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Slacklining

Humboldt State

students walk the line

Community | by Jami Eiring

Look forward. Breathe. Step. Repeat.

Slacklining is a sport where one walks on a thin webbing that is anchored between two points. It is not only a personal sport with mental barriers to pass, but a social gathering that is gaining popularity in Humboldt County.

Humboldt is one of the biggest centers of slacklining on the West Coast and is even described as a Mecca for slackers. Every fall, the Humboldt Classic tricklining competition and slacklining gathering attracts people from up and down the coast.

On campus, risk management's policy is that slacklining is not allowed, UPD's Sergeant Carpenter said.

Humboldt State botany major Katie Herron was first exposed to slacklining as a kid. Her parents were involved in the climbing world. Slacklining, being an accessory to climbing, was always around her. However, it was not until January of last year that she really got into it.

Herron, 25, describes slacklining as finding your flow state. The flow state is the feeling of letting go and moving with whatever you are doing.

"The cool thing is it (slacklin-



Avid slacker, Matthew Paris, walks a highline at Trinidad Beach. | Photo provided by Jason Barnes

ing) forces you to find that flow state," Herron said. "If you don't find it, you're off the line."

The personal aspect of slacklining is about overcoming internal battles. Whether it is taking the first step or overcoming a fear of heights, it is about getting

past a mental road block.

Humboldt State student Tony Wallace, 25, said slacklining can be compared to yoga; it is meditative and introspective. Slacklining connects the mind and body Wallace said.

"You feel like you're going to

fall off and you either keep going or jump off," Wallace said. "The sport has taught me that anything is possible."

The lessons learned in slacklining carry on into other aspects of life. HSU freshman Josh Kanel, 19, *continued on page ten*

Update: fallen tree. Crisis Averted

Community | by Miranda Hutchison

Students were allowed back into the Campus Apartments at 7 p.m. on Monday night, following the redwood tree fall.

During the early Monday morning storm a tree split and fell damaging part of the top floor. No one was injured and students were evacuated immediately to the Great Hall near the College Creek apartments.

"I was already awake," Morgan said. "I was worried about the tree falling earlier that night because it was swaying."

HSU's director of housing, Stephen St. Onge said the two apartments mostly affected by the tree are closed off and the four misplaced students have been temporarily relocated. He said he is unaware of the construction timeline.

Morgan and her roommate were moved to Creekview. She said she does not know how long she will be there for.

Contractors began to cut the branches of the tree around noon on Monday. The crane arrived approximately two hours later and the tree was successfully removed allowing students to return to their apartments.

"It's mostly aesthetic damages," HSU's associate vice president for facilities management, Traci Ferdolage, said during Monday's tree removal. "There is minimal structural damage."

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62°

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64°

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64°

Sunday



66°

Source: National Weather Service

Decline of the porcupine

HSU wildlife professor searches for answers on disappearing porcupines

Community | by Jami Eiring

With only yellow flags to guide her, Humboldt State student Juita Martinez treks through stinging nettle checking automated cameras set up to take pictures of porcupines. But once again, there is no sign of the quilled animal.

In the 1950s porcupines roamed the Humboldt State campus. Now, it is as if they have vanished.

Assistant wildlife professor Tim Bean started the porcupine project two years ago to answer the questions: Where are the porcupines and why are they declining? A research team consisting of Bean, graduate student Cara Appel and undergraduate students Tina Nguyen and Martinez use anecdotal evidence to find out why there is a porcupine decline in Northern Coastal California.

Porcupines are considered a generalist species—eating different foods and occupying different habitat types. They have very different diets and behaviors depending on where they live.

"If they're adapted to so many different things, why aren't they everywhere?" Bean said.

The project began with back-

ground research on the porcupine species locally and nationally.

Going back to 1971, former HSU professor Charles Yocom published a paper with his view on why porcupines were declining in the Humboldt and Del Norte County area. He believed porcupines were not native here, but moved from Oregon with the increase of timber harvest.

Porcupines eat leaves and bark, so young trees in clear cut areas are easier for them to eat. Yocom's theory was that as the clear cuts grew in there would be less nutritious material available and the porcupines would die off on their own.

Parallel to that, most native tribes in this area have been using porcupine quills in their regalia predating Yocom's research. They say porcupines used to be here, and now they are not.

"I think it is not clear why they (porcupines) are not growing," Bean said. "The next step is to find out why they're declining in this area."

Martinez, a 21-year-old zoology major, and Nguyen, a 21-year-old wildlife management and conservation major, *continued on page six*



One of four porcupines found in Crescent City, California. | Photo provided by Assistant Wildlife Professor Tim Bean

Word on the Street

What is the best Valentine's day gift you have given or received?

Kimberlie Hansen, 21, LSEE, senior



"In elementary school when I got a valentine from everyone in my class."



Madison Wakeman, 21, history, senior

"Probably a homemade card from my mom. Hashtag single and ready to mingle."

Cody Smith, 25, ecology restoration, senior



"I used to buy my girlfriend a Build-A-Bear Workshop teddy bear every year."



Jessie Kelly, 23, psychology, junior

"By far the best was when my boyfriend at the time decorated our whole apartment with sunflowers. They were tied to everything!"

Kellen Costantino, 20, communication, sophomore



"A massage, and a massage."

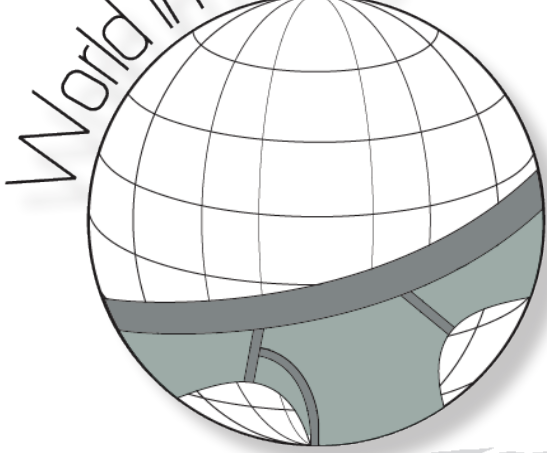


Manny Melesio, 20, criminal justice, junior

"A big bear, roses, chocolates, and a card."

Compiled by: Jami Eiring and Sarah Bradbury

World in Briefs



Libya

At least 25 migrants died of hypothermia after 18 hours, once they were picked up by an inflatable boat near Libya. Late Sunday night, patrol picked up 105 migrants that endured the 26 foot waves and below freezing temperatures. The boats were sent from Lampedusa, and are not designed to accommodate a high number of people.

Nigeria

What was believed to be Nigeria's most competitive presidential election since 1999, was put on hold by the election commission. The delay is a result of activity of Boko Haram, a radical armed group, who has occupied towns and villages, killed thousands and kidnapped hundreds. In order to better secure the country, the Independent National Electoral Commission chairman, Attahiru Jega said voting would be postponed until late next month.

Australia

In the last 200 years, Australia has lost 1 in 10 of its native mammal species. Scientists at Charles Darwin University say that no other nation has suffered such a loss of land mammals in this time frame. Conservationists are describing it as "extinction calamity." The drop is mostly due to predation by the feral cat and red fox, which were introduced from Europe, as well as fires.

United States

In Alabama, some same sex couples are receiving marriage licenses which began on Tuesday. However, some judges have refused to issue the licenses. They are expected to be sued by the federal court if they do not comply. They are refusing based on confusion regarding the federal court order and the administrative order.

Compiled and written by Miranda Hutchison

Sources: BBC, Al Jazeera, Fox News



UPD BYTES

Compiled by Miranda Hutchison

Feb. 4

Campus Apartments

Report of a clothing dryer fire.

11:15

Hey liar, your pants are on fire.

Feb. 4

Del Norte

Theft of kitchen items sometime over the winter break.

13:36

Santa took more than the cookies.

Feb. 6

Library

Staff report of a male subject laying in the mud and using the electricity to charge his phone.

15:02

Does the new iPhone come with a built in shower?

Feb. 9

West gym

Subject became hostile when he was advised that the gym was closed and acted like he was looking for a fight.

16:43

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Sci Fi Night ft. Bloodlust! (1961) Doors @ 6 PM. All ages, Free w/\$5 food & bev purchase.

Thursday February 12
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Friday February 13
Friday The 13th Part 2 (1981) Doors @ 7:30 PM, Movie @ 8 Tix \$5, Rated R.

Saturday February 14
My Bloody Valentine (1981) Doors @ 7:30 PM, Movie @ 8 PM, Tix \$5, Rated R.

Sunday February 15
101 Dalmatians (1961) Doors @ 5:30 PM, Movie @ 6 PM, Tix \$5, Rated G.

Monday February 16
The First Annual Elevator Pitch Presentations Doors @ 5:30 PM. Free

Tuesday February 17
HSU Film Festival Doors @ 6:30 PM, Event @ 7:00 PM, Ticket info t.b.a., All ages.

Wednesday February 18
Sci Fi Night ft. The Brainiac 1962. Doors @ 6 p.m. All ages, Free w/\$5 food & bev purchase.

Thursday February 19
Zion I Doors @ 9 PM, \$20 @ Door, \$18 adv tix @ Wildberries/People's Records/The Works, 21+.

Friday February 20
The Big Lebowski (1998) Doors @ 7:30 PM, Movie @ 8 PM, Tix \$5, Rated R.

Saturday February 21
Random Acts Of Comedy Doors @ 7:30 pm, Show @ 8 pm, \$6 @ door, All ages.

Sunday February 22
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The students become the masters

Alumni host Career Talk

Campus | by Jami Eiring

Humboldt State geography lecturer Anthony Rossi said one must be “cool” while dealing with sensitive countries around the world.

“To be cool,” Rossi said. “You have to filter what you say just enough.”

On Monday, former HSU students Josh Rudolph an editor of China Digital Times and Willie Shubert a program officer of Internews, held a Career Talk on campus to share how they were steered towards their careers.

Students and community members joined together in Founders Hall for an hour and a half to get a glimpse of their lives after Humboldt.

The two alumni met in 2007 as undergraduates on a trip to Tibet with professor Rossi. The trip inspired Rudolph to double major in international studies and religious studies.

Rudolph said his experience in Tibet and China set the track for his career. He is currently an editor and program assistant at China Digital Times. Working out of Berkeley, Calif., his job involves providing uncensored information to people in China.

The “Great Firewall” in China limits citizen access to the World Wide Web. China Digital Times is working to get information past the wall and officially averages 180,000 views a month in China. Rudolph’s job is to aggregate and contextualize the news through translation pieces.

“I watch the play between internet users and the Communist parties,” Rudolph said. “It is a cat and mouse game.”

One way that China Digi-

tal Times gets information to the Chinese public is through a glossary of terms called, “The Grass-Mud Horse Lexicon.” It translates resistance discourse of Chinese netizens—citizens of the internet.

The glossary of terms facilitates political discussion in the tightly controlled cyberspace, Rudolph said. It uses words or phrases that have symbolic meaning when their pronunciation is slightly changed.

In Rudolph’s talk, he explained “river crab” (héxiè), closely resembles “harmony” (héxié). Netizens (citizens of the internet) use this as a reference

to the Chinese government’s reasoning for censorship; a harmonious society.

The China Digital Times website states, “Instead of saying something has been censored, one might say it has been ‘harmonized’ or ‘river-crabbed.’”

Shubert, of Internews, discussed his own career path following Rudolph’s presentation.

As an undergraduate, Shubert majored in geography with concentrations in cartography, environmental economics, and Chinese studies.

He is now the program officer for Internews’ Earth Journalism Network after working as Na-

tional Geographic’s translation coordinator. Through a global network of environmental journalists, he helps make online tools to contribute to geojournalism.

Geojournalism is a combination of earth science (geography) and journalism (maps and stories). The Earth Journalism Network, which consists of about 5000 journalists in 119 countries, puts individual stories into context.

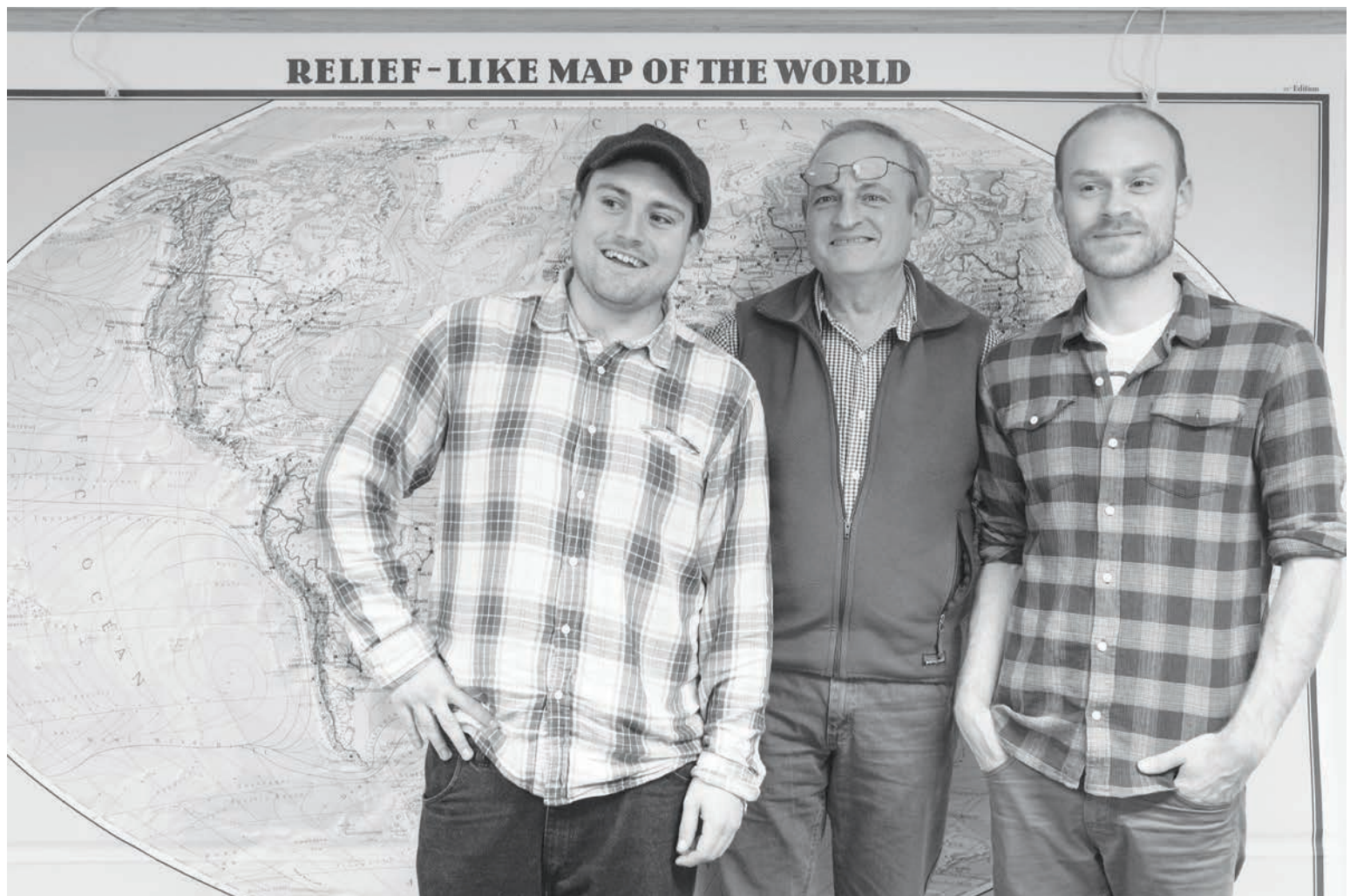
“There are a lot of different stories and a lot of different voices,” Shubert said. “But all with a common background.”

It begins with satellite im-

agery of environmental issues. Journalists on the ground verify the information from the satellite. The stories become data and the geojournalism platforms put the data into contextual maps.

More stories and data allows for better understanding and context we will have between two different areas, Shubert said.

“Our goal is to have the ability to pass on information from the source to the world,” Shubert said.



Speakers Willie Shubert (left) and Josh Rudolph (right) pose with HSU geography lecturer Anthony Rossi. | Maya Pszyk

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《《 Airwaves from across the pond 》》 *KHSU brings BBC back to Humboldt*

Community | by Paul Matli

KHSU or 90.5 FM is the most listened to radio station in Humboldt County with about 25,000 to 30,000 listeners a week. KHSU created a new station which could have a major impact on local radio.

KHSU-BBC was created on Feb. 1 with the primary purpose to broadcast news, documentaries and analysis from the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) World Service 24 hours a day.

The new station will operate out of McKinleyville and can be heard on 103.3 FM. Adding KHSU-BBC not only gives Humboldt a more international flavor on local radio, it also allows the residents of Humboldt a different option of radio.

Ed Subkis, the general manager of KHSU, explained how they received a license from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) allowing them to have another radio station.

“We were looking for something that was new, affordable and operational,” Subkis said. “We’ve had a positive experience with broadcasting BBC News in the past, so we thought it would be a great

idea to create this new station.”

Katie Whiteside, the program and operations director for KHSU, and her engineer had a big influence on executing the idea.

Whiteside said BBC World Service was in Humboldt quite a few years ago, but they dropped it because the price got too high and it was on late at night or early the morning when most people were not awake to listen.

“Kevin, my engineer, and I were talking through different ideas,” Whiteside said. “Since we had BBC World Service in Humboldt County before I said, ‘Why not bring it back?’ ”

Since KHSU is a non-commercial station there are no raw numbers to show how many listeners are tuning into KHSU-BBC right now. But according to David Reed, the development director of KHSU, the first ratings book for KHSU-BBC will be released in March or April.

“I think we will appeal to the younger viewers,” Reed said. “Lots of college students want to get their news and we will be able to provide them with it. Also for those who don’t listen to NPR or the

other things KHSU has, they will be able to get information from a different source.”

International students from Humboldt State University will get the opportunity to help with station by underwriting and making IDs. Underwriting is commercials for non-profits and IDs are promotional pieces saying what the station is. KHSU-BBC is using the connection they have with Karol Anderson who is in charge of the International English Language Institute at HSU to get this done.

“There are about 12 international students who are interested in recording sound bites for the new station,” Reed said. “So far we have students from Saudi Arabia, Egypt and South Korea.”

Something else KHSU-BBC does differently than KHSU is the automation system. Whiteside explained how KHSU-BBC is not a live show so it will not need to be controlled. Essentially there are two separate channels, one for KHSU 90.5 FM and one for KHSU-BBC 103.3FM.

“KHSU-BBC is not really a live show like the rest of KHSU,” Whiteside said. “We play KHSU-BBC on a different channel which plays 24 hours

a day.”

Right now KHSU-BBC could be seen as somewhat of an experiment. Reed said KHSU’s management team is going to take the responses from listeners to see how effective it is.

KHSU-BBC is here for the long haul, regardless of whether they get the listeners

or not.

“We are staying on as a non-commercial station regardless of the amount of listeners we have,” Reed said. “However, we have a lot of people listening and that should continue.”

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Have you seen any porcupines?

Four porcupines found last October in Crescent City



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are both part of the HSU Undergraduate Research Mentoring program working with Bean on the porcupine project. Nguyen created porcufinder.com, a survey style website that asks the community to record their porcupine sightings. The website encourages current and past sightings to be inputted. With this data, the team can make an educated guess on where to find the porcupines. A majority of the sightings have been from Crescent City and south of Centerville Beach in Ferndale. Last October, a few of the team members went up to Crescent City and found four porcupines. Martinez is currently working with cameras set up between Guthrie and Fleener Creek in Ferndale. Four cameras in total use motion sensors and night vision to capture

wildlife. The cameras are aimed at “porcupine bait,” but there have been no porcupine sightings since they have been set up over summer. The cameras and baits were first tested on Dorsey, a porcupine at the Sequoia Zoo in Eureka. Martinez used different types of wood soaked in salt as bait to see which Dorsey liked best. She did not take any of it. “Dorsey eats biscuits at the zoo,” Martinez said. “We are looking at testing the biscuits out in the field, but the other animals might find the biscuits appetizing too.” In fall 2014, Appel, 25, came on board the porcupine project as part of her graduate thesis. Her interest comes from general ecology and a climate change perspective. “This study will fill a gap in our knowledge of resource use and habitat selection here on the north coast region,” Ap-

pel said. “And it will hopefully give us a better idea of what the limiting factors are for porcupines throughout North America.” This summer Appel will be working in the field at Tolowa Dunes State Park, north of Crescent City studying porcupine habitat selection. She will locate porcupines with radio telemetry—collars that transmit a radio signal—and record their habitat choices. This project is an attempt to learn more about the porcupine species, where they build their habitats, what they eat and why they are declining in this area. As a new professor, Bean wants to develop more long term projects like this one, and keep the porcupine project going indefinitely.

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Porcupine Fact Box

Baby porcupines are called porcupettes.

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A North American porcupine may have 30,000 quills or more.

Porcupettes are born with soft quills that harden after a few days.

Porcupines weigh between 12 and 35 pounds.

Their average lifespan is 5 to 7 years in the wild.

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Are you there Gov. Brown? It's me, HSU.

Students rally for climate leadership in Oakland

Community | by Ivan Soto

Thousands of people marched through the streets of Oakland last Saturday in solidarity with one simple, but important, goal: to bring attention to Gov. Jerry Brown's position on the controversial practice of hydraulic fracturing in California.

The March For Real Climate Leadership was attended by numerous climate activists and several Humboldt State University students.

Activists were led by indigenous leaders from communities disproportionately affected from pollution by big oil industries. A mixture of chants, dances and blue and yellow color-coordinated signs set the stage as demonstrators took to the streets demanding that Gov. Brown protect California from the effects of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, on air and water quality.

Participating HSU students included majors in environmental studies (ENST) and critical race, gender and sexuality studies (CRGS). Discussions on attending the climate march followed after the beginning of the spring 2015 semester in several classes including ENST 295: Power, Privilege and Environment.

Hannah Bartee, 22, attended the event and felt marching with thousands of people from diverse backgrounds reinforced the idea that climate change affects everyone.

"Studying all of the world's problems at Humboldt State can be a particularly disheartening experience," Bartee said. "The march in Oakland was an opportunity for me to combat that feeling."

Bartee, a CRGS major,



HSU students gather for a photo after the March For Real Climate Leadership in Oakland, Calif. | Ivan Soto



HSU students lift a banner that illustrates the harms of "corporate capitalism and climate change." | Ivan Soto

believes that education is not a passive process.

"Like the residency of the Bolman Forum on campus, the march was a way for students to learn by doing and to translate what we learn in the classroom into actions for justice," Bartee said.

The march was an effort to prompt the state in becoming a serious leader in climate-related concerns. Demonstrators' actions, amplified by fellow students, activists and beyond have the potential to voice their concerns in changing the

future.

Tracy Gatumu, 20, an ENST major, also participated in the march and believes students should take action beyond the event.

"Continuing to work towards the overall message is just as impor-

tant as it was marching," Gatumu said. "Getting involved, signing petitions and questioning our consumer lifestyle in the next step."

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Organizers speak, left, as thousands prepare to march in unity for the climate. | Ivan Soto



Jessica Suarez (left) and Hannah Bartee march alongside thousands of climate activists on Feb. 7, 2015. | Ivan Soto

Fifty Shades of Cake

Community | by Katelyn Roudebush

Chocolate. Sexy, sexy, chocolate. Eat the chocolate. Eat the sexy, sexy, chocolate as it flows out of the sexy, sexy, lava cake. Lick the whip cream off the sensual red plate as you gently nibble the juicy, enticing strawberry. After completing one sexy cake go on and have another, you deserve it.

- Ingredients:
- 1/3 cup of granulated sugar
 - 4 Tbs. unsalted butter at room temperature
 - 3 large eggs
 - 1/3 cup all purpose flour
 - 1 tsp. salt
 - 8 ounces bittersweet chocolate

1. Preheat oven to 400 F Next, rub a generous amount of butter into 6 cups of the muffin tin. Dust each cup with a little bit of granulated sugar, tapping out the excess.
2. In a bowl, cream the butter and sugar together. If you own an electric mixer use it on low, however, if you only have a whisk that will work as well. Make sure that the end product is smooth and creamy.

3. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. With the mixer on low, beat in flour and salt until just combined.
4. Place the chocolate in a microwave safe bowl and microwave in 30 second intervals, mixing with a spoon after each interval. Continue this process until the chocolate is completely melted. Make sure to continually mix with a spoon so that it does not harden. Immediately pour into the mixture.
5. Beat in the chocolate until combined. Next, divide the batter evenly into each muffin tin cup.
6. Place the muffin tin into the oven. Bake for 7-8 minutes or until the top of the cakes no longer jiggle when you lightly shake the pan. When done, remove from the oven and let the cakes stand for 10 minutes.
7. After 10 minutes or so carefully flip the cakes onto a plate.

If you are feeling daring top each cake with a little bit of powdered sugar and serve with strawberries and whipped cream or vanilla ice cream. Enjoy ;)

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Photo Credit to Sarah Bradbury

by Javier Rojas

This week we bring you flicks that will warm your heart and put you into tears. Your guide to the perfect Netflix Valentine's Day, enjoy!

Not Another Happy Ending (2013)
With charming accents and hilarious banter, this Scottish film is all you can ask for in a romantic comedy.

Roman Holiday (1953)
This black and white flick with Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck will remind you what falling in love is all about.

Romancing the Stone (1984)
This classic 80s movie with Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner has all the elements a great movie needs: romance, action, comedy and adventure.

Ghost (1990)
Whether it is the famous pottery scene or Patrick Swayze's role, this 90s classic should make for a romantic evening in with your special loved one.

Get Over It (2001)
Featuring Sisqo, Kirsten Dunst and Ben Foster this high school comedy brings the romance of Shakespeare with a twist that will bring you right back to the days of crop tops and frosted tips.

Say Anything (1989)
You know the famous scene of the guy standing outside holding the boom box over his head? Well, this is the movie. John Cusack stars in this Cameron Crowe 80s romantic comedy alongside lone Skye, as they discover love after graduating high school.

Clueless (1995)
For all the ladies who have ever had a crush on Paul Rudd. He looks exactly the same now as he did in this romantic comedy twenty years ago. Enjoy.

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HSU basketball player triumphs over injury



Austin Bryan #24 on Jack's basketball team | Sarah Bradbury

Campus | by Michael Roccaforte

A torn ACL in Austin Bryan's knee forced him to the sideline for what should have been his third year with the Jacks.

Bryan's knee injury was not going to stop him from playing the game he loves. The Humboldt State power forward told athletic trainer Aaron Sinnott he wanted to come back for the 2014 season. Sinnott had Bryan work and run hard on his knee, making it possible for Bryan to come back for his senior season.

The 24-year-old guard out of Wenatchee, Washington is making 49.2 percent of his shots. 49.2 happens to be the same percentage of shots made by the NBA's LeBron James, according to espn.com. Bryan is also scoring on 48.3 percent of his 3-point shots.

Teammate Rocky Brown, the Jacks 23-year-old junior forward, said that out of all the years he has played basketball he had never played with someone who shoots as well as Bryan.

"I've never seen anybody score 30 points off of all straight jumpers," Brown said. "That's how good his shot is. He can give you 20 plus points with no layups."

Basketball is in the Bryan family bloodline. Bryan's father, grandfather, and great-grandfather played college hoops. Bryan has been playing basketball since he could stand on two legs.

When he was a kid, his mom ran a middle school so he could always practice his shot in the school gym.

"It's (shooting has) always been a strength of mine, but you know last year I took the year off, and I couldn't really play with my knee so all I could do was shoot," Bryan said. "Now if I'm not making it, it's like what

did I do with my whole year?"

When Bryan is not sinking jump shots he spends time relaxing with his teammates. They try to stay off of their legs when they are away from the court so they do not exhaust themselves. The Jacks look at their teammates like family. Brown has a two-year-old son and Bryan values the time he gets to spend with him.

"He's definitely an uncle to my son," Brown said. "He's a great person and will be a great dad. I'm waiting for the day he has a kid."

Bryan earned a communications degree at HSU and is working on his masters degree in sociology. Bryan chose HSU because of its slow-paced atmosphere and knew it was the perfect place to focus on school and basketball. His teammates describe him as cool and composed.

"He goes with the flow," Brown said. "He's a funny guy. He's just chill. He stays in his lane."

Bryan identifies as a nerd. He logs hours playing the on-line first-person-shooter video-game, Destiny. He and the Jacks' 21-year-old junior guard Ethan Dillard play as a team in Destiny. They also square up as opponents in video games like Madden NFL football.

"That might be just as competitive as the court," Dillard said. "We have some good screaming matches."

Bryan and Dillard play the same position and push each other hard during practice. Bryan joined the team as a sophomore the same year Dillard came in as a freshman. Dillard looks up to Bryan and watched him become a team leader over the years.

"Austin is a very mellow, very chill, easygoing guy, but on the court it turns on for him," Dillard said. "He's got so much passion for the game and desire to win. He has no problem jumping on everyone if they need to have a fire lit under them."

Dillard said the team fell behind at the beginning of the season and it was Bryan's level-headedness that kept them from panicking. It is Bryan's last season and he wants to make one last push.

"I want to go to the national tournament and I haven't done that since my first year here," Bryan said. "It's been 3 years since we've been."

When Bryan can no longer play basketball he wants to coach. Bryan's basketball career was almost cut short by his ACL tear. He is just grateful to make a comeback to the court.

"It's kind of a year where I show my appreciation for this program for letting me play an-

other year, and just do the game that I love," Bryan said.

After experiencing how quickly a knee injury can end things, Bryan wants to have fun with his last year.

"It's amazing playing with him. Especially after going through the ACL tear," Brown said. "If he leaves I'm probably going to cry. He's my guy. I love Austin, man."

Bryan won the California Collegiate Athletic Association player of the week award in December. The Jacks have only lost one game at home this season. The Jacks turned their season around and are in the run for the playoffs.

"I just wanted to finish with the game on my own terms," Bryan said.

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Find your flow state through slacklining



Katie Herron walks a highline in Smith Rock, Oregon. | Photo provided by Katie Herron

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said balance and focus cross over to climbing and even school work.

“You learn not to lose your focus,” Kanel said. “Even though it’s scary, you have to control your fear.”

This sport is half about walking the line and half about the slacklining community.

The social aspect of slacklining is one of the main things that attracts new people to the sport. Herron said there is ritual, friendship, and a network of people up and down the coast.

“It’s a really cool community full of outdoorsy wacky people,” Herron said.

Slacklining itself has variety. Raise it up high in the air and you have highlining. Lengthen the line and you have longlining. Jump around and you have tricklining. Put it over water and you have waterlining.

However, highlining is the favorite of most slackers.

“It takes my mind to a very different place,” Wallace said. “When your mind thinks you’re not safe you really have to focus on breathing.”

Highlining may look impossible but it can be done.

“The exposure is absolutely bone shatteringly scary,” Herron said. “To find the peace within myself to walk when I’m terrified is amazing to overcome.”

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Matthew Paris walks across a line at Moonstone Beach | Photo provided by Katie Herron



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How much say do you have in your educational future? There has been concern lately about the level of involvement students are given in deciding the future of Humboldt State. Student groups have expressed a desire to be more involved in the hiring process of new teachers.

Specifically, it is one of the demands by student activism group Unified Students of Humboldt in the sit-in at the Native American Forum, now being called the Jacquelyn Bolman Forum by the same group of students.

As reported by Lost Coast Outpost, here is the second on a list of demands. “We demand full effective participation in a transparent hiring process for HSU staff, faculty and administration. We as students demand equal voting power on hiring, promotion, tenure committees and dismissal procedures in selecting and dismissing HSU staff, faculty and administration in order to ensure greater diversity at HSU.”

While this is far from the amount of involvement students have at the moment,

The Lumberjack would like to remind students of the power and influence we do have. We have respect for the protest and struggle of the protesting students.

The candidates for the new Provost are being interviewed currently in public student forums. The university’s provost is a crucial member of the Humboldt State staff. Emails from the university have been updating all HSU students on the details of the forums and how students can be involved by posing questions directly to the candidates.

There is also the issue of less full time faculty, a deficiency taking place across the CSU system. Less full time professors means less attention given to the students and their classes. You can inquire as to which teachers are up for full time positions, and give positive feedback to the ones who deserve an opportunity to stop spreading themselves thin between multiple job responsibilities. We as students must take command of all the resources available to us to be the most empowered group possible.

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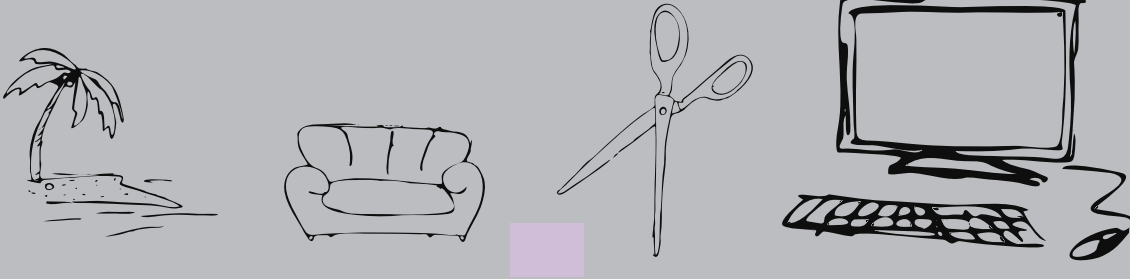
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A Day of Recognition



Community | by Ciara Emery

Valentine’s Day is arguably one of the most polarizing days of the year outside of the election season. People are faced with the tough choice of either giving into the corporate madness and finding a date or trying to stay indoors and off of social media in protest of the corniness.

The actual history of the holiday is not a topic that is much discussed and it seems the facts of the past are completely unnoticed now.

On top of this fact, most college students do not even want

to go buy toilet paper let alone spend money on cheap pink candies and stuffed animals.

So why do we celebrate? Valentine’s Day is a day of recognition. People give in the hope to receive. We buy cards, cheap candy and foreign made stuffed animals to show someone that we care about them and we hope they care about us too.

At the same time, some may wonder if this year will be as lonely as the last. In order to prepare they might simply shut out the day all together and binge watch Netflix instead. They might even be hoping that someone will notice their solitude and bring over massive amounts of chocolate to share.

The key factor here is that we all want to be thought of on Valentine’s Day. Whether this recognition comes from a budding romance, a best friend or maybe even a co-worker seems to be irrelevant.

So on this Valentine’s Day we should recognize those in our lives who should be recognized and we should do it in a meaningful way. Think outside of the teddy bear and make your own card instead. Write a family member that letter you have been meaning to send. Maybe even make dinner for your roommates because they were extra clean for a change.

We can take these steps to both build relationships and make Singles Awareness Day a little bit less stressful.

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LETTER TO THE CAMPUS

To my fellow students and President Rossbacher of Humboldt State University,

My name is Robert Hepburn, and as a member of Local Chapter 56 of “Veterans for Peace” an international organization with chapters across the U.S. and in Vietnam, France and Ireland. I strongly endorse and support the “reinstatement” of Dr. Jacquelyn Bolman as Director of the Indian Natural Resources, Science and Engineering Program, known as “INSRSEP”.

Dr. Bolman is a nationally known scholar and mentor who was one of the few Native American faculty and staff at Humboldt State University. For more than 9 years, under the directorship of Dr. Bolman, INRSEP was like an extended family for students, that was based on love.

In this environment students were inspired to do their best and advance in their field of studies. All this came to an abrupt end, with the firing of Dr. Bolman which was carried out in a malicious and cruel manner if front of her crying students. I among others believe the firing of Dr. Bolman had no valid professional reason; but was instead an act of revenge toward her, for her “criticism” of the Adminstration’s ineptitude and bias against INRSEP’s principles. I and others believe that she was fired because she exercised her 1st Amendment Right that is written in our U.S. Constituion—her right to Free Speech.

This is a right we are suppose to hold dearly in America, and in particular on a University campus.

As a Veteran for Peace, I realize that only justice can bring peace. I and many people I know believe that justice at Humboldt State University is the reinstatement of Dr. Jacquelyn Bolman as director of INRSEP

We are all connected. Together we can bring justice to HSU.

Thank you,
Rob Hepburn

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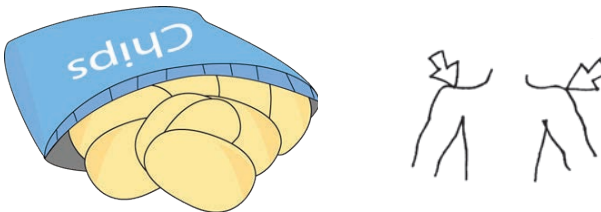


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Last issue's photo was taken next to the BSS Building

Stumping Lumberjacks
Weekly Brain Teaser

By Ian Bradley
Compiled by Javier Rojas



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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- 1) Where does Josh Rudolph currently work at?
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- 3) Is slacklining allowed on the Humboldt State campus?

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Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
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Friday, February 13

VDay Humboldt: One Billion Rising
Make a statement through movement that you won't tolerate any more violence against women or girls in our local community or around the world. No previous dance experience needed, you can make a statement just by being present and showing support in numbers. One Billion Rising Revolution is a chance to come out to the Arcata Plaza and make a statement. There will be drumming, dancing, poetry, and speakers.

Friday: 2:13 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
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Saturday, February 14
Womens and Mens Basketball vs. Chico State
Come out and support the Humboldt State Lumberjacks on Saturday night as they take on Chico State. Both teams have been playing great basketball this season and are right in the mix for playoffs. Lets go, Jacks!

Womens vs. Chico State 5:30 p.m. , Mens vs. Chico State 7:30 p.m.
Lumberjack Arena
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All Ages

Sunday, February 15

Celtic Fiddle Festival
The Celtic Fiddle Festival celebrates the violin in all its globe-trotting variations. Fiddlers Kevin Burke (Ireland), Christian Lemaître (Brittany, France) and André Brunet (Quebec, Canada) showcase a fascinating juxtaposition of international and individual styles. Along with acclaimed guitarist Nicholas Quémener from Brittany, the quartet combines their talents, musical traditions and spontaneous humor for an

evening of dazzling energy and subtle grace.
Sunday: 8:00 p.m.
Van Duzer Theater
Admission: Adult: \$35; Child: \$25; HSU Student: \$5
All Ages



Monday, February 16
Book of the Year Book Circle: "War Dances" by Sherman Alexie
Join the conversation about the 2014/2015 Book of the Year "War Dances" by Sherman Alexie by coming to the Native American Forum on Monday 2/16.

Monday: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Native American Forum
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