse con paredes blancas e insípidas con la profesora captando toda la atención de sus estudiantes. Esta profesora que parece atender a su clase justo como la clase parece atenderla a ella es la nueva profesora de antropología de la Universidad Estatal de Humboldt, Claudia Chávez-Argüelles. Ella maneja su clase con un estilo de discusión abierta donde la clase es impulsada por comentarios y argumentos. El cambio que ella tomó de ser abogada a convertirse en antropóloga y conseguir su maestría y doctorado en este campo le ha demostrado a todos que tan posible es lograr hacer cambios grandes efectivamente en su vida.

"Al estudiar, mi enfoque principal fue trabajar con la lucha indígena", Dijo Chávez-Argüelles. "Cuando estaba trabajando en Derecho Civil y Familiar, no hice esto. Así que la manera en la que decidí unir mi experiencia como una abogada y la lucha indígena fue a través de un campo que ni siquiera sabía que existía. Este campo es antropología jurídica. Descubrí que eso era lo que quería hacer con mi vida"

### Logros Pasados

A Chávez-Argüelles le ha ido muy bien en el campo de antropología. No sólo ha trabajado con un grupo de asociados para publicar un libro que ahora está siendo utilizado en múltiples campus universitarios, pero además ha recibido un premio de prestigio. En noviembre del 2017, Chávez-Argüelles ganó el premio Fray Bernardino de Sahagún, presentado por el Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia a la mejor disertación en etnología y antropología social. Este es un premio abierto que acepta aplicantes a través de la República Mexicana. El enfoque principal de su disertación fue el caso de la Matanza de Acteal de 1997 en Chiapas y la lucha de los Mayas por justicia y transparencia.

"No esperaba recibir una reacción positiva", Dijo Chávez-Argüelles. "Los temas que investigué son muy controversiales así que estaba 'tanteando el terreno' para ver qué clase de respuesta iba a recibir. Sentí que la investigación de los activistas fue validada por los especialistas en antropología social gracias a el juzgado que vio las proposiciones y las disertaciones alrededor del tema."

# What is WASC and Why Are They Visiting?

## HSU is up for reaccreditation

by Mónica Ramirez

Attention all lifeforms, our planet Humboldt State University, “the peaceful forest world,” needs our help to reaffirm the institution’s accreditation. Multiple computers across campus have had their home screen changed to say “WASC REVIEW” in “Star Wars” lettering, but many students might not even know what it means.

In case you haven’t read the email that was sent by the university on March 1, the email includes all the details about the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), commonly known as WASC, that will be visiting our campus from March 21-23.

Along with an itinerary for their three-day visit and the roster of the visiting review team, the email provides you with a link to the [wasc.humboldt.edu](http://wasc.humboldt.edu) site where the 2017 WSCUC Institutional Report is. The report includes 38 appendixes on various departments and programs on campus and was submitted in July.

According to a statement made by President Lisa Rossbacher on the site, the WSCUC review team will “assess HSU’s degree programs, educational quality, student success, quality assurance and improvement, and institutional sustainability and fiscal stability.”

The team will also see how Humboldt State improved based off of previous recommendations.

When the team arrives they will go over specific areas of interest that are listed in the WSCUC Accreditation Informational Flyer such as: meeting retention goals, leadership continuity efforts like the 2025 Graduation Initiative, sustaining initiatives like RAMP, aligning the budget with resources and many more.

English major, Mireya Ortega, said that she had received the email, but not before one of her professors vaguely brought it up in class.

“A professor showed it in my class,” Ortega said. “I don’t know much about it. I just know they give us accreditation.”

### How does accreditation affect students?

According to the WSCUC website, “The WASC Senior College and University Commission is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as certifying institutional eligibility for federal funding in a number of programs, including student access

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to federal financial aid.”

In other words, without accreditation, HSU would not be eligible to receive federal government aid which funds students’ Pell Grant, Federal Work-Study, GEAR-UP, or HSI STEM. All of which provide beneficial opportunities to hundreds of students like you on our campus.

### What happens during an accreditation visit?

According to Interim Vice Provost, Rock Braithwaite said, “during the site visit a review team evaluates evidence and interviews our campus community regarding a number of educational effectiveness and academic quality indicators.”

However, some students don’t always read emails sent by the school so you could argue that Humboldt State doesn’t do the best in terms of getting students on board.

“They have to tell students what their feedback does because if people don’t know why students don’t know what they’re trying to achieve,” Ortega said.

### How can students contribute during our reaccreditation visit?

“Students, staff, and faculty are encouraged to participate in the open forums to their perspectives and/or ask questions related to the lines of inquiry,” Braithwaite said. “We are confident going into our reaffirmation site visit.”

Ortega had noticed on the wallpaper that the school is accepting student input but wanted more detail on how it applies to the accreditation process.

“If the program [WSCUC] is looking for information on how classes are going then the data would be very different versus if they were looking at the resources on campus like mental health or POC or LGBT spaces,” Ortega said.

Students and faculty are still able to give their input by emailing [hsu@wscuc.org](mailto:hsu@wscuc.org) and an email with an updated schedule will be sent out soon including the times and locations for the open forums.



Illustration by Cassaundra Caudillo

### Impacto en HSU

Chávez-Argüelles llegó a HSU en otoño del 2017 como profesora asistente en el departamento de antropología. En estos dos semestres pasados, ella nos ha enseñado antropología cultural además de cursos de antropología.

“Ella es increíble,” dijo la presidenta del departamento de antropología, Marisol Cortés-Ricon. “Es una de esas personas cuya primera impresión en papel es magnífica y que al hablar con ella es simplemente impresionante. Es una compañera de trabajo fantástica, nos sentimos muy afortunados de tenerla aquí.”

En las varias clases que Chávez-Argüelles ha enseñado, han habido bastantes cumplidos. Una de sus asistentes, Claire Walton, compartió como el historial de Chávez-Argüelles mejora su efectividad en el aula.

“Aprecio bastante la perspectiva con la que viene”, dijo Walton. “Nos otorga una perspectiva diferente en la clase. Es un cambio refrescante. Ella es una persona bastante accesible y nos da espacio para hablar abiertamente y discutir cosas.”

### Vida personal

Al estar en los Estados Unidos, a más de dos mil millas de su familia en la Ciudad de México; Ella frecuentemente los echa de menos. Aunque va de vuelta a cada oportunidad que se ofrece para visitarlos; se le dificulta estar tan lejos de ellos.

Sus padres la llevaron a diferentes partes del mundo desde muy pequeña: Europa, India, América del Sur. Ella creció con el punto de vista de que es importante aprender e involucrarse con culturas diferentes.

“Me gusta poner a prueba la manera en la que veo el mundo y estos viajes me hicieron poner a prueba la manera en la que me veo a mi misma.” dijo Chávez-Argüelles. “La antropología fue una parte de mi formación sin que yo lo supiera, incluso cuando no sabía que era la antropología.

Dejó conmigo una serie de preguntas que me acompañaron al crecer, y que, a lo largo de mi vida me di cuenta de que la antropología podría permitirme un mejor entendimiento de estas preguntas y una manera de como conseguir las respuestas.”



# Meet Renee Saucedo

Community organizer in Humboldt County

by Iridian Casarez



Renee Saucedo standing in front of her NHWU office in Eureka.  
photo by Iridian Casarez

Renee Saucedo, a Chicana from San Francisco, has dedicated her life to activism and organizing. Since moving to Humboldt seven years ago, she has been seen spearheading rallies, marching on the streets and protesting outside of the Humboldt County Courthouse.

"I became passionate about organizing because it is the main way that one could make meaningful social change in our country," Saucedo said.

## Where it All Began

Saucedo began organizing as a college student at University California, Berkeley while studying political science. Her passion for organizing started in 1983 when the U.S. invaded Grenada. "I was morally outraged and I didn't know what to do," Saucedo said. "I was then exposed for the first time to protest as away to cause change."

Over the years Saucedo joined anti-war, immigrant rights, racial, and economic justice movements.

After finishing her undergraduate degree and law school she worked for La Raza Centro Legal, a grassroots legal center that advocates for civil and human rights for Latinos, immigrants

and low-income communities in the Bay Area.

"Organizing is all about demanding," Saucedo said. "Everything in this country from the Civil Rights Movement to Labor Rights has been granted because people demanded it."

## To Humboldt County

Saucedo moved here with her husband and son for the slow and friendly lifestyle.

"She's a very chingona role model," said Xochitl Cabrera, HSU student and Fortuna local, who has worked with Saucedo for more than a year. "She's been a part of the community for a long time. She's understanding, takes initiative, and has a big heart."

Saucedo has worked with the Wiyot Tribe, True North and most recently at College of the Redwoods as Director of Student Equity until she was placed on administrative leave for undisclosed reasons last April.

"When you're advocating for students and students of color some people feel threatened," Saucedo said. Two dozen students and faculty protested and got her reinstated.

She now works at the National



Renee begins the journey to push for sanctuary city at the Fortuna Police Dept.  
photo by Briana Yah-Diaz

Union of Healthcare Workers helping ensure good working conditions for employees, and is a part of the leadership at Centro del Pueblo.

## Centro Del Pueblo

Centro del Pueblo, a grassroots organization that works in Humboldt County to organize immigrants' rights and works to dismantle systems of oppressions faced by the Latinx community. Centro del Pueblo formed as a response to Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids last year.

"We are a source of information," Saucedo said. "I get emails from people asking me if there are I.C.E. agents in some part of town and we ask around until we find out."

Saucedo works with many HSU students who are also a part of Centro del Pueblo including Brenda Perez, a P.h.D. student from Mexico city.

"Renee is very honest, assertive, and has a great passion for social justice," Perez said. "[Centro del Pueblo is] here because of her. We believe in what she's doing. She's a great leader."

## The Fight for Sanctuary Law

Centro del Pueblo, under Saucedo's leadership, is working to make

Humboldt County a sanctuary county, meaning ICE would not be allowed to use county resources. Cabrera said it would also help parents who get deported have a say in where their children, who are U.S. citizens, would stay.

"Although this isn't going to prevent ICE from coming in, it is going to make their job harder," Saucedo said.

Centro del Pueblo needs to collect 8,000 signatures to get the sanctuary law on the ballot in November. As of March 1 Centro del Pueblo has 600 signatures.

## Organizing Saved her Mother

At the beginning of last year Saucedo's mom was deported. Saucedo is her mother's primary caregiver. By pressuring congressional leaders to pressure the Department of Homeland Security, Saucedo was able to bring her mother back to the U.S.

"We need to take that pain and suffering that we feel, if it's for immigration issues or workers rights issue," Saucedo said. "And we need to channel it in a positive way by coming together, forming relationships and supporting one another and organizing to make changes so that we don't have to suffer anymore."



# Conoce a Renee Saucedo

## Organizador de la comunidad en el condado de Humboldt

por Iridian Casarez

traducido por Anthony Alonzo-Pereira

Renee Saucedo, una Chicana de San Francisco, ha dedicado su vida al activismo y a la organización comunitaria. Desde que se mudó a Humboldt hace siete años, ha estado encabezando manifestaciones, marchando en las calles y protestando frente al palacio de justicia del condado de Humboldt.

“Me volví apasionada por la organización comunitaria porque es la mejor manera por la cual uno puede hacer cambios significantes en nuestro país,” dijo Saucedo.

### Donde todo comenzó

Saucedo comenzó a organizar cuando era estudiante en la Universidad de California, Berkeley mientras estudiaba Ciencia Política. Su pasión para organizar empezó en el año 1983, cuando los Estados Unidos invadió a Granada. “Estaba moralmente indignada y no sabía que hacer, dijo Saucedo. “Después fui expuesta por primera vez a la protesta como una forma de causar cambios.”

Saucedo se unió a varias organizaciones a través de los años que formaban parte de movimientos anti-guerra, derechos de inmigrantes, y justicia racial y económica.

Al recibir su licenciatura y después de graduarse en derecho, comenzó a trabajar para La Raza Centro Legal, un centro legal que empodera a la gente Latina, a inmigrantes, y a comunidades de bajo ingreso en el Área de la Bahía a que defiendan sus derechos humanos y civiles.

“La organización comunitaria se trata de hacer demandas,” dice Saucedo.

“Todo en este país, desde los derechos civiles a los derechos laborales, ha llegado a pasar porque la gente lo demandó.”

### El Condado de Humboldt

Saucedo se relocizó aquí con su esposo e hijo por el estilo de vida lento y amable.

“Es un modelo a seguir muy chingona,” dijo Xochitl Cabrera, estudiante de la Universidad Estatal Humboldt y residente de Fortuna. “Ha

formado parte de la comunidad por mucho tiempo. Es una persona comprensiva, toma la iniciativa y tiene un gran corazón.”

Saucedo ha trabajado con la tribu wiyot, True North, y recientemente como Directora de Igualdad Estudiantil en College of the Redwoods hasta que fue puesta en licencia administrativa el pasado Abril por razones no divulgadas.

“Cuando estas abogando por estudiantes y estudiantes de color, alguna gente se siente amenazada,” dijo Saucedo. Veinticuatro estudiantes y miembros de la facultad protestaron y fue reinstalada.

Ahora ella trabaja en la Union Nacional de Trabajadores de Cuidado de la Salud (National Union of Healthcare Workers) asegurando buenas condiciones para empleados y forma parte del liderazgo en el Centro del Pueblo.

### Centro del Pueblo

Centro del Pueblo, una organización de base que trabaja en el condado de Humboldt para organizar derechos migratorios y busca desarmar sistemas de opresión enfrentados por la comunidad Latinx. Centro del Pueblo se formó como respuesta a las redadas departe del Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas (ICE) el año pasado.

“Somos una fuente de información,” dijo Saucedo. “Recibo correos electrónicos preguntándome si hay agentes de ICE en alguna parte de la ciudad y nosotros investigamos hasta



Renee advocating for sanctuary county at the Eureka Courthouse. | Photo by Briana Yah-Diaz

encontrar la respuesta.”

Saucedo trabaja con muchos estudiantes universitarios que también forman parte del Centro del Pueblo, incluyendo Brenda Perez, una estudiante de doctorado de Ciudad Mexico.

“Renee es muy honesta, asertiva y tiene una gran pasión por la justicia social,” dice Perez. “[El Centro del Pueblo] existe por ella. Creemos en lo que esta haciendo. Es una gran líder.

### Lucha por la ley santuaria

El Centro del Pueblo, bajo el liderazgo de Saucedo, esta trabajando para convertir a Humboldt en un condado santuario, queriendo decir que ICE no sería permitido usar recursos del condado. Cabrera dice que esto también ayudara a que padres que son deportados puedan decidir en donde sus hijos, quienes son ciudadanos, se irán a quedar.

“Aunque esto no va prevenir que ICE venga, va hacer su trabajo mucho

mas difícil,” dijo Saucedo.

El Centro del Pueblo necesita coleccionar 8,000 firmas para poner la ley santuaria en la papeleta de Noviembre. Hasta el primero de marzo, el Centro del Pueblo tiene 600 firmas.

### La organización comunitaria salvo a su madre

Al principio del año pasado, la madre de Saucedo fue deportada. Saucedo es la cuidadora principal de su madre. A través de aplicar presión a líderes congresistas para que ellos apliquen presión al Departamento de Seguridad Nacional, Saucedo pudo traer a su madre de regreso a los Estados Unidos.

“Necesitamos que tomar nuestro dolor y sufrimiento, si es por derechos migratorios y laborales, dice Saucedo, “y lo tenemos que encañalar de una manera positiva al unirnos, formando relaciones y apoyándonos uno al otro y organizado para traer cambios y para que no tengamos que sufrir mas.”



# Artist Profile: jdelilah

## Local rapper makes waves in a musical movement

by Meg Bezak

A curly-haired rapper grips a mic as stage lights and cell phone flashes bounce off of her toothy smile. The rhythmic beat drops and with it, her lyrics flow.

Jerrina Delilah Alverio, 25, an up-and-coming artist in the local music scene, was born and raised in San Francisco and has been living in Arcata for seven years. But it wasn't until last year that she started taking up music.

"The first time I ever recorded was in March of 2017," Alverio said. "I had just gotten out of a relationship and I was in my feelings, so I heard a beat and wrote the song right then and there. That's how it is with most of my songs right now, I just feel it and go for it."

The artist's career pursuit has been anything but linear. After entertaining the idea years ago as a joke, she ironically finds herself under spotlights in front of audiences regularly now a days.

"I've told myself that rapping was a joke since high school," Alverio said. "As a freshman, I'd be high with my friends and just rap and sing. 'I'm gonna be a rapper if college don't work out,' I'd say. I'm pursuing music now, all of a sudden. I'm deciding at 25 to go on stage and share my shit. It blows my mind. I feel really blessed."

To date, Alverio has performed at Bay Blooms floral shop in the Mission District of San Francisco, the Enchanted Forest Music Festival River Stage, Humboldt County's 2017 Summer Arts and Music Festival, Eureka's Little Red Lion Lounge and

Arcata venues Portuguese Hall and The Jambalaya.

"Relationships, school, work, it's all morphing what my music becomes," Alverio said. "I don't really know what the genre is going to be called but these ladies that are doing things in the industry now are making it easier for me to get up in there. When I was starting my music I was like, 'Where do I start? How am I represented?'" Alverio said. "Women like Kehlani and Cardi B and Jhene Aiko and SZA have set and paved the way."

Looking at her identity in the context of other powerful musicians who also identify as women, Alverio puts it into play with the people she collaborates with. A singer and rapper in local music group Nada Crew, she credits the group members for pushing her to write and develop as an artist.

"When I try to incorporate people around me, I'm thinking about what we can literally do together," Alverio said. "And that's how Nada Crew happened. It's kind of like the new Wu-Tang or something."

Acclaimed as the backbone of Nada Crew, DJ Nada Clue produces the sounds that jdelilah and fellow crew members Shaliq da Spitta, Swift the Artiz and Traac, write lyrics and perform live in venues across Arcata and Eureka.

"Nada Clue is the one who reminds me that there is a small Hip Hop community, but we're apart of that," Alverio said. "There could be a lot more people and there could be better venues but the things out here are EDM and country music. Hip Hop heals our soul."

As for Alverio's artist name, it serves as an alias with attitude. The stage and audience ignite the personality of her alter ego, jdelilah, where her first name, Jerrina, meets her middle name, Delilah.

"My middle name is Delilah," Alverio said. "I knew that my rap personality was going to have a little bit of an alter ego so I didn't want to affiliate Jerrina."

jdelilah is networking her way through a musical movement in Humboldt County as a member of Nada Crew as well as performing as a solo artist. Her solo EP called "Emotional Loop" is due to be released this spring.

"It's crazy because we're in this little town and eventually you're going to have to leave it," Alverio said. "I'm trying to network everywhere. I would like to move forward and expand this movement that has developed. I'm excited."



Jerrina Alverio, also known as jdelilah, started her rapping career at 25. She is a member of Nada Crew and a solo performer. | Photo by Emilyo Arias



jdelilah will be dropping an solo EP this spring.  
Source: Instagram @jdelilah





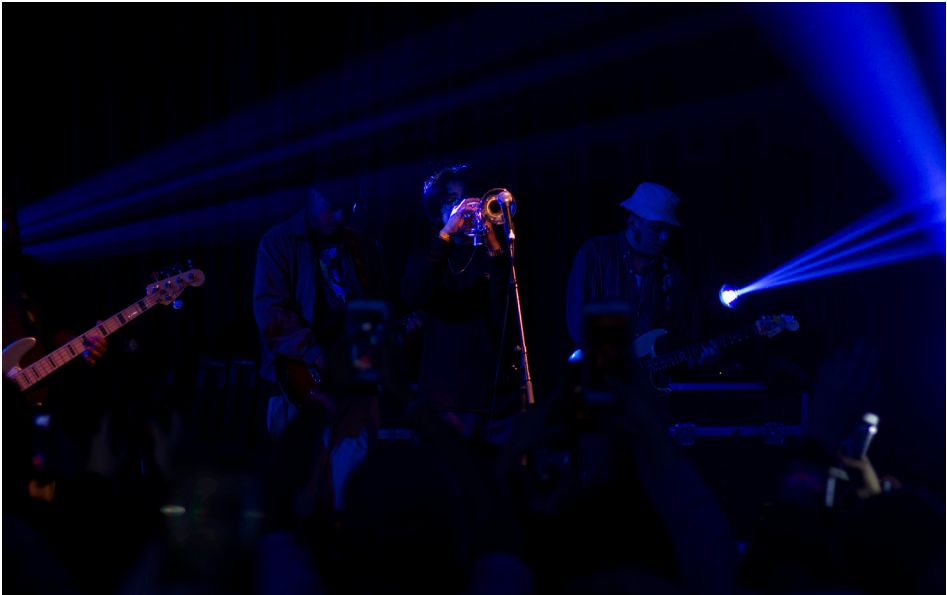
# Cuco Comes to HSU

by Katherine Miron

On Feb. 21 Hawthorne native Omar Banos also known as Cuco visited Humboldt State. Accompanied by trumpets and guitars Cuco put on quite the show to a sold-out crowd in the Kate Buchanan Room. Jasper Bones and August Eve opened up the show for the rising star. Cuco had the audience captivated by the heartbreak tunes they knew every word to.



Teenage heartthrob Cuco performing at his sold out show. | Photo by Diego Linares



Cuco playing his trumpet for his hit single “Lo Que Siento.” | Photo by Diego Linares



August Eve performing on the keys for the opening act. | Photo by Diego Linares



Guitarist Breeze, indulging in the spotlight. | Photo by Diego Linares



Jasper Bones, chicano wavy-soul guitarist, opening act. | Photo by Diego Linares



# A (Hair) Cut Above the Rest

Sanders Grooming Lounge serves clients and the community

by Héctor Arzate

Humming electric clippers and thumping rap beats fill the room. A man with a coiled crown of hair reclines on a leather chair to get comfortable because getting braids can be a lengthy process. The sweet smells of warm shea butter lend a sense of comfort to soften the man's head.

"In Black culture, we're very picky about our barbers," said Jordan Eagans, a Eureka resident. "This is the only spot I'll come to let anyone touch my hair."

As a regular client at Sanders Grooming Lounge and Supply (219 2nd Street in Eureka), Eagans frequents the shop on a monthly basis to see his barber and shop owner, Shay Sanders, for any hair braiding needs.

"I think we're going on two years now," said Eagans. "Every month, she hooks me up."

## Grass Roots

Initially, Shay began cutting hair as a hobby after moving from the Orlando area of Florida nearly 10 years ago. Taking cues from the landscaping business ran by her late grandfather, Bobby Sanders, she wanted to start her own business.

"When I came to Humboldt, I was trying to figure out how I could establish myself," said Shay. "I always wanted to be like my grandfather. He owned his own business named Sanders Lawn Service but he wouldn't let me take over because I was a lady. He didn't feel like ladies should be outside in the hot Florida sun."

Despite his objections, however, Shay drew inspiration from her grandfather's words.

"It came to me while I was mowing the lawn," said Shay. "Instead of cutting grass, I decided to cut hair."

## Humboldt Beginnings

After receiving her professional cosmetology license, Shay started Sanders Grooming Lounge in late 2015 with the help of her wife Laurie Sanders and barber Matt Garcia. Since opening the shop, Shay has seen an increase in business as well as a need



5-year-old Iva Savage looks in the mirror, satisfied with her purple braided extensions. | Photo by Emilyo Arias

to accommodate more customers by hiring J.B., an additional barber, and has even taken on her wife as a full-time manager.

"She needed me here full time so I quit my job to help support her and build her business," said Laurie.

For some community members, finding the right barbershop to get a clean cut can be challenging, especially in the north coast. As a business that is largely dependent on establishing a clientele base, the hope is to draw more clients in by expanding its stylists.

"I came here to get a cut by one of the best barbers in Eureka, California," said Wayne Polk, a resident of Eureka.

"I've consistently been with J.B since I first moved up here sixteen months ago. It's kind of hard to find a good barber. Once you find that good barber, you know I'm gonna stick with him. I don't plan on going anywhere else."

## More than just a haircut

The business also doubles as a hair supply shop. Whether it's extensions and braids or hair care products, the lounge is stocked. The lounge also makes an effort to serve everyone who makes their way inside.

"I serve all kinds of people," said Shay. "Male, female, non binary, short hair, long hair, braids, curly hair, straight hair, anyone and everybody. You'll see

them coming through my chair."

As one of the few Black women owned salon and supply shops in Humboldt County, Shay hopes to build community with everyone and see more support for other businesses.

"I'm all about community building," said Shay. "I'm only one person. We can't serve everybody and so we have to network with other people. ... We're all a community together, so the more the merrier."

According to Tanza Triggs, Associate Dean for Student Engagement and Leadership, there is hope to have more resources available for students at Humboldt State University (HSU) who





Shay gets a grip to tighten Jordan Eagan's braids. | Photo by Héctor Arzate



Sanders Grooming Lounge and Supply sits on 219 2nd Street in Old Town Eureka. | Photo by Héctor Arzate



Shay works the electric clippers to clean up AJ's sides. | Photo by Héctor Arzate



J.B., right, lines up Vante's hair line. In the back, Matt blends in Rafael's fade. Photo by Héctor Arzate

may be having a difficult time having their hair care needs met.

"Why not have some pop ups on campus and be able to have students come get a cut or a style?" said Triggs. "[Shay is] trying to connect to the university. She's aware of the needs of the African American students but the great thing about her shop is that they

do everybody. It doesn't matter if you're a person of color, they're gonna find a way to help you out."

However, the chance of having Shay or other hair stylists come to campus will take some concerted effort with both Triggs and HSU's Risk Management and Safety Services to make it a reality.

"It's all of our responsibility to address the needs of students," said Triggs. "In my opinion, Shay could fulfill that need, especially for students of color.... I'm still gonna try to make it work, it's just gonna take some effort."

Regardless, Shay plans on building positive connections with anyone who walks through the doors, one cut at a

time.

"What I do isn't just to cut their hair," said Shay. "Your barber is also your therapist, your family, your everything.... The greatest experience is when I'm giving all this love and they turn around and they feel it.... That's everything to me, more than the money really."



# Resources for Womxn in Humboldt County

by Yolena Ramirez

When times get difficult, sometimes the best thing one can do is accept help. There are many organizations in Humboldt County that are hidden gems that help womxn of cultures. These organizations offer free services to womxn who need any kind of support during times of crisis.

Mary Sue Savage, active member of the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee of Humboldt University and coordinator of the CHECK IT organization, has provided several local organizations that provide services and resources. The following organizations offer personalized counseling, free confidential support, reports and support for future elections, healing processes and resource materials which are also available in Spanish: Humboldt Domestic Violence Services, North Coast Rape Crisis Team and Humboldt State Campus Defender Team.

Humboldt Domestic Violence Services: 24-hour hotline: (707) 443-6042  
North Coast Crisis Team: 24-hours hotline: (707) 445-2881  
HSU Campus Advocate Team Crisis 24-hour hotline: 707.445.2881

In addition to these organizations, Humboldt also has Two Feathers Native American Family Services (707) 839-1933 that provides counseling, crisis intervention and healing events to indigenous individuals and families who have endured domestic or family violence.

## Recursos Para Mujeres En El Condado De Humboldt

por Yolena Ramirez

traducido por Yolena Ramirez

Cuando los tiempos se ponen difíciles, a veces lo mejor que uno puede hacer es aceptar ayuda. Hay muchas organizaciones en el condado de Humboldt que son gemas ocultas donde ayudan a mujeres de todo tipo de culturas. Estas organizaciones ofrecen servicios gratis a mujeres que necesitan cualquier tipo de apoyo durante momentos de crisis.

Mary Sue Savage, miembro activa del Comité de Prevención de Agresiones Sexuales de la Universidad de Humboldt y coordinadora de la organización CHECK IT, proporciona varias organizaciones locales que brindan servicios y recurso. Las siguientes organizaciones ofrecen consejería personalizada, apoyo confidencial gratuito, informes y apoyo para futuras elecciones, procesos de curación y materiales de recursos disponibles en español: Humboldt Domestic Violence Services, North Coast Rape Crisis Team y Humboldt State Campus Equipo defensor.

Servicios de violencia doméstica de Humboldt: línea directa las 24 horas: (707) 443-6042  
Equipo de crisis de la Costa Norte: línea directa las 24 horas: (707) 445-2881  
Equipo de defensor del campus de HSU: línea directa las 24 horas: (707) 445-2881

Además de estas organizaciones, Humboldt también cuenta con Two Feathers Native American Family Services (707) 839-1933 que brinda asesoramiento, intervención en casos de crisis y eventos de curación a individuos y familias indígenas que sufren violencia doméstica o familiar.

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### A Poem for You

by Briana Yah-Diaz

I write this for you,  
to the resilient reinxs.  
You are loved endlessly,  
you are power and grace  
A fighter pushing through all challenges,  
creator of your own destiny  
Like the great Maya Angelou said "phenomenal womxn"  
that's you  
You are divine,  
as you have been from the start  
The womxn you can be,  
The womxn you want to be  
Your voice alone is strong,  
don't let anyone silence you  
Womxn of strength and womxn of courage,  
we move forward when we recognize our power  
Amen..  
A-WOMXN.



# #IAmAMenstruator Campaign Launched

## Student Aims to Make HSU More Period Positive

by Sinhai Dorantes

Stomach bloating, back aches and sporadic cramps. An unexpected visit from Mother Nature can make you feel insecure. You turn to a friend, hoping she has an extra pad or tampon for you to discreetly tuck away as you make your way to the bathroom.

Marilyn Villalba has frequently witnessed her fellow classmates go through this scenario, which is why she started to carry around a bag full of pads and tampons during her junior year of high school.

"I knew people had been doing this forever," Villalba said. "They hide their products, so I just came up with the idea when I got a bag for Christmas. Every time someone asks, 'Do you have something?' I just give them the bag and say, 'Take what you need and bring it back.'"

Villalba, a criminology and justice major, is working on her senior capstone project called #IAmAMenstruator. The inspiration for the idea struck when she started noticing that the pad and tampon dispensaries in the campus bathrooms were being removed.

Facilities Management does not stock menstrual products in the bathroom dispensaries and do not keep track of which bathrooms still have them. The University Center does however, have a list of which bathrooms have dispensaries but have no records of when they are or aren't being restocked. Several attempts to reach Facilities Management and the University Center were made but no response was given.

**#IAmAMenstruator Project**

Currently, Villalba is in the research stage of her project and just received approval from the Institutional Review Board to conduct surveys and interviews. She created an Instagram page called @iamamenstruator to promote a period positive dialogue.

"The whole goal is to give empowerment to the idea that we get a period and we shouldn't continue to feel oppressed or bothered because of a simple bodily function," Villalba said. "So we are trying to make it as

inclusive as possible by moving away from the language, 'women who menstruate' to 'people who menstruate' to 'menstruators.'"

Villalba has been giving out free menstrual products that she has paid out of her own pocket, which is why she has started a GoFundMe page and is also looking for sponsors.

### Menstrual Resources at HSU

The Women's Resource Center (WRC) and the Peer Health Education Center currently provide free menstrual products. According to Justine Valverde, volunteer and outreach coordinator for the WRC, they are accepting student suggestions on how to better accommodate their needs.

"We have free pads, tampons, DivaCups, snacks, and a heating pad for students to come in and use," Valverde said. "We want to hear what students want and get more ideas on resources for all students."

Campus Health Educator Ravin Craig and Associated Students are also working on a project to put free menstrual products in bathrooms on campus within the next couple of weeks.

"We have done some research and asked for money from [Associated Students]," Craig said. "We have a couple thousand dollars to pilot the project to buy some tampons and pads, and put them in some of the most heavily used bathrooms on campus."

Villalba plans to submit her research findings to HSU's president and provost as well as present it at this year's annual



Marilyn Villalba holding her bag and the menstrual products she keeps inside it. Photo by Sinhai Dorantes

ideaFest on April 19.

"What I want for people is, I want them to stop feeling discouraged or embarrassed about something our bodies have to go through regularly," Villalba said. "I want people to challenge themselves and at least become comfortable with the idea of talking about it."

**Anyone interested in participating in the project or getting more information can contact Villalba by email at [mev148@humboldt.edu](mailto:mev148@humboldt.edu).**



Marilyn Villalba's personal bag filled with pads and tampons. Photo by Sinhai Dorantes



# Books and Breakfast

## Resources for families in Humboldt County

by Yolena Ramirez

Humboldt State University's Women's Resource Center started a monthly book themed event that introduces and provides local community members a variety of books and breakfast. This event is designed to fill the resource gap between the university and local community members that lack access to books.

In the spring of 2017, Alejandra Aguilar Ruiz who was the founder of this community event, has passed down her responsibilities to Tania Cubas who now coordinates the event, and is seeking grant money and book donations for the monthly event.

These events have been based in Fortuna and Loleta because of the abundant Spanish-speaking community members.

"The goal of this event is to provide books that helps create intersectionality in Humboldt County to encourage diversity and unification through books and community engagement," Cubas said.

The next "Libros con Desayuno" in late March is still pending on a date and time but is said to be located in Fortuna or Loleta.

This event was inspired by a social justice activist organization based in Ferguson, Missouri. Hands Up United provides informative literature in order to increase resources to combat social issues while providing community members breakfast.



"Libros con Desayuno", is held once a month at the MCC | Illustration by Gichi Viramontes

## Libros con Desayuno

### Recursos para familias en el condado de Humboldt

por Yolena Ramirez

traducido por Yolena Ramirez

El Centro de Recursos para Mujeres de la Universidad Estatal Humboldt comenzó un evento temático mensual de libros que presenta y ofrece a los miembros de la comunidad una variedad de libros y desayunos. Este evento está diseñado para llenar el vacío de recursos entre la Universidad y los miembros de la comunidad que no tienen acceso a libros.

Alejandra Aguilar Ruiz, quien estableció este evento comunitario en la primavera del 2017, ha transferido sus responsabilidades a Tania Cubas, quien ahora coordina

el evento y está buscando donaciones de libros y comida.

Estos eventos se han basado en Fortuna y Loleta debido a la abundancia de miembros de la comunidad que hablan español.

"El objetivo de este evento es proporcionar libros que ayuden a crear interseccionalidad en el condado de Humboldt para fomentar la diversidad y la unificación a través de libros y el compromiso de la comunidad" dijo Cubas.

El próximo evento de Libros con Desayuno a fines de marzo todavía está pendiente en la fecha y hora, pero se dice que será en Fortuna o Loleta.

Este evento fue inspirado por una organización activista de justicia social con sede en Ferguson, Missouri. Hands Up United proporciona literatura informativa con el fin de aumentar los recursos para combatir los problemas sociales mientras se proporciona desayuno a los miembros de la comunidad.



# Songs That Make Us Feel Empowered

by La Leñadora Staff

- Eye of the Tiger by Survivor
- Girl On Fire (Inferno Version) by Alicia Keys
- Paramedic! by SOB X RBE
- Reality Check by Noname
- God’s Plan by Drake
- All The Stars by Kendrick Lamar ft. SZA
- Partition by Beyonce
- Love On The Brain by Rihanna
- Don’t Stop Me Now by Queen
- Don’t Stop Believin’ by Journey

## You’re Looking At A Womxn, Not Weakness

Should womxn be called girls?

by Mónica Ramirez

Think about this, you’re waiting to be seated at a restaurant and a man offers you his seat, as you look at him while considering the offer, he then says, “because you’re a girl.” What would your reaction be? Is it wrong to raise your eyebrows in confusion or maybe you didn’t catch it all?

When my friend offered me his seat I instantly responded with a deep sigh and “really?” I didn’t want to take the seat after that. He had clearly hesitated before making the ‘girl’ comment and it seemed almost purposeful since he knew I considered myself a feminist and some men love to think they’re funny.

Although the comment might have been directed solely to me, it left questions in my mind like, would I be exaggerating for taking this the “wrong way?” And what will happen if I call it out every time, but overall, why do women get referred to as girls whenever men think they need something?

Being called a girl is belittling.

A girl is a child, considered helpless or too immature to understand the

complexities of life. In some rural countries, girls are unwanted by their own family simply because they can’t provide the strength of a man.

Physical strength isn’t everything. Women today are in charge of million dollar companies, they represent us in politics, or are well known for simply saying

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**“Being called a girl is belittling.”**

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enough is enough.

As much as a girl is filled with kindness and sweet smiles, a woman can be nurturing yet assert her confidence and resemble power despite the constant judgement we face just walking down the street or waiting to be seated in a restaurant.



# Humboldt Scam University

HSU claims 'peaceful forest world' but that is a lie

by Briana Yah-Diaz

You know what's a problem? Humboldt State University.

Now listen up here: HSU recruitment is a HUGE scam. Recruiters go to low income communities' school college fairs and convince students of color that are trying to continue their education to enroll. HSU targets this specific demographic because they know that we want to do better for our families and are trying to leave the hood.

## Redwood Hell

I'm one of those students who was targeted by HSU. I come from Inglewood, California. My local high schools were horrible at the time, so I had to go to schools outside of my district that were "better" and that's when I came across HSU, and they sold me this Redwood Hell.

Since being told by the recruiters of color that this land of huge, beautiful redwood trees was the place to be, I've been hit with how difficult it is to live in this world as a person of color. I get stared at, followed around in stores and face microaggressions and all forms of discrimination.

Students of color face difficulties getting into higher education institutions because of the low rankings and an unfair academic system where lower-income communities don't get access to basic educational resources.

So what does HSU do? Recruit these students of color and go on about how beautiful it is with its fucking redwood trees. What they don't say is how dangerous and uncomfortable it can be to be a student and/or community member of color.

They reel you in with cultural spaces and programs but forget to mention how underfunded and lacking in resources they are. Let's not forget how HSU expects those spaces to be enough for students of color. It's evident who their target audience is and if you can't figure that out right away then I'ma need you to open your eyes.

## Social Injustice

Humboldt State advertises social

justice and capitalizes off of it, yet activists get penalized for missing class for an action or demonstration. Student activists don't get to re-do their exams or get excused like other students do. They can claim to go to a forum, miss class, and leave before the event starts, unpenalized.

Activists have to choose between bettering this hostile community or continue to participate in an institution that's filled with microaggressions. I know from first-hand experience; I've had to choose between a class or participating in an action because professors refused to give me an excused absence, despite having proof of my involvement.

NO ONE is SAFE in HUMBOLDT. We still have TWO unsolved murder cases with student victims one that Rossbacher hasn't given enough attention to.

## Do Better HSU

To help people of color feel should safer in this institution, President Rossbacher or even the dean of students come to forums that discuss student safety. No one with "power" shows up to use their platform to make changes happen that students and community members keep voicing.

HSU ain't shit but a profit-hungry business marketing students and faculty of color, only to leave them to fend for themselves. We don't see improvement in programs that help students of color on campus, but according to Transparent California, a state paid public database President Rossbacher got paid \$472,493.51 in 2017.



Artistic drawing of "Humboldt Scam University" | Illustration by Gichi Viramontes

**"No one with 'power' shows up to use their platform to make changes happen that students and community members keep voicing."**

She can post an avocado on Instagram captioned with a message in support of diversity on Cinco de Mayo (which was, by the way, superficial and insensitive) and have her secretary compose her emails but can't listen to her own students regarding safety. She even deleted the post after someone called her out in the comments. It's

infuriating how our administration doesn't own up to the racism in HSU and the community too.

We have students of color homeless for months because of racism in housing. We have folks being harassed in the streets by locals. We deal with microaggressions from our very own professors and we get put in very uncomfortable spaces.

HSU has driven away all the faculty and staff of color that care for us by not giving them the pay or treatment they deserve. They don't value them like they don't value us. HSU doesn't give us the spaces we need, the spaces they claim to have when recruiting. We have to fight to get them!

Enough is enough. I'm calling out Humboldt State University's bullshit with just a glimpse of what they're doing with their fake progress. We want justice and we want it now!



# “Unsolved Hate”

## Student documentary examines Lawson murder

by Katherine Miron



Film title card | photo courtesy of Courtney Wagner

With its cloudy and rainy backdrops “Unsolved Hate” is a documentary about the tragedy that struck and dampened the mood in Humboldt County.

It highlights what happened after the murder of David Josiah Lawson and the racial tensions that ensued. It was created and directed by Courtney Wagner, a Sacramento State University student, along with a production team in 2017. The student documentary short was financed by donations made on indiegogo.

On April 15, 2017 Lawson was tragically killed at an off campus party. Kyle Zoellner was arrested on scene but was later released on dropped charges due to insufficient evidence.

Wagner created the documentary after hearing about Lawson’s death through a friend. In learning more details of what had happened, the director also came to question how the case was handled.

“I looked into the case. Nothing else sounded right either from the discrepancies in witness testimony to the way the scene was handled,” Wagner said in an interview with Tina Sampay, also known as Slauson girl. “The only thing I did know was my friend felt a target had been put on her back and on the back of any other student of color who spoke out.”

The documentary also features voices from Alex Foster, a friend of Lawson, along with HSU students, faculty and community members.

“We’re a community that doesn’t have a lot of color, that’s a fact” said Bob Doran, an Arcata resident and one of the community members interviewed.

Doran said it best in reference to the cultural divide many in Humboldt County and in the HSU community feel. The documentary did a great job in capturing the conversation of racial tension that many people of color sense due to feeling unsafe and unwelcome living in Humboldt. As well as shedding light to the fact that Lawson’s murder is not the first suspected hate-motivated attack in the area.

It touched upon the 1860’s several hundreds of indigenous people that lived in Humboldt County were massacred, according to the North Coast Journal. As well as, Corey Clark, an African American HSU student who was murdered 16 years prior to Lawson.

“Unsolved Hate” delves into the great divide between Arcata and the HSU community, a divide in which students and people of color feel due to the lack of inclusivity. The documentary displays the strong efforts students have taken by voicing their concerns in town hall as well as highlights HSU safety meetings.

It captures the heart of the students who are afraid and tired of feeling unwelcome. It allowed a platform for these community members to voice their concerns as well as call upon the rest of the community to acknowledge and accept the differences in others. It called upon the community to come together to prosper.

The documentary held no new information from what some of the public may have already known but understandably so, there has not been a break in the case. It also called upon those who watched it to come forward with any information they may have and encouraged viewers to reach out to Democracy Now to cover the story.

It ends with a clip of Charmaine Lawson speaking at an Arcata city council meeting, which she has traveled from Paris, California in Riverside county to attend every month since the loss of her son. The voice of David Josiah Lawson can also be heard in an audio clip in which he is accepting a scholarship award and states he will be attending HSU in the fall.

**A screening of “Unsolved Hate” was held on Feb. 22 2018 in the D Street Neighborhood Center and can be watched now on YouTube.**

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# Womxn, We Matter!

by La Leñadora Staff

As a newspaper, we dedicate our March issue to womxn’s history month. The womxn of the past and present who have strived for greatness, fought for change and made a difference. To the womxn out in Humboldt County who have done all those things big and small but nonetheless made an impact in their community. Although this special issue is annual, the representation of all matters throughout the year. Make no mistake, womxn of all ages, ability, sexual orientation and race, they matter. Representation matters.

Womxn at times have been spoken for or at least told to speak up but never given the platform. They have always had a voice and today more than ever have been empowered to use it. All over social media and news publications, womxn have shared their stories of sexual harassment, unfair treatment and made sure everyone listened. But we’ve seen other stories of empowerment in the form of more womxn than ever getting elected and making their mark not only in our culture but the political landscape as well.

We stand in solidarity with those who found the courage to come out and share their stories with the world, and we recognize that there are still many stories untold. We applaud those who have marched all over the world and in this country, who have demonstrated the power womxn have when they come together. No womxn should be afraid, let alone feel as though her words do not matter. They matter.

Please take some time this month to read through La Leñadora and read stories of womxn in our community making a difference. Whether it is Renee Saucedo organizing people in the pueblo, Marilyn Villaba’s effort to provide menstruators with basic necessities, jdelilah performing to a beat of her own or Shay Sanders serving the community with more than a haircut, we hope you find peace and empowerment in their stories. We hope you take a moment to appreciate a womxn who matters to you as well.



La Leñadora editorial staff of spring 2018. (From top-left to bottom-right) Katherine Miron, Briana Yah-Díaz, Mónica Ramirez, Meg Bezak, Héctor Arzate, and Mikaylah Rivas.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear President Trump,

I am writing to support your idea of pulling U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers out of California. Mothers wouldn’t fear taking their children to school or to the doctor. Children and youth wouldn’t suffer emotional trauma for fear that their parents wouldn’t be home when they arrived from school. The Dreamers could move on with their lives and continue to make valuable contributions to our society. Parents wouldn’t be torn away from their children. Families could live in peace.

Our state would not turn into the “crime nest” you describe because local and state law enforcement would invest all their resources in fighting crime without having to help ICE do its job of deporting people. Immigrants and their families will cooperate with local law enforcement when they are witnesses and survivors of crimes, because they won’t fear being reported to ICE. This is why so many cities and counties are holding on tightly to their Sanctuary Laws, and why we’re putting a Sanctuary Law policy on the ballot this November here in Humboldt County.

Let law enforcement do its job of enforcing criminal laws. We don’t want ICE terrorizing entire communities and tearing our families apart through deportations.

Sincerely,  
Renee Saucedo, Eureka  
Centro del Pueblo



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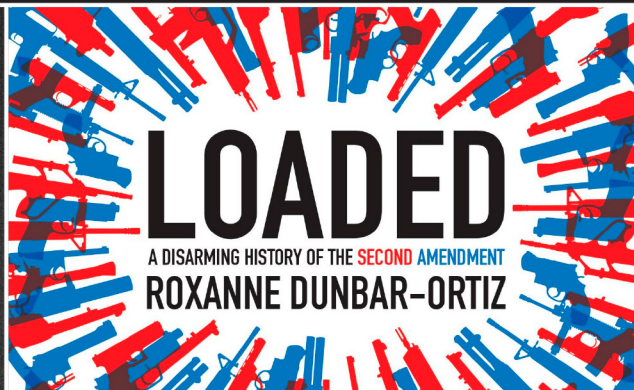
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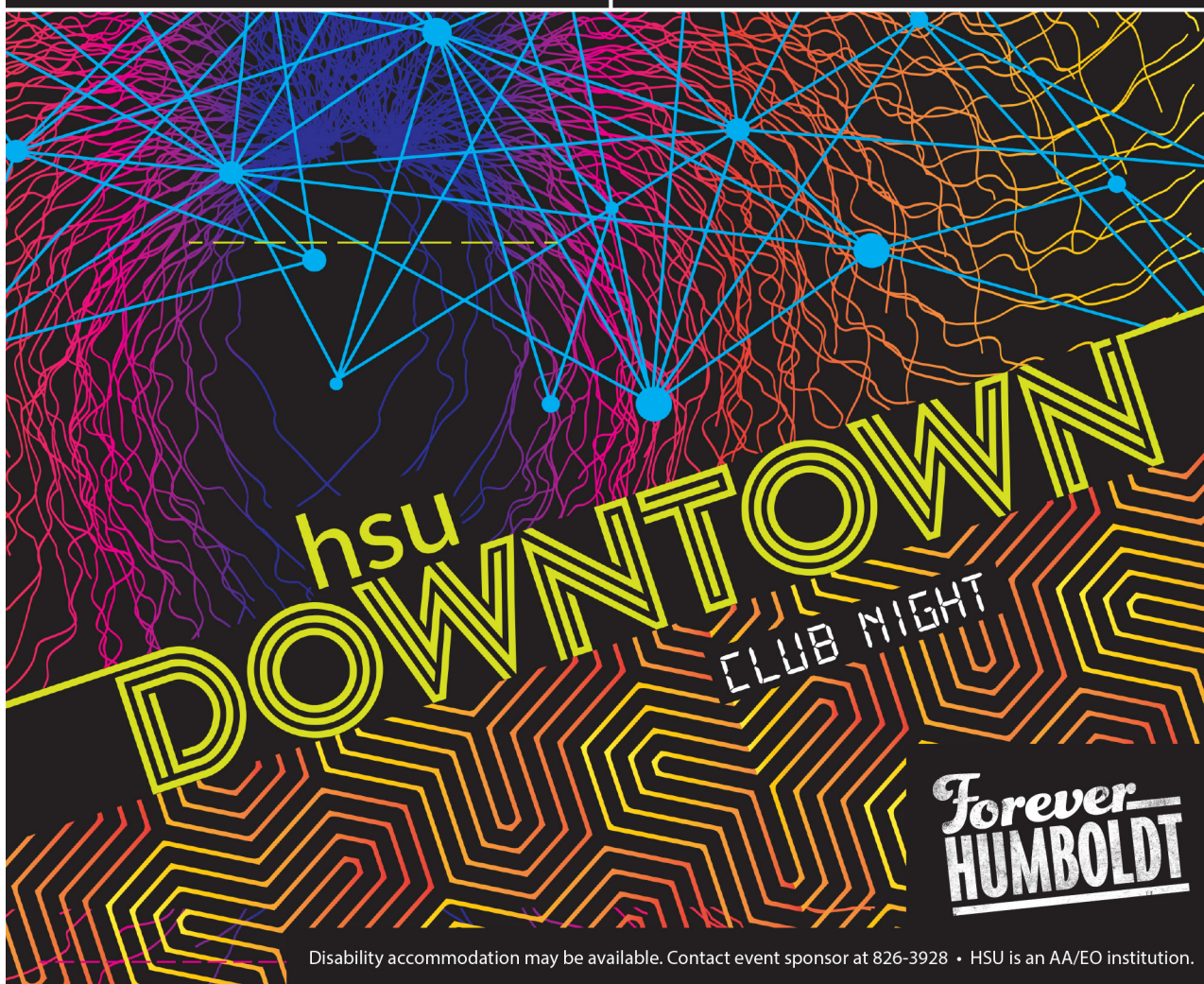
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### miércoles | 3.07

- Peer Health Ed: Choose It Yourself  
Healthy Eating & Shopping on a Budget
- 1-2pm | Library Fishbowl

### jueves | 3.08

- CIY: Plan(et) & Stressless
- 1-2pm | Library 114
- Thursday Night Insight - Every Thursday!
- 6pm | AACAE (NHE 206)

### viernes | 3.09

- Café con Chisme - Every Friday!
- 2-3:30pm | El Centro (NHE 205)

### lunes | 3.12-16

- Have a safe and healing spring break!  
~ El Leñador Staff

### miércoles | 3.14

- Vamos a Conocer la Gente
- 4-6:30pm | Goodwin Forum (NHE 102)
- Yamato Taiko Drummers of Japan
- Tickets: Student \$10 General \$39
- 7-9pm | Van Duzer Theatre

### lunes | 3.19

- Melanin Monday - Wear black!
- 12-1pm | UC Quad

### martes | 3.20

- Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz Lecture
- Tickets: Student \$5 General \$15
- 7-9pm | Van Duzer Theatre

### miércoles | 3.21

- Housing: Rights &

#### Responsibilities

- 12-1pm | Library 114
- CIY: Making Space for Motivation
- 3-4pm | Library Fishbowl
- Women of Color Talk @ HSU
- What is self care? Self Care Boxes
- 5pm | MCC Vine Deloria Room

### viernes | 3.23

- CIY: All Aboard the Snooze Cruise - Sleep Ed.
- 2-3pm | Library 114
- C3: Cupcakes & Conversations w/ Corliss
- RSVP w/ Mona Mazzotti, (707) 826-3369
- 3:30-5pm | NHE 113
- Movie Night: Blood In Blood Out
- 5-9pm | Goodwin Forum (NHE 102)

### martes | 3.27

- CIY: Down Right Motivated
- 12-1pm | Library Fishbowl
- Social Worker Speaker Series: Joseph Gone Ph.D
- 1-3pm | Native Forum
- What's going on?
- 6-7pm | Mad River Room (JGC 324)

### jueves | 3.29

- Raza Educational Empowerment Day
- 9am | Van Duzer Theatre

### viernes | 3.30

- Cesar Chavez Holiday

### sábado 3.31

- Baile: El Movimiento
- Tickets Pre-Sale \$8 (buy at the LCAE) At the Door \$10
- 6-12am | Veterans Hall, 1425 J Street, Arcata

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