

War On Fun

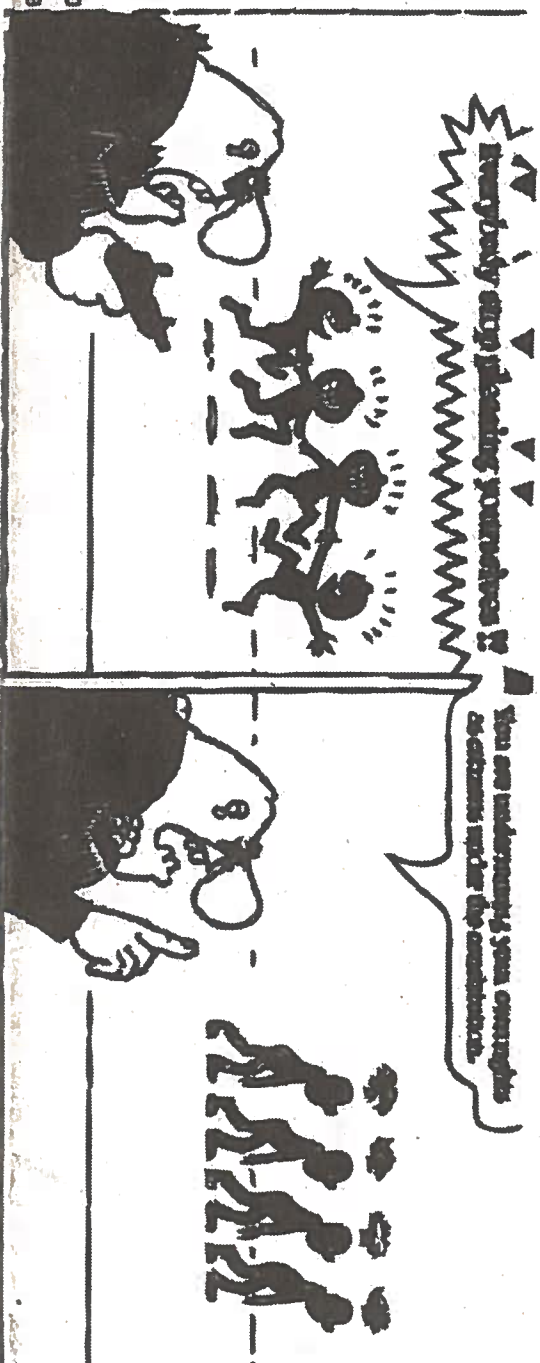
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Eureka is not very good at keeping venues that are all eyes and open to play live music for the public - which makes it hard for kids to find things to do in Eureka. For the six years I've lived here in Eureka at least four venues have been shut down; the Vista, Empire Square, Synopsis, and the vets hall. There are, however, venues you could rent out for the night, but few bands can afford to rent out venues like the Bayside Garage (in Bayside) or the Accident Gallery (C 8 3rd in Eureka) - which is actually the cheapest place to rent for the night. In 2002, Synopsis was shut down due to noise complaints from the auto shop across the street, and it ended up bringing the fire marshal to inspect the venue, who said that it was not up to fire code. Two months later, Empire Square was shut down, due to noise complaints from the same auto shop.

September into October of 2002, the Vista was re-opened for all ages shows, which hosted a multitude of awesome bands such as Forced Failure, Ice Age Cobra, The Zac Institute, Toxic Harcourt, and Instant Asshole. Out of nowhere the police began to hassle the Vista about kids drinking at the shows and waking home. After that, things started to die for the vista. Even an incident where someone threw a chair through the window and helped the venue to decide to host no more shows. Earlier that year, Out of the Sun (another local venue) closed down because Fortuna city council revoked their music permit - all other live music events were canceled. Out of the Sun was a positive place for youth to socialize in a community with little for youth to do. In reality, they closed the venue because of the (free-thinking) alternative culture that patrons of Out of the Sun were part of.

The War on Drugs has often been used to suppress music and lifestyles disliked by the political establishment. Local, state, and federal drug laws give the government enormous power and this power has been used to exert control over emerging subcultures.

The RME Act, which threatens free speech & live music, was passed in 2003 when it was tacked onto an unrelated child protection bill. In 2004, there were two additional pieces of legislation considered - the CLEAN-UP Act and the Ecstasy Awareness Act - that threatened to widen the laws



Not an Isolated Incident

You undoubtedly have heard the bad news already, Robert Garth was killed. He was a brother and son of people close to us. This was not an isolated incident. The local law enforcement have a reputation now for murdering (Cheri Lyn Moore, Martin Borton, or Chris Burgess to name a few) and humiliating people who are dissidents, the poor, houseless, and disturbed or just about anybody else they see fit. This was not an isolated incident. This is the reason Cop Watch exists! Cop Watch exists to build people power in resistance to the police state. To provide a check to the actions of the police and to report on police incidents from the ground. Of the Robert Garth killing, Cop Watch reported.

Humboldt County Sheriff Officer's shot and killed Robert Garth in the morning of Saturday August 7, 2010. CopWatchers and friends of the Garth family went to Blue Lake, after learning of the shooting. We took lots of video and photos. We want to share what we learned, in brief. "First this: As we write this post (Saturday night, August 7, 2010), we anticipate two things. The first

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The Depot Revealed

By: Sabo Cat

The building is filled with the smell of beans and burning oil as the fumes from bowls of Sysco are released. The Depot on the NSU campus is a seemingly relaxed place: a location where students and professor's allies can gather and eat their meal. But what goes on behind all of that? Three workers stepped forward and gave an inside look into what lies beneath the pretty wrapping. Among the inadequate food and the cramped working spaces, Depot employees have to deal with a top-down way of life that leaves them being fearful of management. The Depot is managed by Eddie Aguilar, who in turn assigns "student coordinators" to oversee the work of employees. At employee meetings, Aguilar has been known to say, "I can fire you at any time, for any reason." "Eddie soars the shit out of me," says Tom, a third-semester Depot employee who asked to use an alias rather than his true name. Tom recalls the manager, shuddering. He described the manager as intimidating and "mean-looking." When Tom has an issue, he is hesitant to voice his concerns to his rather unapproachable boss. Apparently, the student coordinators are no different. Aguilar handpicks this select group, giving them the responsibility to supervise their peers. And as we all know, with more power comes.... a power