



The HOPE Coalition

Humboldt Organized for Peace & the Environment

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

Newsletter Editorial Page May 9, 2006

People say U.S. Citizens are allowing their moral values to be compromised

TORTURE – We Taught How to Use it; Now We Practice it and Jail Those Who Dare

Protest – The U.S. Army's notorious School of the Americas (SOA), recently renamed the "Western Hemisphere Institute for Security" is still called by critics the "School of Assassins." The U.S. Army-run SOA trains soldiers & police forces from Latin America. Graduates of the SOA have gone on to commit the Western hemisphere's worst human rights atrocities of the last 50 years, including: the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador; the killing of six Jesuit Priests, their housekeeper, and her daughter in El Salvador; the organized theft of babies from Argentina's "disappeared" prisoners; and carried out the massacre of 900 civilians at El Mozote in El Salvador. Nine of the training manuals used by the school were unearthed in the 90s proving the school was teaching torture.

According to investigations begun after the April 2004 disclosure of the Abu Ghraib prison scandal in Iraq, these same torture techniques "migrated" to military prisons in Afghanistan, Guant'anamo Bay, Iraq, and as many as 20 secret prisons around the world run by the CIA. Prisoners in U.S. custody in all these places have been hooded for long periods, chained for days to ceilings, floors, beds, and railings, deprived of sleep, forced to stand or squat for hours, stressed-out with threats against family members, subjected to drowning by "waterboarding," paraded & humiliated while naked, terrorized by un-muzzled police dogs, made to eat off the floor, and temporarily paralyzed by injections. The force feeding of hunger strikers at Guant'anamo was condemned by 240 doctors. Sen. Richard Durbin (D IL) on 5/14/05 read to his colleagues from an FBI memo describing in great detail the systematic torture of a prisoner in Guant'anamo. Then he added, "If I read this to you and did not tell you it was an FBI agent describing what Americans had done to prisoners in their control, you would most certainly believe this must have been done by Nazis, Soviets in their gulags, or some mad regime – Pol Pot or others – that had no concern for human beings."

Jail & Fines for Non-violent Anti-Torture Action – When pictures of torture at Abu Ghraib first appeared, public outrage resulted in the military bringing to trial a few of those whose actions were photographed, including some from the private prisons authorized by the military. No "higher-ups" in the chain of command were considered. As time went on even those convicted of death by torture were freed by the same military jury that convicted them. Such was the case in February of this year when a military jury in Colorado decided not to jail Chief Warrant Officer Lewis Welshofer after convicting him of deliberately torturing to death Iraqi Major General Abedmowhoush.

A week later, U.S. Magistrate Mallon Faircloth in Columbus, GA sentenced 37 human rights activists, some to the maximum penalty of 6 months in jail plus a \$1,000 fine. The 37 defendants, ranging in age from 19 to 81, were charged after peacefully entering Fort Benning, home of the SOA during a protest that involved a record 19,000 people from around the world. [Note: Local veteran Bill Thompson who has "visited" SOA protests a number of times, indicated the government has upped the ante this year. In the last SOA protest he attended the authorities just put the protesters in a bus, drove around awhile, and then dumped them a mile or two from the gate. Bill has also had a multi-week fast on the steps of a Federal building in Washington D.C. to protest the SOA. Bill and his wife June have also made protests at the Nevada nuclear test site. We should also mention that a group of Quakers from the Friends Church in Arcata are still petitioning the Feds to be allowed to visit Guant'anamo. Further, much of the material for this piece came from the Spring 2006 issue of NUKEWATCH.]

Government Position on Torture – The Bush administration insists that waterboarding and other techniques are "merely" cruel and degrading, but not torture. On Jan.25, 2002, White House Counsel, Alberto Gonzales wrote to the President that the so-called war on terrorism "in my judgment renders obsolete Geneva's strict limitations on questioning of enemy prisoners." On Aug. 1, 2002, Assistant Attorney General Jay Bybee wrote to the President that torturing prisoners overseas "may be justified" and that international laws against torture "may be unconstitutional if applied to interrogations."

Jennifer Harbury, whose husband was tortured for 2 years, then thrown from a helicopter by CIA informants in Guatemala, notes that torture is prohibited by our constitution and treaties. Under 18USC2340, torture abroad is a felony.

What is really frightening to this writer, having lived through the era of concentration camps, is the awarding of a \$385 million no-bid contingency contract to Halliburton, no less, to build a network of detention centers across our country, which are to be run by homeland security authorities and possibly located on unused military bases.

PEACE NEWS

Tuesday, May 23: Forum on the Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund see listing on page 3

World Heroes of Social Justice Memorial Education and Action Center Project. A project of The Ink People, World Heroes of Social Justice - people who have or are taking extraordinary measures to bring about social justice, in any of its many forms - will be memorialized by creating a physical place where their pictures can be seen, their stories told and their speeches heard. The goal is to eventually create several memorial centers around the world, however the first center is planned for Humboldt County. See May 12 Listings below for events to benefit this project. Info: Fhyre Phoenix, project coordinator, at 826-7367.

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

The Redwood Peace & Justice Center (RPJC) at 1040 H St. in Arcata offers events, information services, and meeting space to the public. Fair-trade and local gifts for sale, and books and videos are available to borrow. Open 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

Friday, May 12: Barter Fair for the World Heroes of Social Justice Memorial Education and Action Center. Trade, give away, buy or sell items. People offering goods and services of all types are invited to participate. Info or space reservations: 826-7367.

Friday, May 12: End-of-Semester Blow-Out Dance Party, 8 pm till midnight at the Bayside Grange. This is an all-age fun event, appropriate for graduates' parents as well as younger siblings. No alcohol. Soft drinks will be available. \$7, 16 and under free. Proceeds benefit the World Heroes of Social Justice Memorial Education and Action Center. Info: 826-7367.

Friday and Saturday, May 12 and 13: Dell'Arte Teen Ensemble presents “The Secret of King Obsidian;” exploring the clash of cultures, the cycle of abuse, and the power of education – all through the viewpoint of local teenagers. 8 pm at the D Street Neighborhood Center in Arcata. \$5. For tickets or info: 668-5663 or www.dellarte.com.

Saturday, May 13: The Redwood Peace and Justice Center Sidewalk Sale and Giveaway books, buttons, cards, videos and much more! 9 am – 2 pm at 1040 H Street in Arcata. Many items deeply discounted or given away for donations. Donations of goods to sell may be accepted. Info: 826-2511.

Saturday, May 13: “Primavera: An Evening of Elegance” benefit for the Equinox Center for Education featuring a five-course gourmet dinner with local wines, art auction, music, and dancing with the band Magnolia. Info or reservations: 822-4845.

Saturday, May 13: Fortuna Concert Series: McKenzie Touring Company. An evening of barbershop harmony and outlandish comedy. Doors open at 7:30 at the Monday Club, 610 Main St., Fortuna. Info and ticket locations: 725-3519.

Sunday, May 14: The Emma Center's Mother's Day Brunch. Celebrate The Emma Center's one-year anniversary. Gourmet food with vegetarian options. Live entertainment by The Fabulous Blue Jayz. 9 am - 1 pm at the Bayside Grange. \$10, \$5 for kids 10 & under. Info: 825-6680 or www.emmacenter.org.

Sunday, May 14: Atalanta's Victory Run/Walk. Annual Mother's Day, all ages, women's run and walk in Arcata. 2 and 5 mile routes. Registration from 8 - 9:15 am at the Arcata Co-op, 8th and I St, Arcata. Info: 445-9128 or www6rrc.com.

Sunday, May 14: Westhaven Center for the Arts Spring Fling, a mother's day treat for the whole family, including BBQ, raffle, children's activities, storytelling, and music by the Compost Mountain Boys. 501 S. Westhaven Dr. Trinidad. Info: 677-9493.

Tuesday, May 16: The Sustainable Nations Development Project Environmental Activism Film Series: “Gold, Greed, And Genocide”, and “Salmon on the Backs of the Buffalo” about local California native issues and struggles. Music and discussion also. 7 pm at the Old Creamery, 9th and L in Arcata. Info: 677-3588 or sustainablenations@hotmail.com.

Sunday, May 21: Sunday Afternoons at the Graves; Informal jazz jam with piano, bass, and drums. 2 - 4:30 pm at the Morris Graves Museum, 636 F St, Eureka. Info: 442-0278.

Sunday, May 21: Humboldt Exchange Pancake Breakfast; an opportunity for folks already involved with the Exchange to meet each other and for new folks to come and find out more about the project. 10 am - noon at 1402 M Street, Eureka. Info: 476-8475.

Saturday, May 27: 37th NAACP Annual Soul Food Dinner; 4 - 7 pm at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 10th and H St, Eureka. \$12. Info 268-8287. Volunteers are still needed: Shirley at 443-1389.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Thursday, May 18: Third Thursday Family Arts Night: World Music Music, arts and crafts, tango dancing and more put on by the Humboldt Arts Council at the Morris Graves Museum. 6 - 8 pm at 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278.

Tuesday, May 23: Share A Story " How Does Your Garden Grow," short video, stories, and crafts. A free book, "The Surprise Garden" by Zoe Hall is available for each participating family. 6:30 pm at the Trinidad Branch Library. Info: 677-0227 or www.humlib.org.

Thursday, May 25: Share A Story " How Does Your Garden Grow," short video, stories, and crafts. A free book, "The Surprise Garden" by Zoe Hall is available for each participating family. 6:30 pm at the Arcata Branch Library, 500 7th St. This program is co-sponsored by the Library, KEET-TV and First 5 Humboldt. Free., wheelchair accessible. Info: 822-5954 or www.humlib.org.

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

Sunday, May 14: Mother's Day Walk at Dry Lagoon. Redwood Region Audubon Society's annual walk going north along the marsh and returning via the beach. Bring a lunch and stay for an optional hike among the Sitka Spruce on a forest trail, ending by 3 pm. Meet at 8 am in the Arcata Safeway parking lot, 8:30 am at the Trinidad Park & Ride lot, or 9 am at Dry Lagoon. Info: 822-5288.

Every Weekend: Friends of the Dunes Docent-Led Walks and Dune Restoration. Specific locations and info: 444-1397 or www.friendsofthedunes.org.

WORKSHOPS, CLASSES, MISCELLANY

Tuesday, May 16: Volunteer Training for the Redwood Peace and Justice Center. A training for volunteers to work the front desk, answering phones, providing information to walk-ins, selling gift shop items, and arranging for groups to use the center. 7 - 8:30 pm at 1040 H St, Arcata. Volunteers will be asked to work 2 - 4 hours per week. Info: 826-2511 or staff@rpjc.net.

Tuesday, May 23: Forum on the Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund. H.R. 2631, a bill in Congress that would grant conscientious objector status to taxpayers. The forum offers information on the bill, including its history and estimated benefits, along with small group discussions, and sharing. Printed literature will also be available. Presented by City of Arcata's Nuclear Weapons Free Zone and Peace Commission. 7 - 9 pm, at the Arcata Community Center's Senior Dining Room. Info: 822-5953.

Wednesday, May 24: Humboldt United to End Abuse For All. Panel speakers and discussion on the connections between animal abuse and family violence with the goal of beginning the process of creating a safe haven for the pets of families fleeing domestic violence. 9 am – 2 pm at the Humboldt Area Foundation, 337 Indianola Rd. Info or RSVP: Anna or Patricia, 44-9255.

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. The 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.

Wednesday, May 17: League Of Women Voters Candidate Debate: District Attorney Race Candidates Paul Gallegos and Worth Dikeman will answer questions from viewers and from a panel of journalists. 7:30 - 8:30 pm on KEET Channel 13. Info: 445-0813.

Thursdays at 1:30 pm: **Econews Report** with NEC Director **Tim McKay**; on KHSU, 90.5 FM. **Guests:** 5/11, author Shauna Oteka McCovey reads from her book of poems, "The Smokehouse Boys;" 5/18, Mark Rockwell from the Endangered Species Coalition discusses endangered species news in Congress; 5/25, Melissa Zelinski talks about an upcoming biodiversity program at the Natural History Museum. 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.

A World Of Possibilities locally produced nationally and internationally syndicated public affairs radio program. Produced by the Mainstream Media Project, each week the program examines a specific issue in depth with leading analysts. Topics include the future of peace, renewable energy, civil liberties, and alternatives to corporate globalization. A World of Possibilities can be heard on KHSU at 1:30 pm on Wednesdays, KMUD at 9 am on Tuesdays, SIRIUS on PRI channel 136 at 6 am EST or on the web at www.aworldofpossibilities.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 June 2, 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

Election Day is Tuesday, June 6, Polls are open 7 am - 8 pm.
May 22 is the last day to REGISTER to vote for the June 6 election

The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County sponsors debates for local candidates in the June 6th election. Two will be broadcast live on KEET. Candidates will answer questions from viewers and from a panel of journalists:
Wednesday, May 10th, 7:30 - 9 pm. Supervisor, 5th District. Jill Geist, incumbent; Pat Higgins; Jeffrey A. Lytle; Daniel Pierce.
Wednesday, May 17th, 7:30 - 8:30 pm. District Attorney. Paul Gallegos, incumbent; Worth Dikeman.

The HOPE Coalition will print the Recommendations of Diverse Groups on the State Propositions. It will be available at no charge on **May 23.** Call or e-mail us by May 21 for 5 or more copies. hopecoalition@cox.net. Donations to cover printing costs are welcome.

On the ballot for June 6:
Proposition 81: The CA Reading & Literacy Improvement & Public Library Construction & Renovation Bond Act of 2006
Proposition 82: Preschool Education. Tax on incomes over \$400,000 for individuals; \$800,000 for couples.

----- **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.

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.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.

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 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.