



The HOPE Coalition

Humboldt Organized for Peace & the Environment

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

Newsletter Editorial Page June 27, 2006

How Close are We to Living Under a Fascist Dictatorship?

Most people would say, "Don't be ridiculous. This is democracy with a constitution and voting rights that have existed for 230 years. It is true that we have a president & vice-president who are secretive, beholden to corporations and have few moral values. But we still have a lot of freedoms in this country – the rights to free assembly, to join unions, to voting, and to educational opportunities. We have a free press and airwaves, and the internet is open to all. We can petition and write to our representatives, and vote the reactionaries and neo-cons out of office in November and in 2008."

So what are the signs that need to be examined of those "conspiracy theorists," those "bleeding heart liberals," those activists who are always demonstrating, marching, and advocating unity among progressives.

The basic tenet in our constitution is to maintain checks and balances by having 3 independent branches of government – the presidency, the Congress, and the judiciary. This does not exist today. The Republican majority in both houses is for the most part a rubber stamp for the president, and even many Democrats are afraid to speak in opposition. The Supreme Court majority not only appointed George W. in 2000, but has been further reshaped by his 2 extremely conservative appointees, with only token opposition from the Democrats.

An even greater challenge to the Constitution is what Bush calls the "war paradigm." This gives Bush the prerogative as a "war president" to ignore Congressional mandates, international law, and court rulings; and enforce laws as he sees fit. Under this assumed power, Bush has issued fiats on the treatment of detainees, domestic surveillance, and International law, and his more than 750 "signing statements" – interpretations of laws that he claims he can implement as he chooses.

A case in point is where the U.S. government has sued the New Jersey Attorney General's office on grounds of security concerns to prevent it from asking telephone companies if they gave customer call records to the National Security Agency. Constitutional lawyer and Professor Joe Allen, commented, "This is further support for my view, that judicial review of the details of any claim of national security is fundamentally required to prevent severe abuse."

Ending the "Occupation" in Iraq and Afghanistan – Over 3 years ago, George W. Bush stood on an aircraft carrier in front of a banner that read "Mission Accomplished" and said "major combat operations in Iraq have ended." What he meant, after destroying their air force and major fighting equipment and capturing their leaders, is that the **"War is Over, the Occupation has Now Begun."** What our own Congressman, Mike Thompson, and various Senators, including Thom Harkin, are proposing is that:

1] America should not have a permanent military presence in Iraq; (According to Joseph Gerson, director of the Peace & Economic Security Program at the American Friends Service Committee, "Despite the earlier votes in both the House and Senate to rule out the U.S. having long-term bases in Iraq, the provision was killed in committee. The cement is being poured and the bases are being built and, as the New York Times reports, military plans are in place for the long-term presence of at least 50,000 U.S. troops in Iraq. ... The U.S. government is also right now in negotiations with Kyrgyzstan for long-term bases to secure U.S. power in oil-rich Central Asia." A map of U.S. bases in Iraq is here: www.kenmccracken.com/iraq-fobs-2005apr21.jpg.

2] We should not attempt to control the flow of Iraqi oil;

3] Our armed forces should be redeployed out of Iraq following the country's constitution-making process – and by December 31, 2006 at the very latest.

The GOP-led U.S. House of Reps in a "debate" on June 16, turned down all 3 points, as did the Senate a day earlier, in an innocuous, meaningless resolution that praised our troops and condemned international terrorism. A furious Mike Thompson, a wounded Vietnam vet himself, condemned the resolution in the strongest terms. This is not the debate on the Iraqi war on this House floor that the Republicans have been promising the American people for weeks. "Instead we get what the news is reporting as 'Republican election-year strategy.'" The government needs to bring the troops home as soon as possible, not to score political points, he declared. **"For starters, we need to send a loud message to the insurgents that we will not occupy Iraq, we will not control Iraq's oil – a message that we want to leave Iraq as much as they want us to leave."**

Was the 2004 Election Stolen? A treatise by Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

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PEACE NEWS

Wednesday, June 28: "Oil Money Out of Congress!" demonstration, part of a nation-wide demonstration sponsored by MoveOn.org. Urge congress to ban lobbying by private industry, return Democracy to government and put community needs above all other influences on congress. Signs and flyers (to hand out) will be provided. 5 - 7 pm at the Shell gas station on the corner of H and 14th Streets in Arcata. Info: Fhyre Phoenix at 826-7367 or fhyre@lycos.com.

RPJC Needs 4th of July Help The Redwood Peace & Justice Center will be running a dart toss booth and talking up the center to festival goers. They are looking for volunteers to do outreach, gather dart throwers, and generally make it an active, festive, event. They also need building materials for the booth (or an existing one).

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 Mon. - Sat. 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

Starting Friday, June 30: An Inconvenient Truth, A feature movie about global warming. Plays at the Minor in Arcata, and the Broadway in Eureka. For info call Redwood Alliance's Climate Action Project, 822-6171.

Thru Saturday, July 1: Sequoia Chamber Music Workshop Performances. Student and Faculty concerts every day except Fridays and Sundays. Free and open to the public. Info, including exact times and HSU locations: 826-3563.

Thru Saturday, July 22: 15th Annual Mad River Festival at the Carlo Theatre, the Dell'Arte/Rooney Amphitheatre and other venues in Blue Lake, California. Info: 707-668-5663 or e-mail info@dellarte.com.

Thru August 6: Humboldt Crabs Baseball Season View the complete schedule at www.humboldtcrabs.com. Info 826-2333.

Thursday, June 29: Eureka Summer Concert Series "Yo Daddy," eclectic mix of Soul, Rock, Country, and Blues. Every Thursday evening a different group performs live, 6 - 8 pm on the Boardwalk, Old Town Eureka. Blankets & beach chairs encouraged. Free. Info: 442-9054.

Saturday, July 1: Arts Alive! 6 - 9 pm. Opening receptions for artists, exhibits and performances at many locations in the Downtown and Old Town areas. Info: Eureka Main Street, 442-9054 or the Humboldt Arts Council, 442-0278.

Thursday, July 6: Eureka Summer Concert Series. "Bill Noteman And The Rockets," high energy dance band. Every Thursday evening a different group performs live, 6 - 8 pm on the Boardwalk, Old Town Eureka. Blankets & beach chairs encouraged. Info: 442-9054.

Saturday, July 8: 2nd Annual Barnyard Brew. Local brews, gourmet meat and veggie barbecue, auction, live music and children's activities in a benefit for the Heart of the Redwoods Community Hospice. 4 pm at the Southern Humboldt Community Park in Garberville. Info or tickets: 923-7276.

Saturday and Sunday, July 8 and 9: Blues by the Bay featuring premiere blues musicians, food and beverages, arts and crafts vendors and local micro brews. Gates open at 9:30 am at Halvorsen Park. Info or tickets: 445-3378 or www.bluesbythebay.org.

Friday, July 14: Arts Arcata, 6 - 9 pm at more than 40 locations in downtown, Northtown, South G St., and HSU. Location maps available at Arcata Mainstreet office in the Jacoby Bldg. Info: 822-4500 or www.mainstreet.com.

Friday and Saturday, July 14 and 15: Relay For Life Annual fundraising walkathon benefits cancer research. 6 pm Friday - 6 pm Saturday at the College of the Redwoods Community Stadium. Info: 443-2155.

Sunday, July 16: Sunday Afternoons at the Graves featuring a performance by the Coconino Bass Trio - Geoffrey Daugherty, Tami Pallington and Shao Way Wu. 2 - 4:30 pm at the Morris Graves Museum, 636 F St, Eureka. Info: 442-0278.

Sunday, July 16: 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.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Wednesday, June 28: Drumming up a Story. Bring attention, imagination, and rhythm instruments. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

Friday - Sunday, July 7-9: Circus Chimera presents "Alice in Wonderland" A fun show featuring acrobatics, aerial flyers, clowns, motorcycle acts and lots more. Discount coupons are available at grocery stores all over Eureka and Arcata. 7:30 pm each night, 1:30 and 4:30 matinees Saturday and Sunday at the foot of D St, Eureka. Info: 1-888-663-7464 or www.circuschimera.com.

Summer Reading Club at the County Libraries This year's theme is "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales." The incentive program encourages kids to keep reading over the summer vacation. Information is available at all of the Humboldt County branch libraries, by calling 269-1910, or online at www.humlib.org.

By Appointment in June, July, and August: Bicycle Safety Training Children age 7 - 14 can sign up for two-hour programs that teach on-street bike safety. Helmets will be given to those who need them. For info or to sign up for a class: 445-1097.

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Weekend Afternoons Thru September: Share The Beach Look for trained docents on Clam Beach on weekend afternoons thru September. Ask them questions, pick up brochures and other information, get a free dog leash and view the threatened Western Snowy Plover through a spotting scope. For info or If you would like to become a docent: 444-1397.

Clam Beach Info The new draft management plan for the Humboldt County Parks at Clam and Moonstone beaches is available on the Humboldt County website at www.co.humboldt.ca.us/portal/living/county_parks/ClamMoonstone/Draft%20Clam-Moonstone%20Plan%2006-09-06.PDF and it represents a continuation of the dialog from last year over whether or not to make the region's most used beach safer for humans, horses, and plovers by limiting vehicle access during the times of the year when the beach is most visited. The compromise plan comes before the Board of Supervisors on July 11. Info: NEC @ 822-6918.

Friends of the Arcata Marsh Seeking Directors FOAM is seeking between two and five people for its Board of Directors. Board members are expected to attend monthly meetings and serve on at least one committee. They must be a member of FOAM (can join with application). Application deadline is August 21. More information and a self-nomination form are available at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center in the spring issue of UPWIND or call David Couch at 839-4253.

Saturday, July 22: Wildlife and Native Plant Garden Tour. Over ten distinctive gardens from Eureka to McKinleyville designed with north coast nature in mind. A fundraising event that benefits the Redwood Region Audubon Society and the North Coast Chapter of the California Native Plant Society. Tickets are \$15 and must be purchased in advance. Ticket locations or other info: Louise at 445-8304 or Jennifer at 443-6959.

WORKSHOPS, CLASSES, MISCELLANY

Community HealthCorps of Northern California Recruiting Applicants. The HealthCorps Program, a division of AmeriCorps is looking for people interested in improving access to comprehensive, affordable, and culturally appropriate healthcare in their communities. Next program cycle begins in Sept. Info: www.ruralcommunityhealth.org or mvansant@ruralcommunityhealth.org.

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.

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:** 6/29, Jack Music, Marine Science professor with the Virginia Institute of Science, discusses the importance of the Endangered Species Act(ESA); 7/6, Steven Kolmes of Portland Univ. will discuss the ESA and its influence on salmon recovery. Info: 822-6918 or www.yournec.org.

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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Was the 2004 Election Stolen?

Republicans prevented more than 350,000 voters in Ohio from casting ballots or having their votes – enough to have put John Kerry in the White House. by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. This well-documented (74 footnotes) article appeared in the Rolling Stone magazine for June, 2006, and can be found at

www.rollingstone.com/news/story/10432334/. John Hartman called this story, along with the study made in 2001 by the New York Times & other news publishers about the 2000 presidential vote in Florida, the most important inquiries in the history of the United States; and yet Kennedy's expose was not mentioned by a single major newspaper or network in the country. The 2001 NY Times study had 17 sections. The early part showed that even if the four heavily Democratic precincts had been counted correctly Bush would still have won, and these results were highly publicized. However section 17 of the study, which received no publicity, showed that a recount in the whole state of Florida would have given the nod to Al Gore.

Another study in the National Election Data Archives entitled *The Gun is Smoking* reveals the "2004 Ohio Precinct-level Exit Poll Data show Virtually Irrefutable Evidence of Vote Miscount." See: www.electionarchive.org/ucvAnalysis/OH/Ohio-Exit-Polls-2004.pdf

Will 2006 be Different? Many people are counting on the coming elections, with Bush's declining popularity, to see dramatic changes – just as they had expected in 2004. Don't under-estimate the abilities of the brilliant Karl Rove, America's 'Goebbels.'

In Ohio, the infamous Ken Blackwell, still Secretary of State, has just issued new regulations making legitimate registration activities a crime.



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

WRITE A LETTER or DO SOMETHING

Potluck/Letter Writing Monthly: First Friday, next July 7, 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.

Hopeful Signs:

Despite the lack of any trend for social justice or help for the down-trodden, there are 2 incidents of people fighting back in this country:

1] The gigantic rally of Latinos in Southern CA to non-violently protest the denial of basic rights to immigrants forced Congress and the media to take them seriously for the first time. The courage it must have taken for illegal immigrants to show their faces in protest can not be under-estimated.

2] The most misunderstood group in Humboldt County is probably the Earth First! Under the leadership of the late Judi Bari, they developed a code of non-violence that has no equal, and which has given them the courage to fight under great odds to save the remaining 3% old growth redwoods still standing. Their summer 2006 newsletter which is just out devotes much of its space to the SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation) suit brought against them by their arch enemy Maxxam/PALCO. I was particularly impressed by one Naomi Wagner's story. This is must reading for Humboldt residents.

----- 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.

Make checks to HOPE Coalition. Amount: \$ _____

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I can volunteer some time [☐]

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The HOPE Coalition - PO Box 385 Arcata, CA 95518 - hopecoalition@igc.org - www.hopecoalition.org

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; 2nd Wednesday 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. 5:15 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.