



The HOPE Coalition

Humboldt Organized for Peace & the Environment

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

Newsletter Editorial Page July 26, 2005

Stop The Pussyfooting! Just as I was beginning to feel depressed about people's chances of ever recuperating from the daily barrage of the media acting as a mouthpiece for the President and the Pentagon, I was uplifted by nationwide town hall meetings (320 of them) last Saturday on the 3rd anniversary of the Downing Street memo. Most people never heard of the memo in which British & U.S. officials agreed a year before 9/11 on a policy to justify Bush's invasion of Iraq. Congresswoman Barbara Lee of Oakland, the only member in the House to vote against the Iraq invasion, spoke before a standing room-only crowd, "Just because they run the show doesn't mean we're not going to put up a fight. We will demand answers, we will demand accountability, and we won't stop until we get them." At another meeting, Medea Benjamin, co-founder of Global Exchange, said, "It's unbelievable that millions of Americans still don't know about the existence of the Downing Street Memo, despite the fact that its contents are so controversial they could provide grounds for the impeachment of the president."

And then out of the blue, I get this letter from a Larry Hourany of McKinleyville, which in many ways reflected my own thoughts:

"It is time we get it out in the open. Whether you are conservative, moderate, or liberal, it must be clear that the neocons consider themselves above the law. They have capitalized on a variety of fears to advance an agenda that has nothing to do with the health of the nation. Whether it is the major violation of the Iraq war, the jettisoning of the Geneva protocols for international conduct, the toleration of corporate chicanery, the instituting of repressive tax laws, or the reversal of critical environmental protections, the neocons have demonstrated a total lack of regard for the average citizen. The ultimate irony is that they have co-opted the phraseology of decency and concern for the average citizen while violating every tenet of social consideration. They have a cash register where their hearts should be.

"While CEO's make obscene salaries, corporations are laying off thousands of workers. This presages the economic disaster lurking in the near future. The '06 elections may be this nation's last chance to rectify a gut-wrenching slide into the neocon quicksand."

Suddenly, it came to me that the top Democratic leadership will have to stop pussyfooting around and start listening to their own saviors like Barbara Lee or Sen. Barbara Boxer, or the growling and growing grass roots movement that refuses to give up hope. Don't let re-election worries take precedence over your actions. Call a spade a spade, like John Dean did recently, for which he was chastised rather than lauded. Don't let Bush snow you with the Roberts Supreme Court nomination. Keep on top of the Rove larceny and the Downing Street memo. Don't confuse real patriotism with attacks on civil liberties. Come before the alternative press with ideas of how to stop the slaughter of both our military and of Iraqi women & children. Take a look on how Sri Lanka fought a war for 15 years with "terrorists" the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam until Neela Marikkar, a Sri Lankan business woman started to look at root causes. Tired of indiscriminately bombed offices, banks and even the international airport, devastating their tourist trade, she organized a group of business leaders advocating a negotiated settlement that put the country first. Appeals to the people about the cost of war resulted in a demonstration in which 1 million, out of a population of 18 million, came out in the streets to hold hands for 15 minutes. Shortly after that the old government was thrown out and the new government negotiated a settlement, which holds to this day.

Marking Hiroshima/Nagasaki 60th Anniversary locally. August marks the 60th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan that ended World War II. All over the world there are events bearing witness to these tragedies, honoring the survivors, and supporting the efforts for a peaceful future and a world without nuclear weapons.

Our government today is proposing to develop new, "usable" nuclear weapons which will have 70 times the explosive power of the original Hiroshima bomb. And in the international community the Bush administration is actively blocking efforts to advance and strengthen treaties to stop the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and work toward disarmament. In fact, in May the UN sponsored a 4 week conference attended by more than 150 countries to review and strengthen the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) which the Bush administration essentially sabotaged. This led Mohamed ElBaradei, the director of the International Atomic Energy Agency to comment, "You can't tell everyone 'don't touch nuclear weapons' while continuing to build them."

Look under PEACE NEWS, page 2, for county commemorative events that we knew about at press time. In addition Mike McLaren, 822-7761 or darkrain@humboldt1.com is still trying to arrange an event with Veterans for Peace, August 4 - 7.

PEACE NEWS

- Thursday - Sunday, August 4 - 7: Many Stories, One Vision for a Nuclear Free World** national conference and public witness at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas and the Nevada Test Site. A gathering of peacemakers from across a broad spectrum of interfaith, ecumenical and secular activists committed to stopping renewed nuclear weapons testing, and challenge directly the global U.S. militarism that today drives our nation's policies. Info: www.paxchristiusa.org or 814-453-4955, ext. 221.
- Saturday, August 6: Lantern Ceremony In Commemoration Of The 60th Anniversary Of The Bombings Of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.** Arcata's Nuclear Weapons Free Zone and Peace Commission is hosting this annual observance at the Arcata Marsh at 7 pm at Klopp Lake. The program begins at 7:45 pm with reflections by Dr. Stan Hino, poetry by local youth, music by Mike McLaren and the Lantern Float at sunset (approximately 8:30 pm). Lantern-making materials will be available there and also during the day at the Arcata Farmer's Market from 9 am - 2 pm. Cover up or bring mosquitoes repellent! Info: 826-1738.
- Sunday, August 7: "The Sixtieth Anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki: Where Do We Stand?"** will be offered by the Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at 10 am. After a brief description of current status of nuclear weapons, discussion will focus on our concerns about the U.S. nuclear arsenal, our policies, plans, and use. The public is invited to participate in the service and in the gathering at the Peace Pole afterwards. Please bring flowers to encircle the Peace Pole. Bill and June Thompson will lead commemorative songs. Fellowship Way off Jacoby Creek Rd. Bayside. Info: 822-5847 (June) or 826-7619 (John).
- Through July: From Cuba With Love** A group photo exhibit at the Redwood Peace & Justice Center (see info below). A selection of great photographs of Cuba taken by Humboldt County residents who have traveled there. The show expresses solidarity and support for the Pastors for Peace 16th Friendship Caravan to Cuba.
- 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. Summer hours are 1 - 6 pm, Wednesday - Friday; and 10 am - 3 pm Saturday. Info: 826-2511 or www.rpjc.net. Calendar of events at 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

- Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, July 28 - 30: "A Midsummer Night's Dream."** Shakespeare in the Park at Redwood Park in Arcata. 7 pm. Bring warm clothes. \$9, \$10. Info and reservations: 822-7091.
- Saturday, July 30: "Roll on the Mattole,"** featuring live music and entertainment, a crafts fair, Kidz Zone, firefighters challenge, food, and more, presented by the Honeydew Volunteer Fire Dept. at the Mattole Grange, starting at noon. Info: 986-7688.
- Saturday, July 30: Float For the NEC.** Raft the Pigeon Point run on the Trinity River in a benefit for the NEC, led by professional river guides and with an environmental focus. \$60. Info or reservations: 677-3494.
- Sunday, July 31: Patrick's Point Garden Club's Summer Garden Tour.** Five gardens in the south end area of Big Lagoon will be featured. Tour proceeds benefit the restoration of the native plants garden at Patrick's Point State Park. Tour-goers will be admitted free to the park to see the garden. Tickets \$5 or \$10 for a family. Info: Diane at 840-9176.
- Thursday, August 4: Eureka Free Summer Concert Series – Shane Tiller, 10 Year Old Guitar Prodigy;** 6 - 8 pm on the boardwalk in Old Town Eureka. Blankets and beach chairs encouraged. Info: 442-9054.
- Saturday, August 6: Hiroshima Observances.** Lantern-making will happen at the Arcata Farmer's Market from 9 am - 2 pm. See "Peace News" (above) for evening activities.
- Saturday, August 6: Natural History Museum Yard and Plant Sale;** treasures from the museum store as well as plants, furniture, art, books, quality baby items, and more! 9 am - 3 pm. Proceeds support the museum's education programs. If you have items to donate or would like to volunteer during the sale please contact the Museum. Info: 826-4479.
- Saturday - Sunday August 6 - 7: College of the Redwoods Elegant Flea Fundraiser,** giant rummage sale to benefit the scholarship fund at C/R. 8 am - 4pm on Saturday and 9 - 3 on Sunday at the Humboldt Grange, 5845 Humboldt Hill Rd, Eureka. Donations welcome. Info: 442-9479.
- Sunday, August 7: Summer Music and Art Series on the Arcata Plaza** every Sunday, 2 - 6 pm, through September. Featured artists for this date are **Mike and Marla**, and **Eileen Hemphill-Haley**. Booth space still available for handcrafted items. Info: 822-4500.
- Tuesday, August 9: Democracy Film Series Presents "Thirst."** Arcata's Committee on Democracy and Corporations presents new cutting-edge documentaries on democratic struggles around the world the second Tuesday of the month, 7 pm at the Arcata Community Center (Senior Room). Discussion follows. Info: 822-5391.
- Saturday, August 27: The Organic Planet Festival.** Californians for Alternatives to Toxics invites everyone to enjoy a day that will include the world's largest organic salad, a full day of music capped off by David Lindley, great organic food, nationally recognized speakers, informative workshops, non-toxic artwork, and other organic and non-toxic products and services at Halvorsen Park in Eureka. The Organic Planet Festival currently is in need of volunteers in all areas; also accepting applications for non-food vendors, artists, and non-profit organizations. Info: 445-5100 or www.organicplanetfestival.org.

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CHILDREN & YOUTH

Wednesday, August 3: Summer Reading Club Craft Program in Arcata. Drop-in summer reading club crafts program. 2 - 4 pm at the Arcata Branch Library, 500 Seventh St. Info: 822-5954 or www.humlib.org.

Wednesdays: Summer Reading Club Craft Program. Each week at 1:30 pm there will be a story and craft program that ties in with the Summer Reading Club. Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

Through August 19: Free Summer Lunches for Kids. Food for People offers free lunches for kids 18 and under at various sites from Redway to Orick. Call 445-3166 for times and locations.

Friday - Saturday Evenings Through September 1: P.U.L.S.E. a community club for teens ages 11 - 17 offering an opportunity to participate in a variety of fun activities in a safe and supervised environment with a goal of uniting local teens from different backgrounds to promote respect & diversity. 6 - 9 pm at Ryan Youth Center, J St, Eureka. \$3/day, \$20/month. Info: 268-1858.

Through the Summer: "Brainstorm Challenge," a new program By Kids For Kids [BKFK] at Redwood Discovery Museum, Eureka,. Info and registration: 443-8019 or www.discovery-museum.org.

Ongoing: "Secrets of the Forest" a new exhibit at Eureka's Sequoia Park Zoo. Summer hours: Tues. - Sun. 10 - 7 pm. Info: 442-6552.

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Saturdays of the Month: Dunes Restoration with Friends of the Dunes. Join the Friends for discounted coffee and treats from 9 - 9:30 am (optional) at a local coffee house, then work at one of the local dune areas from 10 am - 1 pm. Through the summer every participant will be entered in a drawing for nice prizes each time they help with a restoration. Info: 444-1397 or www.friendsofthedunes.org.

WORKSHOPS, CLASSES, MISCELLANY

The Campus Center for Appropriate Technology (CCAT); at the rear of the parking lot at 14th and B Street, Arcata. Every Friday, noon - dark: Volunteer Day with tour at 2 pm. All welcome. Info: 826-3551, ccat@humboldt.edu, or www.humboldt.edu/~ccat.

Wednesday, July 27: "Farms to Food to People," facility tours and info on the programs that Food for People offers. Learn more about hunger in Humboldt County. Info: 445-3166 ext 306 or email jrshel@foodforpeople.org.

MEETINGS

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

Saturday, July 30: General Assembly, Humboldt Green Party in Garberville at the Vets Hall (Locust and Conger). Meeting noon - 4 pm preceded by potluck lunch at 11 am. All are welcome. The agenda will include upcoming election strategies, reports from Green candidates, local issues of importance, the upcoming anti-war Mobilization in San Francisco Sept. 24, and a proposed Green Party Peace Holiday for Friday, Sept. 23. Info: 923 4488.

NAACP will not hold meetings July and August, back in September.

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:** 7/28 local author Amy Stewart reviews her book "The Earth Moved: On the Remarkable Achievements of Earthworms;" 8/4 Anand Gopal and Dave Carter from the Schatz Energy Research Lab will discuss their award-winning proposal for a hydrogen energy park powered by landfill gas. Info: 822-6918 or www.yournec.org.

Mondays at 5 pm and Thursdays at 6 pm: "Seeking Solutions," a new locally produced series on HCTV, Public Access Channel 12, focusing on the exploration of community issues from a progressive, solutions-oriented perspective and providing a forum for in-depth discussions with local people working together to provide their community with alternative models for a healthy, sustainable future.

HFRA 99.9 FM, Humboldt Free Radio Alliance broadcasts live on 99.9 FM. Tune in Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings; and Saturday and Sunday all day. Call for a complete schedule of programs. Info: 502-0175.

FOOD AND SHELTER

Farmers Market Aids Food Project Needs Volunteers In conjunction with local farmers for the past 13 years, the Arcata Farmers Market Food Project has provided fresh organic produce during the summer months to individuals and families in Humboldt County affected by HIV/AIDS. The Food Project is currently looking for volunteers to help collect and deliver food this summer. If you can spare 1 - 2 hours on a Saturday afternoon, please call: Michael Weiss 834-4832 or email: mweissdtr@aol.com.



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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 8/5, 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

Grumbling taxpayers, who will foot the estimated \$50 million plus cost for California's Special Election on Nov. 8, which will accomplish nothing sooner than the next regularly scheduled one in the spring, has caused Arnold to have second thoughts about going ahead with it. If cancelled the 8 Propositions, 74 thru 80, will also be postponed. However, Humboldt County's multitude of openings, particularly on governing boards, has stimulated more interest than usual. A newly formed grass roots PAC, called **Local Solutions**, has been raising funds and rounding up volunteers for campaign work, in order to stimulate "ordinary people in Humboldt County to express themselves effectively in local politics, without regard to political party or special interest money." Potential candidates who meet this criterion, and would like monetary, technical or volunteer support, call 443-3921 or www.localsolutions.org. Volunteers, donors & info about the various races can also use these numbers.

Another great source for information about deadlines, about registration of voters, and public forums is Humboldt's League of Women Voters (LWVHC). Their "*Citizens' Guide to County Government*" is up-to-date on line: lwwhc.org/vote/guide and at most libraries. We have a few copies if you can't find it. Positions included in the 11/8 election are for: 32 school board districts; 1 community college district; 1 county board of education district; & 20 community service districts; 1 Humboldt Bay Harbor District; 3 county water districts; 1 municipal water district; 13 local fire protection districts; 1 hospital district; 1 Resort Improvement District #1 [in So. Humboldt]; and 1 Recreation & Park District [in No. Humboldt].

Remember Friday, Aug. 12 at 5 pm is the deadline for completed papers to be filed at the County Elections Office in Eureka.

----- 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. Summer hours are 1- 6 pm, Wed.- Fri.; & 10 am to 3 pm Sat. Info: 826-2511 or 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 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

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.

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MEETINGS

NAACP; no meetings July and August. Regularly 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 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. 129 Fifth St. Info: 445-3366 or www.humboltdemocrats.org.

Humboldt Greens; 1st Tuesday, 7 pm, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, 7th and J St, Eureka. Chair Greg Allen greg@gregoryallen.net. Info: www.greenhumboldt.org, e-mail info@greenhumboldt.org. PO Box 114, Arcata, CA 95518. Message: 444-7676.

Arcata Greens; 2nd Monday, 7 pm at Cafe Mokka, 5th and J St, Arcata. Chair Jesse Goplen jgoplen@yahoo.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.

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; 4th Thursday at 6:30 pm at Arcata 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.

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 Georgette 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 Care Givers Support Project provides information, referral, & coordination services to help care for seniors over 55 of all incomes. To schedule appointments & info: 268-2107.

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