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Playing some games at the annual Reggae on the River festival.  
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The Peace Peddlers and Siren Team Hoosier Daddy teams at the start of the Kinetic Grand-Championship Race on Sat. May 23rd at the Arcata Plaza in Arcata, CA. | Louis Ramirez

## What will Rossbacher do with an extra \$6,000?

by Miranda Hutchison

Over the summer Humboldt State President Lisa Rossbacher received a pay increase shy of what each HSU student pays in tuition, which is an estimated \$7,190, not including additional fees.

Rossbacher's entire pay from the school including salary and allowance, is about \$30,000 less than the annual and after taxes salary of President of the United States President, Barack Obama.

The California State University board of trustees voted in July to raise salaries for all 23 CSU (California State University) presidents by two percent. This is the second pay increase for CSU presidents since November.

Kelsey Brewer, the only student voter on the board, voted in favor of raising salaries. Brewer said a recently acquired \$97 million dollars that was approved for the CSU annual budget over the summer did not go towards the two percent increase. Brewer said some students shared concerns with her that they

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## Crème de la crème

Creamery festival returns to Arcata on page 13



A circus performer balances on their hands. | Kevynn Gomez

## Trading Spaces: Parking Edition

24 new parking spaces were added this summer

by Louis Ramirez

Twenty-four new parking spots were added to Humboldt State University's campus this summer.

HSU, Northern Humboldt Unified School District and the City of Arcata jointly applied for a grant that helped fund three low-impact development projects across campus. The improvements were done at the library, 17th and Union Street, and 14th and B Street parking lots.

Other locations that had improvements were lots G11 which is between College Creek apartments and Campus Apartments, and R1 near the Jolly Giant commons. G11 and R1 were only repaired and restriped to maximize the amount of parking spaces available for students and to help make traffic flow more efficiently.

Some of HSU's commuting students arrive 30 minutes early to have a better chance to make it on time to class.

Claudia Jimenez, an English major, drove around the newly restriped G11 parking lot on the first day of school about four or five times before finding parking.

"I came an hour early so that I could find parking before I had to go find my class," Jimenez said. "The only reason

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## From Green to Golden

How will HSU change in response to the drought?



HSU instituted a number of actions to reduce overall water use on campus in response to state and county drought regulations. | by Sam Armanino  
by Rebekah Staub

When Carson Ralls came back to Arcata from summer vacation he was greeted by brown lawns on LK Wood Boulevard.

Ralls, environmental science major, looked across the median and noticed that all his favorite lawns on campus were still green and lush.

"It's just the ones on LK Wood that are dried up," Ralls said. "The lawns across the street are perfectly green."

HSU instituted a number of actions to reduce overall water use on campus in response to state and county drought regulations. Among the actions is trans-

forming HSU's landscape into a more drought-tolerant campus. Silas Biggin, chief engineer of HSU, said many areas on campus will not be as green and lush due to reducing irrigation.

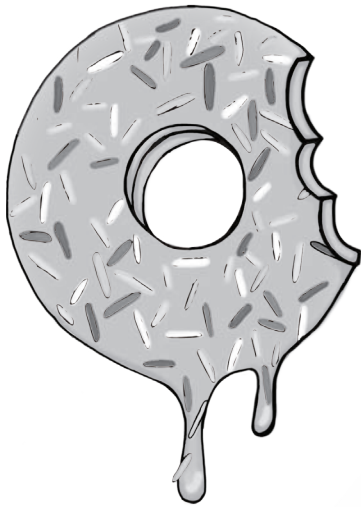
"The changes are not drastic," Biggin said. "We are reducing water use without letting grass areas die."

Biggin said areas that are mixed brown and green are a result of reducing watering to a level that maintains lawn integrity but not luxurious lawn characteristics. This preserves both the use and the aesthetic of the location.

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# UPD BYTES



Compiled by Miranda Hutchison

**Aug 10**  
20:12 - Forestry building

Custodian reported a half dressed male walking around the building.  
  
... Which half?

**Aug 11**  
18:23 - Plaza Circle

Intoxicated subject harassing and annoying other subjects at the bus stop.  
  
*Oh just pre-gaming for Hops in Humboldt..... a week in advance!*

**Aug 19**  
20:45 - Harpst Street


Three juvenile raccoons stuck inside storm drain.  
  
*Awwwww ninja raccoons!*

**Aug 24**  
20:12 - Forestry building

13:53 - HSU Bookstore  
Theft of a textbook.  
  
*FAFSA hasn't kicked in yet.*

**Aug 22**  
23:39 - Tan Oak Hall


Male sent text message to his friends stating he was lost in the woods up a tree.  
  
*Someone felt like Tarzan!*



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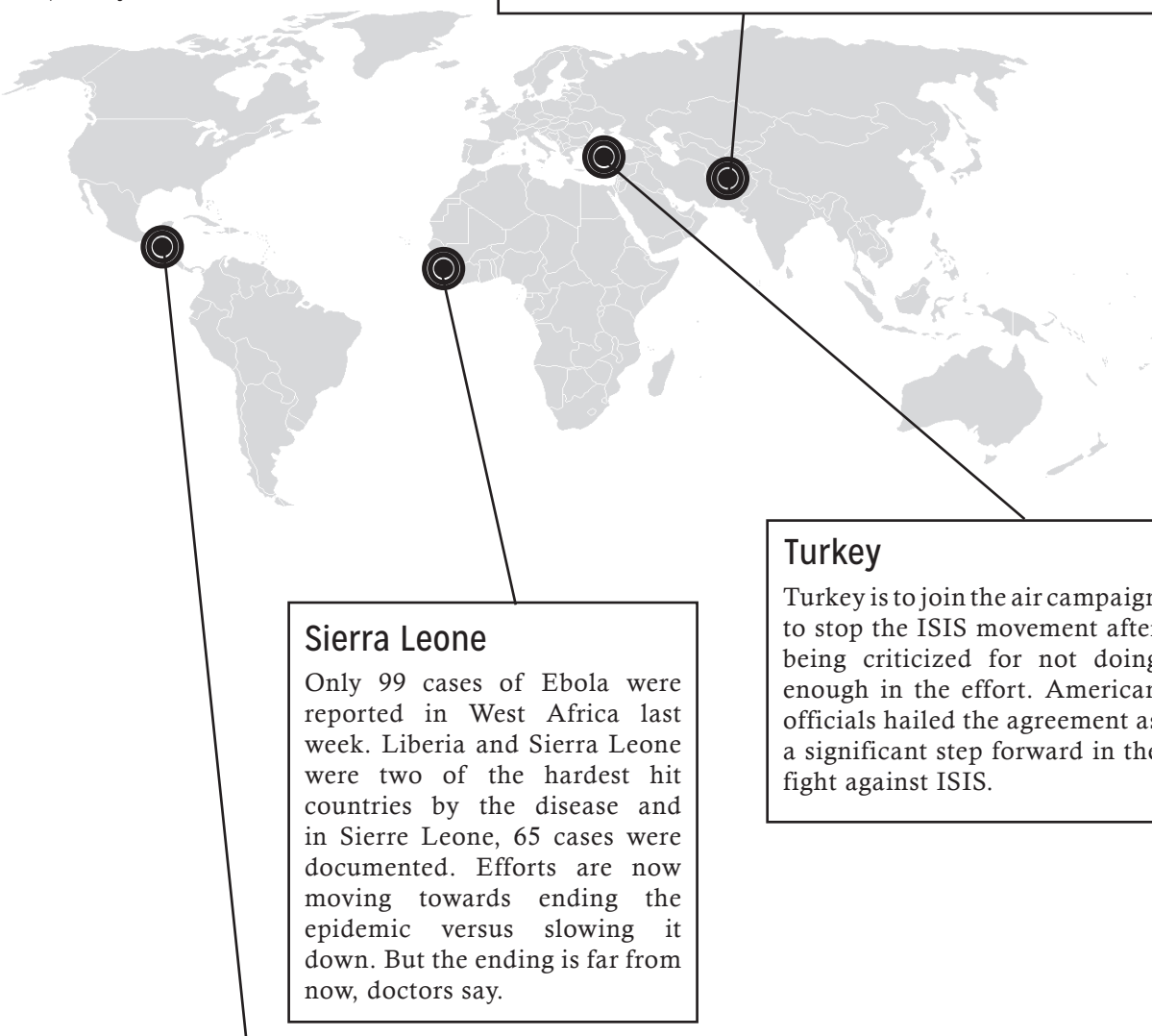
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World in Briefs



Complied by Louis Ramirez




**Afghanistan**  
Two Nato soldiers were killed in Afghanistan by two individuals wearing Afghan military uniforms. The incident occurred on Wednesday in the Helmand province. The two individual's nationalities have not been determined.

**Turkey**  
Turkey is to join the air campaign to stop the ISIS movement after being criticized for not doing enough in the effort. American officials hailed the agreement as a significant step forward in the fight against ISIS.

**Sierra Leone**  
Only 99 cases of Ebola were reported in West Africa last week. Liberia and Sierra Leone were two of the hardest hit countries by the disease and in Sierre Leone, 65 cases were documented. Efforts are now moving towards ending the epidemic versus slowing it down. But the ending is far from now, doctors say.

**Guatemala**  
Former Vice President of Guatemala Roxana Baldetti is to stand on trial on charges of conspiracy, customs fraud and bribery. The charges are based on allegations that she accepted over \$3 million as part of the scandal that forced her from office. The same scandal also involves current President Otto Perez Molina whom protesters are demanding to be impeached.

Sources: BBC, NPR, Al Jazeera



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# Firefighters call HSU home

360 firefighters stay in dorms after 24 hour shifts



Firefighters from as far as San Diego and Northern Los Angeles, stayed in the dorms and ate at The J from August 7-11. | Photo by Paula Harris

by Rebekah Staub

After 24 hour shifts of fighting wildfires, firefighters from across California found a home at Humboldt State.

During the weekend of Aug. 7 HSU’s campus housed 360 firefighters as raging fires attacked surrounding counties. With the possibility of firefighters sleeping in dirt, HSU offered for them to reside in the cozy confines of the Redwood Hall for four days.

Mitch Higgins, fire chief of Penryn Fire Protection District in Placer County, was among the firefighters who stayed in Redwood Hall.

“We actually had a mattress to sleep on,” Higgins said. “They were top notch.”

Paula Harris, a seasonal CAL FIRE firefighter, helped plan for the firefighters to stay on campus. Harris said the firefighters showered and slept in the dorms. They ate at The J, which is the school’s cafeteria and even hung out on couches in the Jolly Giant Commons.

Higgins said the salad bar was a favorite for the firefighters.

“To see them relaxing in the dorms and in the bottom of The J... it was just so cool,” Harris said. “They were definitely taking the time to relax and have fun.”

The crews that stayed at HSU had been working on seven remaining wildfires in the Humboldt Complex. According to CAL FIRE the Humboldt Complex, a cluster of fires in Humboldt County, currently consists of three fires ranging in

size from 203 to 1,774 acres. The overall acreage burned on the Humboldt Complex is 4,883 acres because of lightning. The result is hazardous air conditions, road closures and evacuations.

On Aug. 21 Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency for Humboldt County because of smoke from wildfires wafting into the area.

According to a Wildfire Smoke Public Service Announcement from North Coast Air Quality Management District, the air quality in Dinsmore, Klamath, Salyer, Hawkins Bar, Burnt Ranch, Hyampom, Denny, Mad River, and Hayfork is classified as unhealthy.

However, NCUAQMD (North Coast

Air Quality Management District) says said chances are looking better for a development of series of rain events beginning Friday for Northern California. Smoke is expected to drift north and northeast of the fires.

This summer Arcata residents experienced ashes falling from the sky and covering cars in gray dust. The sky has been hazy and the sun a radiating pinkish-orange.

“It’s a lot of work,” Higgins said. “No matter how hard fires become it is comforting knowing that firefighters have universities to house them.”

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# CSU presidents get raises over break

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had advocated for the additional budget that ended up going to executives rather than students.

The board was always going to give raises with or without the added budget, Brewer said.

“On a philosophical level I agree with the frustration some students have about the increase,” Brewer said. “For me there will always be frustration with an organization getting paid more when students feel they are getting paid too much. But on a practical level I voted in favor because I want to empower faculty across the board.”

Brewer said CSU presidents are paid less than other college presidents on a national level, so making an increase moves them in a more competitive direction. She said most national presidents are paid at least \$500,000 annually.

This year president Rossbacher, who previously made \$297,870, will rake in approximately \$5,957 more with the new increase, bringing her salary to \$303,827. She also receives an annual housing allowance of \$50,000.

San Diego State University president, Elliot Hirshman, who is also the highest paid CSU president, received an additional \$50,000 to his two percent raise from SDSU’s nonprofit fundraiser, boosting his total salary to \$420,240.

HSU’s associated student president Juan Cervantes said he disagreed with the increase and was upset by it.

“Their (CSU board of trustees) argument is that the presidents don’t get paid as much as others in other states,” Cervantes said. “As if it’s an issue of fairness. What’s not fair is that we’re giving people raises when we have rampant food insecurity across our campuses.”

Earlier in the year CSU funded a \$100,000 research project to assess the number of undergraduates that experience food insecurity across all of the CSU campuses.

In comparison, \$180,000 went towards the presidents two percent raises.

A California Faculty Association report released last spring revealed that on average, CSU faculty earn \$45,000 per year before taxes and more than 50 percent of them make less than \$38,000 each year. A two percent increase of \$45,000 brings the total to \$45,900.

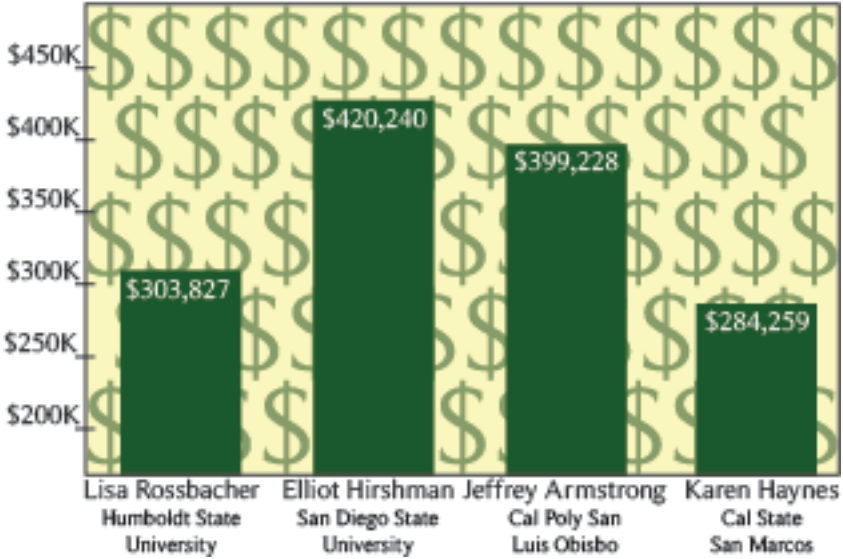
Additionally Rossbacher receives an auto allowance of \$1,000 per month, standard benefits, reimbursement for necessary and moving expenses and will maintain academic rank of full professor with tenure.

Elizabeth Chapin, a public affairs web communications specialist for the Chancellor’s office said no other changes were approved by the CSU board of trustees in the president’s contracts with bonuses and benefits.

Members of the California Faculty Association are currently in negotiations with the Chancellor’s Office advocating for a five percent increase. Brewer said she does not have an opinion on the CFA (California Faculty Association) negotiations because she does not sit on the board.

Brewer said chancellor Timothy White and his team also received raises of up to \$30,000 combined. According to a CSU budget support plan approved by the state, \$65.5 mil-

## California State University Executive Salaries for 2015-16



Graphic by Jamie Eiring

lion in total went towards two percent compensation for faculty and staff.

“I do believe that faculty are unpaid across the board, but I don’t know the solution,” Brewer said. “I think the Chancellor’s office is moving in the right direction of recognizing that.”

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# In Memoriam



Arcata community residents participate in a lantern lighting ceremony on Aug. 3, 2015| Sam Armanino

“As we begin a new academic year, we are saddened by the loss of several current students and a recent graduate during the past summer. These students touched our lives in multiple ways – through their campus engagement, through their participation in activities and in their classes, and through the friendships they developed across our community. Each one of these friends is a loss, and while we mourn their passing, we also celebrate their lives.

As part of the Humboldt State University community, we are reminded of how valuable our relationships are – with friends, colleagues, neighbors, and classmates. This University is richer for Adam, Amanda, Rickey, and Daniel having been here with us. On behalf of the entire University community, I extend our sympathy to their families and friends. They will remain in our thoughts and in our hearts.”

-Lisa A. Rossbacher, Ph.D.  
President, Humboldt State University



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# Athletic lawsuit update

## HSU versus Pambianco trial date set

by Miranda Hutchison

Last Fall former Humboldt State athletic department information director Dan Pambianco filed a lawsuit against some of his co-workers.

On Monday, Aug. 24 a settlement conference closed to the public was held at a courthouse in Eureka, California where Pambianco and his attorney Peter Martin met with HSU’s official representatives. A trial date was set for May 16.

Pambianco claimed to be a victim of retaliatory action from athletic director Dan Collen and associate athletic director of external affairs Tom Trepiak due to several claims last fall. One was misuse of scholarship funds towards personal expenses involving former president Rollin Richmond.

Expense reports were obtained through the California Public Records Act last fall by The Lumberjack which show a trip to Alaska in 2012 and 2013. A fishing trip was not explicitly cited but documents showed the three stayed at a Travelodge reachable only by seaplane.

Martin said Pambianco has given 25 years to HSU. Both said they could not comment on the specifics of negotiations.

Pambianco said there was no resolution and he will continue efforts for satisfaction. At the time, Collen denied the accusation. Pambianco is currently working in the journalism and mass communication department at HSU.

“I’m in it for the long haul,” Pambianco said. “I believe in the issues that I have raised so I am hopeful.”

President Rossbacher commissioned a private auditing company last spring where they conducted a partial audit in the department. No illegal activity was discovered although recommendations for improvements were made.

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# Luxurious lawns be gone



Lawns on LK Wood Boulevard suffer do to HSU’s drought regulations . | Sam Armanino

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For example, the grass in the University Center Quad is vibrant and will stay that way.

“That’s a common use area,” Biggin said. “People like to sit there and we don’t want to change that.”

Biggin said they are going to reduce watering along the perimeter of campus because they are lawns that people do not hang out on.

Sustainability Director TallChief Comet said a lawn along LK Wood Boulevard went from green to brown as a result of two actions.

First, the median lawn areas of LK Wood Boulevard were never irrigated this year because the newest drought regulations from March 2015 placed a state-wide ban on watering that type of location with potable water, or water that is safe to drink. This rule only applies to the roadway median.

Second, other lawn areas that are brown were not irrigated to further reduce water use and without sacrificing much overall collateral uses. Comet said all lawn areas of the campus were evaluated for potential retention, modification or conversion this summer.

“The results of that evaluation are still being compiled, but a report will be produced this fall with recommendations for future actions.” Comet said. “The report will likely be referenced in a portal message as appropriate.”

Biggin said since the original drought declaration by Governor Jerry Brown in January 2014 HSU has:

- Upgraded to low-flow faucet diffusers, shower heads and toilet valves.
- Upgraded student housing to low-flow shower heads and faucets in residence halls where possible.
- Located and repaired several leaks on buried irrigation piping.
- Shut off some water-cooled refrigeration equipment.
- Eliminated pressure-washing of buildings and sidewalks.
- Significantly reduced washing campus vehicles.
- Ensure all recirculating pumps are working correctly.

- Scaled back irrigation schedules significantly.
- PowerSave Campus to place reminder stickers on all soap dispensers (Soap On/Water Off).

“Maybe we’ll start having less lawn,” Biggin said. “Planting more drought tolerant species will help the campus adapt to warmer, dryer weather than was historically experienced.”

HSU is currently at an overall 19% reduction from the 2013 usage. The school’s reduction target is 20% by the year 2020.

“We’re proud of the 19% reduction we’ve achieved so far,” Biggin said.

Although proud, Biggin said there are some challenges reducing HSU’s water consumption.

“Due to the age of our campus, we don’t have a very robust network of water meters,” Biggin said. “We’re working on a plan to install additional water meters that will help us identify high-use locations and times which should enable us to focus our efforts to reduce consumption.”

Another challenge is changing people’s expectations and behavior when using water.

“Mechanical and logistical changes on the campus will only get us so far,” Biggins said. “We will need the campus community to modify their behaviors in using water on campus.”

Biggin said hand washing without running water during soap-up, residence hall students committing to short showers and not brushing teeth with water running can all be used to save water on campus.

“I am not as concerned with HSU’s management of water as I am with the global use of fresh water,” Ralls said.

Jessica Solomon, environmental science major, enjoys spending time outside of class on HSU’s green lawns studying and relaxing.

“Like anyone I enjoy the luxury of green grass,” Solomon said. “But given the situation I am willing to give up those luxuries”

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# UPD Arrests Suspect in Paintball Gun Shooting Incident

## Sergeant is confident case will be solved

by Rebekah Staub

Humboldt State University Police Department arrested a suspect involved in a paintball gun shooting that happened over summer.

Benjamin Clay Albright, 18, was arrested for being an accessory to shooting Sean Leydon in the eye with a paintball gun.

Leydon was walking along the edge of campus with his girlfriend on July 27 at 1:30 a.m. when a black SUV drove by and shot at Leydon twice.

In an open letter he wrote on Facebook Leydon said he “screamed his tits off,” went to the hospital and proceeded to throw up stomach acid all night because he had puked so much at the hospital.

“I have to imagine that there’s something in your life that causes you great pain for you to be interested in attacking strangers,” Leydon wrote. “Maybe you lack self control or maybe your job sucks or maybe you were just

bored. However you rationalize it your actions were very wrong-hearted.”

UPD Sergeant Chance Carpenter said UPD felt bad for the victim.

“I was a little bit alarmed and angry that a citizen got hurt because he was minding his own business,” Carpenter said. “He’s a really nice guy.”

UPD found Albright, the alleged driver, through tips from call-ins and people speaking with Carpenter directly.

“Humboldt friends, please spam this post everywhere you can think of,” Leydon wrote in his letter. “Humboldt is very small, maybe we can figure out who these foolish fiends were.”

Sgt. Carpenter said he still has interviews to conduct but he is confident the case will be solved.

“One of the tips helped us with finding certain persons involved, which led us to the

driver,” Carpenter said. “I was pretty fortunate with some of the tips.”

The incident was initially reported to Arcata Police but it was later determined that it occurred within the jurisdiction of HSU’s police department. Carpenter said the crime took place on the edge of the intersection of LK Wood Boulevard and Sunset Avenue in front of the yellow HSU sign.

Carpenter said the District Attorney is looking at two felony charges: assault causing great bodily injury and an act causing serious injury. Carpenter said he has not experienced an incident like this in the eight years he has worked for UPD.

“I think by us finding those perpetrators it keeps these things from happening,” Carpenter said.

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Leydon was walking along the edge of campus at 1:30 a.m. when someone drove by and shot him with a paintball gun. | Photo from Sean Leydon’s Facebook

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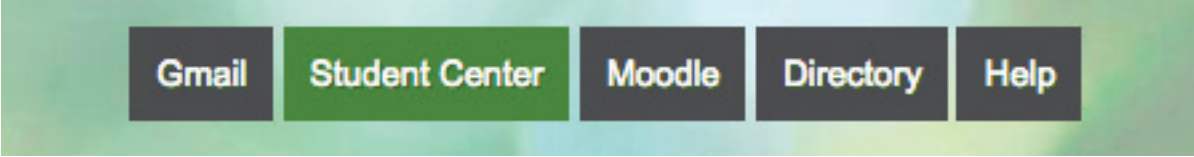
## How to Opt-Out of New Student Fee

by Miranda Hutchison and  
Rebekah Staub

Last semester Humboldt State students were introduced to SIRFing, which did not involve salty beach hair, catching righteous waves or wipeouts. SIRF (Student Involvement and Representation Fee) is a \$2 voluntary fee that is being collected for the first time ever this fall. It goes towards the California State Student Association, an organization made up of student representatives from each California State University campus. The CSSA (California Student Association) meets once a month to discuss issues going on

each California State University campus. Their travel, food and board expenses are paid for with student dollars collected in other Associated Student related fees. HSU students have until September 21 to opt-out of the \$2 fee for fall semester. Here is how to OPT-OUT: Opting-out must be done each semester enrolled.

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04/29/2015	IRA Fee - Fall	Fall Semester 2015	201.00			
04/29/2015	Materials Serv&Facilities-Fall	Fall Semester 2015	79.00			
04/29/2015	Student Involvement Fee Fall	Fall Semester 2015	2.00			
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Step 4: It will ask you the reason for opting out. Select and then click the Opt Out button.

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# Road to Somewhere

*City of Arcata extends Foster Avenue, begins trail project*



by Rebekah Staub

Humboldt State students and local residents will be able to get from Foster Avenue to Sunset Avenue without slowing down for speed bumps thanks to efforts by the City of Arcata.

The project that extended Foster Avenue started on April 20 of this year and is expected to be complete around the week of Sept. 1. Deputy City Engineer Netra Khatri said the extension of Foster Avenue has been in the works for about 25 years. The city started the project this year because they received funding.

“This was the year we had to use the money,” Khatri said. “We got the money and we wanted to be done with it.”

Khatri said the bid from the construction company is \$1.9 million but by the time the city is done it will be around \$2.1 million. Khatri said he believes the funding was very competitive for street improvement projects. In addition, the environmental studies for the project took longer

than anticipated.

A small portion of the Foster Avenue project includes adding trails from Arcata skate park that go along Foster Avenue to Shay Park, on the corner of Foster and Alliance. The trail will become part of the Arcata Rails with Trail Project: a trail from Shay Park to Fifth Street in Arcata, which Khatri said should be done by October.

From there the trail will go all the way to Bracut Street in Eureka and is expected to be complete within the next three years.

For now, Khatri said the Foster Avenue extension will reduce traffic in front of houses on Sunset Avenue between Jay Street and Western Avenue. Once streetlights and signs are put up, the new road and trails will be open.

“I expect a lot of HSU students to use the trail to get to school,” Khatri said. “I have seen people use it already, which is a good sign.”

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# What happens after Prop 30?

## CSU faces further looming financial trouble

by Miranda Hutchison

In 2012 California residents passed Proposition 30, which increased taxes in order to raise funds for the state's education. It will expire in 2016.

Proposition 30 temporarily prevented more than \$5 billion in education cuts in the state. Now that it is nearing its end students should expect a solution that will be in the works to make up the difference in money.

HSU junior Abdul Shaikh, computer science major, said he voted yes for Proposition 30 in 2012 and would vote yes again if it was an option.

"Better funding doesn't mean better education," Shaikh said. "But we do need better resources."

During a recent national recession the California State University budget fell by just under one billion dollars from 2008 to 2011. Since then it has grown and is expected to return to \$2.9 billion in the 2016-17 academic year. However, there are more students in the CSU system now than ever before and the system's needs have been growing

since 2007.

According to the Office of Admission at HSU alone, there are about 8,600 students enrolled this year compared to the 7,189 that were enrolled in 2007.

This year's CSU system budget is short by millions of dollars. Over the summer Governor Jerry Brown acquired an additional \$97 million dollars for the system. But it is not enough.

At a California State Student Association meeting held in July, CSU board of trustee member Kelsey Brewer joined student representatives from all CSU campuses. The CSSA (California State Student Association) is made up of student representatives that meet monthly to discuss campus wide issues. Brewer said the board of trustees are discussing potential possibilities for the financial future of the system.

"We (CSU board of trustees) are currently exploring three different possibilities," Brewer said. "We're discussing what to do without the proposition, partially reinstating the proposition

with either the sales or income tax and then fully renewing the proposition."

The board of trustees includes two student representatives but Brewer is the only student voting member.

In the following days, Brewer met with the board of trustees where they discussed the 2015-16 budget. The CSU system practices incremental budgeting, which is when changes are made each year to accommodate the given budget.

The CSU support budget plan, approved by the state, will give about \$103 million towards three percent funded enrollment, \$65.5 million for two percent compensation pool, \$38 million towards student success and completion initiatives as well as other needs to make up a \$269 million total expenditure budget.

"Quality is the most important aspect," Brewer said in an interview. "If you don't have quality nothing else means anything."

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# Climbing Trees in a Humboldt Breeze

## The tree climbing trend at HSU

by Sam Armanino

Greg Bliss reads a page of his biology textbook—studying about 130 feet up in a Redwood tree. He sits in a net made of climbing rope and paracord strung to four separate trees, that sway when the wind blows.

“It’s right next to where I live so I’ll just head to school early and climb up into the tree and hang out before class for an hour or so,” Bliss said.

Bliss, a 24-year-old Kinesiology major, said he started climbing trees last year at Humboldt

State. He said redwoods are easy to climb because some of them are just big ladders of branches. He has climbed this particular tree everyday since they built the net in it.

Bliss and two of his friends, Tony Wallace and Adam Rinke, spent three days working, about six to eight hours each day to put up the tree net. The net is made up of 180 ft of climbing rope as well as 700 ft of thin nylon rope made for parachuting, all strung and tied together to make a rope

net.

“In the beginning I felt at risk because I have not climbed that many trees before. The first day [working on the net] I didn’t have a harness,” Bliss said. “It was kind of sketchy for me just because I was not harnessed in and it was really windy.”

Andrew Oliver, 20, environmental studies major said he has been climbing trees recreationally for about three years. He started climbing a lot more trees once he moved up here for school last year. Oliver is from Los Angeles where there are not a lot of trees to climb, but him and his friends would try and climb coconut trees. He said those are not as good to climb as Redwoods are.

“Me and my buddies would just go walking in the forest and any trees we saw that had branches low enough to grab, we would climb,” Oliver said. “I have always been into extreme things, climbing trees is just a part of that.”

Oliver said that climbing trees is just another form of meditation for him and that it really makes

you become aware of your body and learn how to trust yourself. Oliver said that there are a ton of trees to climb in Arcata.

Julie Shonkwiler, a 22-year-old psychology major, just climbed her very first Redwood tree in May. She said she was scared at first but saw Oliver climb right up before her which comforted her.

“Half way up I thought, am I really going higher?” Shonkwiler said. “It helped that Andrew was climbing ahead of me. If he can do it then I can too.

She said it is amazing and thrilling being that high up a Redwood. She said it is really comforting to know there is a net up at the top. Shonkwiler said she knows whoever built the net certainly values their lives and would build the safest net possible.

Giacomo Renvall, a botany and wildlife biologist in Arcata, worked as a Canopy Ecologist in 2000. He had to stop a few years ago because he had two kids at home and did not want to leave for months at a time to research canopies. He continues to miss

climbing trees.

Giacomo said he does not have a problem with people climbing trees as a recreational activity, however, he believes people should minimize their impacts on the trees. There are some old growth redwood trees that have moss that have been growing for a 100 years.

“I have nothing against climbing trees recreationally, but I do not think people should climb on old growth Redwoods,” Renvall said. “People should try and limit their impact on the trees.”



Greg Bliss, former HSU student, sits way up in a Redwood net he helped build. | Sam Armanino

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# The Jacks are Back!

Your preview for this fall’s sports

### Football

This season the Jacks will only have four home games this fall. They will open the 2015 season with a home opener against their rival - The Western Oregon Wolves.

First game: At home against Western Oregon on Saturday, September 5 at 6 p.m.

### Men’s Soccer

The Jacks will have four away games before making their home debut with two CCAA conference matchups against Sonoma State on Sept. 23 and Chico State on Sept. 25.

First Game: In San Francisco against Concordia (Oregon) on Friday, September 4 at 3:30 p.m.

### Women’s Soccer

The Jacks will officially start the season away, but will host Western Washington in Arcata on September 9 at the College Creekview Field.

First Game: In Seattle against Seattle Pacific on Thursday, September 3 at 4:30 p.m.

### Cross County

The Jacks will be away for most of the fall and will open the season with the first and only meet in Arcata.

First Game: At home in Trinidad at the Humboldt State Invitational on Saturday, September 2.

### Volleyball

The Jacks will have the first several matches away and will return home to host UC San Diego in the Lumberjack Arena on Oct. 1.

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# From the Roster to the Payroll List

## Abigail Steele joins HSU Women’s Soccer Staff

by Berenice Ceja

Humboldt State University Women’s Soccer staff added a former goalkeeper to the team’s staff.

Former University of Oregon Ducks goalkeeper, Abigail (Abby) Steele and now graduate, finished her Duck career in 2014. She ended her season with high rankings and a spot in the University of Oregon program history.

Steele is No. 1 in the University of Oregon school history with her 1.14 career goals against average and shut-outs (17). She is also No.3 on the list with 21 goalkeeper wins and 307 career saves.

Steele has recently been signed with the Seattle Reign FC, National Women’s Soccer League.

According to a press release from HSU Athletics, wome’s soccer coach Paul Karver said that Steele will be working closely with HSU’s goalkeepers and he expects that she will take her experience as a player and share that with this season’s goalkeepers.

The Jacks begin regular season on the road Thursday, Sept. 3 versus Seattle Pacific and will host Western Washington in Arcata on September 9.

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Quirky Creativity at the Creamery Festival

The Arcata Playhouse and Flynn Creek Circus bring fun to the Creamery District

by Kevynn Gomez

Arcata’s Creamery Festival returned for its second year with a circus performance, stilt walkers, shadow puppets, music acts and vendors. The fun-filled three-day event, organized by the Arcata Playhouse, was held this year from Aug. 21-23.

The festival, held on both 9th and L Streets in front of the Arcata Playhouse building, had a small main stage for musical performances and food trucks and vendors on both sides of the street all the way down the block. The Taco Factory and Caribbean Cafe trucks found a sizable customer base, and the Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir held a large audience while performing songs like “Oh Happy Day.”

“[The event is] quite magical and different,” Jacqueline Dandeneau, executive director of the Arcata Playhouse and organizer of the Creamery Festival, said.

Instead of working to defy the practical and aesthetic image of the Creamery district, Dandeneau felt it beneficial to embrace such issues and work them into the festival itself.

Her goal was to alter the look of the Creamery District and use its funkiness as opposed to implementing an aesthetic facelift to mimic the qualities of other festivals or social areas.

What makes the Creamery Festival stand out is the small-town carnival feel and inclusion

of local artists, encouraging a strong community bond by way of its own actions. The Arcata Playhouse plays a major role in community involvement.

“We are the local art agency for Arcata,” Dandeneau said.

Even the spectacles themselves are based around the Arcata community.

Carolyn Van Mantgem, a featured stiltwalker, paraded down the block in emerald trousers to match her turtle costume, took part in the Arcata Playhouse “Pageant on the Plaza” summer workshop where she learned to stilt-walk and create papier mâché masks along with other children.

FireSign members Tamara and Jim Hubbard took part in stilt-walking summer camp and helped orchestrate the movement of a giant pink octopus kinetic sculpture, carried by children on stilts.

The five-person band FireSign also pleased festival-goers with their self-described folk and indie rock stylings. The band’s performance of “Born This Way” by Lady Gaga and the 1960’s counterculture anthem “For What It’s Worth” by Buffalo Springfield entertained the crowd and drew cheers, smiles and laughter.

In keeping with the environmentally-conscious mentality that some identify as a “Humboldt way of life,” SCRAP Humboldt held a play area with cardboard boxes, tin cans, wooden

rulers and other “unwanted” items for crafty youngsters interested in putting their imaginations to work.

This year’s festival also included the Flynn Creek Circus, a troupe of youthful performers based out of Mendocino County. It was established in 2002 by trapeze partners Rebecca “Blaze” Birge and David Jones.

“It’s really world-class,” Jones said. “We come from circus traditions, we want to keep that.”

The Flynn Creek Circus troupe includes juggling, contortion, aerial acrobatics, knife-throwing, and other traditional circus acts reminding the audience that some traditional forms of entertainment still enchant the modern world for good reason.

Performers in the Flynn Creek Circus hail from locales far and wide, such as the adagio-or partnered acrobatics-duo Nelson Pivaral and Goulia Rozyeva from Guatemala and Turkmenistan. Pivaral balances Rozyeva on his head while she performs a handstand mid-air,

all while maintaining grace and beauty, one of the many skills of this unique couple.

Also performing with the troupe is Ariele Ebacher, a dancer from Chicago who danced across a 5-foot-high tightrope strung across the stage, first in red high heels, then barefoot, and finally, in scarlet pointe shoes.

Other duos and performers graced the Flynn Creek stage, such as Birge and Jones as they swung above the stage in a romantic, daring and unharnessed embrace for a dramatic finale. Even the smallest performers got a chance to shine at the circus, such as Sage Starkweather, 9, the daughter of group acrobat Kara Starkweather.

“It’s really fun to just hang out and see all the people,” Starkweather said.

The Creamery Festival brought guests from far and wide including Leonard Goldstein, a Bronx native who moved to Humboldt County and sells crafted wood flower-holders.

The Arcata Playhouse’s hard

work paid off, as evident by this year’s Creamery Festival which left festivalgoers and Humboldt local with a new, positive and exciting event to look forward to for many years to come. The Creamery Festival’s next appearance, hopefully with big-top tent and all, will be in 2017.

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Lead singer and acoustic guitarist Jim Hubbard of the folk band “Fire Sign” sings during a performance at the Creamery Festival on Saturday, Aug. 22, 2015 | Kevynn Gomez



A performer balances on a unicycle while holding another performer. | Kevynn Gomez




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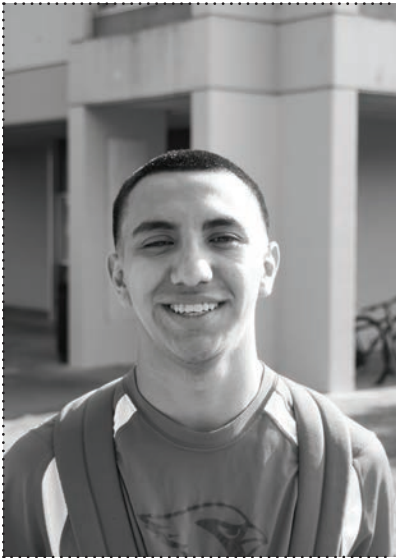
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## Why did you choose Humboldt State?



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# Late Summer River Dangers

## *Eel River develops toxic algae problem early*

by Rebekah Staub

Take a river that warmed early, throw in phosphorous and nitrogen due to erosion problems, add a dash of pollution from not carefully tended gardens, leaky septic systems and livestock, and you get cyanobacteria: a blue-green algae scum that is harmful to humans and pets.

This is the recipe for toxic algae and the Eel River has become the master chef.

This year the Eel River is going almost dry with flow gauges showing the lowest records in years. Patrick Higgins, managing director of the Eel River Recovery Project, said the result is a hot and soupy river. Recent discoveries suggest this toxic algae is developing early.

“Only in drought years or severe droughts is when the problem becomes pretty widespread,” Higgins said.

According to 102 years of records collected by the United States Geologic Survey, the Eel River at Scotia usually flows at 100 cubic feet per second in late August. This year the Eel River flow has dropped to less than 30 cubic feet per second. The only other time the flow

has been that low was over 90 years ago in 1924.

Toxic cyanobacteria form pencil-like dark green spires that are recognizable but they may also form mats in shallow areas as they break apart and float downstream. The amount of toxic algae that is in open water is far below levels of concern. However, when the Eel River edge waters warm for a while children and pets need to be kept away.

“The toxins generated by Eel River algae are neurotoxins, so they can basically shut down your nervous system,” Higgins said. “This stuff’s never good for you.”

Higgins said algae builds up in the river’s margins because it is warmer there.

“Dogs play in the soupy side waters and then they lick their fur; dog goes dead in 15 minutes,” he said. “Pets and children need to be prevented from contacting these warm stagnant areas in late summer. “Cyanobacteria are some of the world’s oldest organisms. It’s always been there. But why is it that no dogs ever died when the settlers first got to the river?””

The cyanobacteria is a big prob-

lem in the South Fork Eel River and toxic blooms have been known to occur in the Van Duzen, but it does not happen in the North Fork, or Middle Fork or upper main Eel River. The first two years of a joint study carried out by ERRP (Eel River Recovery Project) and University of California, Berkeley suggests that out of 3,600 square miles, two-thirds of the watershed is not susceptible to toxic algae at present.

The tipping point in the Eel River - a term biologists use to describe a small change with big results - is one of the reasons the ERRP is here. ERRP in partnership with the University of California, Berkeley have over 100 locations on the Eel River watershed that monitor the toxins produced by cyanobacteria.

ERRP (Eel River Recovery Project) was formed in 2011 after public concern over toxic algae.

Higgins said today ERRP (Eel River Recovery Project) does salmon counts, water temperature and flow studies throughout the basin, works to expand wilderness areas and has an active public education program emphasizing agricultural best practices that includes water conservation and pollution prevention associated with marijuana cultivation.

“We work with the community on solutions to ecological problems, which in this case is to leave more water in the system and pollute less,” Higgins said. “Our catch phrase is engage, enlighten, and empower. We’re trying to get information out there to people so they do the right thing in terms of protecting the environment.”



“Don’t let your dog play here!” says Patrick Higgins, managing director of the Eel River Recovery Project. Cyanobacteria congregates in the bank of the Eel River in Phillipsville, CA on August 19, 2015. | Photo by Patrick Higgins.



Toxic cyanobacteria spires growing on decaying green algae in the edge waters of the South Fork Eel River at Phillipsville. | Photo by Pat Higgins for ERRP on July 3, 2015.

important ecosystem, and there are more people within the community who care about it. Therefore, I think we have a better chance of saving it than any other large river ecosystem in California.”

Higgins graduated Humboldt State in 1975 with a degree in biology and completed coursework in the HSU fisheries graduate program from 1985-1988. He was a regional fisheries consultant from 1989-2011 before making a transition to being in mode of service to the Eel River community.

“The Eel has inspired me with its resilience,” Higgins said. “It is an

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Ernst with Daniel Radcliffe

# Getting Down and Dirty

## Hollywood honeys film movies in HumCo

by Rebekah Staub

Kirsten Dunst, Paul Dano and Daniel Radcliffe graced Humboldt County’s presence to film movies in the area this summer.

Radcliffe, well known as Harry Potter, and Dano, known for his role as Dwayne in “Little Miss Sunshine,” filmed an independent movie called “Swiss Army Man.” It is a psychological-drama about a man who discovers friendship with an unlikely companion in the woods.

Dunst, known for her role as Mary Jane in “Spiderman,” filmed her new movie “Woodshock” about a woman who spirals out after taking a fatal drug, set to be released in July.

The Lumberjack’s own video editor Jessica Ernst worked as the Production Assistant for both “Woodshock” and “Swiss Army Man.” Ernst said working with the film crews left a mark on her life.

Since the beginning of June there have been a total of nine film productions in Humboldt and Del Norte counties.

“The people you meet along the way form a precious connection like no other,” Ernst said.

Ernst said while Dunst smoked a lot of cigarettes on set, Radcliffe was the most bubbly personality she has ever met.

She also said he is courageous and would neglect hand warmers she offered him after hours of filming in cold Norcal ocean water.

“You can see both in his and Paul’s work ethic,” Ernst said. “They are so connected to their job. They get so into the emotion they’re supposed to play. They get down and dirty.”

Cassandra Hesseltine, film commissioner of Humboldt-Del Norte Film Commission, said the six-day shoot is estimated to have brought in \$83,200 directly into the community.

“That \$83,000 is money that is spent in our county because of the production,” Hesseltine said.

Hesseltine said she has not received the dollar amount for “Woodshock” but said it should be considerably higher than “Swiss Army Man.”

“They could have shot anywhere that there’s a forest but they chose California,” Hesseltine said. “Obviously we have the most majestic redwoods in the world.”

Recent Humboldt State graduate Kayla Shaw saw Dunst late one night at Sidelines, a bar in Arcata, while Dunst was visiting.

“I immediately turned around and was like, ‘What’s up, you’re Kirsten Dunst,’” Shaw said. “She’s like, ‘Yep that’s me.’”

Shaw said she asked Dunst what she thought of Arcata and the actress replied, “It’s really chill. I’ve had a lot of fun.”

Hesseltine said in the 15 years she has been meeting celebrities while working in film, Radcliffe was the most kind. She described him as a nice gentleman who seemed to enjoy the redwoods.

“I’m excited to have productions here and to hear that they enjoy coming to the Redwoods,” Hesseltine said. “It’s really comforting when the crew and the cast express gratitude to be in our neck of the woods.”

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Ernst with director Dan Kwan



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The Flaming Farmer demonstrates its capabilities during the engineering demonstration at the Kinetic Grand-Championship Race. On Sat. May 23 at the Arcata Plaza in Arcata, CA. | Louis Ramirez



Fog consumes everything below Redwood Creek Overlook on a mid-March evening. | Andrew Bearer



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# Lavender Eye Pillow

*Preparing for the storm of semester stress during the calm of syllabus week*

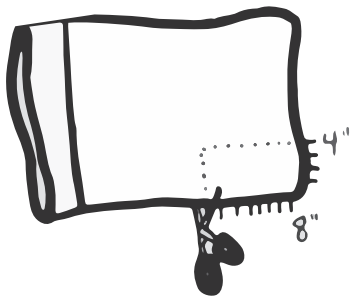
Summertime is over and while the living is still easy during syllabus week, we all know the heavy weight of test anxiety, long to-do lists and irritable roommate lurk around the corner. Why not prepare for future personal pampering while the workload is light and your freetime feels endless? Eye pillows are a great tool for full relaxation because they block out light and offer weight to tempt your screen-fried eyes into relaxation. Lavender is known for its calming aromatic properties and has been known to aid with restlessness and diving into a quick meditation for study breaks or when you need a little peace in your life.

- YOU WILL NEED:
- Old pillow case
  - One cup flax seeds
  - One-half cup dried lavender buds
  - Ruler or tape measure
  - Hot glue gun with glue OR a needle and thread

THE HOW TO

1. Stir together flax seeds and lavender and set aside
3. Flip cutting inside out so the patterned sides are facing eachother.

2. Cut one 8 inch by 4 inch rectangle out of the corner of the pillowcase

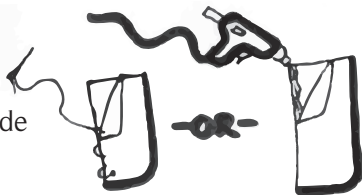


5. Flip pillow right side out.



6. Fill mini pillow with flaxseed and lavender mixture. To avoid spills, roll a piece of paper into funnel and fill over a bowl or somewhere outside.

7. Securely glue or sew the open 4-inch side



8. Set aside a study break, relax and enjoy

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EDITORIAL

Fall 2015. The semester of change. We are going to go to the gym and not miss a single class. We are going to get A’s in all of our classes and only eat food from home. This is the semester that everything will be different. Right?

Wrong.

While the idea of going to class everyday or eating better food is simple enough, as we all know putting those simple ideas into in action is a whole different story. Change requires constant re-wiring of our basic decisions everyday. Banana over burger. Gym over that extra hour of sleep. Homework over a beer at Everett’s. Those small decisions together make the collective change we are all striving for. The simple fact is that if we expect ourselves to change the world in a day we will fail.

So do not kid yourself into thinking you are going to wake up and be a different person this semester. But if you commit to making small changes everyday, you might eventually get the results you want and instead of thinking of the big expectations, let us instead remember the little things. Give yourself a pat on the back for skipping the extra doughnut and turning that paper in on time.

As the Lumberjack staff, we are going to push ourselves to the limit to find the best stories and we are going to make all the dead-lines we can. As a student body, all of us are going to kick ass this semester regardless of whether or not we lived up to our expectations. As students of the world, we have the privilege to fail and cry and be great and happy all at the same time.

Welcome to Fall 2015.



Lost in Germany

By Ricardo Cruz

So, you actually picked up the Lumberjack. Congratulations. My name is Ricardo Cruz and I am an International Studies major at our beloved Humboldt State. I am currently in Germany studying at the University of Tübingen. Why am I in Germany? My language specialization is German, and every International Studies major must study abroad, so where else was I going to go, Italy? I have travelled to places like Japan back in 2011 and I have been to San Salvador a few times since I was a kid, but I spent most of my life in Los Angeles. Even coming to Humboldt gave me a bit of culture shock, but I learned to get used to operating on Humboldt time.

That is the reason I travel. That ‘getting used to’ ability. Whether you realize it or not, when you adapt to other cultures and customs, you are gaining a valuable skill that no cultural studies class can teach. I want to be more than I am and traveling to some place that is different from what I’m used to is certainly going to change me. I guess what I am really after is change. I do not want to be static. As one of my favorite fictional characters from the book series “Beautiful Creatures” says, “Anything is better than a life standing still.”

Okay, I am going to be real with you guys. Right now I am experiencing what is known as the perfect storm of travel nightmares. The airline has lost my luggage. I have only 25 Euros on me. I have no clothes and it is incredibly hot. Oh and here is the kicker, your first glimpse into the German soul: they are very concerned with energy usage and

over consumption. This, on the face of it, is a good thing, EXCEPT, as I said it is incredibly hot. They do not turn on air conditioning and good luck getting a cold drink. Now, let me clarify that. They think it is cold but trust me, we would call it lukewarm. But not everything has been difficult.

So far, people have been incredibly polite to me. It may be hard to explain, but I see little random acts of kindness that I just do not see back home in the good ol’ US of A. A bunch of kids helped me pick up coins when I dropped them. A kind old lady helped me out way beyond what was called for when I was lost. The German attitude is all about efficiency. I just got here and I can already feel that.

But embracing this attitude is not a bad thing at all. We can all learn a thing or two considering our dwindling energy supplies. Oh, and can you believe these people can efficiently take 5 minute showers?! Water is incredibly expensive here. I want to adapt this conservation attitude.

This is what traveling is about: changing, adapting, and evolving. I hope to evolve as a person during my time here, because there is something special about traveling. I encourage you all to go out into the world. That is where you really learn who you are, and what you want to become. So throughout the year, I hope to share some of my transformation with you. Get ready for Lost in Germany.

Ricardo Cruz may be contacted at thejack@humboldt.edu

Letter to the public

EUREKA – Caltrans and local governments need to shift their priorities when it comes to spending on highways and other transportation projects on the North Coast, according to a new local group. The Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities advocates for scaling back on highway expansion projects and instead focusing on needed maintenance and repair.

“This country is facing what the US Department of Transportation has called a ‘transportation infrastructure deficit,’ and the North Coast is no exception,” said Barbara Kennedy, a Weott resident and spokesperson for the group. “We need to be focusing our resources on maintaining the roads we have and addressing urgent local needs—like finding a viable, environmentally responsible solution to the problems on US 101 at Last Chance Grade.”

“If we’re going to spend money on new infrastructure, it should be for things that really improve our local quality of life, like better pedestrian and bicycle facilities,” continued Kennedy. “We certainly should not be building the oversized truck access projects on Route 199 and at Richardson Grove. These projects will cost millions just to let more and bigger trucks into our counties, which will further damage our roads and bridges.”

The local volunteer Task Force which guides the Coalition is holding a public meet-and-greet at Eureka’s Chapala Café on Wednesday, August 26th, from 5-7pm. This will be an informal occasion for anyone interested in the issues to talk about the group’s plans and priorities as well as other local transportation topics. Those attending are encouraged to pay for any food or drinks at the register downstairs before proceeding to the event upstairs.

“Transportation infrastructure isn’t exactly a hot topic most of the time,” said Dave Spreen, a Kneeland resident and another spokesperson for the Coalition. “But the decisions we make about infrastructure spending have huge impacts on our local economy and quality of life. We’re really looking forward to talking to local folks about local transportation priorities. We want to let the community know why we think a new set of priorities is so important, and hear what people think about it.”

For more information about the Coalition, visit [www.transportationpriorities.org](http://www.transportationpriorities.org).

For more information about Chapala Café, including a menu, visit [www.chapalacafe.com](http://www.chapalacafe.com).

Barbara Kennedy, Spokesperson  
Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities



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# The Nicest Stranger



by Jacob Cheek

Have you ever been walking down the street or at school and you see a stranger and you smile and wave? When you are walking into a building, do you hold the door open for others? Do you say please and thank you to people you have never met before? I guess the question I am really trying to get to is, why is that we are so nice to complete strangers and not nice to the people that are close to us?

Growing up I was taught to be considerate towards people. Always say please and thank you. When I was a kid my dad would always say

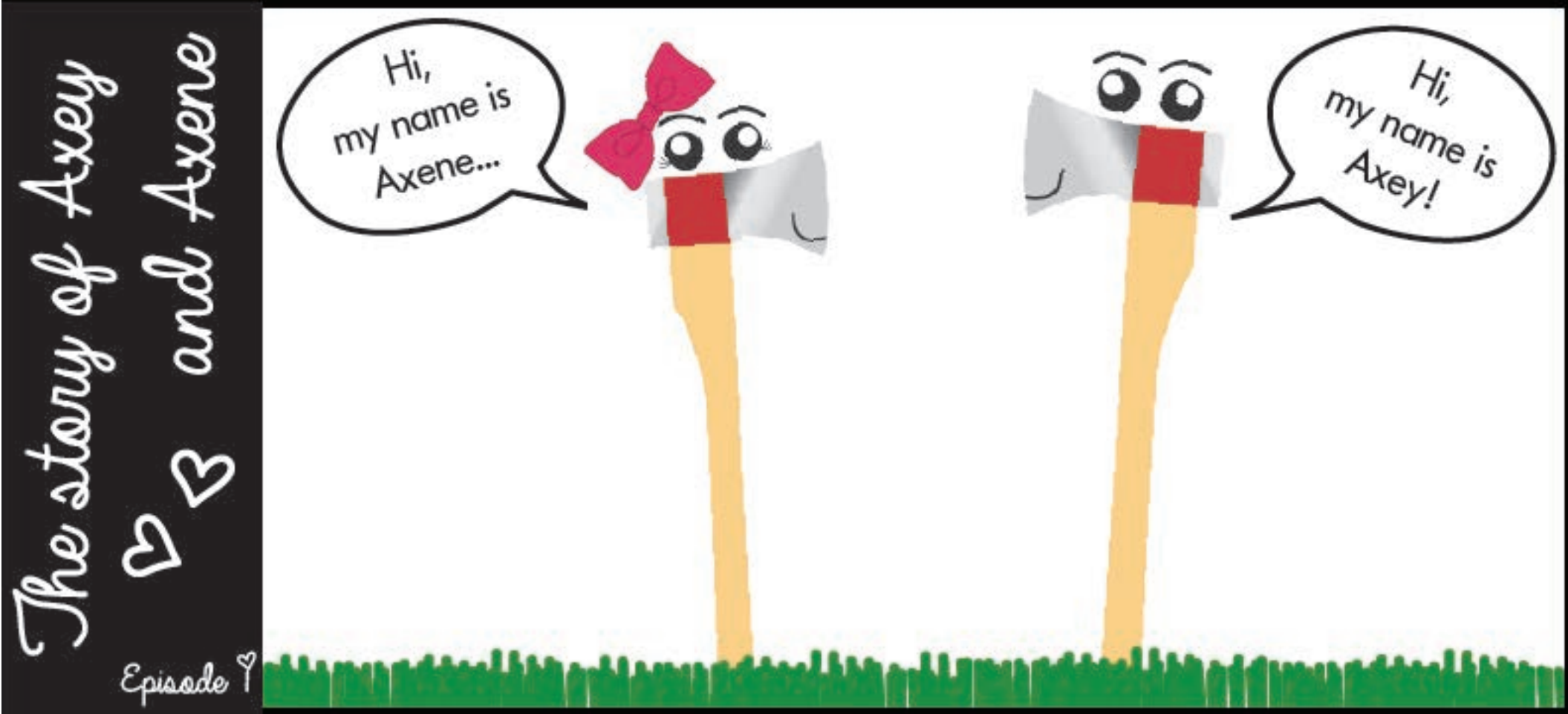
to me, “Jacob say thank you” or “Jacob shake their hand and look them in the eye.” And this was not only meant to be towards strangers but it was also meant to be towards family, friends, acquaintances, and the people you live with.

I find it odd that it comes so easy for people to be rude or mean to the people closest to us. One might have a long day only to come home to an upset roommate and the next thing you know you are in a full blown argument. And for what reason? Is it because we think they will easily forgive us? I think not. When someone close to

you is hurt by your words or actions it takes longer for them to just forget. What was used to hurt them now nestles into their brain and will not leave until some sort of change is seen in you.

The point I am trying to make is to try to keep a smile on your face. Look around you and see the great place you are fortunate enough to be in. Take a look at the wonderful people you surround yourself with. Tell yourself it is a great day to be alive and live it. But do not only live it, show it too.

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Weekly Brain Teaser

By Ian Bradley  
Compiled by Jami Eiring

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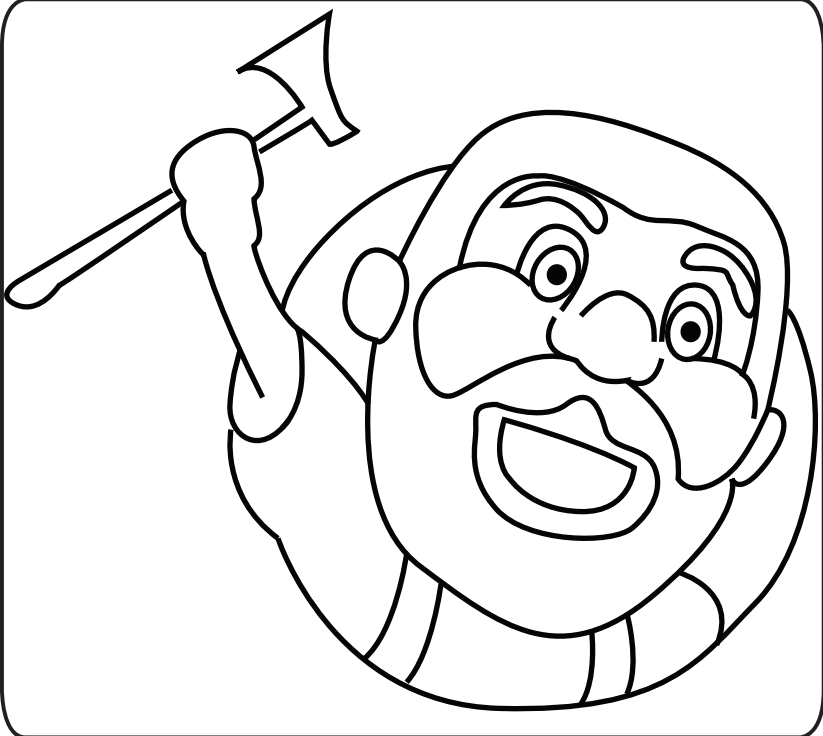
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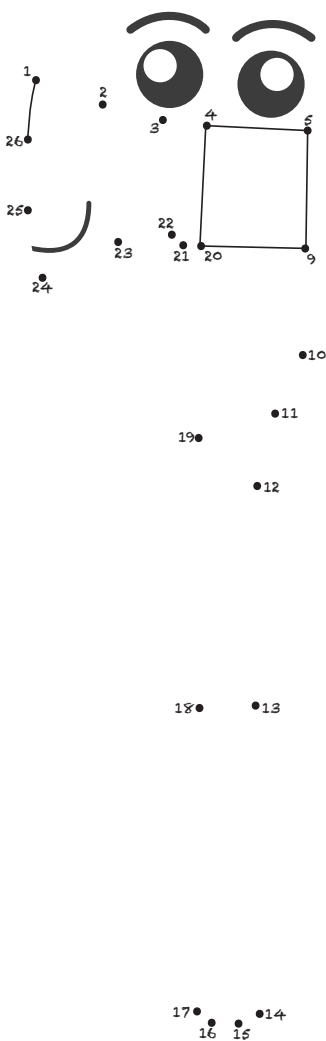


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# Calendar

Wednesday, August 26—Saturday, September 5

## Wednesday, August 26

### Part-time Job Fair

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10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. @ University Center Quad  
Free

## Friday, August 28

### REGISTRATION DEADLINES

August 28 is the last day to register for HSU classes without getting docked a \$25 late registration fee. You must register by 11:59 p.m. It is also the last day to waitlist classes. This too must be done by 11:59 p.m.

## Sunday, August 30

### “Salmon is Everything” Book of the Year Reading and Talk

Excerpts from this play, “Salmon Is Everything” will be performed as a staged reading with some members of the original 2006 cast and a talk by the book’s author, Theresa May. Admission is free. With fears that there could be a salmon die-off this year as there was in 2002, what was that 2002 tragedy like for the people whose ancestors have lived in intimate connection with salmon for thousands of years? That’s part of what this locally created play and now HSU’s Book of the Year is about.

2:00 p.m. @ Van Duzer Theatre  
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## Tuesday, September 1

### “Weird Al” Yankovic: Mandatory World Tour

“Weird Al” Yankovic is the king of pop parody. From his teenage days as the darling of the nationally syndicated Doctor Demento Radio Show to his latest million-selling recording, the accordion wielding, satire champ has mercilessly subjected every major pop artist to his incorrigible, hilarious lyrical rewrites. His most recent album “Mandatory Fun” received the award for best comedy album at the 57th Annual Grammy Awards on February 8, Weird Al’s fourth career Grammy.

8:00 p.m. @ Van Duzer Theatre  
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## Saturday, September 5

### First HSU Football Game: Jacks v. Western Oregon

The Lumberjacks kick off the 2015 season at home against rival Western Oregon.

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