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Eclipse eclipsed

by Bryan Donoghue

Composite image taken in Cascades National Park | Bill Ingalls

The Humboldt community waited in excitement for the 2017 solar eclipse before it passed over unnoticed.

According to npr.org, the path of the total eclipse in the United States began in Lincoln Beach, Ore. and left from Charleston, S.C. In Arcata, the eclipse covered 89% of the sun at 10:14 said Paola Rodríguez Hidalgo, an astrophysics professor at Humboldt State.

Before the eclipse began, Rodríguez Hidalgo explained that although solar eclipses are an exciting event, they happen more frequently than some people may think.

"For some people it's a mystery of why they happen or when the happen." Rodríguez Hidalgo said. "For me particularly, I have seen several so it is exciting to share it with other people, but i know they happen all the time. You just have to be available to travel and go somewhere else, like Antarctica. That's one option in 2021."

The eagerness for the eclipse was a sentiment shared by students and teachers alike.

"I don't think I've ever seen a solar eclipse in my lifetime yet," said Timmy Baker, a Humboldt State theatre major. "I'm just really excited to attack the Fire Nation while they can't bend fire."

The university's Campus Event Field filled with onlookers hoping to catch a glimpse of the moon covering the sun. Rodríguez Hidalgo stationed herself on one end of the Campus Event Field showing models of how the solar eclipse works and explaining the phenomena to a crowd with a projector. On the other end, eclipse sunglasses were being handed out.

"We have a class about astronomy where I teach eclipses, and the physics of the moon, and we learn about the solar system, and the exploration of Mars, and galaxies, and stuff like that." Rodríguez Hidalgo said. "That class exists, and my students already know those things. But obviously we can not reach all the students on campus. So this event is another way to use it to explain astronomy, about eclipses, and so on."

"We're going to have many volunteers, several faculty [members] from the department there talking to people so they will be able to ask questions and play with our gadgets and look through our telescopes." Rodríguez Hidalgo said, "It's an eclipse o'palooza!"

The eclipse began at 9 a.m. and lasted for around two hours. Fog rolled in, and the sky became invisible. No one truly saw the eclipse in full, but the sunlight shining through the clouds was cut off during maximum totality.

Marcus Benavides, a student volunteer working at the eclipse, walked around the campus event field helping anyone with questions they may have. He offered a bright viewpoint of the gathering on the event field even though the eclipse couldn't be seen.

"It's more for other people, it's for their excitement to understand the universe," Benavides said. "It's a teaching opportunity to teach other people what's going on, have you ever seen a bunch of people together not being violent?"

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Lumberjacks look to bounce back

by Skye Hopkins

Humboldt State's Head Football Coach Rob Smith said he believes the Lumberjacks are ready to take on the 2017 season after a successful fall camp. Smith is entering his 27th year of coaching and has spent the last 10 years as a Lumberjack.

HSU football perpares for season opener Sept 2 | Andrew Goetz

Prior to starting his coaching position at Humboldt in 2008, Smith was head football coach at Western Washington University and director of athletics at Grays Harbor Community College. After a 17-year career at Western Washington, Smith received recognition for holding the highest win total and winning percentage the school had ever seen.

"After 27 years, it is one year at a time," Smith said. "I still enjoy what I am doing and coaching these young men is a lot of fun."

Smith has won two conference championships at Humboldt and has the chance to coach several of his 2015 championship players one more time. He is excited for the potential that comes with the upcoming season and appreciates the team's accomplishments.

"It is always tough reclaiming the conference championship," Smith said. "But that is why you play the games. We are excited to get started."

Although the Lumberjacks had a tough 2016 season finishing with a record of 6-5, the team is ready to bounce back to its 2015 season form.

In a recent preseason poll, Humboldt State football was picked to finish third behind defending champion Azusa Pacific and Central Washington.

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Welcome to Arcata

by Ian Thompson

Driftwood at Dry Lagoon during a sunset.

Robert Selph catches a ton of air at the skate park.

Welcome back students and staff! For those who are knew to HSU here are some photos of some of my favorite spots in Humboldt County. There's photos of places to savor the sunset and immerse yourself in nature, photos of spots to skate and do other recreational activities, some places to study and great places to eat and relax.

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Summer news overview

by Charlotte Rutigliano

June 3, 2017

London Bridge terror attack

At least seven people were killed in a terror attack in Borough Market. Attackers stabbed victims then drove through a crowd of pedestrians on the London Bridge and ultimately crashed into a barrier. This attack comes two weeks after a suicide bombing at the Ariana Grande concert in Manchester.

July 5, 2017

New York police officer 'assassinated' by gunman: official

Officer Miosotis Familia, a 12-year veteran of the New York Police Department, was shot dead as she sat in a mobile command truck. The gunman, Alexander Bond, was shot and killed as he ran from the scene. The Police Commissioner said this was an unprovoked direct attack on police officers.

August 12, 2017

Three dead, dozens injured, amid violent white nationalist rally

A car drove through a crowd at a White Nationalist Rally in Charlottesville, VA, leaving three dead and dozens more injured. The rally was held in protest of the removal of a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

July 1, 2017

Disgraced doctor threatened former colleagues before rampage

One killed and six wounded after a former doctor opens fire at Bronx Lebanon Hospital in New York. Former doctor, Dr. Henry Bello was "forced" to resign amid sexual harassment allegations. He died from a self-inflicted wound.

July 26, 2017

One dead, seven hurt after thrown from ride at ohio fair

One person died while seven others were injured after they were flung into the air when the seats snapped of a ride called 'Fire Ball' at the Ohio State Fair. Following the events, all rides were shut down for inspections. As of August 8, 2017, the manufacturer said corrosion on the ride was the cause of the incident.

August 17, 2017

Deadly Barcelona attack is the worst day of violence in Spain

Deadly events in Spain began in Barcelona, when a a van drove through crowds in a popular tourist attraction, 80 people were taken to hospitals, 15 were seriously hurt. Linked to this attack was a terrorist incident in Cambrils and a house explosion in Alcanar that killed one. Two police officers were hit at a security checkpoint on the same day. They both suffered minor injuries, and it is unclear if this was related to the other incidents.

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Lawson family looking for answers

by Curran C. Daly

David Josiah Lawson died in the early morning hours of April 15, after a fight and stabbing at an off-campus party. On May 7, Judge Dale Reinholtsen ordered the release of Kyle Zoellner, a Mckinleyville native arrested shortly after Lawson's death, citing the prosecution's insufficient amount of evidence to proceed to trial.

Since then Humboldt State students left Humboldt County and four months have passed since Lawson's death. As students return to the University and the surrounding area, the case is still unsolved and local law enforcement and the Lawson family are still searching for answers.

A vigil to mark four months since Josiah's death was held in the Arcata Plaza on August 15. At the vigil, Arcata City Mayor Susan Ornelas fielded questions from community members about the case and the safety of people of color in the community.

During the vigil it was revealed that a retired FBI investigator was to arrive in Arcata on August 16, to assist with the case. The investigator was brought to the city's attention by the Lawson family's legal representation and a contract had recently been agreed to between him and the City of Arcata.

Mayor Ornelas also spoke of the role of the Justice Department in the investigation.

"I hate that this is taking so long," Ornelas said. "The city and I personally contacted the Department of Justice and they can only help us with the forensics of this case."

A vigil held to mark four months since Josiah's murder turned into a conversation about the safety and acceptance of people of color in the community. I Curran C. Daly

Leonard Perry prepares to lay flowers at a vigil for David Josiah Lawson, August 15, Arcata Plaza. I Curran Daly

Forensic evidence was recently returned to the Arcata Police Department from the United States Department of Justice.

At an Arcata City Council meeting on August 2, Ornelas relayed a message from Arcata Chief of Police, Tom Chapman.

"The investigation is open and ongoing, additional witnesses have recently come forward," Ornelas said. "We are beginning to recieve forensic testing results from the Department of Justice."

The City Council recently approved a community reward program for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible. The program was announced in a press release on August 1, from the City of Arcata that also confirmed the involvement of an outside agency.

"Chief Chapman also confirmed that an outside agency from a large city that did not want to be named has committed two experienced homicide detectives to the Lawson case," according to the press release. "'It's not uncommon for agencies to take a look at an investigation from the outside, and looking at the investigative steps, make a determination if there is something more that can be done,' said Chapman. 'That is in process.'"

Anyone with additional information is asked to contact the Arcata Police Department at (707) 822-2428. The Lumberjack will continue to stay up-to-date on the progress of the investigation into David Josiah Lawson's death.

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Students make taking an extra semester the new normal

by Charlotte Rutigliano

For students like senior Criminology and Justice Studies major Emely Velez, taking an extra semester to graduate from college can be beneficial.

"I came in as a transfer student and met all my requirements within the two-year span," Velez said. "This extra semester is more so for me to take prerequisites and classes that will better prepare me for graduate school."

Velez, who was determined to finish in two years, now says she is okay with taking an extra semester because she started panicking about the next steps in her education.

While staying can be a beneficial choice for some students, others have to stay out of necessity, like English major Kenneth Rainey, who graduated in the Fall of 2013.

"I transferred as a junior, and didn't do well my first semester at HSU," Rainey said, "I was one term behind, so I stayed out of necessity, which came from my own mistakes."

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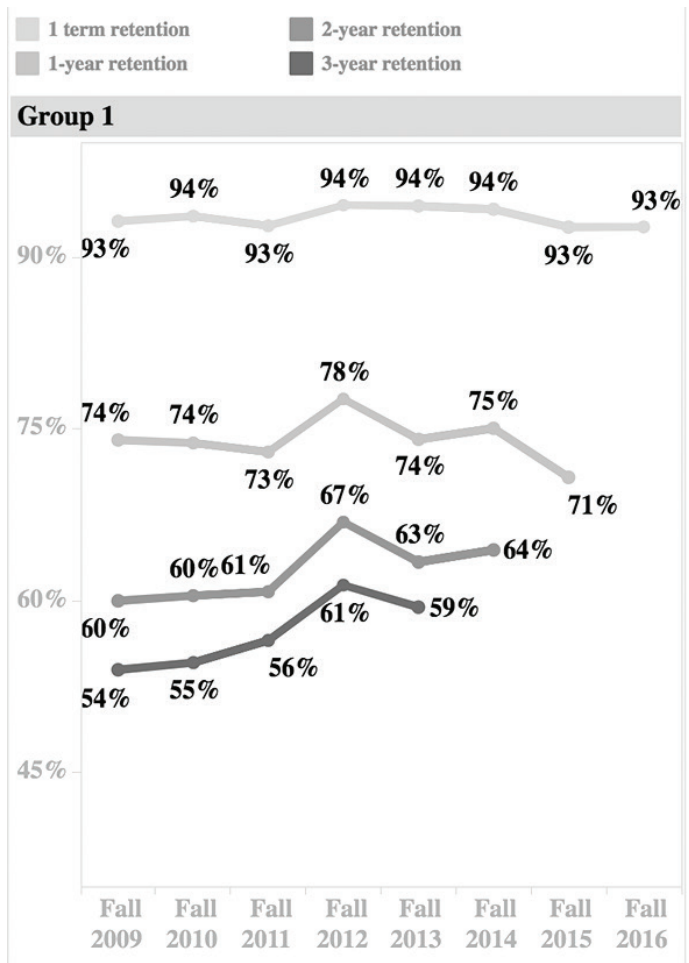
> — Emely Velez
> Criminology and Justice Studies, Senior

According to Clint Rebik, the University Registrar, there are several measures the university has to help students graduate in four years. Measures including the extensive use of four-year Major Academic Plans (MAPs), the u.Direct degree planning tool, and major academic advising.

Junior Marketing major Ashley Wylander, who is expecting to graduate in the Fall of 2018, said the only reason she is taking an extra semester is to fulfill a minor requirement.

"If I were not receiving my minor then I would be done in four years," Wylander said.

Taking an extra semester or just more than four years may not be the most traditional idea when thinking about graduating college, but as more students take that route, they may make it the new normal.



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Fall 2013	94.5%	74.1%	63.4%	59.4%
Fall 2014	94.1%	75.0%	64.4%	
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Out of the clouds into the box

by Charlotte Ruligiano

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After spending the summer testing different data cloud services such as Dropbox, Box.com, Microsoft Onedrive, and Google Drive, Chief Information Officer for Information Technology Services Anna Kircher has said the university has selected Box.com.

According to Kircher, the university wanted to have this new system completely rolled out by the Fall 2017 semester. However, while they were conducting pilot tests over the summer, they found they still had questions with Box.com.

"We still had some questions, like how long would it take students to upload/download files when they're in a large class," Kircher said. "Also how will it look for students to access the files from Canvas."

This fall, ITS and the university will be doing more pilot tests with Box.com to see if the new system will have functionality in the classroom.

Kircher said that around 12 classes and five hundred students will participate this fall's pilot tests.

"There will be two basic groups for the fall pilots, geospatial (GSP) courses and courses that will require large video and audio files," Kircher said.

Most student concerns surrounded security and storage limitations.

Students currently have 200 megabytes available to them on the user drive provided by the university, and around 15 gigabytes within their Google accounts, which includes Gmail, Google Drive and Google Photos.

According to Kircher, security is one of Box.com's biggest concerns, because they often work with clients who require high levels of security.

"One thing students won't have to worry about with Box.com is space, using Box will give students unlimited space for files," Kircher said.

Kircher said the university's new goal for rolling out Box.com school wide is the spring semester of 2018, which will improve file storage for all students.

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Lost Lumberjacks

Sadly, a few members of the Lumberjack family will not be returning to HSU this fall.

by Curran C. Daly

John Vayo passed away on July 2, 2017. He was entering his last year in the undergraduate Social Work program.

"John struck me as a 'would give you the shirt of his back' kind of person—this is not a phrase I use very often—I found that hopeful and inspiring. John was deeply committed to the values and practices of harm reduction and, though he had already done a lot of good, would have gone on to shape our human service community in seriously positive ways," said Ronnie Swartz, Social Work department chair and a personal friend of Vayo's.

Vayo will be missed around campus and in the community. He was an avid outdoorsman and volunteered with the Humboldt Area Center for Harm Reduction. Vayo is survived by his son Aiden. Vayo was 38 years-old.

Photo provided by Humboldt Area Center for Harm Reduction facebook page.

Michelle Lane passed away on August 7, 2017. She was an Associate Professor in the university's School of Business.

Photo provided by Humboldt State Business Department.

"Michelle was very pleasant and always smiling. She was always helping students and faculty beyond what was necessary," said Hari Signh, professor and department chair of the School of Business. "Her most important legacy was helping the students succeed."

Lane helped launch the M.B.A. program for the School of Business five years ago. She was a big advocate for sustainability. Lane loved animals and was on the Board of Directors for the Sequoia Humane Society. She is survived by her husband, three children and three grandchildren.

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First annual kids plunge

by Iridian Casarez

The Discovery Museum held their First Annual Kids Plunge at Freshwater park.

Unlike their annual Perilous Plunge, a fundraiser that's held in the winter only for adults, this plunge was kid friendly. According to Redwood Discovery Museum Board President Lynn Langdon, young plungers needed to raise a minimum of $50, pass a swim test and be between the ages five to 17 to plunge into Freshwater pool.

"The kids weren't really involved in the regular adult plunge so we decided to give them their own plunge," Langdon said. "I'm excited for this. The kids are taking ownership in helping the Discovery Museum."

Langdon said she represents the community's interest in the museum. As Board President Langdon is responsible for making sure the museum makes enough money to keep it open.

Both of Langdon's children participated in the plunge. Kids were encouraged to wear silly costumes for the plunge. One group of plungers dressed as the characters from Disney Pixar's animated film Inside Out. Their team name was The Inside-Outers.

The Inside-Outers posing ready to jump into Freshwater swimming hole on Saturday, August 19. | Curran Daly

Lexi La Jeunesse happily showing off her prizes for fund raising the most amount of money on Saturday, August 19. | Curran Daly

6 year-old Erin Arnivaz dressed up as Sadness, one of the protagonists of the film. Arnivaz had attended the museum's summer camp and said she was not afraid of plunging into the swimming hole.

"I like being Sadness," Arnivaz said. "I like making sad faces."

Skylar Elcock was also a part of the Inside-Outers and dressed up as Fear.

"I'm afraid to go into the water cause I'm Fear," Elcock said.

According to Danielle Jacobson-Elcock, Elcock's mother, everyone that was in the Inside-Outers plunge team are a part of the Dream Athletics cheer team. Jacobson-Elcock said that all the parents got together and decided on the costumes as a group. The Inside-Outers raised $275 all together.

"I think it's a great idea to teach the kids to fund raise at a young age," Jacobson-Elcock said. "It's awesome, I love it."

Lexi La Jeunesse, 10, is from San Jose, Califonia and has attended the Redwood Discov-

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Erin Arnivaz, dressed as Sadness, plunging into Freshwater swimming hole for the Discovery Museum on Saturday, August19. | Curran Daly

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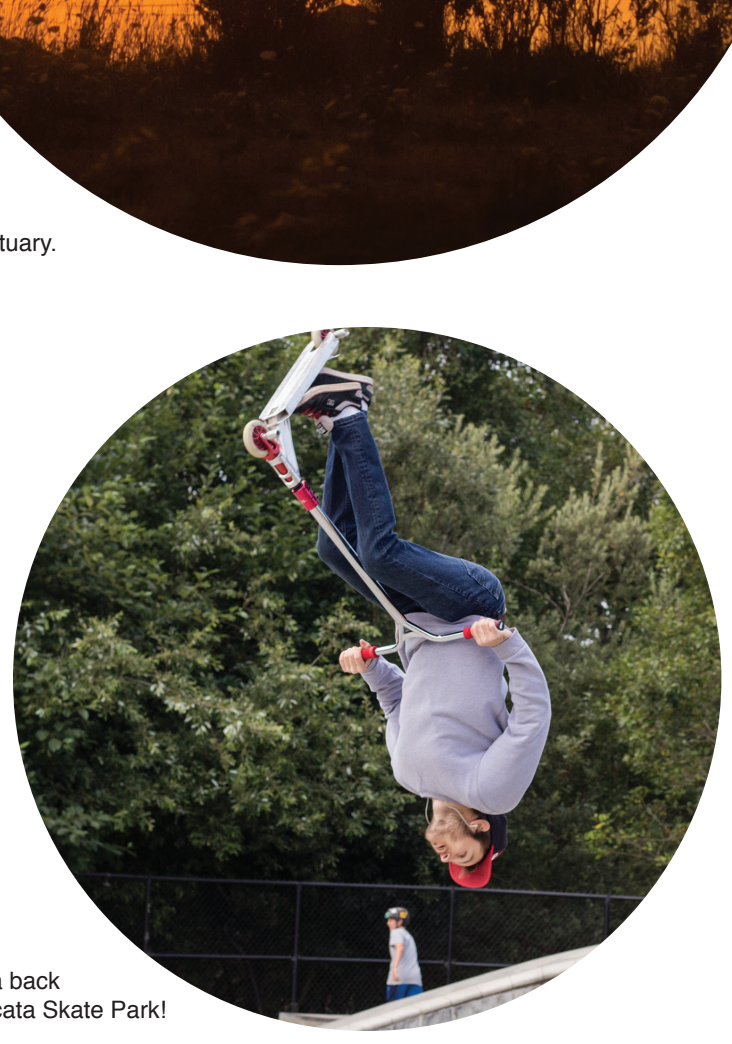
Places to visit if you are new

The sunset at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary.

Jackie Garcia works at La Bonita taco truck with her sister Felipa and cousin Alexandra Villalobos. Their mother, Lorena Silva, owns the truck.



Colin Bonitatibus busts a back flip off the pool at the Arcata Skate Park!

Danny Dickerson and Trace Dickerson play basketball at Redwood Park.

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WE ARE STILL IN

by Bryan Donoghue

Mayor, governors, college and university leaders, businesses and investors are coming together to declare that they will still support the Paris Climate Agreement to combat climate change. President Trump's announcement to withdraw the U.S. from the Paris Climate Agreement was met with widespread criticism, and local and state governments are taking responsibility to decrease greenhouse gas emissions in response. Susan Ornelas, the mayor of the City of Arcata, gives her thoughts on this growing international community known as We Are Still In.

Q: When did you first hear of We Are Still In? Was there an envelope in the mail?

A: No, I came across it on Facebook or the internet. I just saw that, and saw that mayors were signing on and I thought while looking at the Paris Accord, "Well the city of Arcata has internal documents that direct us to do these things already!" So it wasn't a big decision to have to make, it was kind of like, "we're in!" We're already in, and I just thought about the citizens and that they would like to see the city of Arcata on this list. So I just contacted the city manager and Mark Andre (Director of Environmental Services) and said, "yeah, lets sign up, let's get our name in there."

Q: How was it implemented? How did you get your name signed on?

A: Well we just wrote a letter based on, we have kind of a legislative platform that if things come up that fit the platform that we already approved, the mayor could just send a letter. So I just sent a letter saying the City of Arcata is still in on the accord, and like I said, and internally I knew that our policies were already working towards these things so wasn't too difficult to do.

Q: What has the city and university done to contribute to the "We Are Still In" agreement?

A: The city and the university are working well together right now which is a contribution in itself. We have a lot of good coordination and the university has made some strides I feel like. The city has made strides like years ago and we're still making further strides into zero waste and understanding that...The university did the whole sustainability analysis of themselves...that whole effort of reducing waste, more sustainable systems, less carbon use, you know. I think as a society many of us are trying to reduce our carbon use. Transportation is one of the biggest challenges for this county.

Q: Like moving to the autonomous car?

A: Yeah that will help, although you really have to look at where you're getting your electricity and is that a good source. Is that a carbon free source, is that non-polluting as much as possible. It's good that solar has gotten as inexpensive as it has.

Q: Is that probably going to become the norm at some point?

A: "Yeah, and then do you know about the Community Choice Energy Program? That's another thing the city of Arcata is involved in. The whole county is actually involved in this.... So the Community Choice Energy Program is that Humboldt County now runs or purchases its own energy. It's still run through PG&E but it's called Community Choice Energy.... But this also goes in with the whole Paris Climate Accord because the county now is choosing more renewable sources of energy and investing in local solar arrays and things like that. So that's what called a Joint Powers Agreement, a J.P.A., which means the county and the cities have joined together and we all sit on a board, and we're overseeing this Redwood Coast Energy authority purchasing now energy for the county, and we're getting it a little cheaper, and we're emphasizing renewables. So that's another way that we're working to sort of you know weave ourselves out of carbon. And then another thing that I would say that the City of Arcata does is we study some carbon sequestation in like marsh lands because that's another good source of carbon sink. So the City of Arcata is investing

Susan Ornelas

in marsh lands now, working with the university, with students doing studies and things of carbon sequestration in marsh lands. That's another thing that we're interested in that we work towards. We see the value of them. I mean there used to be people would just drain marsh lands and farmed it, but we see the value in them for bird habitats for ecosystem diversity and...

Q: Kind of like estuaries?

A: Yeah kind of like estuaries. You know a marsh land, yeah.

Q: In your opinion why do you think We Are Still In holds such significance for our community?

A: Well you know I think because Arcatans really take pride in their environmental stances and they wanted to feel like they supported this. They didn't want to just give this up after the whole country had, you know, promised to join and then we pulled out, and I think there's something powerful about all these mayors getting together because the mayors are closer to the people and they're joining forces and saying whatever is going on at this level we're still doing this. We still believe that we want to make sure we leave something for our children and things like that. So I think the mayors are speaking more for the people and that's also kind of heart warming but also powerful stance. I think people liked that too. I think it's important and people want to feel that we're not going backwards, you know, I think that would be depressing for people. There's ways we're feeling like were watching our society and we are going backwards. But with this particular thing with the mayors coming forward and you know, saying "no, we're still in", that at least didn't go backwards for people.

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Eclipsed

The eclipse remained a disappointment in the eyes of many people, not only due to the absence of the sun and moon in the sky, but because Humboldt County wasn't in the line of maximum totality.

"The best description I heard with people talking about the eclipse obsessing is that you got to do totality. It's either a totality or go home event." said Joe Szewczak, a biology and physiology professor at Humboldt State. "99% totality is not the whole thing and it's like driving 99% of the way to Disneyland and going back. It's just not the full thing."

"Overall I was disappointed by the eclipse, I really wanted to go see it, and I had planned to go up to Eastern Oregon to see it. But I had just been traveling so much, and I had just got back and I had to prepare and get ready for the semester to start." Szewczak said. "But I was impressed! I was impressed by how dark the fog got."

With the solar eclipse of 2017 over, the next solar eclipse in America will be soon, and there's plenty of time to get ready. NASA said that the next total eclipse in Northern America will be on April 8, 2024, and this eclipse will be of an even greater magnitude than this year's.

Students, faculty and community members gathered around the Events field to watch the eclipse on Monday, August 21. I Iridian Casarez

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This Week In Science

by Bryan Donoghue

Researchers at Belgium's Vrije Universiteit Brussel report they've developed at self-healing robot crafted with an elastic version of a polymer, known as a elastomer. They are bonds that break when heated and reformed when cool, kind of like jello. The only difference is that when the robot's elastomer is heated and then cools down it assumes it's original shape that it had before. This is a variation of a new type of technology called soft robotics. This type of robotics is predicted to be revolutionary because not only can the material heal itself, but it is gentle enough to do tasks like picking up a tomato.

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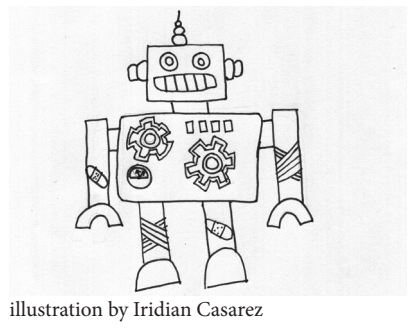

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Dogs in Taloja, an industrial district in Mumbai, India were found with a blue hue to their fur due to swimming in the polluted water of the Kasadai River which is full of industrial waste. The local SPCA caught one of the dogs and was able to wash the dye out of it's fur. After examination, the dog was found to have no health problems or internal damage. The company responsible for the pollution have been threatened to be shut down by regional officals.

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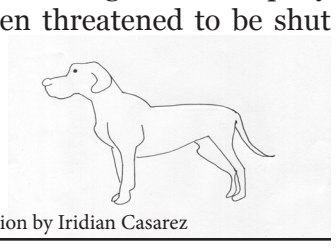

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Bartenders often recommend drinking your whiskey with a splash of water, there is a reason for that. It is guaiacol, the tasty aromatic oil that is found in wood creosote, the charred wood that makes up the barrels the whiskey goes into. The project to uncover this finding was completed by researchers from Linnæus University in Sweden who ran computational models on the distribution of guaiacol in different concentrations of water-alcohol mixtures. Usually whiskey has a high alcohol content, and you taste more ethanol than guaiacol. Diluting with water brings the flavor towards the surface, creating a balanced drink.

(Source: popsci.com)

A cylinder of ice dating back to a record breaking 2.7 million years was discovered by a group of scientists from Princeton University at Allan Hills. The 2.7 million year example dates back to the ice age and may provide clues into what triggered the ice age. Ancient ice has the capability to provide a window into history. Researchers look for blue ice which is typically around the coastline of Antartica and are able to date the ice back to an approximate time by using the trace amounts of argon and potassium. The previous record breaking sample was 1 million years old.

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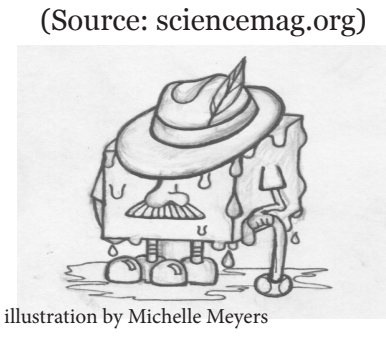

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For athletes "sticking to sports" isn't an option anymore

by Keaundrey Clark

The modern athlete has more to do then just play sports, they participate in their community. They are more socially conscious and have the platform to have their voices heard. Still there are people who want them to remain silent and stick to their respective sports. This is highly irresponsible because if an injustice is happening, it is everyone's duty as a human being to speak up and allow their voice to be heard. Here at HSU our athletes face similar things as well.

Humboldt State football players such as Curtis Williams, a redshirt junior, knows the struggle of being a black athlete in today's world.

"I'm a football player, but I'm black as well," Williams said. "I like to pride myself on being a scholar."

The 45th President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, has had a rocky presidency, to say the least. Consistent daily explosions, rants and odd tweets has made it hard to cover sports from Pop Warner to Professionals. Even the traditional box-score way of sports has been left in the wind. Nowadays sports will likely make it's way onto the White House lawn.

"I'm not going to be quiet about anything," said Williams. "I advise you guys to speak your mind and speak your voice on whether you are for it or against it. I see it how I call it. A lot of ignorance is expected of me to be a football player and not have a voice. Just because I play a sport doesn't mean I can't have a say. The things that are going on right now, I feel like I have a responsibility. With knowledge comes responsibility. With knowledge comes power."

This powerful element of protest, offers athletes, young and old, the chance to be at the center of a national discussion. They can be community leaders in our country speaking on issues such as race as well as human and moral rights. In this era in which players are routinely asked to "stick to sports," more and more athletes are saying no.

"Football is not just my life, there are things that happen after football," Ju'wan Murphy said. "When racial things happen I really try to get involved and see what's up. I am not defined by what I do on the football field, there is more out there. There are racial problems everywhere in America. You just need to live right and do what is right."

Head Coach of the Humboldt State football team, Rob Smith, oversees the most African American students at HSU.

"It doesn't matter their color, it doesn't matter their culture, it doesn't matter whether they're city or country," Smith said. "You bring the team together. I think our locker room is a great example of what this world needs. People of all colors, from all backgrounds, from a lot of different places, they come together. And I think you really get that in sports, not just football but all sports."

Sports is a microcosm of society, where all backgrounds and views come together on a given sports teams. Athletes also have opinions and thoughts on what's effecting this country.

"I do feel like the athletes can use their sport as a stage to speak out on what is going on, because we all know things aren't right," Murphy said.

Athletes now more then ever are using their voice to be heard. With eyes on them at all times they know they have the platform to speak of change.

"So I'm going to do everything in my power. I'm not standing up for the American flag or for the pledge of allegiance and I really don't care what anyone has to say," said Williams.

Ja'Quan Gardner (top right), Juwan Murphy (top left), Curtis Williams (Bottom) | Skye Hopkins

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HSU Looks to Rebound after dissappionting 6-5 Season Last Year

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The majority of the team's high-powered offense is returning, including senior All-Americans Alex Cappa and Ja'Quan Gardner. Chase Krivashei is coming off of a redshirt season, where he only played three games as a senior receiver, will join the 10 returning players on the offensive side of the ball.

"Beginning of the season, we are just trying to get ready for the year," Gardner said.

The defense is led by linebackers Jeff Shott, Curtis Williams and Connor Cox. That unit is returning on six starters from last season.

"We're fired up. Getting ready for Azuza Pacific and Cety's, and the season," said Williams. "We are trying to go all the way this year."

Ja'Quan Gardner is entering his fourth season as the Lumberjacks starting running back, he will be leaving as the career rushing leader at Humboldt. His 4,121 yards are the most in school history by 1,000 yards.

"It's my last camp. Its exciting, but kind of sad because it is my last one," said Gardner.

With several returning offensive players just a step away from setting records at Humboldt State, Smith is excited to see how well the fairly new defensive side of the ball will perform.

"On the offensive side Krivashei will be the career receptions leader. Robert Webber is going to be the career passing leader here at Humboldt and Cappa has been lineman of the year in the conference for three straight years, maybe four," Smith said.

All of the veteran talent on offense should keep the Lumberjacks in contention for the conference title all year long.

"On defense it has been almost a complete turnover," Smith said. "But this team, thus far, has shown me that they have the type of potential to win another championship."

With many new additions, Smith sees the work in progress but admires the leadership on offense and developing defensive leadership.

"It is a lot of work," Smith said. "It is a grind. We will be ready come September."

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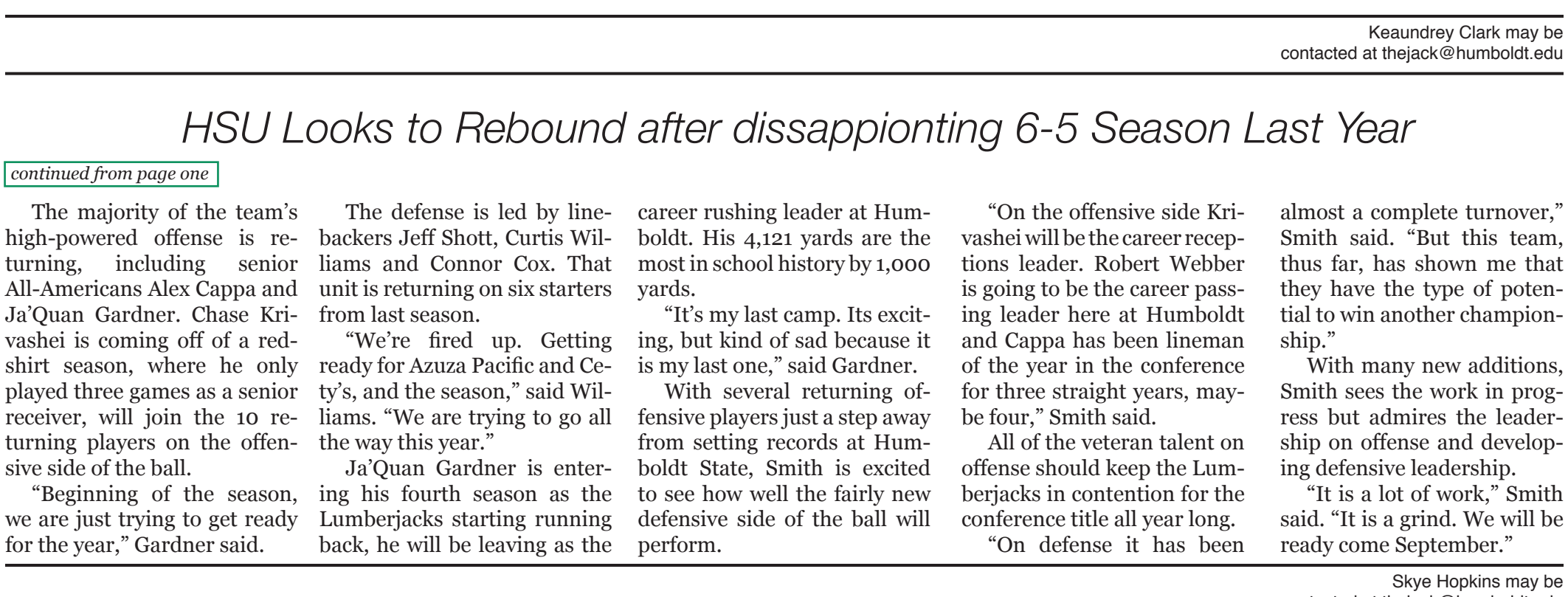

Editorial

Unite and strengthen

Nazi's are bad. After recent events in Charlottesville this is something that needs to be reiterated. This isn't a political attack against the right, this is a statement of fact supported by history. There was an entire war to resist Germany's Nazi movement. According to the National World War II Museum in New Orleans, 416,000 Americans died as a result of the Nazi menace in Europe. These Americans did not give their lives to see these same hateful ideals impregnate the American consciousness.

The very ideals of Nazism and white supremacy go against everything laid out by our forefathers. The Declaration of Independence states that, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." All men and women are created equal, and while the United States has a less than glamorous record of living up to these "unalienable rights," one thing we will not do is revert to times where less people were in full control of their rights. We have seen great progress in this country and while there is still more work to be done, we will resist any effort to regress.

This country is at it's best when we stand united as 40,000 counter-protesters did in Boston. A sea of people of mixed races, genders, wealth and ideals, stood against an intolerant and radicalized faction of society. The current political climate has created a nation devoid of unity, yet hope flickers when communities come together and put aside their differences to stand arm in arm united. You don't have to love thy neighbor, but you should get to know them. When we are able to create an understanding and connected community, we can fight against injustices with a more powerful voice. We saw this type of organization at local and national women's marches in February. There are things you can do every day at Humboldt State and in the surrounding community. Let your voice be heard at local city council meetings. Enter into discussions with your fellow students and community members. Join clubs and create a better and more united atmosphere within the our community. If we can unite the campus so that we have all people on campus standing together, we can become a more positive force for change.

All that glitters is not gold

by Matthew Hable

Summer flew by and fall is in the air as we begin to acclimate back to school life. Returning students know the drill while new and transfer students need the time to adjust to unfamiliar environment. To those of us who have lived in the area for at least a semester, we eventually learn that there are significant problems behind the Redwood Curtain that are not deliberately addressed in the, "Why HSU?" package. Specifically issues that frequently occur outside of the university's bubble.

Observable examples include the high rate of unsupported mental illness, lack of cultural diversity, drug abuse, bigotry, and homelessness. Take a walk down Highway 101 near Old Town Eureka, and all of said misfortunes can probably be spotted in one day. Additionally, the recent unsolved murder of HSU student David Josiah Lawson amplified the discernible racism that exists in our community. In fact, Lost Coast Outpost had to suspend their comment sections in the wake of Lawson's death due to blatantly racist posts.

HSU alumni Meheen Ruby, 25, recalls the casual racism that she encountered during her time at the university. "When I moved to Arcata to go to Humboldt State, I found myself in a mostly positive environment," said Ruby. "However, I was not expecting some of the negatives of life here. I had a date tell me to my face, 'People around here only want to date white girls,' as if he was doing me a favor by showing interest in a brown girl."

For obvious reasons, HSU will not reveal such issues in their efforts to recruit new students, but be advised that there is more than meets the eye. To be fair, there are local organizations that tackle these social issues, including the Homeless Student Advocate Alliance, one of several student-led clubs here at the university that help homeless students find housing. However, real social change requires persistence and participation, two qualities that are lacking in the face of apparent hardship.

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Take a hike

by Matthew Hable

Humboldt County has a reputation for its incredible amount of towering redwood trees and rugged coastal beauty. Expanding beyond those beliefs, many newcomers eventually discover that Humboldt has even more to offer in the nature department, including lagoons, rivers, and marshes.

Fortunately, much of our environment is easily accessible through scores of trails. Browse through the free AllTrails app and look up either Redwood National and State Parks or Humboldt Redwoods State Park to find numerous options, including Trillium Falls and Bull Creek Flats. Don't have a car? No problem. The Arcata Community Forest is near the university, including trail access on 14th and Union St. Another nearby option is the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary, which offers about five miles of walking and biking paths. Hop on the bus to Trinidad and hike on Strawberry Rock Trail or Trinidad Head Loop. Humboldt County really has a good deal of options.

Also, take advantage of fun outdoor and recreational activities as well as affordable gear rentals offered by Center Activities. In fact, Center Activities is offering a guided tour of Arcata Community Forest on September 8. Visit humboldt.edu/centeractivities or pick up a catalog around campus for full details.

Hiking is a powerful way to decompress from the the pressures of school and work. We know that digital technologies are woven securely into the fabric of our daily lives and we rely on it to sustain ourselves in the Internet Age. However, connecting with nature provides mental and physical benefits that laptops and smart phones cannot offer. It has the potential to naturally clear the mind, elevate mood, and keep us in shape.

To put it another way, the key to happiness is to establish a balanced habit of screen time and hitting the trails.

John Muir, a renowned naturalist, said, "Keep close to nature's heart... and break clear away, once in awhile, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean."

Take advantage of Humboldt's plentiful outdoor offerings. You will be happy you did.

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Stumping Lumberjacks
Weekly Brain Teaser
By Ian Bradley

Use the image to guess the word or phrase. Pay attention to the size and position of the clues (top/bottom/left/right), repetition, direction (up/down/backwards/forwards), and the style.
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Hint: Fairy tale character

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Hint: I can't tell you, it's...

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Hint: Dream vacation

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Hint: Scuba divers do this

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Hint: Family member

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Hint: Squirrels climb here

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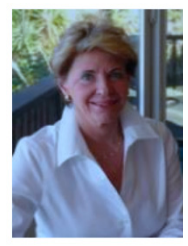
Hint: Word with the prefix *mis-*



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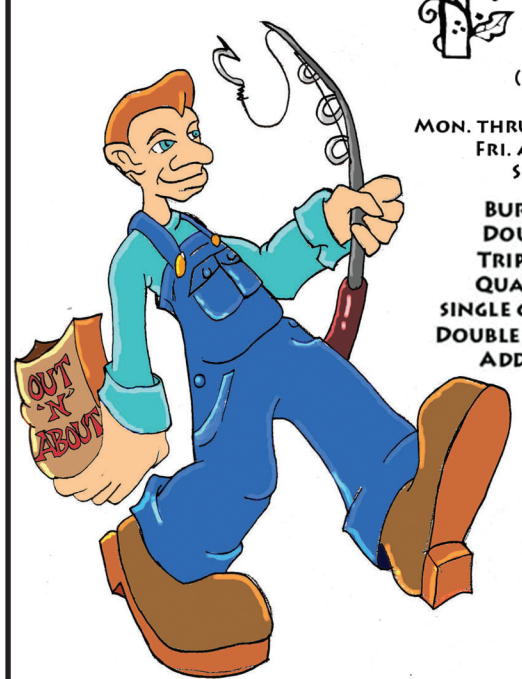

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