



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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It's a Bittersweet Birthday—by Kristi Riddles

[As many community activists will tell you, there are specific events that got them going. This retold story was one that helped activate me.]

On Wednesday I will turn 42 years old. Who would have known what an impact Nov. 13 would have every year for the rest of my life?

I was born the first child of Bill Meadows and Karen Silkwood. They were young and in love and against both families' wishes they married right out of high school. Mom was 20 years old when I came into her life.

The day after my 8th birthday, she was taken from my life forever in a terrible car crash. She was 28 years old.

I say taken because the circumstances surrounding her death have never been known to the people that loved her or the many lives her courage altered back in a time when plutonium and nuclear facilities were unseen dangers. It could have been your 17-year-old sons working in a plant, like many do here in Cleburne.

But, in 1974, no one could imagine the horrors workers were enduring without any knowledge of the harm radiation was causing.

My mother was a straight "A" student in high school and had earned a scholarship to attend college. She loved chemistry, and after she and my father separated in 1972, she went to work at Kerr McGee, a nuclear power plant just 30 miles from Oklahoma City.

Her job involved handling plutonium and preparing it to build nuclear fuel rods, which were shipped all over the U.S. through Kerr McGee's contracts.

It was not long before Mother began to notice hazardous problems at the plant. The workers' masks and gloves did not fit properly. After each shift the workers were monitored for radiation contamination, and those who registered for exposure were scrubbed until their skin was raw and then sent home. None of the workers had any idea what plutonium was doing to their lungs.

Mom started asking questions and was soon transferred to the fuel rod lab, where they looked at finished X-rays of fuel rods. If there were no defects, the fuel rods were shipped out by contracts.

One late shift Mom came in behind her supervisor and saw him covering up a defective fuel rod X-ray with a black marker. It did not take her long to see that Kerr McGee was putting a lot of lives at risk.

Mom started collecting documentation with the support of Atomic Union representatives in Washington D.C., and they set up a meeting between her and a New York Times reporter to expose Kerr McGee's negligence and cover-up.

It was that very night, Nov. 13, 1974, on her way to meet with the reporter, that Mom's Honda Civic was found crashed into a culvert, alone on a highway. The police report said she had fallen asleep at the wheel, but private investigators hired by our family found no documentation at the scene of her accident, just her small-framed body crushed into the steering wheel.

Her hands were locked tight around the steering wheel as if she had fought to stay on the road. There were unexplained dents in the rear bumper of her Honda.

The answers to who killed Karen Silkwood are a mystery. Her triumph for better and safer working conditions and exposure of Kerr McGee's negligence, however, is a story that will be found in history books forever.

Reprinted from a Letter to the Editor of the Cleburne Time-Review

PEACE NEWS

The **Redwood Peace & Justice Center** Board has closed the Center's doors. They will maintain their structure, and hopefully will sponsor events from time to time. They still hope to find permanent quarters, large enough to support a coalition of progressive organizations. Info: staff@rpjc.net or www.rpjc.net.

ENTERTAINMENT, CELEBRATIONS, & CULTURE

Friday, November 14: HSU Music Dept. Jazz Combos. 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$7, \$3, HSU students free. Info: 826-3456.

Friday, November 14: "Battling Bats and Windmills." HSU professor Joe Szewczak, on the proposed wind farms in Humboldt County and elsewhere and his work on developing methods to induce bats to avoid windmills. 7:30 pm at the Humboldt County Office of Education at Myrtle and West in Eureka. Bring a mug and enjoy shade-grown coffee. Info: 822-2015.

Saturday, November 15: Celebrate America Recycles Day with Tours of ACRC's Samoa Processing Facility. Take a look behind the scenes and see how your recycling is sorted. Noon - 3 pm with tours at noon, 1 pm, and 2 pm. Kids' activities. Free. Go towards Samoa from the intersection of Samoa Blvd and the Samoa bridge, Turn left on Samoa Pulp Ln. Info: 445-4321.

Saturday, November 15: Northwest Intertribal Gathering and Elders Dinner featuring tribal dance demonstrations, salmon and turkey dinner, elders' honoring ceremony, Indian arts and crafts, fry bread and tacos. Gates open: 10 am – 6 pm; dinner: noon – 4 pm (or until it's gone) at Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, 3750 Harris St. Eureka. Free admission. Dinner - \$6, \$3, over 55 free. Info: 445-8451 or www.ncidc.com.

Saturday, November 15: "Pasta Passion" Benefit for the Arcata Endeavor. Celebrate 10 years of the Endeavor's service to the community. at the Bayside Grange. Info: 822-5008, ext 306.

Saturday, November 15: HSU Music Dept. Composers Concert. New music from six HSU composers. 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$7, \$3, HSU students free. Info: 826-3456.

Sunday, November 16: All Seasons Orchestra Fall Concert, Celebrating 20 Years. Free. 7 pm at the D Street Neighborhood Center, 1301 D Street, Arcata. Info: 822-4462.

Sunday, November 16: HSU Music Dept. Concerto/Aria Competition at 2 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. Free. Info: 826-3456.

Saturday, November 22: Giant ArMack Rummage and Bake Sale. This sale benefits the Arcata – McKinleyville High School Orchestra. 8 am – 3 pm at the Arcata High Multi-purpose Room.

Friday, November 28: Buy Nothing Day, an informal day of protest against consumerism observed by social activists, traditionally observed on the day after Thanksgiving, one of the 10 busiest shopping days of the year. Outside of North America, Buy Nothing Day is celebrated on the following Saturday.

Friday and Saturday, November 28 and 29: The Blue Ox Craftsman's Days: Living History and Artisan Faire featuring traditional artisans from around the area as they set up shop, display their wares, and interact with the public. 10 am – 4 pm at the Blue Ox Millworks, 1 X St, Eureka. Info: 444-3437 or www.blueoxmill.com.

Friday - Sunday, November 28 - 30 and Through December 15: Dell'Arte's Free Holiday Show "The Glasnost Family Holiday" 28th annual holiday show will be at Dell'Arte's Carlo Theatre at 7:30 pm. Bring a non-perishable food donation. The show will be performed at a variety of free venues around the county. Ticket locations and other info: 668-5663.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Wednesday, November 19: Family Literacy Night presents a special musical evening with Ross MacKinney, juggler and storyteller. A free book will be available for each family. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

Thursday, February 21: Share A Story " Growing Vegetable Soup," short video, stories, and crafts. A free book is available for each participating family. 6:30 pm at the Arcata Branch Library, 500 7th St. Info: 822-5954 or www.humlib.org.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNERS

Wednesday, November 26: The Eureka Rescue Mission; free dinner open to all served from noon - 4 pm at 110 2nd St., Eureka. Please call to volunteer or donate. Info: 443-4551.

Thursday, November 27: The Salvation Army; free dinner for seniors served at noon at Silvercrest Residence, 2141 Tydd St, Eureka. Reservations required. 445-3141.

Thursday, November 27: St. Vincent de Paul; free dinner for all served from 11 am - 1 pm at 35 W. 3rd St., Eureka. Volunteers and donations of any Thanksgiving type food welcomed. Info: 445-9588.

Thursday, November 27: The Northern Humboldt Ministerial Association; free dinner for all (turkey and vegetarian options) served from noon - 3 pm at the Arcata Veteran's Hall, 14th and J St. in Arcata. The Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir performs at 11:30 am. Please call to volunteer or donate; specific foods may be requested. Info: Joan at 822-7917.

Calendar editor's note: The groups listed above that offer food services all year long can use donations and volunteers at other times of the year as well as Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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Sunday, November 16: Redwood Region Audubon Society Birding Walk. This free public field trip to the Eureka (aka PALCO) Marsh will last 1-2 hours on a flat loop through a variety of habitats, from bay and mudflat to riparian and marshland. Meet in parking lot at foot of West Del Norte Street at 8:30 am. Info: Pablo at 845-8166.

Thursday, November 27: Thanksgiving Day Walk at the Arcata Marsh. Join Art Barab for a holiday "leg stretcher" around the Arcata Marsh, focusing on history, ecology, and birds. Meet at 10 am on the porch of the Interpretive Center (building will be closed for the holiday). Free. Info: 826-2359.

Saturdays, Ongoing: Free tours of the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary. Rain-or-shine, docent-led field trips. Meet with binoculars in the parking lot at the south end of I Street in Arcata at 8:30 am.

Saturdays, Ongoing: Friends of the Arcata Marsh Docent-Led Walks. A 90-minute, docent-led walk focusing on different topics of the marsh. 2 pm at the Interpretive Center on South G St. Info: 826-2359.

WORKSHOPS, CLASSES, MISCELLANY

Friday, November 14: "The Creative Alternative" Workshop for Family Caregivers, designed to assist caregivers in identifying, developing and using their own creativity and internal resources to manage multiple stressors and avoid the potential for burnout from care-giving. 2 – 5 pm at Humboldt Area Foundation. 4 hours of respite will be available to attend the class. Reservations requested. Info: Elizabeth at 1-800-834-1636.

League of Women Voters Humboldt County Seeks Civic Contribution Award Nominations. The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County will honor an individual or group for contributing to our community at the annual State of the Community Luncheon in April of 2009. They are currently accepting nominations for those you feel deserve this special recognition for their contributions. Download the nomination from their website at www.lwvhc.org or call 444-9252. Nominations are due by December 1, 2008.

Ongoing: Volunteer Center of the Redwoods (VCOR) The Drop of a Hat Brigade connects volunteers of all ages with one time and short-term events. RSVP provides benefits such as limited mileage reimbursement for volunteers ages 55 and older. DOORS lends support to volunteers with disabilities. Info on these and other volunteer opportunities: 442-3711 or www.a1aa.org/VCOR/.

Fridays, Ongoing: Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance: Arcata Support Groups; free, voluntary, and open peer-support groups for those experiencing depression (seasonal, situational, or chronic) and/or mood swings. Open to the public. Family and friends are also welcome. 6 pm at the Arcata Library Conference Room. Info: 443-9659 or dbsahumb@sbcglobal.net.

MEETINGS

TALK SHOWS, COMMENTARY, & MEDIA SPECIALS

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

Bill Moyers Journal Interviews and news analysis on a wide range of issues. PBS, KEET TV Channel 13 on Fridays at 9 pm and Wednesdays at 11:30 am, or on the Internet at www.pbs.org/moyers/journal.

Access Humboldt (Channels 10 & 12, public access TV, was ACAT, was APEG, was HCMC). For program schedule, submission policies and program request forms, go to www.accesshumboldt.net. Info: 476-1798.

Thursdays at 1:30 pm: **Econews Report** on KHSU, 90.5 FM. Info: 822-6918 or www.yournec.org.



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“Chaotic Action is Preferable to Orderly Inaction”—Will Rogers

Potluck/Letter Writing Monthly: First Friday, next Dec. 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.



Debbra and Michael attended this rally at the Capital in Sacramento last Sunday, as did several thousand others. It is clear that the fight for civil rights is not over. It is being taken to the streets, to the courts, and into the churches.

- - - HOPE Coalition Needs Your Support - - -

The Objective of the HOPE Coalition:

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

Yes, I would like to help support the HOPE Coalition’s newsletter and other efforts:

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Phone _____

The HOPE Coalition - PO Box 385 Arcata, CA 95518 - hopecoalition@igc.org - www.hopecoalition.org
 The HOPE Coalition Newsletter is available in Arcata at: the Co-op, & the Northcoast Environmental Center; at the main Humboldt, Arcata, McKinleyville, and Trinidad libraries; and at the Senior Center in Eureka.

HOPE Coalition Newsletter Insert—this insert contains regularly scheduled events. For special happenings and one-time events, see the regular calendar that follows the page one editorial.

PEACE NEWS

Peace Vigils Fridays 5 - 6 pm on the Arcata Plaza. Mondays at 4 pm at the Courthouse in Eureka, 445-5100 ext. 215, ask for Jack.
Vets for Peace Silent Vigil; Fridays, 5 - 6 pm: SW corner Arcata Plaza.
Vets for Peace, Humboldt Bay Chapter 56 meets 1st Thurs. at 7 pm: at the Arcata Marsh Commons. Info: 826-7124.
Women in Black stand in silent vigil every **Friday 5 - 6 pm** at the **Arcata Plaza**, 8th & G, at the **Humboldt County Courthouse** (also Saturdays at noon), the **McKinleyville Shopping Center** on the grassy area out front, and **Fridays 4 - 5 pm** in **Trinidad** at the intersection of Scenic Dr. and Main St.

TALK SHOWS, WORKSHOPS & COMMENTARY

Access Humboldt (Channels 10 & 12, public access TV). For program schedule, submission policies, and program request forms: www.accesshumboldt.net. Channel 12 schedule posted weekly in the Arcata Eye. Info: 476-1798.

COMMENTARY on KEET TV Channel 13 445-8013: **Wide Angle** Tues. at 9 pm

NOW with David Brancaccio. Fri. at 8:30 pm:

COMMENTARY on KGOE 1480 am, 442-2000: **Thom Hartmann**, weekdays 9 am - noon.

Peter B. Collins, weekdays 3 - 6 pm. Progressive talk show from San Francisco.

COMMENTARY on KHSU, 90.5 fm, 826-6089. **Democracy Now!** with Amy Goodman: weekdays 9 - 10 am.

The Econews Report with Greg King. 1:30 pm Thursdays.

A World of Possibilities locally produced syndicated public affairs program. 1:30 pm Wednesdays. Info: 826-9111 ext. 18.

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. Animal welfare issues. Info: Barbara Shultz at 986-7835, animaladvocate4@yahoo.com.

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Democracy Now! with Amy Goodman; noon, Mon. - Fri. Also 4 pm Access Humboldt Channel 12. Also 11 am on KIDE 91.3 fm. Also on Free Speech TV (FSTV) Mon. - Fri. midnight, 8 am, noon, or 7 pm.

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 call-in talk show with Jimmy Durchslag, last Friday, 7 - 8 pm.

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

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

Audubon Society Field Trips; Free field trips through the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary every Saturday at 8:30 am at the Kloop

Lake parking lot (foot of I St. in Arcata). Bring your binoculars. Rain or shine. Info: 268-8052 or 822-3613.

Campus Center for Appropriate Technology; info: 826-3551.

Friends of the Dunes; Restoration workdays the first 3 Saturdays every month, 9 am - 1 pm. Info: 444-1397 or

info@friendsofthedunes.org. Complete calendar: www.friendsofthedunes.org.

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

Redwood Alliance Climate Action Project. (Public meetings temporarily suspended until after the election.) Info: 822-6171,

climatechange@redwoodalliance.org; www.redwoodalliance.org.

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.

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 www.inkpeople.org.

Arcata Artisans Cooperative Gallery; H St. on the Plaza. Mon. - Sat. 10 - 6, Sun. 12 - 5. Info: 825-9133, www.arcataartisans.com.

Westhaven Center for the Arts; 501 S. Westhaven Dr. Info: 677-0860, www.westhavenarts.org.

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 or www.clarkemuseum.org.

Morris Graves Museum; 636 F St., Eureka. Wed. - Sun. 12 - 5 pm. www.humboldtarts.org

MEETINGS

Arcata's Nuclear Weapons Free Zone and Peace Commission; 1st Tues. 6:30 pm at Arcata City Hall, 736 F St. Info: 822-5951.
Commission on Status of Women meets 3d Tuesday at 6 pm. Call for place: 822-2502 or www.co.humboldt.ca.us/commissions/csw/.
Eureka Greens meet 3rd Saturday of every month. 3:30-5pm. 321 Coffee (321 Third St. in Old Town). Info: www.EurekaGreens.com.
Green Wheels; Mondays 6:30 pm at the Northcoast Environmental Center. Info: mail@green-wheels.org or www.green-wheels.org.
Humboldt County Human Rights Commission meets 2nd Tues. City Courthouse, Rm. B, Eureka, 6 pm. Info: 268-2548.
Humboldt Democratic Central Committee; 2nd Wednesday at 7 pm. 129 Fifth St. Info: 445-3366 or www.humboltdemocrats.org.
Humboldt Exchange Community Currency Project. Call for meetings: 269-0984.
Humboldt Watershed Council at NEC, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7 - 9 pm. Info: sheds@humboldt1.com.
Mother Jones Club & Humboldt Communist Alliance. Call for meeting times: ncalview@igc.org or 839-3824.
NAACP; Regular 3rd Sunday at 3:30 pm, **PAC** at 2:30 pm, Cooper Gulch Ctr., 8th & Myrtle, Eureka. Info: 268-8287 or 442-2638.
North Coast IWW, the Wobblies meets every 3rd Wed. 6:30 - 8 pm at the Labor Temple, 840 E St., Eureka. Info: 725-8090.
Northern Humboldt Greens meet 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 - 8 pm. Info: Shaye, 237-2790 or email arcata@greens.org.
Redwood Chapter ACLU meets 3rd Thursday at noon at 917 Third St. in Eureka. Blog at redwoodaclu.blogspot.com. Info: 215-5385.
Sequoia Greens of southern Humboldt. Call for meetings: 923-4488 or encimer@hotmail.com.
Veterans for Peace (SoHum Chapter); 1st Tuesday of Each Month at 7pm at Haynes Vets Hall, Garberville.
Vets for Peace (Humboldt Chapter 56); 1st Thursday at 7 pm in Arcata. Info: 826-7124.
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF); meets the last Monday, 7 - 9 pm at the Arcata Public Library, 500 7th St., Arcata. Info: Carol at 668-1901.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

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.
Cyber Tribe; a local non-profit business where youth can use and gain knowledge in computers. Open to age 12 - 19. Info: 826-1160.
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.
Humboldt County Teen Court is looking for teen volunteers. Info: 444-0153.
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.
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.

COMMUNITY & WELL-BEING SERVICES

Buddhist Queers (lesbian, gay, bi, transsexual) Vipassana, Zen, etc. Beginners welcome. phone 269-7044.
Health Insurance and Advocacy Program (HICAP) provides objective information, help, and advocacy for people relying on Medicare. Info and appointments: 444-3000.
Humboldt Community Switchboard can direct anyone to services in Humboldt County. Info: 441-1001 or www.theswitchboard.org.
Humboldt Domestic Violence Services Support Groups; all services are free. Info & child care: 444-9255. 24-Hour Crisis Line: 443-6042 or toll free 866-668-6543.
Humboldt Literacy Project, to improve adult reading skills necessary to function on the job, in the family, & in the community. Free & confidential. Info: 445-3655 or www.humlit.org.
Nature-Based Spiritual Queers (GLBT) pagan, Native American traditions, etc. Newcomers welcome. phone 269-7044.
North Coast Rape Crisis Team; 24 hour crisis line: 445-2881. Business phone: 443-2737.
The Area 1 Agency on Aging sponsors many senior programs. Info: 442-9591 or www.a1aa.org.
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.
Vision Loss Services; Lighthouse of the North Coast, solutions for living with vision loss. Info: 268-5646 or www.lighthouse-sf.org.