

AS MACHIAVELLI SAW IT

Conspiracy

A prince need trouble little about conspiracies when the people are well disposed, but when they are hostile and hold him in hatred, then he must fear everything and everybody.

Merit

A prince must show himself a lover of merit, give preference to the able and honor those who excel in every art.

Goodness

A man who wishes to make a profession of goodness in everything must necessarily come to grief among so many who are not good. Therefore, it is necessary . . . to learn how not to be good, and to use this knowledge and not use it, according to the necessity of the case.

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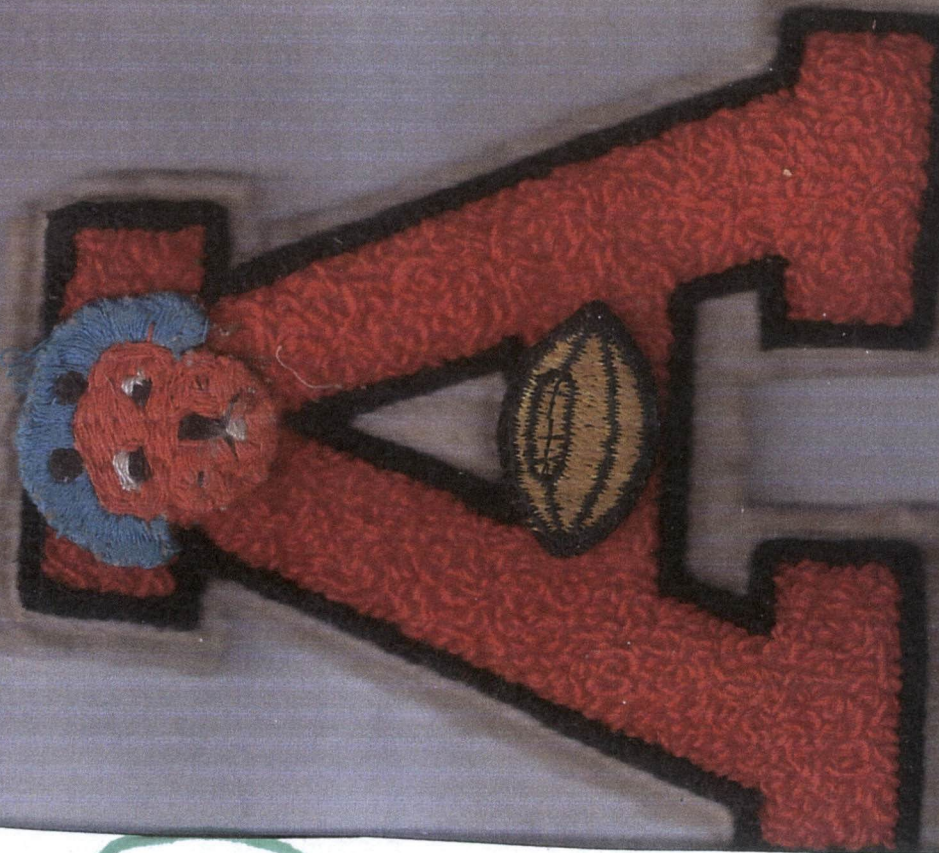
The first impression that one gets of a ruler and of his brains is from seeing the men he has about him.

Flattery

There is no other way of guarding one's self against flattery than by letting men understand that they will not offend you by speaking the truth; but when every one can tell you the truth, you lose their respect.

Fortune

I certainly think that it is better to be impetuous than cautious, for fortune is a woman, and it is necessary . . . to conquer her by force.



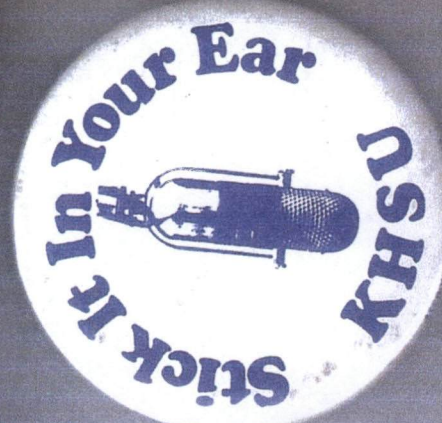
I have never made a mistake in my life.

I thought I did once but I was wrong.

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The five year financial forecast results indicate that overall most of the county's funds are experiencing some level of financial distress (except for the Public Health, Social Services and Risk Management funds which are shown to be stable over the forecast period).⁹⁹

Financial forecast report

Reader's choice: 'In a world of talkers, Rex is a doer'

I am writing in support of Rex Bohn for 1st District Supervisor. Recently when I needed assistance from the county and was getting the

runaround, I reached out to Rex directly for help. By the end of business day, I received multiple calls from county administration with information that I needed and how they could assist me further. In addition, I received many follow-up calls to make sure that I was satisfied with their service. Being a mother of two children with special needs, I encounter "red tape" a majority of the time. Rex made it his priority to get me answers. In a world of talkers, Rex is a doer. He is a tireless advocate for many charities on the North Coast. As President of Families Advocating Autism Now, I have seen firsthand the time, energy and passion that Rex gives the community. He works hard for the residents of the North Coast and is determined to make a difference. I'm a life supporter of Rex. Join me!

Fatima Naylor, Eureka

HUMBOLDT COUNTY

Wheoley ends run for 3rd District Supervisor

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Arcata City Councilman Mark Wheoley, arrested last month on allegations he was driving under the influence of alcohol, announced Monday that he was ending his bid to become the 3rd District supervisor for Humboldt County.

"Due to a number of personal and professional obligations, it would be difficult to sustain an effective and competitive campaign at this time in balance with those commitments," Wheoley said in a statement. "I am thankful for all the support I have received from the people of the 3rd District and throughout Humboldt County. I will continue to serve the people of Arcata on the City Council until my term expires in December 2018."

As recently as the Jan. 20 City Council meeting, Wheoley had remained a candidate for the nonpartisan seat that is being vacated by Mark Lovelace, who opted not to run for re-election.

Wheoley has not said how he will deal with the legal ramifications of his arrest or comment on how he was treated by the California Highway Patrol officer who took him into custody on Jan. 7 in Samoa.

A CHP spokesman has said an officer noticed signs of intoxication after pulling Wheoley over for speeding on New Navy Base Road. Wheoley was arrested without incident on suspicion of having a blood-alcohol content of 0.08 percent or higher.

Wheoley's announcement leaves Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District Commissioner Mike Wilson and Arcata businessman and trail advocate Uri Driscoll as the declared candidates for Lovelace's post. The filing period for the position opens Feb. 16.

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—Mark Wheoley, Arcata City Councilman

Cannabis

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"The black market will continue to exist as long as the financial incentive remains, and the black market deserves respect because states outside or ours are not going to respect our laws," he said.

Most of the voices Friday at the North Coast Community Forum on Medical Marijuana in Redway supported the legal framework being developed to license, tax and govern the industry. Most said the rules being developed are instrumental to protect the environment, ensure the safety of workers and eliminate the violence associated with illegal marijuana production.

The meeting brought together government officials from agriculture, fish and wildlife, planning, law enforcement and water quality to discuss how medical marijuana policies and procedures will evolve.

Among the panelists was Humboldt County Sheriff Mike Downey who was somewhat surprised to hear the voices advocating for a

continuation of the status quo. Downey has listened for years from growing interests that wanted to be recognized as assets, not criminals.

"This is regulatory. It's no longer just a criminal issue," Downey said. "This will be the enforcement of an ordinance, not a law enforcement issue."

Creating and enforcing the regulations will fall to the other agencies represented at the forum: the state departments of Consumer Affairs, Food and Agriculture, and Fish and Wildlife; the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board; the county Planning and Building Department; and county Agricultural Commissioner Jeff Dolf.

"We have a long history of working to support agriculture," Dolf said. "We're going to do the same thing with cannabis."

Steve Lazar, a senior planner for Humboldt County, said the he and his colleagues have never formally permitted marijuana production, but they've seen evidence of the industry in many ways.

"This is going to be very

difficult for everyone involved, but we are prepared to take that on," Lazar said. "The industry always has been placed in a very delicate risk-reward, and so has local government. For the first time, we have the ability to move forward with a much greater perspective and a much greater ability to make that transition."

Second District Supervisor Estelle Fennell said she hoped the county planning staff would be swamped with work.

One theme that kept being repeated was that time would be needed to develop trust on the part of growers and rules from regulators. Some of the standards, including licensure requirements, don't take effect until Jan. 1, 2018, but some speakers said as many as 10 might be needed before the industry reaches steady-state status.

Other rules already have been written, including the Cannabis Cultivation Waste Discharge Regulatory Program from the water quality control board. Adona White, a water resource control engineer, was at Friday's meeting answering questions about how the

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agency would work with pot growers.

The Humboldt County native who graduated from Humboldt State University said she was the right fit to help explain what will be required in tier 1, 2 and 3 cultivation sites.

"This particular assignment came up, and my experience is in environmental control, nonpoint source pollution prevention and rural landscapes of the North Coast," White said. "And I know the culture. There's a certain type

of lifestyle.

"I can talk to people."

Sutherland and other marijuana activists want to ensure Humboldt County growers are able to capitalize on the cachet the region has in the cannabis world.

They want so-called track and trace labeling to ensure marijuana sold under a Humboldt logo is grown in the county.

North Coast state Sen. Mike McGuire (D-Healdsburg), a prime motivator of Friday's forum, said he hopes the same standards

used in wine production in Napa and Sonoma counties can be applied to cannabis.

Others are simply savoring a chance to sanction a product that has meant so much to Humboldt County for so long. Rio Anderson, co-owner of Chautauqua Natural Foods in Garberville, said new medical cannabis rules will help focus growers on the core values of ecological integrity and environmental protection important to residents of Humboldt County.

"I'm ready for it," Anderson said of the new rules. "I've lived through the drug wars of the '80s and the greed of the '90s and early 2000s."

"I welcome the regulations, and I hope we can develop Humboldt weed to become the best."

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Cannabis steps into the light

Time will tell how marijuana growers respond to new oversight

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Marijuana growers have worked for decades to be taken legitimately and seriously.

That day seems a lot closer with the enactment of the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act and the government agencies

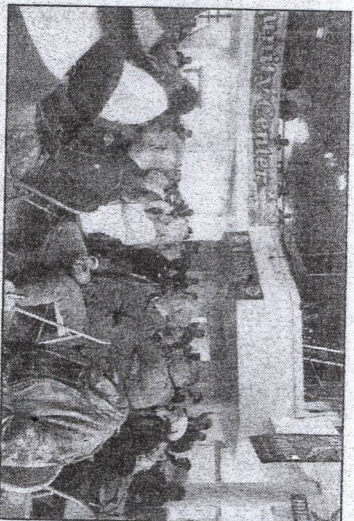
getting into the business of medical marijuana.

But questions remain regarding who will participate in the new programs and how many growers will continue to operate outside the law. Some medical marijuana activists remain wary after what they consider years of irrational suppression of an in-

dustry that's filled the voids left by the decline of the fishing and timber sectors of the North Coast economy.

"There will continue to be enforcement, even higher layers of enforcement," said Robert Sutherland of the Humboldt-Mendocino Marijuana Advocacy Project.

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More than 200 people gathered to discuss evolving medical marijuana policies during the North Coast Community Forum on Medical Marijuana at the Mateel Community Center in Redway.

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