

The HOPE Coalition

Humboldt Organized for Peace & the Environment

"Working in partnership toward the development of a diverse, just, & sustainable community."

Newsletter – Editorial Page – February 22, 2005

“Think Globally – Act Locally” is an inversion of the recent activist slogan, “Think locally, act globally” submitted by Rebecca Solnit from whose book, *Hope in the Dark* I have referred to in the last few issues of this Newsletter. She says, “One way to define the global justice movement of our time is as a global movement in defense of the local – of local food, local jurisdiction over labor and resources, local production, local culture, local species, domesticated and wild, of the protections of environments that are by definition local. The local is one way to describe what’s under assault by transnational corporations, but the resistance is often globally networked. ...

“The embrace of local power doesn’t have to mean parochialism, withdrawal, or intolerance, only a coherent foundation from which to navigate the larger world. From the wild coalitions of the global justice movement to the cowboys and environmentalists sitting down together.” She admits that sometimes broader forces counteract a malignant local, such as when the civil rights movement appealed to the federal government to dismantle the South’s local customs of apartheid, intimidation, and voter exclusion; or “the many westerners who resent the federal government for interfering with their perceived right to assault the local environment for fun and profit. ...

“A lot of the devastation today is wrought by and for transnational capital, to which the local serves as a counterbalance. The local can mean human scale, a scale on which people can be heard, make a difference, understand the dynamics of power, and hold it accountable.”

Humboldt County, particularly the city of Arcata, abounds with examples of local understanding and participation in national and global matters. A large contingent of local activists in late November 1999, joined the thousands of labor people, farmers, and environmentalists in Seattle that put the WTO on notice that their agenda was going to be challenged. Again in Sept., 2003, county residents attended the 3rd WTO ministerial in Cancun, Mexico, where 3rd World and impoverished countries were being pressured by the U.S. and the E.U. to surrender more autonomy of agriculture and water resources without receiving anything in return. Surprisingly, with worldwide backing, they refused, and the talks collapsed.

The city of Arcata, in April 2003, ordained that city employees must resist federal requests for information under the Patriot Act. They previously had adopted a resolution opposing the Act. An unexpected aftermath of these 2 actions, which demonstrates how groups with completely diverse viewpoints can sometimes work together, came about when Arcata Council member David Meserve was asked to speak all over the country about the city’s actions. To his amazement, invitations came from ultra-right organizations where he was received warmly.

Many other examples of local pressure and education has united diverse groups for a common front for peace and justice and against legislation &/or large corporations that would destroy their livelihood, reduce their standard of living, endanger their health & safety, or destroy the environment. Some were successful, others ongoing: Changing zoning laws to accommodate large retail corporations (defeated); locating a liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant in the Humboldt Bay area (defeated, but now being revived); restoring water to the Klamath River to prevent another giant fish kill that last year crippled the Pacific Coast salmon fishing fleet and devastated Indian communities along the Klamath river (ongoing); the launching of weekly peace vigils throughout the county, the Redwood Peace & Justice Centers in Arcata & Eureka, and peace marches in Eureka.

Tackling **homelessness** has seen the co-operation of churches, non-profits, and county agencies; **rehabilitation houses** have had a really difficult go. In the Eureka area, businesses and NIMBYs have put roadblocks in front of the MAC for 13 years, but finally it will open next month; the Veterans Rehabilitation unit has been fought by the same people for 3+ years. Opponents of Vets rehabilitation housing have mastered legal loopholes to block their occupancy. This is especially unconscionable in a time of war.

Probably the most bitter fight will be over the **privatization of Social Security**, though health care and education won’t be far behind. Humboldt’s biggest employer **Pacific Lumber** has generated the most vitriol ever since Maxxam acquired PL in a hostile takeover with junk bonds. Critics say they are running the company into the ground through their logging practices and soon will leave. In the meantime, they are blackmailing county authorities and regulatory agencies by threatening to go into bankruptcy. Local groups trying to salvage the remaining 3% of the original old growth left and to prevent further destruction of the surrounding communities & environment include EPIC on the legal front & Earth First’s tree sitters, to name a few. An unexpected script arose last year when newly-elected Humboldt D.A. Paul Gallegos filed suit against PL for fraud in the Headwaters buyout. PL retaliated by sponsoring a half million dollar campaign to recall the D.A. In an unprecedented 65% turnout, the recall failed by a vote of 61% to 39%.

Local groups have been very supportive of **voter reform**, backing Senator Boxer for being the sole US senator to challenge Ohio’s critical Presidential vote and now introducing a Bill in the Senate to prop up the voting system.

PEACE NEWS

- Saturday, March 5: Mother of Slain Soldier Speaks Out:** Veterans For Peace Chapter 56 invites community members to come hear Cindy Sheehan speak about her grief and share her thoughts about the effects of war on families. Sheehan's talk will be followed by a Q&A session with the audience. The event is free and open to the public. Hot drinks and desserts will be available. 7 pm at the Wharfinger Building, 1 Marina Way, Eureka. Info: 826-2992.
- Saturday, March 19: Eureka Peace March.** Join in organizing this huge event. Meetings every Sunday at 6 pm at the Christian Church on 7th and K, Eureka. Your skills and energy welcomed. Financial contributions would be greatly appreciated, all of it helping to get this huge event off to a great start. Checks payable to: Communities For Peace, PO Box 5075, Eureka, CA 95502. Info: 442-8733.
- Saturday, March 26: Edilith Eckart Community Involvement Day.** In honor of Edilith Eckart, the Nuclear Weapons Free Zone Commission is hosting an event where a vast array of tables will be set up at the Arcata Community Center with opportunities for various groups to provide information about their organization, and for community members to sign up and get involved. To sign up your group (**sign-ups due by February 25**) or for more info: Maureen at 826-1738.
- The Redwood Peace & Justice Center (RPJC)** at 1040 H St. in Arcata offers events, information services, and meeting space to the public. Fair-trade and local gifts for sale, books and videos available to borrow. Hours are noon - 6 pm, Monday - Saturday. Info: 826-2511 or www.rpjc.net. Calendar of events at www.rpjc.net/calendar.html.

ENTERTAINMENT, CELEBRATIONS, & CULTURE

- All of February: Black Liberation Month,** a diverse array of activities including films, workshops, activities, and musical performances hosted by HSU's Multicultural Center, the Black Student Union, and Sista 2 Sista. For info or a full schedule: 826-3364.
- Saturday, February 26: 14th Annual Indian Island Candlelight Vigil,** 6 - 8 pm at the west end of Woodley Island. This event seeks to promote healing and strengthen relations between Wiyot peoples and the community at large. Bring a candle. Rain or shine. Info: 733-5055 or www.wiyot.com.
- Saturday, February 26: HSU Music Dept. Student Composer's Recital** 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$6, \$2. Info: 826-3456.
- Saturday, February 26: Le Cabaret Annual Benefit for the Dancenter.** Dance, drinks, and delightful debauchery. 8 pm at the Dancenter, 824 C St, Arcata. Info: 822-8087.
- Sunday, February 27: Annual Soul Food Dinner,** 6 pm at the Kate Buchanan Room, HSU. Cuisine by Bless My Soul Cafe and HSU's Sista 2 Sista, entertainment also. \$5, \$7. Info: 826-3364.
- Thursday, March 3: Father Roy Bougeois,** founder of **School of Americas Watch** (SOA Watch) will speak powerfully and from personal experience why the SOA/WHINSEC must be closed. At the John Haynes Memorial Hall, 483 Conger St., Garberville. 7 pm, Potluck 5:30 pm. Info: Fredy Champagne, 923-2638.
- Friday, March 4: HSU Music Dept. Faculty Guest Artist Katherine Arthur,** 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$8, \$3. Info: 826-3456.
- Friday - Saturday, March 4 - 5: 11th Annual Diversity Conference: Turn the Power Off!** Reconstructing History, Deconstructing Media and Constructing Change. The Diversity Conference is part of an interconnected series of programs and speakers addressing the issues of cultural diversity locally and abroad. \$20, \$25 includes lunch. Info: the MCC at 826-3364.
- Saturday, March 5: 3rd Annual Native Children's Authors Festival,** Authors Shaunna Oteka McCovey, Shonto Begay, and Joy Harjo will be reading from their books from 1 - 4 pm at the United Indian Health Services Potawat Health Village, 1600 Weeott Way, Arcata. Free. Book signings, poetry, music, and discussion of illustrations also. Info: 826-5199.
- Saturday, March 5: HSU Symphonic Band,** 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$6, \$2. Info: 826-3456.
- Saturday, March 5: Redwood Coast Children's Chorus World Harmony Tour,** benefit concert and silent auction, Slavic desserts and other munchables. 8 pm at the NorthCoast Repertory Theatre, 300 5th St., Eureka. \$8, \$5. Info: 442-NCRT.
- Saturday, March 5: Manila Multicultural Festival** 1 - 4 pm at the Manila Community Center. Free food and performances from around the world: Africa, the Pacific Rim, and Latin America. Info: 445-3309.
- Saturday, March 5: Historical Women Remembered,** researched, written, and performed by Melissa Borders Stevenson. 7 pm at the Eureka High School Auditorium. Opening Act: The Babes Singing Group. \$15 Adults/\$5 Students. Tickets available at: The Works Arcata & Eureka and Borders at the Bayshore Mall. Info: 441-7442.
- Tuesday, March 8: "At the Woodside" Jazz Series.** Guitar jazz with Blake Brown and Mike LaBolle. 8 pm at the Westhaven Center for the Arts, 501 Westhaven Drive. \$10. Reservations or info: 677-9493.
- Monday, March 7: HSU Music Dept. Piano Studio Recital.** Free. 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. Info: 826-3456.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

- Saturday, February 26: Signed Story Time** Students from the Advanced Sign Language Course at HSU will present stories, puppet shows, and arts and crafts at 1:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910 or www.humlib.org.
- Saturday, March 5: 3rd Annual Native Children's Authors Festival,** 1 - 4 pm at the Potawat Village. See above.
- Fridays: Human Rights Education For Kids Project,** 3:30 pm at the Redwood Peace and Justice Center, 1040 H St, Arcata. Info: 826-2511.
- Mondays, Fridays, & Saturdays: PULSE, new Teen Recreation Center.** Regular programming from 6 - 9 pm at the John Ryan Youth Center, 1653 J St, Eureka. Info: 268-1858.

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- Friday, February 25: UC Physicist Paul Craig**, former chair of the Sierra Club's Global Warming and Energy Committee and former member of the US Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will speak on the Yucca Mountain plan at the Northcoast Environmental Center at 7 pm. A question and answer period will follow the 30 min. presentation. Info: 826-0908.
- Saturday, March 5: Redwood Region Audubon Society's Annual Banquet** featuring guest speaker David Craig on "The Growing War Between Water Birds and Wild Salmon: An Ancient Cycle in a Conflicted Conservation World." Reservations need to be received by **February 28**. The event will also feature a buffet dinner, auction, and awards. Info: Chet at 442-9353.
- Every Saturday** at 2 pm Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) sponsors free tours of the Arcata Marsh (with docents). Meet at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90 minute walk focusing on various aspects of the marsh. Info: 826-2359.
- Low-Cost Spay and Neutering Services** Friends For Life offers assistance for dog owners who cannot afford to spay or neuter their dogs. Dogs must weigh at least 30 pounds. Info: 442-5999.

WORKSHOPS, CLASSES, MISCELLANY

- Thursday, February 24: HSU Faculty Panel Discussion: "The War on Terrorism: Consequences for Foreign and Domestic Policy,"** with Steve Cunha, geography; Gayle Olson Raymer, history; and Saeed Mortazavi, business. The format will emphasize audience participation. 7 - 9 pm in Founder's Hall Room 118, HSU. Free.
- Saturday, February 26: Trust in the Local Media: Behind the Scenes at The Times Standard** a talk by managing editor Charles Winkler. No-host lunch with Redwood Empire Mensa. Noon at the Whaler's Inn, Fields Landing. Info: 445-4627.
- Saturday, February 26: First Steps In Dismantling Corporate Rule:** A full-day workshop about corporate power and democracy. democracy unlimited presents how and why corporations rule our lives and culture and what we can do about it locally. 10 am - 5:30 pm at the DUHC office in Eureka, 1402 M St, Eureka. Info or pre-registration: 269-0984.
- The Campus Center for Appropriate Technology (CCAT)**, at the rear of the parking lot at 14th and B Street, Arcata. Free workshops: **Organic Gardening** every Tues. 12 - 3 pm. Wed. 3/2 (Repeated 3/9), 10 am - noon: **Introduction to Yoga Practice** (Forbes Complex Mat Room, FC 125).; Mon. 3/7, 2 - 4:30 pm: **Spring Gardening Continued**; gardening tips, advice, and ideas; Mon. 3/7, 2 - 5 pm: **Riggin' Up Your Rig** (bike tune-ups); Tue. 3/8, noon - 2 pm: **Preventative Maintenance for Computers**. CCAT workdays are held every Friday from 10 am - 5 pm. Free tours of CCAT are given every Friday at 2 pm, or by appointment. Info: 826-3551, ccat@humboldt.edu, or www.humboldt.edu/~ccat.

MEETINGS

Regularly scheduled meetings are now listed in the insert. Special topics, speakers, or events will be listed here.

- Wednesday, February 23: Regional Water Board Hearing On "Interim" Permits For PL** will be holding a hearing at the Wharfinger Building in Eureka at 1pm. The purpose of this hearing will be to listen to input before considering any more interim permits. This will be a hearing before the Executive Officer only, and not before the Board. Info: 822-1166.

TALK SHOWS, COMMENTARY, & MEDIA SPECIALS

Regularly scheduled programs are now listed in the insert. Special programs or specific guests will be listed here.

- Thursdays** at 1:30 pm: **Econews Report** with NEC Director **Tim McKay** on KHSU, 90.5 FM. Guests: 2/24, Mourning Laurel from Defenders of Fern Gully; 3/3, Anthony Flaccavento of Appalachian Sustainable Development. 822-6918 or www.yournec.org.

FOOD AND SHELTER

- The California Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Partnership** has new offices in McKinleyville and Fortuna. The CTTTP provides cash assistance, education, youth programs, and other supportive services to eligible Indians and their families in Humboldt County. The McKinleyville office is at 2720 Central Ave. and the Fortuna office is at 1136 Main St, Suite 102. Contact the CTTTP Central office for info: 274-3180.
- The Multiple Assistance Center (The MAC)**. After 13 years of incredible perseverance, and many roadblocks from Eureka's numerous NIMBYs, the MAC will hold a grand opening, tentatively set for March 18, followed by functioning at full capacity the next week.
- Arcata House** provides temporary transitional housing for people that need a helping hand until they have their own home. Limited space available to qualified clients. Info: 822-4528.
- The **Arcata Endeavor**, 822-5008, and **Food for People** at 445-3166 serve & distribute food at various times during the week.
- Humboldt Community Switchboard** can direct anyone to services in Humboldt County. Call **441-1001** or toll-free 887-460-6000.



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WRITE A LETTER

There is an old Quaker saying, "Better to light a single candle than curse the darkness."

Potluck/Letter Writing Monthly: First Friday, next 3/4, 6 pm at 2322 Golf Course Rd., Bayside. Bring change for postage and optionally info on issues. For more info: call Wendy at 822-9377. For monthly reminders: mobilmed@igc.org.

The War Funding Accountability Act which would require the Bush administration to account for the money it is spending on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan has been introduced to Congress by our Rep. Mike Thompson. Mike said his bill would ensure that troops are receiving the supplies & equipment they need, require the administration to seek additional international support, and require the administration to report to Congress on the progress being made in Iraq & Afghanistan. In a slap at the no bid contracts being given to Halliburton and other Cheney buddies, Thompson said the costs of reconstruction in Iraq could be reduced if rebuilding contracts are given to the Iraqi people rather than international companies. He cited an example of where Iraqis built a cement factory for \$80,000 after the U.S. companies had estimated the cost at \$15 million. Saying Congress can't continue writing blank checks to the administration, "this bill will make certain that Congress exercises its oversight responsibility and accounts for the \$82 billion supplemental appropriation ... This is not an emergency request. The president knew that we would need additional funding for Iraq but he didn't include it in his (standard) budget" that was released the week before. "This is a slap in the face to the American taxpayer." Let Rep. Mike Thompson know how you feel about all this at: 119 CHOB, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515.

----- **HOPE Coalition Membership Application** -----

The Objective of the HOPE Coalition:

To synthesize and promote the individual visions of the organizations that make up Humboldt's environmentally and socially just community. These include, but are not limited to, the following types of organizations: *Environmental, Social Justice, Peace, Labor, and Human Service.*

Membership: Renewal []
 Individual memberships: \$13 - \$25 per year.
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The HOPE Coalition Newsletter is now available in Arcata at: the Co-op, NEC, & the RP&J center; at the main Humboldt, Arcata, McKinleyville, and Trinidad libraries; and at the Senior Center in Eureka.

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PEACE NEWS

The Redwood Peace & Justice Center at 1040 H St. in Arcata offers office space, message services, & meeting space to participating members. Hours for the RPJC are 11 am - 6 pm, Mon. - Sat. Info: 826-2511, www.rpjc.net.

Activities at the Center:

1st Wednesday at 6 pm **Bar None!**, a prison support/activism group. 443-8805.

Tuesdays at 6 pm **The Educators Working Group** meets. Info: Jerome 442-7573.

4th Thursday at 6:30 pm **Humboldt Green Genes** meets. Info: Mike or Angela at 826-1031, or soydeva@hotmail.com.

Northern California Coalition for Women Prisoners meets. Call for meeting dates. Info: Stormy 442-3895 or Karen 825-7460 or email nccwp@earthlink.net.

Free fax to members of Congress on Fridays.

Not at the Center:

1st Thursday at 7 pm: **Vets for Peace, Humboldt Bay Chapter 56** at the Arcata Marsh Commons. Info: 826-2992.

Peace Vigils every Friday: 5 - 6 pm on the Arcata Plaza. Mondays at 4 pm at the Courthouse in Eureka, 445-5100 ext. 215, ask for Jack.

Women in Black stand in silent vigil every Friday 5 - 6 pm at the Arcata Plaza, 8th & G, at the Humboldt County Courthouse, and at the McKinleyville Shopping Center on the grassy area between Luzmilla's and Blockbuster. They also stand every Friday from 4 - 5 pm in Trinidad at the intersection of Scenic Dr. and Main St. Also, Saturdays at noon at the Humboldt County Courthouse.

Vets for Peace Silent Vigil Fridays, 5 - 6 pm: SW corner Arcata Plaza.

TALK SHOWS & COMMENTARY

COMMENTARY on KMUD, 88.3 fm, 923-2513.

Counterspin, Sunday 1 - 1:30 pm.

Animal Advocate, 2nd Thursday, 7 - 8 pm. Current animal welfare issues. Info: Barbara Shultz at 986-7835, animaladvocate4@yahoo.com.

Democracy Now! with Amy Goodman 12 - 1 pm, Monday - Friday. See also APEG Cox, Channel 12. Also www.democracynow.com. Also on KIDE 91.3 fm, 1 - 2 pm, Monday - Friday.

Civil Liberties Monitoring Project Report. 1st Wednesday, 7 - 8 pm. 923-4646.

Politically Correct Week in Review, call-in radio show, 2nd, 4th, & 5th Mondays at 7 pm 923-3911.

All Things Reconsidered with Eric Kirk. 3rd Thursday at 7 pm.

Global Stuff with Jimmy Durchslag, last Friday, 7 - 8 pm.

COMMENTARY on KHSU, 90.5 fm, 826-6089.

Econews Report with NEC Director **Tim McKay**. Thursdays at 1:30 pm. Info: 822-6918.

Thursday Night Talk with Jamie Flowers: 7:30 - 8:30 pm. Call-in: 826-4805. Info: KHSU office: 826-4807.

Democracy Now! with Amy Goodman: weekdays 9 - 10 am.

COMMENTARY on KEET TV Channel 13, Sun. at 10 am: **Living Biographies**. Fri. at 9 pm: **NOW** with David Brancaccio. Info: 445-8013.

Was APEG, now HCMC Channel 12 (Public Access TV): **Every Sunday and Monday** from 6 - 7 pm **The Humboldt Magazine Show** news magazine program. Info: **Redwood Media News Group** at 825-6618. **Amy Goodman's Democracy Now** recognized best news on the air 5 - 6 am & 9 - 10 pm, Monday - Friday. Sunday nights at 9: **Outside the Box** "News & Views." **Classic Arts Showcase**, 12 - 4 pm, Monday - Friday. **INN Report from RadioFreeAmerica**, Friday and Saturday nights 9 - 10 pm.

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

Forest Defenders Hotline and info: 825-6598.

Humboldt Bay Stewards, an open forum group formed to discuss issues, coordinate projects, & teach about recreation & conservation on Humboldt Bay, meets on the 3rd Friday of every month at the Agriculture Ctr., 5630 S. Broadway, Eureka. Info: 445-2401.

Wild Urban Gardeners! meets Wednesdays at 7 pm, 1552 Spear Ave. in Arcata. Promoting food & native plant species, information about compost, greenhouses, seed banks, and community gardens. Info: 822-5861.

Adopt-the-Bay. Participate in a number of tasks aimed at maintaining a healthy Humboldt Bay. All welcome. Info: 443-0801.

Friends of the Marsh guided interpretive walks every Saturday 2 pm at the Interpretive Center on South G St., Arcata. Info: 826-2359.

Audubon Society Field Trips: Free public field trips through the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary every Saturday at 8:30 am at the Klopp Lake parking lot (foot of I Street in Arcata). Bring your binoculars. Rain or shine. Info: 268-8052 or 822-3613.

Friends of the Dunes. Restoration workdays the first 3 Saturdays every month, 9 am - 1 pm. Info: 444-1397. Check web site for complete calendar: www.friendsofthedunes.org.

Campus Center for Appropriate Technology. Info: 826-3551.

ARTS

Arts Alive! Eureka First Saturday of the month at venues around town. Art, music, dance, refreshments. Info: 442-9054.

Arts! Arcata Second Friday of the month at venues around town and at HSU. Art, music, dance, refreshments. Info: 822-4500.

The Ink People 411 12th St, Eureka. Hours: Tuesday thru Saturday, 11 am - 4 pm. Info: 442-8413.

Arcata Artisans Co-operative Gallery: H St. side of the Plaza. Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10 - 6, Sunday 12 - 5. Info: 825-9133.

Westhaven Center for the Arts 501 S. Westhaven Dr. Info: 677-0860.

First Street Gallery 422 First Street, Eureka. Tuesday - Sunday from noon - 5 pm. Info: 443-6363 or www.humboldt.edu/~first.

Clarke Historical Museum, 240 E St., Eureka. Info: 443-1947.

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MEETINGS

NAACP 3rd Sunday at 3:30 pm, **PAC** at 2:30 pm. at the Cooper Gulch Ctr., 8th & Myrtle, Eureka. Info: 786-4942 or 268-8287. Info: Priscilla at 442-2638.

Redwood Chapter ACLU, 3rd Tuesday at 6 pm, call for meeting places. Info: 476-1263 or www.acluredwood.org.

Vets for Peace (Humboldt Chapter 56) 1st Thursday at 7 pm at Marsh Commons, Arcata. Info: 826-2992.

Veterans for Peace (SoHum Chapter) 4th Wednesday at 7 pm at Haynes Vets Hall, Garberville. 943-1874.

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) meets the last Monday 7 - 9 pm (6:30 - 7 social time) at the Marsh Commons, 101 H Street, Arcata. Info: Becky at 826-9197 or bluening@cox.net.

Humboldt Democratic Central Committee 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm. Courthouse #A. Info: 445-3366 or www.humboltdemocrats.org.

Eureka Greens meet 4th Tuesday at the Water Dept. Building, 7th and J Sts, Eureka. Info: Xandra at 441-0702.

Humboldt Greens Info: 444-5050, sillywiz@reninet.com, www.arcata.com/green/.

Mother Jones Club & Humboldt Communist Alliance meets 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 3 pm at the Peace and Justice Center in Arcata. Call to confirm meeting times. Info: humboldtcommunistalliance@hotmail.com or 839-3824.

Democracy Unlimited of Humboldt County open meeting 3rd Thursday at 1402 M St, Eureka. Info: info@DUHC.org or 269-0984.

Humboldt Green Genes: 2nd Wednesday at CATS, 315 P St., Eureka at 6 pm. Info: Martha Devine soydeva@webtv.net or 442-3481.

Arcata's Nuclear Weapons Free Zone Commission Tuesdays, 7 pm at City Hall, 736 F St. Info: 822-5951.

Humboldt Watershed Council at NEC, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7 - 9 pm. Info: sheds@humboldt1.com.

McKinleyville Skate Park 2nd Wednesday, 6:45 - 8 pm, 1540 Harper Ave. Info: Pat: 839-8241, www.mckskatepark.com.

The Tenants Union for renters' rights meets every other Thurs., at 321 Coffee Shop, 321 3rd St. Eureka from 4:30 - 6 pm. Info: 476-1919.

Humboldt County Human Rights Commission meets 2nd Tues. City Courthouse, Rm. B, Eureka, 6 pm. Info: 268-2548.

Commission On Status of Women Meets 2nd Thursday at 6 pm, conference room A of the Humboldt County Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka. The public is welcome. Info: Julie 822-2502 or <http://co.humboldt.ca.us/commissions/csw/>.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

HSU's Natural History Museum, 1315 G St. Arcata. Free drop programs on Saturdays 1 pm. Program info: 826-4479.

Humboldt County Library in Eureka Story Hour: 10 am Fridays & other programs. Info: Jo Ann Bauer, 269-1900.

Arts in the Afternoon - a free art studio for teens (6th - 12th grade). Open week days during the school year, 3 - 6 pm at Arcata Community Center. Sponsored by City of Arcata's Recreation Division. Info: 825-2028.

Raven Project Queer Coffee House for Youth, Tuesday, 6:30 - 9 pm. Also, girls & women 10 - 24 years meet Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 pm, 523 T St., Eureka, 443-7099.

Cyber Tribe a local non-profit business where youth can use and gain knowledge in computers. Open to anyone age 12 - 19. No experience necessary. Info: 826-1160.

Humboldt County Main Library Humboldt County Teen Law Clinic provides legal information & resources to area teens & their parents. The clinic is located in Rm. 1 of the Marshall Bldg. on the Humboldt Bay/Eureka H.S. campus. The office is open 8 - 9 am & 3 - 5 pm every Tues. & Thurs. Info: Kyle or Lynn at 444-0153, or Georgeanne at 441-2549.

COMMUNITY & WELL-BEING SERVICES

Humboldt Community Switchboard can direct anyone to services in Humboldt County. Call 441-1001 or 1-887-460-8000.

Humboldt Literacy Project, Adults over 16 meet weekly at the Humboldt main library, Eureka with family literacy tutors to improve their reading skills necessary to function on the job, in the family, & in the community. Free & confidential. Info: 445-3655.

Humboldt Domestic Violence Services Support Groups: All services are free. Info & child care: 444-9255. 24-Hour Crisis Line: toll free 866-668-6543.

North Coast Rape Crisis Team. 24 hour Crisis Line: 445-2881. Business phone: 443-2737.

LesBohemian Coffee House. An all women's space. Meets 2nd Saturday 7 pm, 1901 Calif. St., Eureka. 444-1061.

Vision Loss Services: Lighthouse of the North Coast will orient people to local, state, and national services on the last Tuesday of every month. 2127 Harrison Ave #3. Reservations preferred. Info: 268-5646.

The Care Givers Support Project provides information, referral & coordination services to help care for seniors over 55 of all incomes. Services include vision & hearing screening, blood testing for diabetes & anemia, screening for skin & oral cancer, review of & planning for personal health history. Free, but donations OK. To schedule appointments & info: 268-2107.

The Area Agency on Aging sponsors many of the senior programs listed here. Info: 442-3763.