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No such thing as free lunch



Coral Irwin, a junior studying recreational administration and employee at The J, hands a plate of tofu salad to dorm resident Nick Kenne on Nov. 19 at Humboldt State University.

Dining Services employees don't receive a free meal during their shift

by James Wilde

While many food service employees receive heavily discounted meals or one free meal per shift, dining services student employees at Humboldt State University get the same meal discounts as anyone who pays with J-points: 25% off.

Abigail Rosales, junior communications major and a floor manager at The Depot, said employees frequently complain about the minimal discount.

"It would be nice to know that our job and our work is valued," Rosales said. "Because if we're just getting the same discount as people who already live on campus, then there's not really an incentive food-wise. Obviously we're getting paid, but it's always a nice bonus if you get any benefits while working here."

Rosales previously worked at the fast-casual restaurant chain, The Habit Burger Grill. Employees received a free burger and fries every shift, and got 50% off everything else.

Rosales said a free or more discounted meal per shift would likely make for a better



Abigail Rosales, a junior communications major, stands in The Depot at Humboldt State University on Nov. 8.

workplace.

"I think if we did get that, a lot of us would be a little less grumpy," Rosales said. "Because sometimes we're tired or hungry, and sometimes we just don't have money on us, so we get irritated." William Weinberg, a forestry senior and College of Natural Resources representative and vice chair, said over the phone that he'd be interested in seeing HSU try a pilot program giving free meals to student employees.

"I think it would be cool if

think those are the two cheapest things. If we just get that, that'll probably be enough for a lot of people."

Director of Dining Services Ron Rudebock pointed to money as the primary issue behind the lack of an extra discount for student employees.

Rudebock, who has been the director of dining services for 15 years, said declining enrollment has reduced dining services income, while increases in minimum wage and insurance prices, alongside efforts to provide more organic and local food options, have increased costs.

"It's unfortunate, because we're trying to keep our food costs lower while our costs are going up," Rudebock said. "So how do you balance those two?"

Dining services at HSU are not run by the university, but instead by the University Center. The UC is a nonprofit auxiliary corporation that works with HSU, but is not owned or operated by the school.

The UC operates on-campus entities like dining services, the library, Center Arts and Center Activities.

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Budget meeting turnout bleak

Budget budgets closer to completion

by James Wilde

Only four students attended the first University Resources and Planning Committee's public budget forum, according to Associated Students President Yadira Cruz.

Around 50 faculty, staff and community members were in attendance as well, according to Art Education Assistant Professor and URPC Co-Chair James Woglom.

Woglom said the URPC's presentation, which can be found online at budget.humboldt.edu, focused on the URPC's work toward creating a scalable budget model, or a budget that can be altered periodically to represent changing values.

"It ends up bringing more people into the process of decision-making, and thus hopefully reflecting more people's feeling of what we want this organism to do," Woglom said of the URPC's new model.

URPC has been meeting over the course of the semester to form a three-year budget for Humboldt State. Woglom said the first step for deciding where to allocate funds is to clarify which values HSU should prioritize.

Besides the forum, the URPC is taking feedback online through an online submission form, a Google survey designed to scale which campus values are most important and a pie chart budget simulator that allows proposals of how HSU should divide funds. Woglom said he'd also be happy to take suggestions through direct emails.

While Cruz said she appreciated the existence of the online feedback forms, she said they can be obscure due to budgetary jargon.

"Although it's available, it might not be accessible in that way," Cruz said.

The Google survey, which is not yet released, lists a series of California State University

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values and asks the respondent to rate how much they agree with each one.

“It’s not saying that we want to devalue any of them, but it’s trying to get a quantitative sense of where the University’s priorities are in terms of allocation of resources based across a series of ideas,” Woglom said. “And then hopefully with that quantification we can make decisions based on where we can make things happen.”

The URPC’s current projections show a \$5.4 million budget gap by the 2021-2022 school year, which reflects the impact of reduced tuition due to declining enrollment. According to the presentation, every 100 students generate about \$560,000 in tuition.

Joseph Reed, a political science and economics double major and a student representative on the URPC, said the key challenge has been ramping down the budget with the declining student body.

“It’s kind of been hard to keep this budget for about 8,000 students when we don’t have 8,000 students anymore,” Reed said.

Cruz said the budget should focus on the students HSU has now, and not the students it had in the past.

“I think every campus goes through these sorts of financial challenges, but I think how we move forward is centering students,” Cruz said.

Reed said the URPC has no plans to cut whole departments. Instead, Reed said cuts are more likely to be smaller and broader across the board.

“Every department is being affected, but each one has its own budget, so each one has its own certain amount that it’s being reduced by,” Reed said.



Left to right: Associated Students President Yadira Cruz and University Resources and Planning Committee Student Representative Joseph Reed in the University Center Lounge on Nov. 15. Both Cruz and Reed said they think the URPC should do more to gather student input on the budget.

Over the past three years, URPC reduced the budget by \$11.5 million. However, Woglom emphasized a difference between past and future cuts due to the new scalable budget model.

“[In the past] we’ve cut what we’ve determined to be at the fringe of the project of the University—so maybe not in direct agreement with the strategic plan of the University or the general values of the University,” Woglom said. “Being in that cutting mindset is potentially jarring for morale. I mean, you’re coming from a space where you’re like, ‘Alright, what do we have to not do this year?’”

With the new model, Woglom said HSU can start with a specific budget number and then distribute it to the things HSU values most. Woglom said the budget can be continually changed, which allows HSU to scale back up or down if monetary realities change.

“We don’t want to make hurried and necessary decisions

every year,” Woglom said.

The URPC uses Financial Information Reporting Management System codes, which are used in higher education to categorize expenses by their function, to compare HSU’s spending to other CSUs.

FIRMS codes break down HSU’s spending into five categories: instruction (\$56.6 million in the current budget), institutional support (\$21.6 million), operations and maintenance of plant (\$16.3 million), academic support (\$15.6 million) and student services (\$12 million). Each of these categories represent a FIRMS program, and the budget determines what percent of the total amount of funding goes to each category.

Using these categories, the URPC also compares HSU’s spending to other CSUs. According to the presentation, spending at HSU in comparison to similar-sized campuses for the 2017-2018 school year was 17% higher at HSU for instruction, 24% higher for aca-

ademic support, 3% higher for student services, 10% higher for institutional support and 1% higher for operations and maintenance of plant.

The presentation also showed three possible scenarios for the future of enrollment and its effects on the budget. The best case scenario, called the growth scenario, shows a leveling off of the enrollment decline and a budget gap in the \$4 million range by the 2021-2022 school year.

The current scenario, upon which URPC’s projections are based, shows a continued decline that leads to the budget gap of \$5.4 million. The worst-case scenario shows further decline and a budget gap of up to \$7 million by the 2021-2022 school year.

The URPC’s current budget plans are based on the middle scenario of a \$5.4 million gap.

Woglom said the URPC still has to figure out how to allocate its funding to keep current programs intact.

“It raises interesting ques-

tions about where you can move within that,” Woglom said.

Just one day after the URPC’s public forum, HSU released a campus announcement detailing the process for filling staff vacancies during the current enrollment decline and budget deficit. The announcement said that while current staff positions will not be eliminated, positions deemed “non-critical” by the vice president of the relevant division won’t be back-filled when a person leaves that position.

Woglom confirmed that announcement.

“The intention of the University at this point is to work to determine where attrition will happen and backfill positions in that manner,” Woglom said.

This backfiring process does not apply to faculty, according to the announcement.

The URPC’s next and final public forum is scheduled for Dec. 3 at 11:30 a.m. in the Goodwin Forum, during which the public can review the URPC’s draft plan before it is sent to the University president for review. Woglom urges everyone to give their input.

“Any ideas that people have that they’d like to share with us, the better our decision-making process can be,” Woglom said.

Reed and Cruz said they don’t think two public forums are enough to gather sufficient student input.

“I think overall we should be making a stronger effort to connect with students and get their overall opinions,” Reed said.

Reed suggested that the URPC should seek to get input not just from some students, but from the majority of students. Cruz agreed.

“I think that’s a challenge in itself,” Cruz said. “But I think that just because it’s challenging doesn’t mean it shouldn’t be pursued.”

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While student fees provide money for some of the services, Rudebock said dining services runs entirely on the income from student food purchases.

In fact, Rudebock said dining services has to pay HSU rent for their facilities along with utilities, garbage, internet and so on.

“It’s a separate business,” Rudebock said. “And we actually pay the university money.”

All California State University Dining Services are run by auxiliary corporations, according to CSU Public Affairs Manager Hazel Kelly. We have reached out to all CSUs to determine which CSU dining services provide free meals to student employees.

Thus far, only five CSU’s have responded.

Student employees at CSU Bakersfield and CSU Monterey receive free meals during shifts, and according to a representative for Sonoma State, SSU student employees get free meals for shifts longer than four hours and free snacks for shifts shorter than



Director of Dining Services Ron Rudebock in his office on Nov. 8. Rudebock said dining services has hit tough times lately due to declining enrollment and increased expenses.

that. San Francisco State gives its student employees a free meal if they work a shift longer than five hours, and CSU Chico gives students meals for \$2.50 for shifts longer than four hours. In addition, Chico gives student employees 10% off all food items purchased on campus.

Any profit that HSU dining services makes goes back into its operations, according to Rudebock. Rudebock pointed to The J’s more than 25-year-old dishwasher as one example of an upcoming expense. Rudebock said the dishwasher will cost around \$250,000 to get replaced.

“We need the reserves to be able to pay for everything so we can stay in business,” Rudebock said. “But we don’t have a set of stockholders. We don’t have—you know, like a corporation has a set of stockholders that have got to make money. We don’t have a magic investor.”

Rudebock said the UC lost around \$100,000 in each of the last two power outages, during which The J offered free meals to students, faculty and staff. Rudebock said HSU may only partially reimburse dining services for those costs.

In regard to free meals, Rudebock said that dining

services doesn’t have any plans to provide a larger discount for student employees. However, Rudebock said the issue is not off the table. HSU could suggest larger discounts for student employees to the UC, and while the UC does not have to follow HSU’s suggestions, Rudebock said it wants to work with the university.

We reached out to HSU to see if it has any intentions to push for free meals for student dining employees. We will update this story if we receive a response.

At the moment, HSU dining services employs about 350 students and 26 full-time

employees, which, according to Rudebock, is the highest proportion of students to full-time employees in the CSU system.

Aileen Dominguez, a senior political science major who works as a student assistant at The Depot, said she only eats at The Depot when she has to—typically on Thursdays, when she is on campus all day. She said that employees frequently go to Oh Snap or elsewhere instead of buying food on campus.

Dominguez suggested that a larger discount might actually help bring in more business, but she doubts that one will be offered.

“I just feel it’s unfair that we kind of have to choose,” Dominguez said. “Like, ‘I don’t want to eat this right now, because I have to buy other things,’ or say, ‘I’m just gonna go eat a cup of noodles at home because this burrito isn’t worth it.’”

Rosales made a similar statement.

“On our end, we kind of pick and choose if we want to pay for something,” Rosales said. “If we’re really that hungry to pay for it or if we’ll just deal with it and not.”

One location accepts CalFresh on campus

Oh SNAP! assists student sign up for CalFresh and provides alternative sources to obtain produce

by Rachel Marty

Humboldt State University is one of the first universities to accept Electronic Benefit Transfer cards.

According to Iran Ortiz, a 5th year student and Oh SNAP! employee, options on campus are limited to where students can spend their food stamps.

“The only place on campus that accepts food stamps, or CalFresh benefits, is the Marketplace,” Ortiz said.

CalFresh, previously called food stamps, is a government run program that provides eligible households with an EBT card that works like a debit card. According to CalFresh’s site, EBT cards can be used at most grocery stores and farmers markets, but benefits are meant to be supplemental and not intended to meet a family’s entire food need.

The process to sign up for CalFresh can be tricky if doing it by yourself. But Oh SNAP! is student-driven with a mission is to increase HSU students access to food and they can help with the process of signing up for EBT.

Ortiz explains how her and other Oh Snap employees can help students sign up.

“The process for students is different because they abide by student eligibility requirements,” Ortiz said. “Although we are not eligibility workers, so we can not determine benefits or how much you get, we can help you out throughout the whole process of



A sign outside The Marketplace stating they accept EBT, otherwise known as CalFresh Benefits or SNAP, the government program provides food benefits for low-income families and students.

CalFresh. We’ve been trained by CalFresh workers to know the whole process and all of that.”

Sara Olsen is a third year with previous experience with Oh SNAP! who remembers some of the requirements of signing up for EBT benefits through Oh SNAP!

“The people who help, volunteer and work for Oh SNAP! are very helpful and will give you paperwork to fill out,” Olsen said. “Which they will then fax in office if you’re ready.”

Olsen explains that after submitted the paperwork, CalFresh will call and set up a

phone interview. After deemed eligible for the program, an EBT card is sent in the mail.

Alexandre Sicaud is the manager of the College Creek Marketplace and doesn’t know the exact reasoning behind the Marketplace being the only place to accept EBT on campus.

“The people who help, volunteer and work for Oh SNAP! are very helpful and will you paper work to fill out. Which they will then fax in office if you’re ready.”

-Sara Olsen Junior

“We used to only have one EBT scanner, then we upgraded to two,” said Sicaud. “But as for why we’re the only place on campus, it might have to do with the fact that we’re the largest grocery operation.”

CalFresh benefits are provided to help pay for groceries. In fact, hot foods can not be purchased with an EBT card in an effort to promote healthy and nutritious alternatives.

If you need help filling out CalFresh paperwork, head to the Oh SNAP! office located in the Recreation Wellness Center, Room 122.

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Digitize and preserve your history

Humboldt State Special Collections hosts History Digitization Day for community



Special Collections Instruction Librarian and a library technician assist in the digital preservation of photographs in Humboldt State’s Special Collections Research Room.

by Micheal Estrada

On Saturday the HSU library played host to Humboldt History Digitization Day, an event that gave students, staff and community members the opportunity to take photographs and documents and save digital copies for free.

Digital copies are a great way to save backups of personal documents and photos from deterioration. The cost of a photo scanner can get into the hundreds of dollars, and not everyone has an understanding of photoshop and other programs that can be used to crop and edit the digital copies.

During this event, archivers were available to directly assist in the use of the scanner and photoshop courtesy of the libraries

Special Collections division.

Special Collections Instruction Librarian Louis Knecht was available to assist the public in digitizing their documents, as well as share some insight on the impact of archiving Humboldt history.

Knecht saw the event as an opportunity to expand peoples’ digital literacy, as well as a way to archive history.

“HSU is a center of technology in what is a relatively rural environment that is Humboldt County,” said Knecht.

Erin Sullivan, an English professor at HSU, stopped by with a thick binder of her family history and was excited to start preserving the past. She had four generations of photographs, from Irish immigrants on her father’s side, to the pioneers on her mother’s side that were living on the plains.

“If you have any kind of family photos, or documents, that aren’t in digital form, digitize them,” Sullivan said. “That’s your family history, you don’t want to lose that, that’s precious stuff.”

She wasn’t afraid to learn the process, and was happy to share her appreciation of the assistance she was given.

“I have never used any fancy digital equipment,” Sullivan said. “I scan things for teaching purposes, but not high quality scanning.”

Humboldt has benefitted from archiving history in the past, such as recording the protests of the Gasquet-Orleans road, whose inception began in the early 60s.

“I think it takes away HSU as just relevant to students, staff and faculty,” said Knecht. “It opens the door to more community engagement.”

Zero Waste conference leads to green holiday

Waste Reduction & Resource Awareness Program hosts environmental event and educates community

by Collin Slavey

The Humboldt State Zero Waste Conference, hosted by the campus’ Waste Reduction Resource Awareness Program, taught students and community members how to reduce the amount of waste they produce in their daily lives. The week ended in a city proclamation that Nov. 15 would forever be Zero Waste Day.

“WRAPP is all about serving students and providing students resources to make lifestyle changes,” Program Manager Amanda McDonald said. “It’s a slow and gradual process where it’s not like you can get rid of every plastic thing in your house at once, but you have to be committed to doing this over time.”

A week of influential guest speakers, engaging activities and exciting happenings kept students active and engaged in reducing waste. These included a moving speech by Tedd Ward, the authority on Del Norte solid waste, Tinkertime on the quad and the extravagant Green Campus Trashion Show.

The Zero Waste Conference began with a banquet which set the tone for the rest of the week. A keynote speech by Alec Cooley shared the story about the origins of the Humboldt Campus Recycling Program, following closely by the Trashion Show.

Eight students built magnificent costumes out of household waste. There was a Rob-box, sword wielding cardboard centurion, and the CD bikini-rocking Julian Palmisano. They each strut their stuff across the stage to show off what they made.

“I think my grandma would be proud,” Palmisano said. “I did it for fun. It’s kind of a joke, really, and it’s a way to bring



Photo by Collin Slavey
The competitors in the Green Campus Trashion Show strike an action pose right after they walked across stage. The Trashion Show intended to raise awareness about trash and display alternative uses for common products.

attention to the unprecedented degree of waste that is in this world.”

In pursuit of constructive solutions, the following day was Tinker Time. WRRAP, CCAT and Green Campus showed students how to reduce their waste by upcycling recyclable items. Upcycling is the “reuse” part of the reduce, reuse, recycle phrase.

During Tinker Time, WRRAP showed students how to upcycle their clothes into mason jar coozies and grocery bags. The Campus Center for Appropriate Technologies upcycled wood waste and oyster shells into wind chimes. At the coozie table, WRAPP Compost Site Intern Krissi Fiebig taught students how to cut up old clothes and sew them together for a more beneficial use.

“The clothing industry is so detrimental,” Fiebig said.

“Fast fashion, in my opinion, is one of the worst industries for the environment. It not only deteriorates sense of commitment, but it also withholds your own sense of style. It’s good to upcycle clothes for a new purpose instead of sending them straight to the landfill.”

Finally, Ted Ward’s speech was a somber reminder of the modern state of the world. He said he felt as though he had failed as a waste manager. He reminisced about the day the first plastic bag was created and commented on how we ought to rename our modern era the “Plastocene,” cynically addressing the volume of plastic waste we produce.

“We should coin this era the Plastocene instead of the Holocene because that is our legacy,” Ward said. “In 1964 the first plastic bag was made, and it was the beginning of

this. One half of all of all plastic produced has been produced in the last thirteen years. Recycling is ineffective... It was not our decision which led to this. It was fractional distillation and oil refining.”

The Zero Waste Conference finished up with Humboldt officially declaring Nov. 15 Zero Waste Day. The official proclamation reflects Humboldt County, the City of Arcata and our local community’s progress towards zero waste.

“Now be it resolved that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors joins Humboldt cities and business groups to recognize November 15, 2019 as Zero Waste Day,” the proclamation said. “A day each year we acknowledge the County’s waste reduction progress and urge residents to recommit efforts toward Zero Waste.”

UPDATE Latest PSPS unlikely to hit Humboldt

by James Wilde

PG&E announced Sunday it was monitoring the weather for a possible PSPS event beginning Wednesday, but it has not included Humboldt County in any of its expected shutoff zones. The latest press release on Tuesday said the PSPS will affect 16 counties across northern California. Six counties initially expected to be impacted were removed from their list.

PG&E said the PSPS is once again caused by high winds through dry areas, leading to a high risk of fire.

“Weather forecasts continue to be dynamic with significant variation across different portions of PG&E’s service area,” the Tuesday release said. “As an example, some parts of PG&E’s territory are under a Red Flag Warning issued by the National Weather Service, while other locations are subject to a Winter Storm Advisory.”

PG&E estimated the PSPS, which ranges from Mendocino to Butte to Sonoma Counties, will affect 181,000 customers. PG&E estimated that each customer account serves three residents, so the PSPS may affect over 540,000 residents.

PG&E said it expects the winds to subside by Thursday morning, and that it hopes to restore power to most customers by the end of Thursday.

“High winds are currently expected to subside Thursday mid-morning,” the Tuesday release said. “PG&E will then inspect the de-energized lines to ensure they were not damaged during the wind event. PG&E will safely restore power in stages as quickly as possible, with the goal of restoring most customers by end of day Thursday, based on the current weather conditions.”

Geography department celebrates name change

Geography department changes name to GESA, reflecting the dynamic nature of the discipline

by Collin Slavey

The Humboldt State geography department was officially renamed the HSU Department of Geography, Environment and Spatial Analysis, or GESA for short. Along with the name change, the GESA department will begin to publish a scientific journal called Humboldt Geographic.

More than 100 people showed up to the name-change celebration. The evening brought with it a number of presentations from professors within the department including department chair Matthew Derrick. Messages of praise came from the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Alex Enydi as well as the Dean of HSU’s College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Lisa Bond-Maupin.

“I am grateful to work with students, staff and faculty every day,” Bond-Maupin said. “I am struck by the idea of boundaries. What I am recognizing about this department is it’s about transcending boundaries. I’m struck by that.”

One of the boundaries the GESA department is transcending is the barrier between the department and the greater academic community.

To achieve this, Derrick has been promoting GESA’s scientific journal, “Humboldt Geographic.”

“In any kind of education, I say there needs to be some sort of artifact,” Derrick said. “This idea is reunification, where you take ideas and values and they come into some physical form... It is the culmination of where we are right now, and hopefully next year we’ll do it better.”

Humboldt Geographic is a collaborative, student edited and student published scientific journal. It will include coverage of projects within the department as well as alumni updates and stories about the department’s yearly trips abroad. Although each edition should be finished by the end of the semester, the journal will be on the news stands at the beginning of the spring semester.

Changing the name of the department to Geography, Environment and Spatial Analysis reflects the dynamic nature of the discipline. Geography is the study of the physical features of the earth and its atmosphere, and Spatial Analysis is a type of geographical analysis which seeks to explain patterns of human behavior by layering data-filled maps



Photo by Collin Slavey
Alex Enydi (left) and Lisa Bond-Maupin (right) prepare to officially open the Department of Geography, Environment and Spatial Analysis in front of the Humboldt Geographic Society.

over one another. The way this science can be used is restrained only by the imagination of the geographer.

The Humboldt Geographic Society is chock full of imaginative students. The president of HGS, Summer Owen, talked about the direction of the new geography department.

“As students, we’re not just studying where things are,” Owen said. “We’re studying why things are that way; why people are there, why those lines exist. Through politics, through landscape, through mountain ranges, rivers, oceans, the barriers.”

After the announcement, Derrick asked the student members of HGS to the front of the room for a group picture before everyone began

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**-Matthew Derrick
GESA Department Chair**

to socialize. The festivities continued into the night fueled by champagne and finger food.

Enyedi seemed to enjoy himself and was grateful for the invite from the department.

“President Jackson said we’re gonna have a lot of parties,” Enyedi said. “Partying and

celebrating is what we should do. We need to focus on the great things that our students do, that our faculty do, that we do as a community. I’m proud to be part of this community. So thank you for inviting me to [the] party.”

Jacks beat Pioneers in final non-conference tune-up

Humboldt State's persistent offense pushes its preseason to an encouraging 4-1 overall record

by Liam Warner

After gaining a home win in a 91-85 game over the Antelope Valley Pioneers on Nov. 13, the Jacks turned their attention to a different Pioneers team in their final non-conference, tune-up game.

Humboldt State played against the Pacific Union College's Pioneers on Saturday night in front of a packed Lumberjack Arena crowd.

Offense has not been a problem for the HSU men's basketball team in the few games they have played this season. In the four games prior to Saturday's match, the Jacks' lowest scored points in a game was 89, which came in two separate games against Southern Oregon and Fresno Pacific.

The game against Pacific Union was no different as the Jacks' offense fired on all cylinders. Five different scorers reached double-digit point totals for the Jacks. Despite Pacific Union tying the game twice in the second half, the Jacks never relinquished the lead and beat the Pacific Union Pioneers 86-80.

Two successful shots from seniors Rob Lewis and Zachariah Christian had the Jacks out to an early 4-0 lead. The defense started strong by preventing the Pioneers from scoring in the first four minutes of the half.

The Jacks eventually found an 11-2 run, but a few turnovers and missed shots allowed the Pioneers to close the deficit to 13-8 just before the



Humboldt State senior Leland Green jumps past Pacific Union's defense during the second half of the Jacks' game at Lumberjack Arena on Nov. 16.

first media timeout. The Jacks widened the lead to 11 points a bit later on in the half.

Freshman Isaiah Pope splashed three-pointers on back-to-back possessions and brought the Lumberjack Arena crowd to a roar.

Less than a minute later, Lewis hit a deep three right at the halftime buzzer giving the Jacks the 44-34 lead.

The second half was more of a test for Humboldt State. The Jacks' shots weren't falling like they were in the first half as their shot from the field dropped from 50 percent to 40 percent.

Despite the drop in production from the offense, the Jacks used the free-throw line to their advantage to close out the game, going 15-20 from the charity stripe. With three minutes left, Pioneers' senior Marc Williams hit a three to tie it up at 73-73. The ensuing Jacks' possession resulted in senior Leland Green drawing the foul and sinking two free throws. The Jacks pulled away

with the victory.

The Jacks gained contributions on offense from several different players. Senior Leland Green led the team with 17 points, Lewis had 14 and sophomore Amari Green had 12. Christian lead the team with nine rebounds.

Despite the win and the offensive production, Head Coach Steve Kinder stressed the need to work on defense heading into conference play.

"Pacific Union did a great job on sharing the ball, penetrating and kicking to open shooters," Kinder said. "We had a difficult time keeping guys ahead of us."

After the game, Jacks' center Arash Poorsina also stressed the need to work on defense, but he touted the chemistry that the team has built up with each other early in the season.

"The good thing about this team is that no one really loses faith in one another," Poorsina said. "We all know our skill set, we all know the things that we can do."

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PG&E bosses admit to sadistic power play

Californians just bummed about rotting organic, grassfed filet mignon

by Bizzy Ear

This past power-outage 800,000 Californians were without electricity as the government-sanctioned criminal monopoly PG&E decided that living with reliable power was a luxury that residents had been taking for granted for far too long.

“I think that many of us at PG&E had been feeling so under appreciated for too long,” said company representative, Donald Putin (no relation). “Like every time you go to turn on the lights, do you know how hard we worked to make sure that they, like, sometimes come on? No. You only think about yourselves.”

At this, Putin stormed off in tears.

He wasn’t the only exec in need of therapy.

“Did you know I only took a \$3 million bonus last year?” said PG&E CEO Bill Johnson. “That was barely enough to cover the costs of installing an

infinity pool on my oceanfront San Francisco property! Do you know how hard it was to explain that to my wife?”

On the other spectrum of the event, PG&E hostages - um I mean customers - were infuriated with the momentary inconvenience.

“This is like living in a third world country!” shouted one Bay Area resident as they rioted outside of the San Francisco PG&E headquarters. “I don’t pay \$4k a month plus utilities to live in the upper Richmond district, just for my farm-to-table eggs to go rancid!”

Many Humboldt County residents were similarly enraged, despite the fact that the power outage lasted just over 36 hours, residents in Puerto Rico were previously without power for over 11 months and one-quarter of the Earth’s human population survives without any electricity at all.



Photo by Delaney Duarte, special to the Dumberjack

This analog sign in a dark corner of HSU’s campus can still be read in the daylight. When the darkness comes, the words will no longer be legible. Thank you very much, PG&E.

WHAT STUDENTS SAID ABOUT THE BLACKOUT



“People bought ice as if the earth decided to say ‘fuck it, I’m getting a sunburn.’”



“Gas stations ran out of fuel as everyone frantically attempted to horde as much gas as they could because no one seems to live without a chainsaw, generator, or their bullshit F-250s.”



“I like the video where someone is followed by the psychotic 3 a.m. saxophone player.”



“I had to get dressed with only the sounds of my clothes softly sliding onto my body.”



HSU sends chief packing to Florida

by Crace Gaswell

Donn Peterson, former campus police chief, was kicked out of his own department for racism and other weirdness. Coworker Sgt. Focker Effyou explained what it was like working next to a crazy unconfident bully.

“He was never there,” Effyou said. “But the times he was he would steal all our handcuffs and interlock them. That’s like 15 handcuffs all locked together. We didn’t have time for petty student crime and even if we did, we didn’t have handcuffs.”

Recently, HSU’s crime report was released. To the students, faculty members and basically everyone at HSU’s surprise it was mostly zeroes across the

board. Extremely sus. How does the Emerald Triangle University, Humboldt kuSh University, look like the safest campus in the world?

“Uhm- ya, I just sai- nevermind,” Effyou said. “We didn’t have time for anything and even if we did, we didn’t have handcuffs!”

Interesting. Along with tampering of documentations, Peterson was accused of making a hostile workplace and racist downcasts to other officers.

“His material wasn’t even that good,” Effyou said. “Mostly, punchable, stupid facial expressions that I remember from middle- maybe elementary school? Lemme tell you, I jumped - no leaped at the opportunity to kick that crazy out! Donn, you’re done.”

No more roadkill

Wildlife department declares moratorium on flattened critters

by Aen Bunderslot

Pecker Thompson, Lord of Wildlife, issued a public statement to wildlife students last Tuesday at a pretty packed Wildlife Club meeting.

“We can only stuff so many cats, people,” Thompson said. “And in the wake of our annual Independence Day Bar-B-Que getting shut down...”

Thompson paused and all five people audibly sighed.

“We’re closing our doors to your highway critters. You’ve got to start leaving those furry friends in the bike lane, where god left them, to kill Democrats.”

Thompson pointed out taxidermy around the room.

“We got good at repairing the bites,” he said. “Replacing some of the hindquarters ... what you out there call ‘drumsticks,’ I guess. But there’s no more room in my daughter’s closet and I’ve got to stop taking these.”

Much of the crowd believed Pecker’s words were aimed at club



Photo by Alehondo Zepeda

Duck discovered under Kia tire parked in new Gist lot. Bonus: The handful of new parking spots have eased HSU’s vehicular stowing crisis.

member Ned Hovvard (Kyle and Suzie thought differently, yeet). Hovvard is known to have spent all his J-points on acid, and he takes bites out of animals, normal behavior for a wildlife student.

When approached for comment, Hovvard took three cigarettes and a ride to Trinidad. Seemed cool.

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RUNNING OUT OF MEMES? US, TOO.

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Wanna flex online? Show up at a protest!

Student activism lets you show off how much you care about the planet ‘n’ stuff

by Carlos “Woodstock” Holguin

As hundreds of residents gathered on the Arcata Plaza for the Global Climate Strike in September, some carrying signs and banners, one thing became clear: this protest was going to get them all so much of an ego boost.

Deciding that slacktivism wasn’t getting as much credit as it used to, residents and students gathered in a symbolic gesture, joining others across the world, to stroke their delicate self-images with the thought that gathering in a crowded park would stop multi-billion dollar companies responsible for more than 70% of the world’s pollution around the world from caring.

Joseph Bishop, a geology major from Humboldt State University, said that he attended the protests because he thought it’s what college students should do.

“You know, there’s just something about this that just makes sense,” Bishop said, as he held up his sign while his dorm mates took a candid photo. “Like, of course I’m going to be out here protesting. It makes me just better than everyone else who didn’t. It’s an

important issue to me.”

Members of the protests gathered and help each other with painting signs that they would later throw away in an overflowing trash can or leave on the sidewalk near it. Others were using megaphones that contained a sets of AA batteries that would be thrown away in a regular trash bag where the battery acid would seep into the soil of whatever landfill or dump it is brought to. Amber McMasters brought her 3-year-old son with her, holding a sign for him that said: “Climate change needs to happen so I can have a Future.”

“When little Flynt was born I got about 120 likes on Facebook, the most I ever got,” McMasters said. “Since then photos of him have been giving diminishing returns. I’m hoping that making him hold a sign that he doesn’t understand and can’t read, will go viral. Kinda a weird, semi-political message or whatever. I don’t really care how people take it as long as it makes so much traction that I am getting featured in a goddamn BuzzFeed article by the end of the day. Please, I need this.”

Gathering with intensity and passion, members began to cheer one another on and loudly repeat chants hoping to have their photo taken by nearby reporters so they could use the whatever snapshot were later published as a new profile



Photo by Bryan “Bodacious” Donoghue
Passionate climate inactivists gather and yell passionately about their passions.

photo on their preferred social media sites. Others were live-streaming the event in hopes of cutting out the middleman of media and gaining new clout.

Madison Kingsley, an undeclared senior, said that she was unsure if she was going to attend, but seeing a video of young activist Greta Thunberg raised her spirits.

“Seeing her take down those politicians was so motivating,” Kingsley said. “She was hella rad. I hope that when I bring a kid into this god-forsaken, doomed planet in the last days of sustainable living as we hurl towards a once avoidable demise of nature I can show

them what real courage was.”

As the crowds began to disperse a few members, for the briefest of moments, wondered if they had really made a difference or wondered what they could do to use their anger and energy to continue to fight for a just cause.

Months later these thoughts were found discarded in a nearby gutter, already clogged by whatever trash was left over by the crowd’s inability to pick up after themselves and a growing apathy to the way the world changes.

Much like the crowd’s real attitude, it continues to be useless trash.

I am getting featured in a goddamn BuzzFeed article by the end of the day. I need this.

— Climate activist

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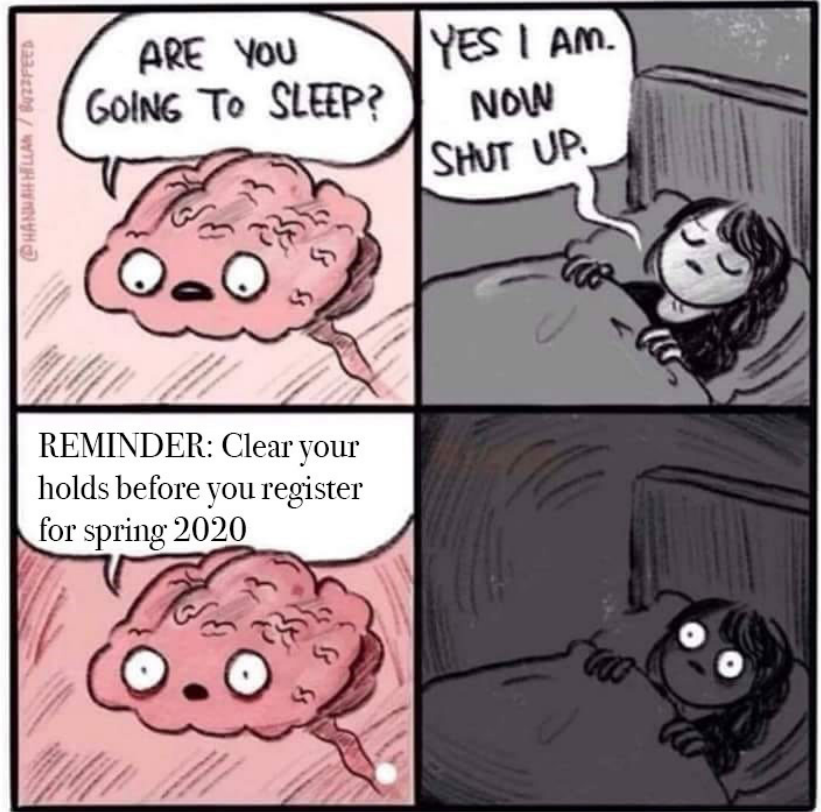
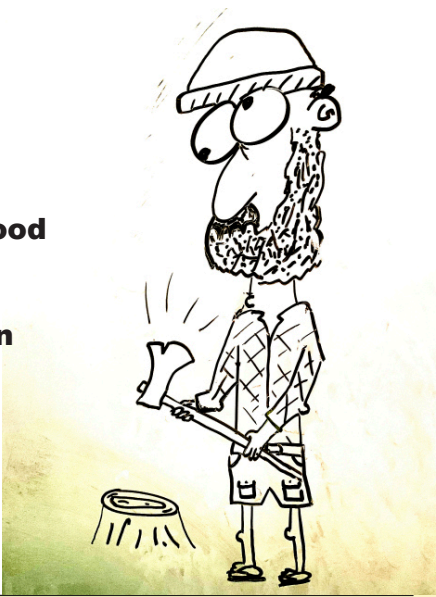
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Leak: The real reason PG&E took a Piss Piss

by Alehondo Zepeda

A recent memo leaked out of UC Berkeley revealed a sinister motive behind the state-wide power outage. Beff Jleich Jr. is an underclassman at UC Berkeley pursuing a degree in Economics. His father Beff Jleich Sr. is on the board of directors for PG&E. It is reported the Jleich Jr. had an economic research paper due on Wednesday, Oct. 9, and had not started it.

Email obtained by Dumberjack staff indicate that the econ professor made multiple

attempts to contact Jleich Jr. to see about progress on the paper, but emails were left unanswered, probably because Jleich was out "partying with the boiiiz," as an Instagram post from Oct. 7 states.

Reports say the weekend before the due date Jleich asked his father to use his connections to grant an extension. After deliberation, Jleich Sr. decided the best course of action would be to turn off power to half of the state to allow his son (read: Chinese ghost writers) extra time to complete the assignment.

The result was the largest voluntary power outage in the history of the nation.

After some outcry by fellow students, a task force was spurred to question Jleich's motives. After some research, the text messages between Jleich and his father were discovered. Jleich was positioned to be expelled via a campus tribunal, but the morning of the meeting, all charges against Jleich dropped. In unrelated news, UC Berkeley is receiving a brand new computer lab, courtesy of PG&E.

Time for Black Friday limb-ripping shopping!!

byM1kayla M00r3-Bastid3

It’s a dark day across America. Not as dark as PG&E black outs, but close. Black Friday. The day after giving thanks for all we have--family, love and food--Americans will single handedly rip strangers limb from limb for that Zero Gravity Race Car their son wants. 7-year-old Ethan is not the most deserving kid, but his parents think otherwise.

“Deborah and Richard give me everything I want. When I want it, I get it,” Ethan says.

“If I don’t get it, I start to scream until they say yes.”

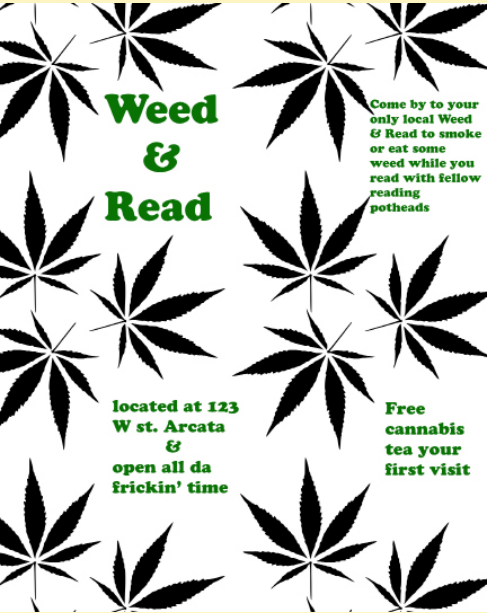
On Thursday, American “grown-ups” will eat the food at 4 p.m. that their loved ones spent hours to prepare, just to leave at 7 p.m. so they can be out to line up in front of Target, which opens at midnight.

Kyle Bradley, 28, takes pride in getting discounted gizmos.

“I just love buying discounted bluetooth speakers during Black Friday then reselling them on ebay after Cyber Monday,” he says.

Watching Black Friday videos is a common pastime for many Americans. Employees get trampled to death over flat screens. Have you ever seen that video of the Victoria’s Secret employee screaming on top of a shelf to avoid the shoppers?

“It’s so crazy in here! Why are they here? Don’t these losers have families? Why are they waiting until the last minute to get gifts? These cheap assholes are insane!” says a local Target employee. Go ‘Merica.



EDITORIAL

'Ok Boomer,' let's set the record straight

by Editorial Board

If you're present on social media--or even if you read any of the major news organizations--you've probably heard of the latest linguistic controversy, "OK Boomer."

Memes have become a fundamental aspect of younger generations' humor. They are used to convey vast amounts of information within a simple image or text post. Google defines memes as laughable images, text or videos that are replicated and spread quickly around the Internet.

The "OK Boomer" trend started as just that, a meme. Unfortunately it has taken a new life and those outside of meme culture fail to realize the actual meaning behind the phrase.

Boomers are those from the post-WWII baby boom era who were born from 1946 to 1964. Millennials are young adults born from 1981 to 1996. Generation Z, or zoomers, were born from 1997 to the present day.

"OK Boomer" is used to dismiss the disdain older generations have against millennials and zoomers. The phrase can be used as an insult, but it's often used to blatantly point out double standards that many boomer generation individuals subject younger generations to.

The meme began as a way to passive aggressively, and humorously, let loose the frustrations that younger people have at the current state of the world--a world that was created and subsequently tarnished by the boomer generation.

This comical phrase is by no means equivalent to a racial slur, as some people have insinuated.



Photo Illustration by Deija Zavala

While "OK Boomer" can be misconstrued as a derogatory term against the older generations, it's not meant to be hateful. Millennials and zoomers simply found a way to comment on the older generation's biases. This term isn't even specifically about age, it's about issues.

Nevertheless, this phrase has hit the mainstream with news station stories and business marketing campaigns. Companies like Natural Light and Netflix are jumping on the bandwagon and are trying to appeal to today's youth by using this meme slogan for marketing.

Millennials and zoomers are fed up with the boomer generation feeding us disdainful comments on how to lead our lives.

Boomers often look down upon younger generations and you can commonly hear Boomer individuals using phrases that

start with, "Back in my day," or "When I was your age," which are typically followed by an array of rhetoric that aim to condemn the lifestyles and decisions of younger generations.

The majority of us zoomers and millennials are not entitled and arrogant as we are so often portrayed. In a general sense, we see and experience the injustices created by an inconsiderate generation, and feel a need to retaliate against the judgement that boomers perpetuate in a creative yet harmless way. We are trying to make them see their own corruption.

Memes, and "OK Boomer" in particular, can confuse older generations because they don't have the contextual knowledge that we've absorbed through the saturation of media messages surrounding us that help us able to understand pop culture or meme culture references.

OPINION

How Disney's monopoly controls what you watch

by Benjamin Zawilski

After Walt Disney Studios's merger with 21st Century Fox this year, rumors began to circulate that Disney was quietly prohibiting the showing of older films produced by 20th Century Fox.

Articles referencing stories from theaters across the country have confirmed that several theaters have been denied requests to screen films made by Fox.

In the magical, mystical world of Disney studios, there lies a "vault" in which old films are placed for archival purposes, rarely seen by the public. This is primarily to keep the focus on new released titles and to generate excitement among audiences. In this case, the exciting new re-releases are on Disney+.

It's understandable when Disney hides its own films that were produced in house, like its 2D-animated features, but it's significant when films from other studios are locked up.

This is the case with Fox's film catalog which includes the "Alien" film series, "The Princess Bride," "Fight Club" and "The Sound of Music."

Independently-owned for-profit theaters often rely on screenings of classic titles to maintain revenue. It's as much a part of theater business as new releases. Disney's move could be a serious hit to small theater's financial stability.



Photo Illustration by Megan Bender

Last month, the Arcata Theatre Lounge held screenings of "Ghostbusters," "E.T." and "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban." These are three of 13 films that ATL showed throughout October. They are owned by Columbia, Warner Brothers and Universal Pictures, respectively.

If Disney had ownership of these companies, it would have the rights to those films as well. If Disney treated the films the way it treats older Fox titles, the ATL wouldn't be able to show them.

When companies take actions like these, the general public loses the option to see films they love and theaters lose options for what they can screen, causing smaller

businesses to lose money. This not only harms theaters, but it harms the entertainment industry as a whole.

Disney hasn't given an official announcement on new policy. Rather, individual theaters were told privately that they weren't allowed to show certain films requested.

As reported by Vulture, a Disney spokesperson informed The Little Theatre in Rochester, NY that it wouldn't receive "Fight Club." The Drexel Theatre in Columbus, Ohio was told by a booking contact that it wouldn't be able to screen "The Omen" or Fox's version of "The Fly."

These cases expand to major chains including Cineplex, a Canadian entertainment company. In fact, the only

theaters still allowed to screen Fox titles are non-profit theaters. Though this could be a case-by-case basis, and there's no guarantee of what the technical rules are yet.

Consequence of Sound explained that this doesn't just hurt their businesses. It also tests the relationships businesses have with the Disney corporation.

When Disney prevents classic films from showing in theaters nationwide, it is yet another sign of Disney's growing monopoly. With Fox under its belt, Disney now owns 35% of the movie market.

This 'gotta catch em all' mentality is proving unhealthy for theaters that relied on presenting films that Disney now owns, and it raises serious questions about the future of the film industry.

Disney's ownership of such enormous portions of the market should not be met with enthusiasm or support, no matter how excited corporate loyalists are to finally see the Fantastic Four get shawarma with Spider-Man.

The loss of jobs, loss of variety and creativity in the film industry and loss of films is no cause for celebration. Disney isn't considered a monopoly, yet. But they are growing up to that level at an astonishingly fast pace. It's time to wish upon a star that the company's dreams do not, in fact, come true.

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Dear Cautious Collegian,

Congratulations on nearly completing your college career! With one hurdle out of the way you now have the task of facing the world head on, whether you like it or not. It's normal to feel the pit of existential dread sink into you around this time in your young adult life. Remember you're not alone, and we're all kind of misguided.

You're a step ahead of the rest by having this contemplation. It's good to realize your options to sort out which path choice will bring you the most. Consider the monetary gain as well as the emotional gain you may receive from either decision. Remember, money isn't happiness, but it does solve a lot of problems.

If you stay in the area you will definitely save yourself money on the cost of living. This area is also quite beneficial to some in terms of emotional wellbeing because of the vibrant environment we have here. If that's the case for you, you should add another tick to the Humboldt side.

While staying in the Humboldt area could save you money, the job market is fairly bleak compared to the income you might get from a job in any city south of Mendocino County.

It doesn't hurt to apply to jobs all over. Definitely go big with what you want to do. A high-paying position in a field that you genuinely enjoy isn't something to pass up on, but these dream positions aren't always plentiful, especially if you're applying in competitive areas.

The Humboldt area isn't all too competitive, depending on the career you're pursuing. With that in mind, consider how you can upsell yourself in this area compared to another place. Your skills are more likely to stand out in an area like this which can make it easier for you to fight for a higher wage, if a potential employer can afford it.

Whichever decision you make, follow your intuition and don't be afraid to take a risk.

You've got this!

Sincerely,
Evergreen

Send questions to:
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wed. 11/20

Wet Your Whistle Wednesday: We’re now OPEN Wed.
Time: 3 - 8 p.m.
Where: Gyppo Ale Mill
Description: The Gyppo Ale Mill is now open Wednesdays. Help them spread the word by sharing the event

Leonard Peltier Letter Writing Workshop
Time: 5 p.m.
Where: Nelson Hall Room - 113
Description: Join the Party for Socialism and Liberation in a letter writing campaign in support of a political prisoner

Oh SNAP! Cooking Demos
Time: 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Where: Recreation & Wellness Center Room 122
Description: Join Oh! SNAP for basic cooking demonstrations. FREE food, learn skills and have fun. Bring your HSU I.D.

Thurs. 11/21

Solstice & Suds: Last Minute Holiday Craft Fair
Time: Noon - 6 p.m.
Where: Gyppo Ale Mill
Description: Dec. 21 is the longest day of the year, so what better way to get some last minute shopping in? Come meet a handful of vendors selling items

Libations & Creations: SCRAP Autumn Garland Workshop
Time: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Where: Gyppo Ale Mill
Description: SCRAP will host craft workshop

Live Music: Roland Guzman
Time: 7 - 9 p.m.
Where: Gyppo Ale Mill
Description: A night filled with live music inspired by Blues legends such as BB King, John Lee Hooker, Etta James, Jimi Hendrix and Steve Ray Vaughan

Fri. 11/22

Len Davis “A Thousand Words” Exhibit
Time: Noon - 5 p.m.
Where: Art B 101 - Reese Bullen Gallery
Description: A series of 100 individual works by Los Angeles artist Len Davis explores the interplay between the figurative and the literal

Canning Class: Sauerkraut
Time: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Where: Food for People, Inc.
Description: A lesson on how to ferment your own sauerkraut. Participants will go home with their own jar.

Live Music: Second Son & The Rain Dogs
Time: 6 - 8 p.m.
Where: Gyppo Ale Mill
Description: Micah Peterson’s vocals feel naturally crisp and clear and this artist’ songwriting is the backbone of “Second Son” and “Rain Dogs”

Sat. 11/23

Wigi Wetlands Volunteer Workday
Time: 9 -11 a.m.
Where: Bayshore Mall
Description: Join the Redwood Region Audubon Society in helping restore bird-friendly habitat

18th Annual Craft Fair
Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Where: Fortuna River Lodge
Description: Shop for unique, locally handmade gifts from more than 30 artists. FREE Admission

Intro to Indoor Climbing
Time: Noon - 2 p.m.
Where: Student Recreation Center 181 - Climbing Wall
Description: Come for an introduction into the sport of rock climbing. The event covers basic safety, climbing techniques, use of equipment, basic knots, belaying and rappelling. No experience is necessary

Sun. 11/24

Mushroom Fair
Time: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Where: Arcata Community Center
Description: Humboldt Bay Mycological Society presents a lecture, identifying workshop, books, cooking demos and much more. **Tickets for Adults & 16 up: \$5, Ages 12-16 are \$1 and Ages 12 and under are FREE**

Gyppo Gratitude Tree
Time: Noon - 9 p.m.
Where: Gyppo Gratitude Tree
Description: Share tidbits and moments with the community by adding one, two or three leaves to the Gyppo Gratitude Tree. **FREE**

Humboldt Hard Court Bike Polo
Time: 1 p.m.
Where: Highland Park
Description: Come watch or bring any old bike and a helmet to join the game. It’s just like horse polo, but on wheels. **It’s FREE**; Rules include: you can’t touch the ground, use street hockey balls and have extra mallets

Mon. 11/25

Pool Tournament
Time: Noon
Where: Moose Lodge in Eureka
Description: \$15 entry fee, there’s cash and prizes for winners. The qualifiers and finalists will be filmed for AHTV

Swing Dance Night
Time: 7 - 10 p.m.
Where: Redwoods Raks World Dance Studio
Description: The beginning level lessons will start from 7 - 8 p.m., \$7 for drop-in, \$20 for a four night punch card

Adult Ceramics
Time: 7 - 9 p.m.
Where: Arcata Community Center
Description: Learn a variety of hand building and glazing techniques. This event is for ages 18 and up and the price includes a material fee

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