

The HOPE Coalition

Humboldt Organized for Peace & the Environment

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

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US considers use of nuclear weapons against Iran – The administration of President George W. Bush is planning a massive bombing campaign against Iran, including use of bunker-buster nuclear bombs to destroy a key Iranian suspected nuclear weapons facility.

Investigative journalist Seymour Hersh reports in The New Yorker magazine for April 17 that Bush and others in the White House have come to view Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as a potential Adolf Hitler." That's the name they're using," says a former senior intelligence official.

A senior unnamed Pentagon adviser noted that "this White House believes that the only way to solve the problem is to change the power structure in Iran, and that means war." He depicts planning as "enormous," "hectic," and "operational," Hersh writes. One former defense official said the military planning was premised on a belief that "a sustained bombing campaign in Iran will humiliate the religious leadership and lead the public to rise up and overthrow the government."

In recent weeks, the president has quietly initiated a series of talks with a few key senators and members of the House of Representatives, including at least one Democrat, the report said. One of the options under consideration involves the possible use of a bunker-buster tactical nuclear weapon, such as the B61-11, to insure the destruction of Iran's main centrifuge plant at Natanz, Hersh writes.

But the former senior intelligence official said the attention given to the nuclear option has created serious misgivings inside the military, and some officers have talked about resigning after an attempt to remove the nuclear option from the evolving war plans in Iran failed, according to the report. "There are very strong sentiments within the military against brandishing nuclear weapons against other countries," the magazine quotes the Pentagon adviser as saying. The adviser warned that bombing Iran could provoke "a chain reaction" of attacks on American facilities and citizens throughout the world and might also reignite Hezbollah. "If we go, the southern half of Iraq will light up like a candle," the adviser is quoted as telling The New Yorker.

Hersch's report fits in well with the Bush/Cheney administration's previous tactics resulting in the invasion of Iraq: lie about WMDs & Iraq's ties to world terrorists. Scare the bejesus out of Congress by saying that they will be considered unpatriotic if they don't go along. Take the heat off the public eye over the handling of the war, with its disastrous toll of war casualties & our home economy. Ignore Bush's low approval ratings with a critical election coming up, with even cracks showing in the major press and Republican unity.

How long will it take before a majority of the people in the U.S. realizes that a Democracy is turning into an empire with dictatorial powers?

It certainly is not too late. Some of the cracks include Congress (with Republican help) eliminating funding for two of the most provocative nuclear weapons programs – the Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator, and for research into other new types of nuclear weapons. Congress also cut funding for two other nuclear related initiatives – a new factory to make plutonium "pits" (the core of nuclear weapons) and putting conditions on a full scale nuclear weapons test.

Rep. David Hobson (R-OH) took a leadership role in the cutting of funding for these programs which threatened to undermine the U.S. leadership role in nuclear nonproliferation. The U.S. cannot credibly ask other countries to restrain their nuclear weapons programs while we aggressively advance work on new weapons.

Pro-Immigrant Rally in L.A. Wakes Up Congress

– When a bill was introduced in the House of Reps last December that would make undocumented immigrants and those who assist them felons & erect a 700-mile fence along the U. S. - Mexican border, few thought the bill would have much opposition. There are 10-12 million undocumented immigrants in the U.S. whose voice can't be heard at the ballot box. But some D-Js felt a march would be a way for them to speak out and tried to rally them over the air-ways. The pleas took on lives of their own. Gradually unions, civil rights organizations, Catholic priests, and political and Spanish-language journalists joined the D-Js. On the day of the march, an estimated half to one million people showed up, the largest in L.A. history. The House bill was dropped. The U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee approved legislation that included legalization for undocumented immigrants. Now the discussions take on a real dimension as Congress sees that people all over the country are watching them and marching for immigrant rights. Power comes to people who can follow the issues & know how to work with other like-minded groups. Even the kept-press responded to this one.

PEACE NEWS

Monday, April 17: Tax Day Demonstration at Arcata Post Office. Join demonstrators. Literature will show just where your tax dollars go. Take part in the penny poll to show where you'd like it to go. Monitors are needed for 2 hours (or less) shifts. Leave message with Dave Keniston at 822-5500.

"Bring Them Home Now" postage stamps available. Proceeds benefit four citizen groups working hard to end the war and bring our troops safely home. Stamps, as well as T-shirts, bumper stickers, buttons and more are available online at www.bringthemhomenow.com.

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, and books and videos are available to borrow. Open Monday - Saturday from 1 - 5 pm. Info: 826-2511 or www.rpjc.net. Calendar of events: www.rpjc.net/calendar.html.

Southern Humboldt Action Center (SHAC); the Southern Humboldt home to the Redwood Peace and Justice Center, Local Solutions Political Action Committee, and Humboldt Mediation Services is located on Redwood Drive between Denise's Café and the Brass Rail. Info: 923-1116.

ENTERTAINMENT, CELEBRATIONS, & CULTURE

Friday, April 14: HSU's "Take Back the Night," 6 pm at the HSU Quad. Guest speaker Sonali Kolhatkar. Rally, open microphone, Clothesline Project, march, men's group, and art showing. Info: 826-4216 or www.humboldt.edu/~hsuwomen/tbtncalendar.html.

Friday and Saturday, April 14 and 15: "Comedy Collision" two companies from two coasts going toe-to-toe in a night of hilarious original physical theatre. 8 pm at the Carlo Theatre in Blue Lake. \$10, \$8. Info: 668-5663 or www.dellarte.com.

Saturday, April 15: Family Health Faire presented by the HSU Children's Center. Smoking cessation, healthy foods, disaster preparedness, dental screening, assistance applications and more. 10 am - 1 pm at Redwood Park Lodge. Info: 826-3838.

Saturday, April 15: Sustainable Nations Development Project Annual Benefit Concert at the Bayside Grange. Food, music (*Blackfire... from the Heart of Black Mesa*), and more. 677-3588 or sustainablenations@hotmail.com. \$10 minimum donation

Sunday, April 16: Humboldt Exchange Pancake Breakfast an opportunity for folks already involved with the Exchange to meet each other and for new folks to come and find out more about the project. 10 am - noon at 1402 M Street, Eureka. Info: 476-8475.

Wednesday, April 19: Eureka Chamber Music Series: The Avalon String Quartet, 7:30 pm at the Cavalry Lutheran Church, 716 South Ave., Eureka. \$25. Info: 445-9650.

Saturday, April 22: HSU's SLAMFest (Sustainable Living, Arts, and Music) Powered entirely by solar energy and bio-diesel, SLAMFest is a day of education, music, and fun, featuring a battle of the bands, sustainable energy demos and info, interactive art, food and more. Noon - 8 pm at HSU's Special Events field. \$5, \$3 with food donation. Info: 826-3508.

Sunday, April 23: Quarterly Breakfast at the Bayside Grange; supports the repairs and improvements at Bayside's historic community center. Live music and a gourmet breakfast menu including: meat and veggie options. 8 am - noon. Info: 822-9998.

Sunday, April 23: Sunday Afternoons at the Graves Open jazz jam session featuring Lenny "Nipsy" Pettinelli and Friends. 2 - 4:30 pm at the Morris Graves Museum, 636 F St, Eureka. Info: 442-0278.

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 25 and 26: Speaker: Jane Roberts of 34 Million Friends, a grassroots movement asking 34 million Americans to stand up for the women of the world. Roberts will discuss her trip to Senegal and Mali, among other topics. 6:30 pm Tuesday in Founders Hall, Room 118 at HSU; Wednesday at 6:30 at the Humboldt Area Foundation, 373 Indianola Rd., Bayside. Free. Info: www.34millionfriends.org.

Thursday - Sunday, April 27 - 30: "all fall down" a new work by Rudi Galindo, a love story about the Twin Towers featuring international performing artist Lisa DaBoit. 8 pm at the Dancenter, Arcata. \$10, \$8. Info: 668-1976.

Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29: College of the Redwoods' 16th Annual Plant Sale. Perennials, annuals, culinary plants, and more. Friday, noon - 6 pm; Saturday, 10 am - 6 pm. Refreshments.

Sunday, April 30: 15th Annual Community Prayer Breakfast: gourmet continental breakfast followed by performances by the Arcata Interfaith Gospel Youth, Teen and Adult Choirs. Breakfast served starting at 9 am, music will begin at 10 am at the Arcata Community Center. There will also be a silent auction and Dutch raffle. \$10, \$7. Info: 825-7589.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Tuesday, April 18: Share A Story "Pirate Party," short video, stories, and crafts. A free book, "How I Became a Pirate" is available for each participating family. 6:30 pm at the Trinidad Branch Library. Info: 677-0227 or www.humlib.org.

Wednesday, April 19: Terri Trip, a popular local singer, will be performing songs especially for the three-year-old to seven-year-old crowd. She has shared her talents with many area preschools and is a wonderful song leader. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

Thursday, April 20: Third Thursday Family Arts Night: Celebrate the Earth. Music, storytelling, crafts, and more; featuring the Easter Bunny, Quack and Wabbit Puppet Theater, and CCAT. Put on by the Humboldt Arts Council at the Morris Graves Museum. 6 - 8 pm at 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278.

Thursday, April 20: Share A Story "Pirate Party," short video, stories, and crafts. A free book, "How I Became a Pirate" is available for each participating family. 6:30 pm at the Arcata Branch Library, 500 7th St. Info: 822-5954 or www.humlib.org

Saturday, April 22: Harry Potter Trivia Contest, Eureka High School's Harry Potter Club will be setting up a Harry Potter Trivia Contest. The students will be asking the questions as well as judging this event. All ages welcome. 2 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

Wednesday - Saturday, April 12 - 22: 5th Annual Great Battery Roundup; recycle any dead car batteries for free this month. AAA will give \$1 each to the Friends of the Marsh and to the Manila Community Center for each battery dropped off at one of 21 designated locations. 99% of all car batteries can be recycled and used again. Info and drop-off sites: 268-2225.

Friday - Sunday, April 21 - 23: Godwit Days Spring Migration Bird Festival is now accepting pre-registrations. Info: 800-908-WING, 444-2938 or www.godwitdays.com.

Saturday, April 22: Earth Day Energy Efficiency Discount Day, at local participating hardware stores. Organized by Redwood Alliance's Climate Action Project. Get discounts on insulation, compact fluorescent light bulbs, etc. Info: Jennifer, 822-6171.

Saturday, April 22: Earth Day. Celebrate at Godwit Days or HSU's SLAMFest, recycle a car battery, or join in on one of the following group activities:

Saturday, April 22: Patrick's Point State Park Annual Earth Day Restoration non-native plant removal, trail repair, native planting and more. Meet at the visitor center parking lot. Info: Michelle at 677-3109.

Saturday, April 22: California Wilderness Coalition Hike Explore meadows and woods along the Eel River past historic Bloody Rock. The 4-mile expedition is limited to 15 people. Info: 826-2790.

Saturday, April 22: California Native Plant Society Field Trip Join CNPS for a 5-mile hike south of the Klamath highlighting a stand of Sitka spruce, wildflowers and historical sites. RSVP required. Info: Tony LaBlanca 441-2098.

WORKSHOPS, CLASSES, MISCELLANY

Friday and Saturday, April 14 and 15: Dream Work Sessions with Rev. Jeremy Taylor at the Unitarian Fellowship in Bayside. Why dreams matter and the meaning of dreams will be explored. Everyone welcome. Info and registration: Info: June at 826-1770.

Tuesday, April 18: Alzheimer's Conference, a day-long workshop with two Alzheimer's experts and authors, David Troxel and Elizabeth Brawley, giving presentations. Info 444-8254 ext. 202.

Tuesday, April 25: Forum and Discussion on Measure T. John Bonifaz, attorney and founder of the National Voting Rights Institute - www.nvri.org - will make a special visit to Humboldt to speak about the legal background of Measure T and the historic implications of our local effort. District Attorney Paul Gallegos will speak as well, along with proponents of the Measure. Info (including as yet to be determined time and location) 269-0984.

Bilingual Medicare Hot Line. Spanish/English hotline is available to assist with the Medicare Part D enrollment process, one-on-one counseling, and assistance in applying for low-income subsidies, & finding a plan to meet your needs. Monday - Friday from 5 am - 3 pm. Info: 866-783-2645.

The Campus Center for Appropriate Technology (CCAT); at the rear of the parking lot at 14th and B Sts., Arcata. CCAT has a variety of ongoing workshops. Call for times and topics or visit their website. Every Friday, noon - dark, is a volunteer day with a tour at 2 pm. All welcome. Info: 826-3551, ccat@humboldt.edu, or www.humboldt.edu/~ccat.

NON-PROFIT WISH LISTS

The Sustainable Nations Development Project is looking for volunteers to help host their annual benefit concert April 15 at the Bayside Grange. Volunteers are needed to take tickets, learn to make fry bread, make fry bread dough at April 14 fry bread making party, volunteer baked goods, dinner items, volunteer art for an art auction, help set up and take down. Info: Pennelys GoodShield at 677-3588 or sustainablenations@hotmail.com.

MEETINGS

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

Saturday, April 22: Funeral Consumer's Alliance Annual Meeting featuring keynote speaker Lisa Carlson, full-time consumer advocate well-known for injecting levity into her talks. 1 - 3 pm at the Humboldt Area Foundation Community Room, Indianola Rd, Bayside. Refreshments following. Info: Jan at 822-8559.

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:** 4/13, Sue Leskiw will preview the upcoming Godwit Days; 4/27, Sue Parrish will discuss the Siskiyou Field Institute's programs in Bigfoot country. Info: 822-6918 or www.yournec.org.

Thursdays at 7:30 pm: **Thursday Night Talk** on KHSU, 90.5 FM. **Guests:** 4/20, Jamie Flower will talk with Russell Newman of www.freepress.org about cable access and the FCC. Info: 826-4807 or 826-4805.

Democracy Now with Amy Goodman. Monday - Friday: 9 am on KHSU, 90.5 FM; 5 am and noon on KMUD, 91.1 and 88.3 FM; 5 am and 9 pm on HCTV, Channel 12.



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

WRITE A LETTER

Potluck/Letter Writing Monthly: First Friday, next May 5, 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.

ELECTION NEWS

The League of Women Votes of Humboldt County has scheduled a series of debates for candidates for local offices in the June 6th election. Three debates will be broadcast live on KEET-TV Channel 13 Eureka. Candidates will answer questions from viewers and from a panel of journalists. The broadcast dates are:

Wednesday, May 3rd, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. **Supervisor, 4th District.** Bonnie Neely, incumbent; Nancy Fleming; Richard Marks.

Wednesday, May 10th, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. **Supervisor, 5th District.** Jill Geist, incumbent; Pat Higgins; Jeffrey A. Lytle; Daniel Pierce.

Wednesday, May 17th, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. **District Attorney.** Paul Gallegos, incumbent; Worth Dikeman.

Another debate between the candidates for the office of district attorney is scheduled for **Thursday, May 11th,** from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in Garberville at the John Haynes Memorial Veterans Hall at 483 Congress Street. This event will be cosponsored by the Civil Liberties Monitoring Project and the Garberville Veterans Association. The public is invited to attend.

----- **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.
 Organizational memberships: \$25 - \$100 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.

PEACE NEWS

The Redwood Peace & Justice Center at 1040 H St., Arcata, offers office space, message services, & meeting space to participating members. Open Monday - Saturday from 1 - 5 pm. Info: 826-2511 or www.rpjcc.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.

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.

Alternative Radio, Mondays 9 am. Boulder-based award-winning weekly series with David Barsamian.

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 KGOE 1480 am, 442-2000: Thom Hartmann, weekdays 9 - 12 am. Liberals' answer to Rush Limbaugh type.

COMMENTARY on KEET TV Channel 13, Tues. at 9 pm: **Wide Angle** Fri. at 8:30 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

Climate Protection Project, a program of the Redwood Alliance to halt global warming. Organizers and others interested in helping meet every Mon. at 5 pm at 1175 G St. upstairs. Info: 822-6171.

Forest Defenders Hotline and info: 825-6598.

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 or info@friendsofthedunes.org. 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 - 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.

MEETINGS

NAACP; Regular 3rd Sunday at 3:30 pm, **PAC** at 2:30 pm. at the Cooper Gulch Ctr., 8th & Myrtle, Eureka. Info: 268-8287 or 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 in Arcata. Info: 826-7124.

Veterans for Peace (SoHum Chapter); 1st Tuesday of Each Month at 7pm 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.

North Coast IWW, the Wobblies meets every 3rd Wed. 6:30 - 8 pm at the Labor Temple, 840 E St., Eureka. Info: 725-8090.

Humboldt Democratic Central Committee; 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm. 129 Fifth St. Info: 445-3366 or www.humboltdemocrats.org.

Eureka Greens meet the 3rd Saturday of the month, 5 pm at Has Beans, 2nd & I St, Eureka. Info: 476-0369 or dayvee247@yahoo.com

Sequoia Greens of southern Humboldt meet the 2nd Friday of the month at 3 pm at the Southern Humboldt Action Center, Redwood Dr, Redway. Info: 923-4488 or encimer@hotmail.com.

Arcata Greens: 3rd Wednesday, 5:30 pm at 1309 11th St, Suite 204, Arcata. Info: 206-8610 or arcatagreens@blogspot.com.

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.

Arcata's Nuclear Weapons Free Zone and Peace Commission; 1st Tuesday at 6:30 pm at Arcata City Hall, 736 F St. Info: 822-5951.

Green Wheels; Thursdays at 5 pm at HSU by Center Activities. Info: wheels@humboldt.edu or www.humboldt.edu/~wheels.

Redwood Alliance Climate Protection Project, every Mon. 5 pm. Info: 822-6171 or climateprotection@redwoodalliance.org.

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-in programs on Saturdays at 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.

Fridays: Human Rights Education for Kids Project; 3:30 pm, 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.

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.

The Emma Center Advocacy, support, referral services, library, and classes for trauma and abuse survivors. 920 Samoa Blvd. Suite 207, Arcata. Info: 825-6680 or info@emmacenter.org or www.emmacenter.org/emma.

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 Area 1 Agency on Aging sponsors many senior programs. Info: 442-9591 or www.a1aa.org.