

HOPE Coalition Newsletter -- Editorial Page -- August 24, 2004

“Throughout history, it has been the inaction of those who could have acted; the indifference of those who should have known better; the silence of the voice of justice when it mattered most; that has made it possible for evil to triumph.” Haile Salessie

There is Hope for Turning the Corner to A Better World, if ...

That is the message conveyed by Amy Goodman in a stirring speech before a sold-out crowd at the Eureka Muni last Saturday. She put much of the blame for allowing the disabling of democracy – the secrecy at the top, the lies, the destruction of civil liberties and of the environment, the dissolving of good-paying jobs and retirement income, inadequate health care and insurance – on the corporate controlled mass media to which the majority of US citizens are addicted. **Free debate** on important issues that affect our daily lives is not allowed or at best superficially controlled. Investigative reporters are silenced, even killed. Since the Iraq invasion & even in the Gulf War, under then Defense Secretary & now V.P. Dick Cheney, every line of copy, every still photo, every strip of film was censored. At home Washington used every tactic from manipulation to deception to disinformation to exert control over the media. And for the most part, mainstream news organizations are avid participants in such deceit.

These days it is possible to hear both sides of issues with the rise of independent journalism on the internet, on-line newsletters from Norman Solomon, Rachel's *Environment & Health News*, Grist Magazine *Environmental News*; through printed newsletters like Jim Hightower's *LowDown* and FAIR's *EXTRA*; through investigative journalists, some with a sense of humor, e.g. Molly Ivins; through non-fiction investigative books like John Dean's *Worse than Watergate – The Secret Presidency of George W. Bush*; and films like Michael Moore's *Fahrenheit 9/11*.

These are examples of just a few of the many men and women who try to add a little more balance to the news, and I didn't even mention the many non-profits who put out in-house newsletters, nor magazines like *The Nation*, *Mother Jones* and *The Utne Reader*. But their readership is relatively small compared to the mass media.

Then we have the renowned journalist Amy Goodman, the host of the international radio, television and internet news program *Democracy Now* who is on a national tour for her first book, written with her brother David, *The Exception to the Rule: Oily Politicians, War Profiteers and the Media that Love Them*. “I think the media has reached an all-time low in this country,” she said. “And that is a terrible violation of what our profession is supposed to do. ... We are supposed to hold those in power accountable. ... We are supposed to be there to, if not keep the politicians honest, show what's going on ... When the media acts as a conveyor belt for the lies of the administration (about the invasion of Iraq and the occupation) we not only are violating our responsibility, but those lies take lives.” *Democracy Now* is shown locally on fm stations KHSU, KMUD, and KIDE in Hoopa, (91.3 fm), and on TV Station CH 12. (See our insert for times.)

To this writer, Amy's description at the end of her talk about her role as a reporter during the Indonesian invasion and brutal occupation of East Timor in the 1990s should have earned her a reporter's Purple Heart. She noted that the Timorese survived the ruthless occupation which had vital support from the U.S. (thanks to Kissinger), and during which more than 200,000 Timorese died, and then went on to nationhood with free elections & a constitution on May 20, 2002. If they could do this against all odds, Amy added, we should be able to bring democracy back to the U.S. Then as a final note, she advocated UN war crimes trials for former Indonesian President Suharto, Henry Kissinger, others in the U.S. involved in the invasion & occupation, and finally George W. Bush.

Not Everyone is Afraid to Speak Out

The September issue of the *National Geographic* is devoting 74 pages of pictures and text giving scientific evidence that a **global warming trend** from Antarctica to Alaska to Bangladesh is altering habitats, with devastating ecological and economic effects. Bill Allen, after a decade as Editor in Chief, knew that he would be challenging many of his readers who don't believe global climate change is real, and that humans contribute to the problem. But Allen said, “We are going to take you all over the world to show you the hard truth as scientists see it. I can live with some cancelled memberships. I'd have a harder time looking at myself in the mirror if I didn't bring you the biggest story in geography today

PEACE NEWS

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 provide an alternative to corporate sweatshop-produced goods, and books and videos are available to borrow. Hours are noon - 6 pm, Monday - Saturday. Info: 826-2511 or www.rpjc.net.

RPJC needs your help to keep its doors open! The Center is having financial difficulty and will be holding another rummage sale September 4 & 5 at the Center from 9 am - 6 pm. They need your donations of gently used goods. All donations are tax-deductible. Drop off donations at the RPJC Tues. - Fri. from 12 - 6 or Sat. 9 - 3 or call 826-2511 to schedule a pick-up. Another option is to donate directly to the RPJC, either using the secure online donation system at www.rpjc.net/membership.html. or at the office. Supporters may make a one-time donation or commit to a recurring donation with their credit card, a nice way to get a feeling of community generosity with each month's statement.

Sunday, October 24: United Nations Day A tribute to Edilith Eckert is being planned for this day, a call to action in her memory. The event will be held at the Arcata Community Center and volunteers are needed now to help plan the event. To get involved, please call Maureen at 826-1738.

ENTERTAINMENT, CELEBRATIONS & CULTURE

Saturday August 28: "Outfoxed," a 77-minute video, produced and directed by Robert Greenwald, that examines how media empires, led by Rupert Murdoch's Fox News, have been running a "race to the bottom" in television news. This film provides an in-depth look at Fox News and the dangers of ever-enlarging corporations taking control of the public's right to know. The film shows at 2:30 and 4:00 pm at the Democratic Headquarters, 129 5th Street, Eureka. Info: 445-3366

Saturday August 28: Humboldt Wildlife Care Center Rummage Sale 9 am – 3 pm, 1063 G St, Arcata. Support your local wildlife by helping to raise money to build an Intake Center. Donations may be dropped off from 8 am – 10 am on the day of the event.

Sunday August 29: Last Arcata Summer Art and Music Sunday, , noon - 3 pm, on the Arcata Plaza. **8/29:** Kulica Info: 822-7091,.

Saturday, September 4: Arts Alive! Eureka Art and music open house, 6 – 9 pm. Info:

Saturday and Sunday, September 4 & 5: RPJC Rummage Sale, 9 am – 6 pm. See "Peace News," above.

Sunday, September 5: KMUD's 7th Annual Lu'au on the Lake: from noon on at Benbow Lake State Park. Live music, food, drinks, raffle, contests, door prizes, surprises and more! Tickets: \$45 at the door, \$40 in advance, \$35 KMUD Members at the station or door, \$30 Seniors and Students. For credit card orders or info: KMUD office (707) 923-2513 Monday-Friday 9 am - 4 pm.

Monday, September 6: Festival on the Bay 10 am – pm at Halvorsen Park, Eureka. Activities include "Quacks for KEET," a fundraising rubber duck race at 1:30 pm. Info:

Friday, September 10: Arts Arcata! Art and music open house, 6 – 9 pm. Info: 822-4500

Sunday, September 12: The 19th Annual I Block Party noon – 6 pm on I St between 10th and 11th in Arcata. Benefit for the Arcata-Camoapa Sister City Project. BBQ, silent auction, raffle, beer and live music with the Joyce Hough Band, Compost Mountain Boys and Pan Dulce. Free Admission. Info: 822-7130

Sunday, September 12: Humboldt Botanical Gardens Foundation 13th Annual Garden Tour & Tea. 12 gardens in Cutten, Humboldt Hill, Loleta, Fortuna, the HBG site, & the National Wildlife Refuge. 10 am -- 5 pm. \$10, \$20. Info: 442-5139.

Saturday, September 18: The Coastal Cleanup Clean a portion of Humboldt County's coastline. Sign up at the NEC, 575 H St, Arcata or call 822-6918

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

The Northcoast Regional Land Trust has moved into a new office located in the Kokte House, 2182 Old Arcata Rd., Bayside at the old Freitas Dairy site owned by Jacoby Creek Land Trust, sharing space and collaborating with JCLT. Phone 822-2242.

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 birds, ecology, and workings of the marsh. Info: 826-2359.

Every Saturday and Sunday thru 11/15 **Weekend Hikes to the Headwaters** led by the Bureau of Land Management, weather permitting. The three mile hike begins at 9 am and reservations are required. Info and reservations: 825-2300.

ELECTION MISCELLANEOUS

Become an Election Protection Volunteer For the November Election Find out where you might be needed most by checking at www.ElectionProtectionVolunteer.org. Information on how you can volunteer in a state at "high risk" for voting rights violations.

Unitarian Universalists Association signs on as a partner to Campaign for Communities – an historic "black, brown, white" coalition comprised of the Earth Day Network, NAACP Voter Fund, Project Vote, and the Southwest Voter Registration and Education Project (SVREP). This historic national partnership is focusing on registering African American, Native American, Latino/a, low-income communities, and youth and young adults in states where their empowerment can make a real difference to their communities. The Campaign has divided up the country by significant regions and cities in a highly coordinated effort that complements their ongoing community organizing efforts. They have already registered hundreds of thousands of new voters. Working with Prof. George Lakoff, author of *Moral Politics: How Liberals and Conservatives Think*, they have framed their message in ways that go beyond "right and left" and address all of our desires for healthy communities. For more information about the Campaign for Communities, see www.svrep.org/cfc/campaign_for_comm.html.

WORKSHOPS, CLASSES, MISCELLANY

Saturday August 28: Democracy Unlimited HC Workshop: First Steps In Dismantling Corporate Rule 10:30 am - 5:30 pm, DUHC Office, 1402 M Street, Eureka. This introductory workshop teaches the history and context for corporate power and will help participants to take the "1st Steps" necessary to reclaim our democracy from corporations. Cost: \$20 - \$60 sliding scale. No one turned away for lack of funds. Pre-registration is required. Registration or Info: 269-0984, info@DUHC.org, www.duhc.org

Saturday September 18: Democracy Unlimited HC Workshop: Next Steps In Dismantling Corporate Rule 10:30am to 4:00pm, DUHC Office (see above) This workshop is designed with more hands-on activities and opportunities for participants to practice articulating concepts of corporate rule and fundamental democracy in their own words. Info: 269-0984

Beginning August 31: CASA Training Volunteer on the behalf of abused children with Court Appointed Special Advocates. Call to apply: 443-3197

Tuesday, September 7 and 14 or Wednesday, September 8 and 15: HSU Natural History Museum Docent Training 10 am - Noon each day. Guest speakers, fun museum gatherings, and the experience of teaching children are just some of the benefits of being a docent. \$10 materials fee. Info: 826-4479

September 8, 15, 17, & 22: HICAP Volunteer Training. Volunteer to be a health care advocate for seniors/persons with disabilities! Free training for certification as a HICAP Counselor and/or Prescription Drug Discount Resource Aide. Info: 443-9747 ext 239.

Intergenerational Visiting Program Needs Volunteers Join the Volunteer Center of the Redwoods to visit homebound elders. Info: 442-3711 ext. 214.

The Campus Center for Appropriate Technology (CCAT) at their temporary home on the HSU campus towards the rear of the parking lot at 14th and B Street. Come visit. Open planning meetings every Sunday from 10 am - 1 pm to design our new permaculture landscape, input wanted! Info: 826-3551, ccat@humboldt.edu or www.humboldt.edu/~ccat.

FOOD AND SHELTER

The Arcata Night Shelter is now in its 2nd year under the sponsorship of the **Humboldt All Faith Partnership (HAFF)**. Daily application for a one-night stay can be made at the Arcata Endeavor, 501 9th St. Transportation is provided from the Endeavor each weekday afternoon, returning the next morning. Weekend stays are arranged on Fridays. Call 822-5008 for further info. HAFF is always looking for contributions and caring volunteers. Check with your local church, or call Becky Price-Hall, Board President, at 822-6540. Make tax-deductible checks to HAFF, Box 181, Bayside, 95524.

In Eureka, The Rescue Mission at 110 2nd St. provides shelter as well as food. Drop-in referrals can be made at **RCAA**, 445-0881. **St. Vincent de Paul Dining Facility**, 35 West 3rd Street, Eureka, 445-9588, provides a hot meal every day from 11 am - 1 pm. Everyone is served. Other good sources for food and shelter can be obtained from the **Humboldt Community Switchboard** at 441-1001 or toll-free 887-460-6000.

Fridays & Sundays 5:30 pm. Free Vegan Food served on Arcata Plaza by **Food-Not-Bombs**. Help cook: 822-7228 or 822-4014. 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**.

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: **8/26** Robert Devine, author of *Bush vs. the Environment*. Info: 822-6918 or www.yournec.org.

Thursdays at 7:30 pm: **Thursday Night Talk with Jamie Flowers** on KHSU. Call-in #: 826-4805. Info: KHSU office: 826-4807.

Fridays and Saturdays 9 - 10 pm: INN Report from RadioFreeAmerica on Cable Channel 12, featuring international news perspectives, in-depth analysis with activists on current events and interviews with progressive authors and film makers.

MEETINGS

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Saturday August 28: the Humboldt Green Party The curious and the committed are invited to the General Assembly of the Humboldt Green Party taking place Saturday August 28th at the Vet's Hall in Garberville. The meeting starts at 1 and will continue to 4 if necessary. A noon potluck will take place on the patio. Info: 923-4488

Monday, August 30: Women for Peace. The WILPF are returning to a 7 - 9 pm meeting time, with a 6:30 - 7 pm social time before the meeting starts. August's meeting will feature Native American poets (starting at about 8pm). Info: Becky at 826-9197.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Wednesdays: Youth Drum Circle for ages 10 - 21 from 6 - 7:15 pm at the Arcata Endeavor. Twelve new drums! Sponsored by the RAVEN Project and Youth Services Bureau. For info and/or rides from Eureka: 443-7099.

Ending Soon: "The Trouble with Trolls" Summer Reading Program at all the Humboldt County Libraries. For information on branch open hours call the main library in Eureka at 269-1900, or go to www.humlib.org.



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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 9/3, 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.

Anti-GMO demonstrators face up to a year in jail for blocking streets during the June 2004 Biotech Convention in San Francisco. You can support them by signing the online petition: www.reclaimthecommons.net/

The New Medicare Law

Write to and challenge your Representatives, especially Sen. Feinstein who voted for the bill, to tell us whether and how you will:

- 1) Change the new Medicare law to mandate that Medicare negotiate for lower drug prices, instead of prohibiting Medicare from negotiating for lower drug prices.
- 2) Change the new Medicare law to stop Medicare from paying billions to HMOs to take over parts of Medicare. And insist that HMOs return the tax-payer money they've already pocketed.
- 3) Oppose any law to privatize Social Security which would turn our guaranteed benefits into risky Wall Street investment accounts.

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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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.

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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.

Hearts & Minds, A call-in commentary of current issues from the veterans' perspective hosted by local members of Veterans for Peace Brian Willson, Michael DeLeon, & Mark Drake. 1st Sunday at 1:30 - 3 pm.

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

Digging Up the Dirt: David Ross, host. 3rd Sunday, 1:30 - 3 pm. Info: daveross27@hotmail.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. **NEW PROGRAM TIMES!**

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**. Fridays at 9 pm: **NOW** with Bill Moyers. 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 & educate people interested in 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

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 thru 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-NC, 3rd Tuesday at 6 pm. Meetings are now at 632 Ninth St., Arcata across from the fire station. Office phone: 825-7636. Other info: 839-7459 or 786-4942 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.

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.

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

Humboldt Elections office, 3033 H St. Eureka, 445-7678, confirmed that the initiative to ban the growing of genetically engineered crops in the county will be listed on the Humboldt ballot as **Measure M**.

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 Thursday, 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 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.