

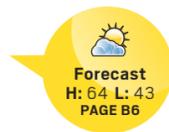
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FIRE

Vehicle fire at Eureka armory

National Guard truck in flames after boom hits power line

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An eight-wheeled vehicle caught fire Wednesday when the boom on the back of a National Guard armory truck hit a power line, sending one soldier to the hospital to be evaluated and causing a temporary power outage in areas of Eureka,

according to Humboldt Bay Fire officials. Battalion Chief Chris Jelinek said they received the call of a vehicle fire at 1:21 p.m. on the 3500 block of W Street in Eureka after two soldiers tried to move a 20-foot metal box and the boom — a crane-like arm — hit the power line, causing it to come down. "The driver jumped from the ve-

hicle and the operator on the back of the truck flipped the power for the hydraulics and said he felt a minor shock," Jelinek said. "When we arrived, he was alert and talking to us, but we sent him to the hospital to be checked out just in case, because it's 7,000 kilo-volts running through that line."

Jelinek said there was active FIRE » PAGE 5



Humboldt Bay Fire Department firefighters respond to an armory vehicle fire Wednesday.

JOSE QUEZADA — FOR THE TIMES-STANDARD

ELECTION

Some voters considering new state

Humboldt officials: Movement needs more support before ballot measure considered

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While some residents of California's northern counties will vote next week on whether to join an effort to form the state of Jefferson, Humboldt County officials said there isn't enough local support to bring an item before the Board of Supervisors, let alone place a measure on a future ballot.

"People who do support it in Humboldt County are very passionate about it," Board Chairman and 1st District Supervisor Rex Bohn said. "But there are so many other things — infrastructure, homelessness, mental health — that we need to be dealing with. As an elected official, that's what we need to be focusing on."

Bohn added it's an interesting argument, and one he would venture to look into more if interest picks up.

"If there's a push by the people — just like anything we do — and there seems to be a want or a desire, it would be my job to bring it forward, and I would do it for that reason: just to see where the board sits with it," he said. "But, as of right now, there hasn't been a big push by the public."

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"(Lawmakers) aren't likely to want to give California two extra senators. I think that would be one of the main blocking points."

— College of the Redwoods political science professor Ryan Emenaker.

VETERANS

A MEMORY OF WAR IN A FRAME



WILL HOUSTON — THE TIMES-STANDARD

Blue Ox Millworks & Historic Park owner Eric Hollenbeck holds an iconic 1968 Vietnam War photograph taken after an ambush he fought in near the city of Hue. Hollenbeck, his wife Viviana (left) and College of the Redwoods Veterans Affairs specialist Crystal Morse created a program at the mill for returning combat veterans as a way to help them cope with aftermath of war.

Local Vietnam War veteran, craftsman explains background of iconic war photo, opens school for returning veterans

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Vietnam War veteran and Blue Ox Millworks owner Eric Hollenbeck stood only a few yards away from his sergeant after a deadly ambush by North Vietnamese soldiers when war photographer Art Greenspon captured what is now considered one of the most iconic photographs of the war.

Though he was out of Greenspon's frame when the photo was taken, Hollenbeck held the photo during a recent interview, placed his finger near where his sergeant stood and

said he remembered seeing him at that angle.

In the photo, Sgt. Maj. Watson Baldwin stood in the mist with an upturned head, raising his arms to the sky. Around him stood a group of wounded, battle-weary soldiers, some of whom were helping support wounded comrades while a soldier in the forefront laid down on the thick jungle foliage, clenching his face in pain.

Though the young photographer did not know it at the time, Greenspon's picture is now considered one of the best photos ever taken during the Vietnam War, and was the inspiration for the cover of the

1986 movie "Platoon."

Hollenbeck, who was a radio telephone operator during his nearly year-long U.S. Army service in 1968, said he knew the pictured man was Baldwin. But for 46 years, the world believed him to be another man.

"I was Sgt. Baldwin's shadow," Hollenbeck said. "I was never any more than 3 meters away from him at any point in time. I had to be as part of my job. I knew every one of his movements and gestures. I knew everything about this man. For a year, I was a shadow. That's my sergeant in the picture."

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COURTS

Detective describes scene of fatal stabbing

Defense attorney asks about conduct of slain chef

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Attorneys began questioning Arcata Police Department Detective Sgt. Todd Dokweiler about the investigation of the Nov. 25, 2013 fatal stabbing case in Arcata during a preliminary hearing on Wednesday.

The three suspects in the case — Arcata residents Juan Joseph Ferrer, 35, Nicholas Benjamin Stoiber, 28, and Sophie Buttercup Rocheleau, 24 — sat with their defense attorneys at a table in the courtroom while Assistant District Attorney Kelly Neel began questioning Dokweiler on the events leading up to the stabbing and the following investigation.

Ferrer, who is accused of fatally stabbing 50-year-old Arcata chef Douglas Anderson-Jordet during an altercation in the early morning hours on Nov. 25, pleaded no contest in February to the charge of involuntary manslaughter in a plea deal with the district attorney's office. Stoiber also pleaded no contest to the charge of felony assault for allegedly punching Anderson-Jordet in the mouth, while Rocheleau pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor battery charge for allegedly kicking and pushing Anderson-Jordet.

Judge Joyce Hinrichs vacated the plea deal in April after stating that she would cause the public to question their faith in the justice system, and that she would be acting as both the judge and the juror if she allowed it to move forward.

Originally starting in Hinrichs' courtroom on Wednesday, the preliminary hearing was moved to Judge Christopher Wilson's courtroom at her request. During the hearing, Dokweiler described the crime scene the night Anderson-Jordet was found at the inter-

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OBITUARY

Acclaimed author Maya Angelou dies at 86

Maya Angelou, author of "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," has died in her North Carolina home. PAGE B6



COMMUNITY

Swim in the bay for a good cause

The inaugural Humboldt Bay Critter Crawl this July will benefit the Northcoast Marine Mammal Center. PAGE A2

BUSINESS

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- ▼ Standard & Poor's 1909.78 (-2.13)
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CRIME

Suspect sought, may be armed and dangerous

The sheriff's office seeks a man suspected of threatening his neighbor with a rifle near a school in Weitchpec. PAGE A3

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