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Community Advisory Board meets despite roadblocks

by Tony Wallin

The KHSU Community Advisory Board continued as planned with their monthly assembly despite Humboldt State University SU president, Lisa Rossbacher being against them meeting.

The meeting was facilitated by CAB members Jana Kirk Levine and Barbara Boeger. The only other CAB member present was Helene Rouvier. The room was nearly full of community members, ranging from volunteer show hosts to KHSU staff members.

Kirk Levine called the meeting a “non-CAB CAB meeting” due to the general manager, Peter Fretwell, denying the request of the CAB to reserve a room and asking them not to meet.

“They tried to keep us locked out of our room, but we’re clever,” Kirk Levine said.

The reasoning for still meeting despite the lack of HSU support was to figure out what’s going on at the station, how to fix it, and how to start a process moving forward.

“This meeting is toward issues, not people. What’s important is why we are here tonight,” Kirk Levine said.

In President Rossbacher’s Sept. letter addressed to the CAB, she asked for all members to individually respond to her about the clarity of a ‘no confidence’ vote towards general manager Fretwell. Kirk Levine said all but one CAB member responded (because Tom Hintz was on vacation) within less than 24 hours, yet Rossbacher still wants them to halt further meetings.

Boeger said through an email that CAB did not make the decision to terminate Peter Fretwell. The vote was related of the members of the community

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Humboldt community members march down the on the streets of Eureka, California Sept. 29 for the 2nd Annual Redwood Pride Parade.

Photo by Luis Lopez

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Ballot measure proposes Humboldt as sanctuary county

Centro Del Pueblo enlists help to advocates for immigrant ordinance on Nov. 6 ballot

by Tony Wallin

An elderly woman with dementia taken away from her family by U.S Immigration and Custom Enforcement and deported. A young mother in her late 30s swept away by ICE and taken to a prison in Bakersfield for nine months even in spite of being here since she was five years old, married to a U.S. citizen and raising two children born as U.S. citizens.

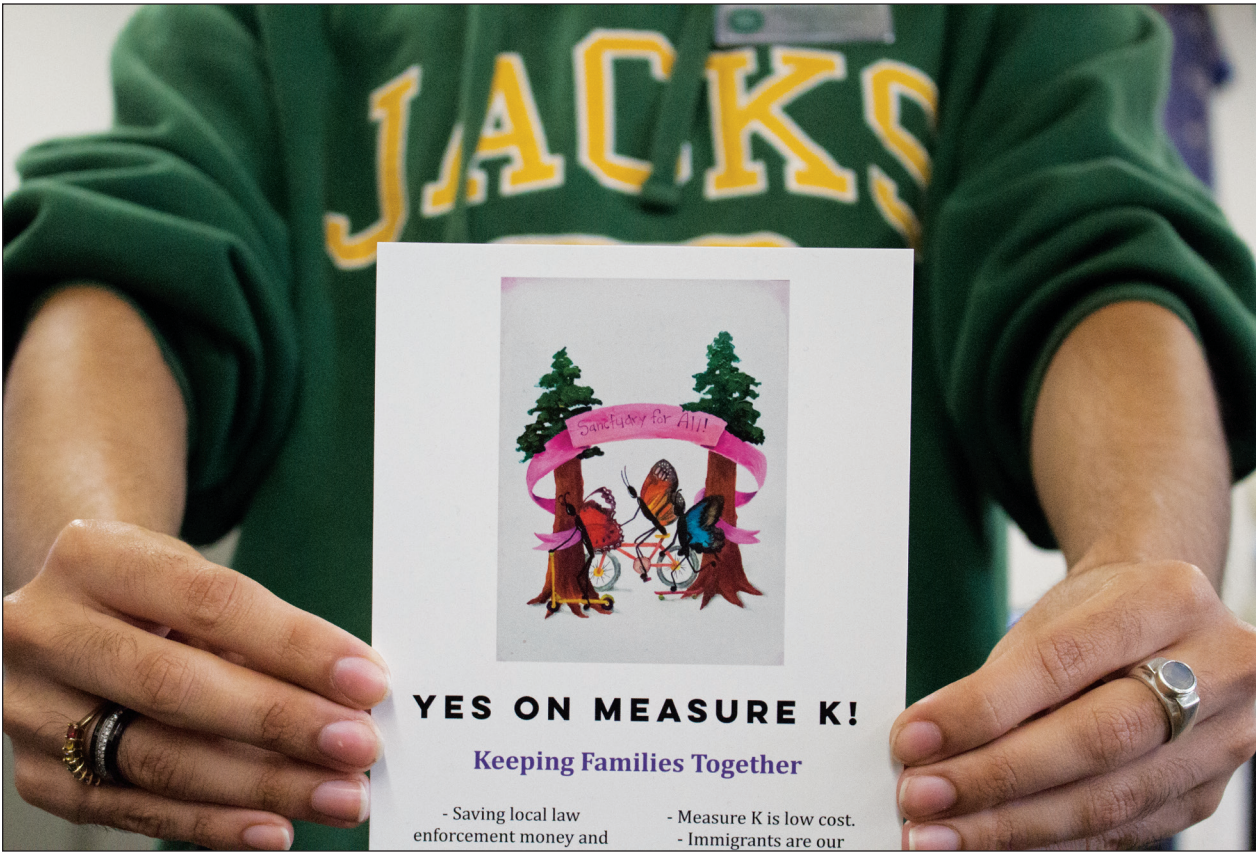
Stories like these, where people are arrested for no other crime than lack of citizenship, are why Erik Kirk wrote local ballot Measure K.

“Criminal law and immigration law should be separate,” Kirk said.

Kirk, a lawyer, was asked by Centro Del Pueblo, a non-profit community service agency, to write a draft of an ordinance pertaining sanctuary for Humboldt county.

A sanctuary ordinance would prohibit local law enforcement from assisting federal immigration authorities with detainment. Typically sanctuary ordinances apply to cities rather than counties.

Kirk said Centro Del Pueblo



HSU student holds a card advocating for Measure K.

proposed to the board of directors about making Humboldt county a sanctuary county, but they felt the board was unresponsive, so they asked him to write it for them.

Measure K, on the November ballot, would make Humboldt County a sanctuary county

along with 30 sanctuary jurisdictions around the nation. Kirk said the measurement would be an extension of an existing law, AB54, which is a statewide ordinance that prohibits law authorities from cooperating with ICE.

“Our current laws are outdated and we need to change that,”

Kirk said.

Measure K would help law enforcement by encouraging crime reporting and cooperation from the undocumented community. Immigrants may be more likely to consistently take


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Medical workers protest layoffs

St. Joseph Memorial Hopsital lays off staff

by Alex Harris

Jessica Corral has two kids, her son is 10 and her daughter is seven. The daughter has urological issues that require her to be driven six hours down south to University Of California, San Francisco.

Corral has her own set of health related issues and a dwindling insurance policy, but one thing she does not have anymore is a job.

“I don’t know what I am going to do,” Corral said. “I just want my job back.”

Corral was an Emergency Department Technician 2 (EDT) at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital. Her Job consisted of the everything from helping patients get out of bed or go to the bathroom to running the Electrocardiography (EKG) machines and performing Intravenous Therapy (IV) drips.



Photo by Deven Chavannes
Renee Saucedo leads a chant during the nurses strike at St. Josephs Hospital. Monday, September 25..

Like many others in her position, she was laid off over two weeks ago. This was after hospital administration confirmed their plan to layoff 2.6% members of the hospital’s support staff.

On Sept. 25, Corral and about 100 other ex and current St. Joseph staff, community and union members joined with the National Union of Healthcare workers to protest the recent layoffs at St. Joseph memorial hospital located in Eureka. Corral is worried about her and her daughter’s access to the medi-

cation and treatments that they require.

“Once my insurance runs out we can’t pay for our medication,” Corral said.

Many seem to be in similar situations, but Corral explained that even before the layoffs nurses, emergency department technicians, sitters and lab technicians were overworked and understaffed to the point of exhaustion.

“I was the last person left on my (morning) shift,” Corral said. “There is now no one in the morning, available to do simple

said this is false information. Kirk said the probation department has to do the same tracking and reporting of communication with ICE as they do with the sheriff, and their estimates were \$1250-\$2500.

“I think the sheriff wants to deport whoever he wants and we think that isn’t right,” Kirk said.

Kelsey Reed, a member of the Humboldt Green Party and Move to Amend coalition, said the measurement allows parents to decide where their kids go when they get deported. As the law stands now, when parents are deported they are no longer able to make decisions where their children end up. Kids usually get left at home alone or taken to foster care.

“This is an overall humanity issue and several families have been destroyed because of ICE,” Reed said.

Reed said this is the most radical sanctuary ordinance

proposed in a county. Through the ordinance, ICE would be required to only make certain arrests in certain areas and that parents wouldn’t be able to get arrested in front of their children.

Reverend Bryan Jessup is the minister of the Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship which is one of the faith based organizations to support Measure K. Jessup’s congregations have been a sanctuary since June of 2017 and is a safe place for people subject to abuse from ICE.

Jessup said the congregation doesn’t want Humboldt County to be a part of what is going on around the country regarding immigration policy.

“We would like to stand up for humanity, our people are willing to shelter immigrants,” Jessup said.

Christi Molina, English senior, is a peer mentor at Scholars Without Borders who works

things and resupply (nurse stations).”

This has directly affected the nurse and support staff who still work at St. Joseph’s Hospital. Lesley Ester, a registered nurse who is still employed at St. Joseph, is concerned about the health of current staff.

“There has been a huge uptick in the number of sick calls,” Ester said. “In other words their immune system are shot, their emotional system are shocked, so were having a lot of sick calls.”

The struggles of the nurses and support staff, have not been unheard by the community, many came to show their support. Sylvia Deeroy, a local community activist and resident had a recent five day stint in St. Joseph’s and said she was appalled by the way she was treated and how overworked the staff was while in treatment for a recent knee replacement at the hospital.

“They have totally insufficient help, I was there for five days, couldn’t get up on my own,” Deeroy said. “It wasn’t until the fourth day that I was able to get to the bathroom and bathe myself and brush my teeth. There was no one to help before.”

This seems to be the reality many patients will be facing as the layoffs have been directed at support staff like Emergency Department Technicians and others focused on patient care. Many like Lesley Ester see this

as a problem of under staffing and the overall stress put on support staff.

“The amount sick calls we get only, increase the problem of our under staffing,” Ester said.

St. Joseph is citing that the staffing cuts come from a rash of unprofitable years. But in the recent press package handed out by the National Union of health-care workers shows that from 2014-2017 the hospital had a net income of \$135,710,202. With the peak of their net incomes being \$49,000,000 in 2017. These numbers seems to undermine St. Joseph’s insistence on the budget and income being the problem.

Some community members and St. Joseph staff doubt the hospital commitment to the community due to poor work conditions and patient service. Allen McCloskey, a lab technician who helped unionize St. Joseph a couple of years back is one of those weary of St. Joseph’s commitment to the community.

“It’s my assertion that the care for the community is just an ancillary sound bite,” McCloskey said. “They are concerned about their financial algorithms.”

Solving this situation is something that will be difficult for both sides in regards to negotiations. For Humboldt’s many patients and staff, this is a matter of life and death.

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children to school and access health care and vital services, affecting the overall greater community.

Kirk said the measurement will limit cooperation with ICE with just suspected immigration violation. The measurement will not in anyway prevent law enforcement with proceeding criminal provisions.

The Times Standard reported the ordinance would cost hundred of thousands of dollars. Kirk said this is a number he has no idea how it was calculated.

Sheriff William Honsal claimed he would have to track ICE deputies. Estimated tracking and reporting communications between ICE with new measurement would be between \$85,000-\$135,000. Kirk

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— Barbara Boeger
KHSU Community Advisory Board Member

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who have voiced strong calls for his termination.

“I think we clearly stated we were responding to the members of the community who spoke,” Boeger said regarding the request to forward a community vote of no confidence.

The decision of no confidence had the community members confused on why it even mattered to HSU administration and how that could be justified to keep the CAB from meeting.

An earlier email addressed to KHSU staff from their general manager stated KHSU would respect Rossbacher and have nothing to do with any meeting. Fretwell said KHSU would not publicize, form, participate or reserve space for a meeting.

KHSU staff members, Lorna Bryant and Jessica Eden were present at the meeting and Bryant live streamed the event.

The suggestion of forming a board of directors was brought up multiple times and was included in the CAB’s action plan. Kirk Levine said CAB

member Geraldine Goldberg has been putting a lot of time and effort in working with this issue.

“If we don’t have a board of directors and leave KHSU to HSU we’ll keep getting nothing,” Kirk Levine said.

A main concern that was raised by multiple members was the loss of late-night programming. Tim Warner, who hosts the Buck Calhoun show, is one of the late-night programmers to be affected by the recent time changing.

Warner said risk management deems them a liability but Katie Whiteside made sure all late-night hosts were well equipped and knowledgeable on safety procedures. For 17 years Warner has hosted the Buck Calhoun show and not once has he had a single issue in safety ending late.

“I’ve seen skunks, and my last show I saw a deer. Nothing

scary about that,” Warner said.

The night was emotional for the CAB members and community alike. There is frustration that emails have been left unanswered and communications between all parties involved are strained. Tensions are high at KHSU, and CSU has issued an independent investigation to be done due to the work environment at KHSU.

With all these problems occurring, the CAB and community members are still hopeful for KHSU’s future. They will still meet two times before the new year, on Nov. 14 and Dec. 12.

“I am trying to be positive. What’s important is we’re here tonight. Keep thoughts kind, focused and positive,” Kirk Levine said.

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closely with Centro Del Pueblo. Molina said the measurement would affect her personally because some of her family would be documented as immigrants. Molina said the students in the area are supportive of the measurement and that makes her hopeful of it passing. They

know the measurement is against separation of family and keeping communities intact.

“This is a way to not only keep family together but to respect

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Community celebrates pride in style



Photo by Nick Kemper
Humboldt County community members celebrate LGBTQ pride in the Jefferson Community Center in Eureka, California for the 2nd Annual Redwood Pride on Sept. 29, 2018.

by Luis Lopez

Gray clouds overcast the skies of Humboldt County on Saturday. However, a rainbow was over Eureka, all thanks to the Humboldt Pride with a Purpose event.

The day-long event started at 10 a.m. and continued until 4 p.m. at the Jefferson Community Center, offering many activities like making tie-dye shirts and getting in touch with local community shops and organizations.

One of the organizations was the Redwood National and State Parks services. Interpretive Ranger Steven Krause was happy to be at the event.

“Since 2016 we’ve (RNSP) been involved in the Pride with a Purpose event,” Krause said.

“Personally, this is not my first pride event I’ve showed up to, I’m happy to be here.”

Many who were attending were dressed in the colors of the rainbow, dancing and overall having a good time at the event. Ariel Stelljes, Humboldt State University student and piccolo player of the Marching Lumberjacks, was with her band members to show support of the LGBTQ community of Humboldt County.

“We’re all dressed up very gay, and we’re super excited to play,” Stelljes said.

At 4 p.m. over at 2nd and I St., the pride parade was held, many groups and organizations were present waving rainbow flags and playing music for all attending the parade including the Redwood National and

State park float.

Overall, it was a fun event, full of many people showing their love and support for the LGBTQ community of Humboldt County.

Caroline Isaacs, a social actions committee member from the Temple Beth El Synagogue, showed up to march at the pride parade to show support.

“I think it’s extremely important to show support for the LGBTQ community of Humboldt County,” Isaacs said. “As Jews we know the struggles of being seen as outcasts by the community, we want to show the LGBTQ community that they’re not alone.”

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Hidden campus treasure

by Nick Kemper

In the forest behind Humboldt State University’s Kinesiology and Athletics Building hides a mysterious little lake that even Jason Sowerwine, head groundskeeper of the campus, didn’t know about.

Fern Lake is tucked away on the edge of campus. Students go there to relax, disk-golfers go there to play and community members go there to mountain-bike. Fallen trees in the lake stick out of the water like spikes. There is also a small pier that leads to a small cement platform.

Isabelle Otillo is an environmental science and management major who goes to the lake to relax. Otillo said she likes the lake because it is different from what you would typically see across campus.

“My favorite thing is not having one thing to look at but having a whole scene set in front of me and being under the canopy of trees while there’s still an opening,” said Otillo. “It’s just a really unique spot that not a lot of people know about.”

Sky Freitas is a communications major who also works for grounds keeping. She heard about the lake from some of her friends and has visited several times.

“It’s really nice and peaceful,” said Freitas. “I love it so much! And there’s turtles in it!”

Patrick Mero is the fishery manager at the Humboldt State University Fishery. He has been the manager for little over a year, but he knows about



Photo by Nick Kemper
Humboldt State University’s Fern Lake is a beautiful, mysterious, frisbee-eating place hidden beyond the edge of the school.

the pond. He said that the pond has been supplying water to the hatchery since the fishery was built.

“It still supplies water to the hatchery,” Mero said. “It’ll probably be used for the hatchery as long as it will be around.”

According to the school archive, Humboldt State University by Katy Tahja, Fern Lake was constructed in 1938.

Originally, it was a small stream that was dammed up to make a fish hatchery. Over time, the dam improved and the pond became a small reservoir. Sometimes science classes would conduct various experiments using the lake. One experiment was about water quality and another was about salamanders.

The Lumberjack Day’s Fest existed in the 1970’s and took place at Fern Lake. It was an annual logging sport event day that included a variety of contests, both physical and mental.

They had contests about estimating tree volume, and birling contests. Birling is running on a floating long for a certain length of time. Unfortunately, because of alcohol related incidents, the festival was canceled.

The disc golf course also has baskets throughout the forest and one basket is right by the lake. Keith Delawder is an experienced diskgolfer that graduated from HSU three years ago. He plays disk golf in the forest often and has been playing in the park for around a decade.

“It’s a really nice feature for the school and park,” Delawder said.

Aside from all the lake’s fun and beauty, it has taken many frisbees over the years.

“I’ve put like over ten frisbees in there like over the last eight to ten years,” Delawder said.

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Ground truth starts with adventure

Environmental Protection Information Center hosts annual Base Camp

by Kyra Skylark

EDITORIAL NOTE: The author attended this event as both a student volunteer and as a journalist, therefore some personal views may be reflected in the story. The photo editor was also present on this trip and both are pictured.

Earlier this month Environmental Protection Information Center hosted their second annual Base Camp at Rock Creek Ranch. EPIC invited students and community members to volunteer to help in examining and groundtruthing two of the Last Chance Grade Project alternatives.

“I discovered the difference between reading about something and seeing,” Tom Wheeler said. “Seeing on a paper is different from seeing in person, in person the trees and the great biodiversity of that area really stood out.”

Tom Wheeler, the executive director of the Environmental Protection Information Center, was one of the group leaders on EPIC’s second annual Base Camp trip.

Groundtruthing is visiting a proposed project site to document what the project looks like through direct observation.

Ariel Nelson, an HSU student majoring in environmental science and management with a focus in ecological restoration, attended EPIC’s 2018 Base Camp.

“I was looking for more opportunities to gain field experience in regards to environmental work in general and it seemed like a cool camping trip as well, so I cleared up my weekend commitments and went for it,” Nelson said.

The proposed Last Chance Grade Project is a highway development project in Del Norte county, 10 miles south of Crescent City.

“The Last Chance Grade slide area of the 101 has experienced a lot of landslides over the last hundred years with some pretty catastrophic road failures, so Caltrans is looking at ways to redesign or move the road to get around this critical slide area,” Wheeler said.

“Caltrans has determined that it needs to rethink the current road alignment because it is not safe and does not provide reliable transit between Del Norte and Humboldt counties.”



Photo by Nick Kemper

On Friday Sep. 7th, the Environmental Protection Information Center met with volunteers and set up camp for their second annual Basecamp event in the Klamath National Forest.

EPIC’s Base Camp volunteer group examined and documented two of the six proposed alternatives for the Caltrans project.

“We chose to examine alternatives A2 and L because relative to the other alternatives, these look like they may end up as the main proposed alternatives, so it was necessary for us to examine them and their proposed impacts,” Wheeler said.

Lenore Ogbor, a retired special education elementary school teacher from New York City, happened to be within a few hours of the area just in time to go on EPIC’s Base Camp.

“I didn’t know that the redwoods had such a shallow root system or that they spread horizontally and close to the surface holding each other up as a sort of interdependent system,” Ogbor said. “How putting a road 10 feet away from a redwood, while you may be trying to saving the tree, you’re still damaging the root system. I learned that the redwood trees help each other to stand up and then they are able to support all these different animals, trees, plants and the whole ecosystem within, as they are also cooperating with each other to stay vertical.”

EPIC and the Base Camp

group concluded that the L alternative was preferred over alternative A2. Alternative A2 would cut through three acres of old growth redwoods within the Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park.

Gabe Kim, an HSU film major and a videographer intern for EPIC, who went to EPIC’s Base Camp to document the trip was also amazed by the width of the trees.

“It was cool seeing the 13 foot wide redwood trees [in alternative A2] and watching everyone documenting the area using avenza maps that as I documented through video,” Kim said. “It really got me thinking about how beautiful the scenery is and what we would be missing if the road was in fact built and all those redwoods were cut down.”

Everyone seemed both awed and sad while walking through the old growth redwood forest of A2.

“I’d never seen trees that big in my life,” Nelson said. “It was my favorite part because I was able to step into such an untouched landscape, but it was also devastating to realize if that alternative is chosen all those trees are going to be gone.”

The Base Camp volunteers participated in different activities

such as groundtruthing, map and compass orienteering, environmental policy overviews and know your rights trainings. Some individuals, like Lenore Ogbor, were only in the area to participate EPIC’s Base Camp and departed after the weekend was done.

“All of these people gathered with a common interest, with different degrees of knowledge, but sharing in this passion,” Ogbor said. “There was a large range of ages and a good amount of the people there were

students.” Many students in attendance are studying exactly what EPIC was teaching at Base Camp, and were able to apply their studies to the activities.

“It was cool to come into it with an understanding of how environmental assessment works,” Nelson said.

While some were excited to demonstrate and apply their knowledge, others were simply excited to share in everyone’s knowledge and joy.

“Just watching and hearing the students, I could tell they were able to bring some of the stuff they’re learning in class alive right there and then,” Ogbor said. “The students had already learned some of what the group leaders were talking about, it wasn’t all brand new knowledge and their synapses were just click, click, click, clicking away. I’ve been a teacher for many years and I just love seeing that kind of spark and interest.”

The gathering of students and community volunteers was the first step in the environmental assessment of the Last Chance Grade project. From here, EPIC and other organizations will continue to assess the different road alternatives creating additional opportunities for community members to be a part of this process.

“A note to everyone in general, you do have an impact, you can change decisions just by putting yourself out there and getting involved any way that you can, every single person has a roll that they can play,” Nelson said.

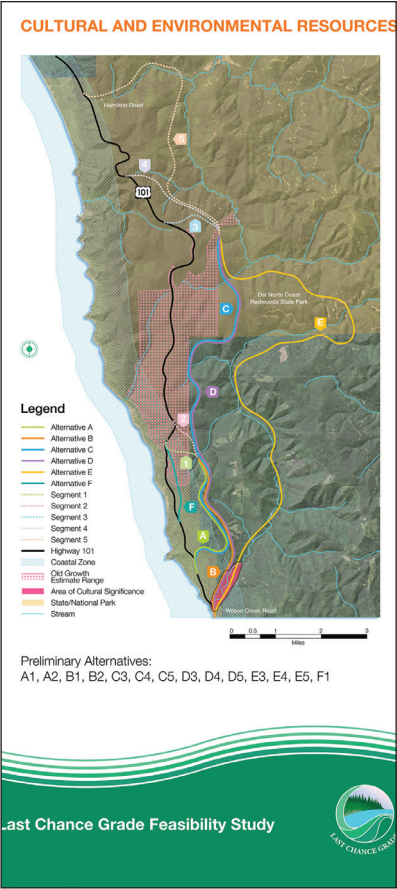


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Supreme Court nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh and Christine Blasey Ford testified in front of the Senate Judiciary Committee on Sept. 27 based on Blasey Ford’s accusation of sexual assault against Kavanaugh from their high school days. Blasey Ford is one of three women who have come forward with allegations against Kavanaugh.

The details of the accusations and hearing possess eerie parallels to the 1991 hearings of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas before during his vetting process.

Even though Thomas made it through in spite of sexual harassment allegations against him, the Senate should not allow Kavanaugh to join him on the Supreme Court of the United States. In fact, while we are on the subject, it’s time the Senate cleans up the SCOTUS and get rid of Thomas as well.

Twenty-seven years ago, Law professor Anita Hill came forward with sexual harassment allegations against Thomas while they worked at the Department of Education and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Thomas was Hill’s supervisor and Hill ended up working under him for quite some time in spite of his behavior.

Some differences between the incidents include age differences at the time of each incident respectively and the type of harassment differs between physical and verbal and repetitive.



Photo Illustration by Megan Bender

Both men served as judges on the U.S. appeals courts in Washington and were surrounded by beginning whispers of sexual harassment against them when they were nominated, unknown to the public at first.

Both women were hesitant to come forward publicly and took time to do so and by another eerie coincidence are professors.

The loudest similarity between the two and probably any sexual harassment allegation is this idea that a woman has come forward with the intent to smear or ruin the life of the person they are accusing.

There is no better time than when a predator is about to step into a position of power to address their nature and history of harassment. There is also never a bad time, nor is it ever too late, to call them out for being predators and to serve justice where

it’s deserved. The #MeToo movement has begun to dismantle and expose predators in prominent positions and change the conversation and narrative surrounding sexual misconduct.

Senator Lindsey Graham, a republican senator representing North Carolina has not only released statements in support of Kavanaugh but has made it aggressively clear that some of the narrative surrounding sexual misconduct has a ways to go.

“What you want to do is destroy this guy’s life, hold this seat open, and hope you win in 2020,” Graham said in response to questioning of Kavanaugh from Illinois Democratic Sen. Dick Durbin. He has also insisted President Donald Trump renominate Kavanaugh if the vote fails.

Per article three section one of the constitution, supreme

court justices and judges and lower courts “shall hold their offices during good behaviour.”

This vague and open ended statement leads to the terms of the supreme and lower court justices and judges serving for life. Instead of interpreting this section to mean during moral or ethical behavior, it has instead dictated a timeline.

If Kavanaugh is in fact chosen to fill the SCOTUS seat available by the Senate, our last hope will be for that same Senate to impeach him. The only instance in which a SCOTUS justices can be removed against his or her will.

Even so the impeachment of a SCOTUS justice happened over party bias and the last time it happened was in 1804. Justice Samuel Chase was acquitted by the Senate even still and continued as a justice till his death anyway.

Realistically Republicans

hold the majority vote in the Senate and have probably already made up their mind. It will not be surprising if Kavanaugh is still accepted as the next SCOTUS justice, especially when the man who nominated him has his fair share sexual harassment allegations stacked against him and sits in the oval office.

Democrats have demanded the vote be delayed until the FBI can investigate and Majority Leader Mitchell McConnell has stated that the voting will happen this week as planned.

This is our plea to the Senate to surprise us. To hear the voices of these survivors and strongly consider the character of the man they are about to vote into a position of power. It is never too late to decide history should not repeat itself.

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OPINION

No second chances for sexual misconduct

by Keaundrey Clark

Palo Alto University Professor Christine Blasey Ford has recently come forward and said the Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh sexually assaulted her when she was 15 and he was a 17-year old high school student.

Ford said she originally came out with this revelation in 2012 in a couples therapy session. Documents, as well as a polygraph test, support the credibility of her and multiple witness’ statements.

Because it was over three decades ago, we may never get the truth from Kavanaugh. This does not mean Ford’s claims should be dismissed.

Kavanaugh’s behavior and denial of the incident speaks to a larger societal issue women have to deal with when coming forward and dealing with sexual abuse.

Kavanaugh, Donald Trump or any other human being in a place of elite power should not have the ability to dictate the future of a country if they have sexual assault allegations or charges against them.

It’s the fact that most of these men are in a position of power to dictate our country’s direction. They have the pow-

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er to dictate what women can and can’t do with their bodies by creating laws. That is a dangerous proposition. The thought that men who have oppressed women in the past, or still do, can make laws and hold power.

Opposing viewpoints would say that people and their past transgressions should be forgiven and people should be given a second chance. While I do believe being proven guilty in the court of law is the correct way to punish most people on this, our justice system has failed so many women, that a conviction, any help and assurance can’t be seen with much more than a half ass attempt of justice.

No second chance should be given for sexual misconduct. Sexual harassment is to take a piece of someone’s well being and disregard it, and disrespecting them as a person. To take advantage of someone sexually shows a lack of compassion, under-

standing and empathy.

Former Judge Alex Kozinski was forced to announce retirement. Senator Al Franken, representative Pat Meehan, Rep. Trent Franks, Rep. John Conyers and Rep. Blake Farenthold had to resign because of past allegations of sexual harassment. This tells me that men in Washington believe they are above the law and entitled to a women’s body.

Men like these who run our country are indicative of a society that doesn’t value women for their intellect but for what they look like and what they provide a man.

Time and time again the leaders of our country are at the forefront of oppression.



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Women's volleyball struggles on court

Lady Jack's lose three sets against Stanislaus State after fiery offensive from outside hitter

by Gabe Rivera

Lumberjacks outside hitter Lauren Reid led all players on the volleyball court with her game-high 18 kills but it wasn't enough as the Jacks dropped all three sets (25-23, 25-22, 25-16) to the Stanislaus State Warriors at Lumberjack Arena on Sept. 29.

"We have a pretty young team and I think tonight that really showed," Jacks middle blocker Emma Flewell said. "We just got scared when we were playing. We were up and the pressure was on and we started playing scared."

Reid did her part in the first set and was responsible for the first three points of the match. Every time the Warriors closed the gap, Reid was there to nail another kill shot to put her team up. Her 18 total kills accounted for half of all of the Jacks kills.

"Our inexperience has been very much highlighted," Jacks head coach Kelly Wood said. "We had set one. We had a big lead but it's like we almost have gotten used to us losing that the pressure got to us in that first set."

The two teams seemed to be evenly matched but there was an ingredient missing for the Jacks. Reid's presence was felt by the Warriors constantly while she was on her side of the court but when she was subbed out to rest, the rest of the Jacks struggled to garner a steady attack. The Warriors kept the pressure on in the second set and hammered away to extend

their lead and took the second set 25-22.

"They're a really scrappy team," Warriors middle blocker Alana Wilson-Reid said. "No one should ever underestimate them and they pushed us to our limits."

The Jacks pulled ahead by four in the beginning of the third set but after the score was tied at 10 the Warriors jumped out to a seven-point lead that the Jacks could not come back from. The Warriors had a staggering .257 attack percentage and were the better and more experienced team on this night.

Some of the Jacks standouts were sophomore outside hitter Sumer Hansen who had eight kills and nine and a half total points. Sophomore setter Julianna Burtolucci led all Jacks players with 27 assists along with six digs and Jacks junior libero Odelia Ryan led the Jacks with 23 digs and three service aces.

"We're working on getting more production out of our front row of our offense," Coach Wood said. "Offensively we're just riding Lauren Reid. We're sending her a ton of balls. We need more balance and we need more production from our offense."

The Jacks travel south to San Francisco State for their next match on Oct. 5. First serve is at 7 p.m.

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Photo by Lauren Shea
Lauren Reid spikes the ball towards Stanislaus State volleyball team on Saturday, Sept. 29 in the Lumberjack Arena at Humboldt State University.

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— Kelly Wood
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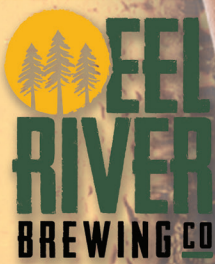
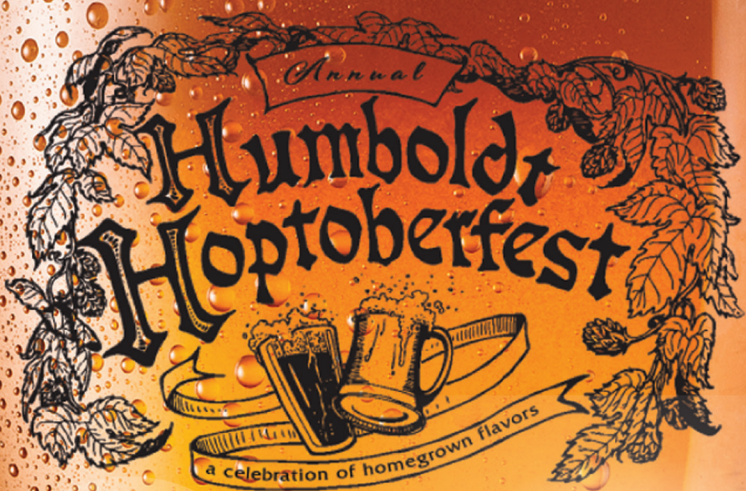
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