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**HUMBOLDT COUNTY**

## Harbor looks to sustainable energy

Harbor district, energy authority looking to create a 'clean' industry future with aquafarm and offshore wind energy

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The Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District and the Redwood Coast Energy Authority outlined plans Friday at the Humboldt County Economic Development Summit for

infrastructure upgrades on the Samoa peninsula to build a land-based aquafarm and offshore wind energy project with an anticipated completion date of 2025 or 2026 — renewable energy projects that could have a significant positive impact on the county's workforce development.

**Establishing offshore wind energy**

Matthew Marshall, executive director of the energy authority, said the agency has teamed with several companies outside of the area to complete a 100-

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Humboldt County officials discuss plans for an aquafarm and an offshore wind energy project during a panel at College of the Redwoods on Friday.

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**CUTTEN**

## STUDENTS BUILD PARADE FLOATS OF 49 U.S. STATES



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Cutten Elementary School fifth-grader Sophia Beld, 10, aka "Miss New York," pulls her float past fellow students on Friday.

### Fifth-graders enjoy hands-on learning activity exploring national landscape

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The Minnesota float featured a can of Spam. The Wisconsin float featured both some cheese and a Green Bay Packers helmet. The state of Washington float was pulled by a John Deere tractor. All this as nearly 90 fifth-

grade students from three classrooms at Cutten School held their annual float parade, featuring 49 of the 50 states in the union.

The parade was the culmination of about two months of work done by the students who each chose a state to focus on and learn about except Califor-

nia, which is the focus of the fourth-grade classes. The goal is for the students to perform their own research and then build a mini-float featuring the attributes each state possesses.

"A lot of hard work went into this," said fifth-grade teacher Tracy Benbow as she tapped each student on the shoulder

with the tip of an American flag to signal for them to join the parade. "The kids have researched the states they chose back at the beginning of February. They have created a state float using shoeboxes."

The students paraded their floats in front of dozens of par-

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**TECHNOLOGY**

## Net neutrality bill heads to the Senate for consideration

'A free and open internet is essential,' says Jared Huffman

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The Save the Internet Act, a net neutrality bill co-sponsored by North Coast U.S. Rep. Jared Huffman passed out of the House and is headed for the Senate for consideration.

The bill, HR 1644, is an effort to restore protections for net neutrality that were implemented in 2015 and then rescinded by the Trump administration in 2017.

Ensuring protections for consumer privacy rules preventing telecom corporations from slowing down or controlling what information is available over their networks is the impetus behind the bill and the impact locally will be felt by private citizens, business owners and local governments.

For residents of Humboldt County and the North Coast where internet service is limited and back-up broadband connections are still not completed, rules preventing telecoms from limiting access to the internet are crucial, according to one local proponent.

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Huffman



McLaughlin

**FORTUNA**  
**Feasibility study underway for pool**  
An April 30 forum will allow the public to express their opinion on an Eel River Valley community pool. **PAGE A2**



**HUMBOLDT COUNTY**  
**Jobless rate ticks up in March to 4.3%**  
The County is below the state's March rate of 4.6% but higher than the national March rate of 3.9%. **PAGE A2**

**MISSING PERSON**  
**Teen gets swept to sea while boogie boarding**  
Rescuers Friday ended a two-day search for an 18-year-old who was swept out to sea while boogie boarding. **PAGE A5**

**HUMBOLDT HERO**  
**'Devil Dog' Marine a veteran of Vietnam War**  
Pimentel was born in Eureka and joined the Marine Corps, where he was a special infantry rifleman. **PAGE A2**

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