

Humboldt Grassroots

The War on fun

Eureka is not very good at keeping venues that are all ages 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, Synapsis, 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 Grange (in Bayside) or the Accident Gallery (C & 3rd in Eureka) - which is actually the cheapest place to rent for the night. In 2007, Synapsis 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 Squared was shut down, due to noise complaints from the same auto shop.

September into October of 2007, 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 Narcotic, and Instant Asshole. Out of nowhere the police began to hassle the Vista about kids drinking at the shows and walking 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 RAVE 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 Cotton, 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 Officers 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

The Depot Revealed

By: Sabo Cat

The building is filled with the smell of beans and burning oil as the fumes from bowels of Sysco are released. The Depot on the HSU campus is a seemingly relaxed place: a location where students and professors alike 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 scares 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-

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Community Breakfast part II
by Kathy Anderson

It would be fine with me if I never had to deal with politics. When approached by neighbors in the 90s who asked me to run for county supervisor I immediately said, "no!" When asked why I explained that I was not a dedicated butt-kisser, nor was I desperate for attention and acceptance. So through the years I've thought of politics as a negative. I've questioned if indeed politics are necessary or if it is only that we are missing a crucial element for politics to improve America. Personally I'm disturbed by the insidious amount of corruption in present society. As the leaders do so do the people follow them as they live their personal lives.

On Haight-Ashbury in 1967, The Summer of Love, there was much discussion about how to encourage society to cease increasing industrialism and technology because scientists were warning that nature is too deeply affected by the industrial revolution to sustain human life for an indefinite amount of time. Progress of civilization was destroying the Earth but politically the response was resistance to the warnings. During this time there were strong protests against war and some were saying that real change would only happen by going into the industrial "machine" and destroy it from within. No! You'll be swallowed up said others. There were also people then who believed that it was time to leave "civilization" and the "machine" to find more Earth friendly ways to carry on commerce and other social activities instead of demanding change from a government that had no desire to implement programs in favor of the poor.

It became obvious that as we study and learn about deep philosophical ideas and attempt to learn how to be healthy human beings that our discussions of politics and human nature in relation to all of creation is only relevant when action is also involved. It's so simple and totally eludes us because often we are looking for some sophisticated way to create change and some notoriety for having done so.

Instead, change for the betterment of society happens when we feed the hungry, clothe the naked and improve a life other than our own without ulterior motives. That's why non-profits and social services that are government agencies have failed so miserably to provide relief in the form of jobs and homes for the poor; their ulterior motive is monetary gain and social power. More and more people are standing up to fill

the gaping holes in society that used to be called "cracks in the system". From coast to coast this country is experiencing the erosion of decent and healthy living because of 40 years of wanton industrial waste and political greed. Poverty has sky-rocketed, along with dis-ease, both physical and mental, war, corruption, hate crimes, divorces, rapes, murders, you-name-it, these past 4 decades. In the name of winning, and other types of vanity, society has forgotten how to care for even our own families in the rush to "make a living". Single parents are battling each other in courtrooms for the rights to their children while these children are left to themselves, torn between two worlds, neither of them healthy.

For me when I was growing up, breakfast and dinner at the table together with my family was important for my emotional well being. Feeling that I was a part of a group that was nurturing and communicating in a setting of good smelling food gave my family and I a sense of unity and security. Is it possible that community and security is directly proportional to the time families spend preparing and enjoying daily meals together?

In an effort to encourage community that nourishes and grows where we live a few neighbors and I get together on Tuesday and Friday mornings on the corner of Fairfield and Hawthorne streets in Eureka with a folding table, some folding chairs, an awning when it rains, and some welcoming hot food to warm the bellies and the hearts of fellow earth travelers and our own.

Some community members in the past nearly 2 years have dropped off 2 fresh crabs at Christmas time that we made into crab chowder for Christmas morning breakfast. Some folks donate bagels, doughnuts, fruit juice. Kat brings Gumbo and an egg and cheese casserole. We often have coffee, fried potatoes, hot cereal and even tea and whatever else the future may bring. We've even gotten money for supplies, socks, thermal wear and tarps to keep people out of the weather.

So back to politics. If it is necessary then I will join the political party that loves all of creation and endeavors to live in harmony in the universe. And I will encourage each of you to do the same. After a bit of searching high and low for such a thing you will realize that it is not politics that we need it is a heart that's full of love.

Oh....breakfast is from 8:30 to 10:30 am Tuesdays and Fridays corner of Fairfield and Hawthorne...see ya!
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Class-Conflict by Hammer

WAR ON FUN CONTINUED

to prosecute anyone who holds an event and fails to prevent illicit drug use. These laws have made it very difficult to have a venue for all ages shows, which leaves our youth community with less positive ways to express themselves and have fun. The reason being that no matter how much security a venue has, there is no way to absolutely prevent incidents or drug use in all people who show up to an event. All a venue can do can is to try to keep kids safe and sober in and around the venue.

While non-profits, such as the Placebo and occasionally the Marz project, do have shows, there are very few places left to play shows. Though a new venue just opened up, the Arcata Theater Lounge, it isn't all ages. However, they have said they are going to have all ages nights. Still, non-profit venues are most of what the youth music scene rely on for shows- the cost to go to shows is very minimal, so they rely on public and private grants for a good chunk of their operating expenses. The government (from small scale to large), however, seems to still have it's priorities in approach to the youth backwards. While youth activities that promote community and responsibility operate on a shoe string budget, the county is looking to get the state to approve a \$13 million grant application to build a new juvenile hall facility, which will cost the county thousands per year.

THE FAMILY

"Dude man there this group of like, the most rich and powerful people called The Family or sometimes called The Fellowship, they're fundamentalist fanatics pushing Unregulated capitalism and a World wide self serving Totalitarian Theocracy!" Sounds like more hippie garbage, but this is real, early July 2009 The story of The Family and the C street house' was picked up by the national media. Though for many readers the realization of hard facts that our republic is a sham and has been subverted by group of Christian fascists for the last 70 plus years may have been overshadowed by the barrage of coverage of Michael Jacksons death that continued for weeks.

The media discovered The Family via Senator John Ensign of Nevada, South Carolina Governor Mark Sanford and former Mississippi Congress member Chip Pickerin. Recent sex scandals where all of them went to be counseled by Doug Coe, spiritual leader of The Family. You're probably wondering why weren't they kicked out of this extremely religious organization for cheating on their partners. Well they are, according to their theology, chosen by god so they can do no wrong so long as they have power.

On Democracy Now, as with just about every other media outlet covering the story Jeff Sharlet was interviewed to shed light on this secretive, powerful and extremely authoritarian fundamentalist group. Jeff Sharlet is the author of the bestseller, *The Family: The Secret Fundamentalism at the Heart of American Power*, in these Interviews he revealed much about the family that can be found in his book.

You might wonder who The Families membership is made up of. It consists of U.S. Senators and congress members, generals, corporate leaders, foreign heads of state, and even dictators. Oh' and if that isn't enough Hillary Clinton was named as a member, the family organizes the national prayer breakfast where political leaders, heads of state make informal political agreements and have done so for the last fifty years. Their ideas are older than the group but inherently, and just as sinister, their ideology harkens back to a time of "the divine right of kings". An idea so oppressive that it took revolutions all over the world where countless died for a secular republic. The right for people to choose who ruled them and didn't rule according to religion, (not even democracy has the right to have a say on matters that affect you) just the right to elect rulers who would have to appease the people in some way to stay in power (even that hasn't worked in practice in many cases) The group itself started as a union busting organization in 1935 on the premise that the New Deal and organized labor were a satanic conspiracy and they needed to be stopped. The Family is not for the working man, they think that Christianity has been misunderstood, that Jesus only wanted to select a few key people. The Families relation to god is hierarchical as in people with the power are chosen by god and for them to rule others is to submit to god.

So to clarify The family is a organization that Includes the rich powerful politically connected who feel they have a divine right to rule and law and morality don't apply to them neither does public sentiment.

Though this group is not part of the government, it advises brokers deals between the rulers of the world at the national prayer breakfast where connections are made and under the table policy is set.

In this article we are summarizing points about the family that we found interesting and

at times highly disturbing. We are doing this because it is really important that people pay attention to these want to be rulers of the world hold them accountable and expose them when ever possible, by spreading information we can do our little part to undermine authoritarianism and promote grassroots democracy.

The Family's founder Abraham Vereide was a Norwegian immigrant and early fundamentalist. In 1935 he met with FDR and the head of US Steel, James Farrel who Abraham claims introduced him to the idea that all of Americas economic problems are because of our failure to obey Gods law. He had a

vision where God comes to him and says "Christianity has gotten it wrong for the last 2,000 years" and that they instead of focusing on the poor, the down and out he wants to focus on the rich and powerful, the up and out. On top of this he had a great sympathy for European fascism he even helped former Nazis get jobs like being bankers for west Germany.

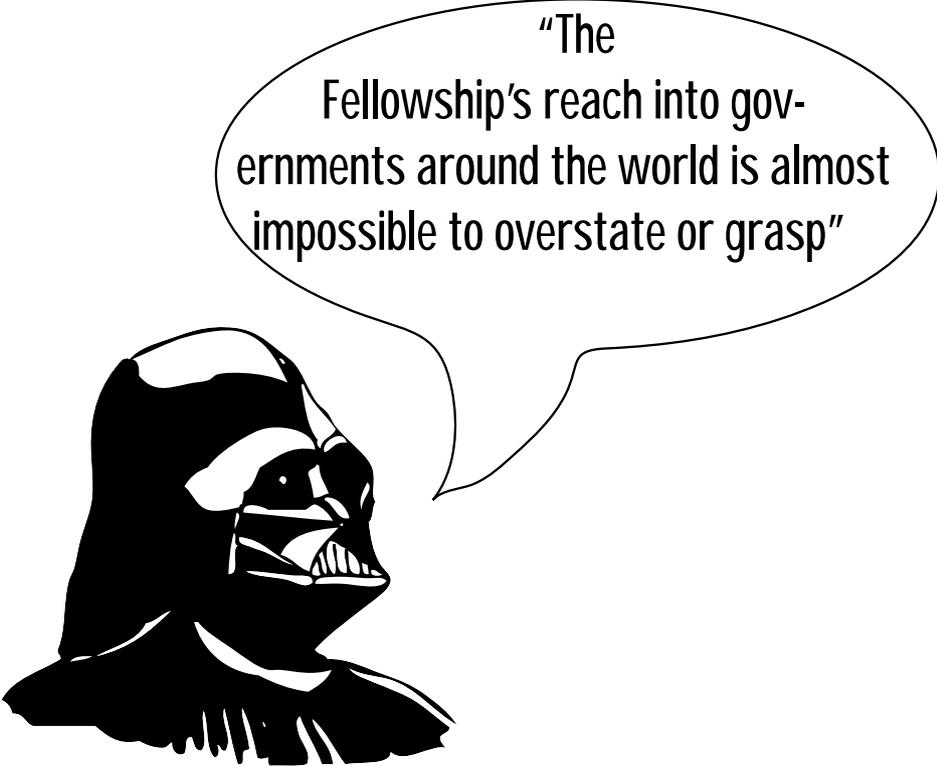
They're new leader Doug Coe continues the the Family legacy believing in a sort of totalitarianism for Christ. What the family believes is that the new testament is primarily about power. Doug Coe in a quote says to congressman Tiahrt in a conversation about historical figures he could look to as models of power. "Hitler, Pol Pot, Osama bin Laden and Lenin". He goes on to say, "you know Jesus said 'you got to put him before mother-father-brother-sister'? Hitler, Lenin, Mao, that's what they taught the kids. Mao even had kids killing their own

mother and father. But it wasn't murder. It was for building the new nation. The new Kingdom". The Family even admires men like Hitler, Goebbles, and Himler. They are impressed by what these three men were able to 'accomplish'. But this is definitely not a strictly fascist organization the just like the model of power and strength.

The Family has members and associates from both ends of the (narrow American) political spectrum members of congress and the senate, both democrat and republican. People like senator John Ensign of Nevada, governor Mark Sanford from South Carolina, former congressman Chip Pickerin, senator Chuck Grassley and even Hilary Clinton. They have an officers group in the US military with 15,000 members. The family has even gotten money from the Prince family who own Blackwater mercenary company now called Xe. They are friends with powerful people all over the world. David Kuo a member of the Family and former special assistant to George W. Bush and director of the Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives said "The Fellowship's reach into governments around the world is almost impossible to overstate or grasp". They have done business with dictators like Suharto and Siad Barre of Somalia. Its obvious that they're reach is far and wide

The Family has no apparent ideology barring submission to power that is the powerful submit to "God" by subjugating the less powerful and they see the natural chain of command going from god to dictators rich and powerful people all the way down the way down the hierarchy to the working class and oppressed, who show their respect for god by obedience to stay in their place and conform to their ascribed role even though it hurts them.

This is why feminism, labor movement, environmentalism, gay rights (anarchism goes without saying) all are the enemies of the family, all these movements stress significance of the lives of people who aren't on the top of the social hierarchy and undermine the people in powers' dreams of limitless exploitation and rule.



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CULTURE OF RESISTANCE

You may have had this experience like many have when talking about the state of the world. Whenever the topic of making real social change or revolution comes up a cynic chimes in who wants a positive social change, saying talk is cheap, action is all that matters, all radicals do is play songs about revolution without doing it and making murals about ending war instead of really stopping it. In a way they're right. The obstacles to Anarchy, a society based on freedom solidarity human decency, have not been destroyed and the path to unfettered human potential hasn't been cleared. At the same time they overlook highly relevant actions that make revolutionary change possible. Actions such as building a culture of rebellion by creating music and art that are promoting free thought, mutual respect, sincerity, solidarity and disrespect for all authority and the powers that be. Take for example the story of Joe Hill the IWW labor organizer singer songwriter

The IWW, which advocated a new economic order featuring "one big union" of workers controlling the means of production. Hill began organizing for the IWW and he used his music to strike a chord with a forgotten segment of American society. He would slip in a couple of hard facts in with a good tune and people would get it more easily seeing as many weren't into or able to read. Joe Hill observed, "A pamphlet, no matter how good, is never read more than once," Hill is reported to have once written to a friend. "But a song is learned by the heart and repeated over and over".

That quote still rings true today, where revolutionaries and Activists are inspired to by rebel music art and poetry of the past and present more than the best pamphlets or non fiction.

My first encounter with counter culture specifically punk rock was listening to music from the 70s and 80s like the Dead Kennedys, the Clash, Bad Brains, Bad Religion, the Addicts, the Casualties etc. music that was made before I was born. The music introduced me to radical ideas, but experience of being involved in a living breathing counter culture is what brought those ideas to life. So many communities working together in an authentic and real way. The culture that puts on shows puts on food not bombs stands against police brutality creates a sense of joyous community in revolt.

A lot of how music helps is by allowing free expression and letting loose all those repressed feelings in a mostly supportive community. The first show I went to was a metal show Forced Fed Trauma, it was unadulterated rage hate and joy in consensual violence with a general disrespect for usual repressive social rules. It wasn't the same as the punk shows I went to later, the mosh pit was not an option it was the first time I broke my nose and I was fully prepared for it. There were people hanging from hooks on the ceiling it was really different experience than I was used to.

Also it's not just punk rock it's hip hop some gangster rap, Ska, metal, blue grass, funk, reggae, and country and everything in between those are mediums where ideas of change and practicing what you preach really comes through.

Now your probably wondering "what about visual art?" well posters put out by the *Bee Hive Collective, those amazing fliers and posters you see around town like wood block poster for the second anarchist book fair help build a revolutionary culture. Writing is definitely a creative mode of expression, the words you choose, the style created by the way words are put together and presented are all important elements for expressing ideas. consider self published Zines or hand made books or this news paper, how the words are presented all impact how the ideas are taken in. CrimethInc is an a successful publishing group that wrote the famous book, Days of War, Nights of Love, CrimethInc for beginners. It's far reaching success in inspiring so many to become anarchists is firmly rooted in the premise that you can't have a real revolution if people can't dance to it.

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is that the media (i.e. Thadues Greenson of the Times-Standard who was in Blue Lake) will parrot, stating as fact, the police story. That's what the media ALWAYS does. Now, we know the police story will be told in defense of the cops who murdered Robert." (Redwood Curtain CopWatch, Indymedia) That is exactly what happened. The cops killed another person and again the status quo media hurried to cover their tracks: "According to the release, the handle of the rake broke off during the assault, and officers arrived to find the assault victim and the suspect struggling over the rake handle. When deputies pulled up in their patrol car, Knight said, the victim let go of the rake and ran away from the suspect. According to the press release, the suspect then turned his attention to the officers, and allegedly began advancing on them with the rake handle, which looked like a three-foot metal pipe. The suspect, who was in close proximity to the officers, then allegedly raised the pole into striking position and came at the officers, causing them to draw their weapons, according to the release." (Times Standard, August 8, 2010)

This is the same line the police have always given for shooting, beating, burning, and killing people in our community. Either way you slice it, it is another killing of a member of our community who was cared for and that didn't need to die. We all know this didn't have to happen, the police need to stop killing! This makes many wonder, why didn't they use their tasers? If they are so murderous and unjust, do we need the police? Could we have a world without police, where public safety is dictated by the community, not men in uniform??

The police don't typically use tasers instead of guns. Instead, they use them when no force would otherwise have been used. The single most common application of the taser's 50,000 volts is not in defense against a violent attack but simply to gain a person's compliance. The police use the taser quite literally to shock people who pose no threat to them but who are not doing what they're told.

According to Charles Garth (Robert's father), when he spoke with district attorney, Paul Gallegos, Gallegos said "The police have the right to use deadly force. They don't have to use minimal force." He further stated that Robert was a lunatic! Paul Gallegos is a coward because he won't prosecute the Sheriffs who murdered Robert Garth.

A witness at the scene of the crime saw the police put a sheet over Robert while knowing full well he was still alive. The police also joked and laughed in the presence of Robert's family, refusing Robert medical attention.

Then of course it is time to consider a world without police a real possibility, and an absolute necessity, says Portland's Kristian Williams, author of *Our Enemies in Blue: Police and Power in America*. "It's not personal, it's institutional," according to Williams who has done his homework working as a member of Rose City Copwatch and writing extensively on the subject of police power in his two books: *Our Enemies in Blue: Police and Power in America* and *American Methods: Torture and the Logic of Domination*. "We haven't always had this [police] institution," Williams said. "The institution of the police is really only a couple hundred years old, and if we're willing to accept the idea that social changes produced this new institution, we should at least have an open mind that further social change could eliminate it." *Our Enemies in Blue* traces the history of policing from the slave patrols of the colonial era to the contemporary age of militarization and the war on terrorism. Williams looks at the institution's role in preserving racial and economic inequality, and suppressing social change. "We're very much encouraged to think of the police in terms of what they do - they fight crime, defend public safety, direct traffic at accidents," Williams said. "Those are actually secondary functions. The guiding force of the institution is the need to maintain the distribution of power in roughly the configuration that it is: keeping the rich well off and the poor marginalized and preserving the monopoly that white people exercise on all of the benefits of society. And when those things conflict either with public safety or the law, public safety or the law falls to the side. The preservation of class and race hierarchies are a far better predictor of what police are going to do." (Joanne Zuhl, *Street Roots*) Williams analysis appears painfully true when you look at the case of the Garth family and their property Yee Haw! After killing Robert Garth, now Gallegos is charging Charles Garth, a 215 patient, with felony charges of "Sale and/or Transportation of (13.3 ounces of) Marijuana." This is three days after sheriffs gunned down his son. It is like he is kicking Charles while he is down.

Charles Garth is best known for being the owner of the property known as Yee Haw!, an intentional community existing in Trinidad, California for over 25 years. Yee Haw! has a communal food garden and there are living spaces where things run fine without the county or the cops.

As you may remember, Yee Haw! was terrorized by the Code Enforcement Unit (CEU) back on July 25, 2007. Sheriffs were sticking guns in mother's faces, searching for pot, and pepperspraying pets. Though no pot was found, that exact same group of code enforcement and back-up left Yee Haw! and made a 1200 plant bust at the next "code inspection." (The Plazoid 8/10 - 8/17) That's right the existence of Yee Haw! quietly undermines and ignores these hierarchies. The cops will try if they are able and allowed to disrupt, terrorize, and interfere with any community that doesn't actively recognize and depend on their authority. But of course not all cops are bad! I have friends that are cops. Maybe your dad is a cop and he is a fine person! Lets say that's true! Williams doesn't lay the blame on individuals. In fact, he says the institution is better served if as few officers as possible realize what they're doing. (Remember the old saying "I was only following orders")

As an institution, the police force is the agent of those with the power, Williams said, and as such serves their interests. Williams also said police, like most organizations, are predisposed to seek out rewards and avoid trouble.

"If the police go about scrutinizing, harassing, and bullying people who are relatively powerless, than the possibility of reward is high and the possibility of trouble is very low," Williams said, using the example of police measures to arrest and curb panhandlers. If they tried to hold privileged people to the same standards as poor people then the possibility of rewards would be very low and the possibility of trouble would be very high. So our job as community members is to make it really costly for the police to kill or bully people. We need to cause them trouble or this same tragic scenario will play out time and again. They will continue to beat and kill with impunity until we tell them loud and clear NO MORE! Cause them trouble like Cop Watch causes trouble, like protest causes trouble, like not allowing a disgrace. Let's not let this pass without an outcry. Not without a fight! Understandably, many people are afraid of change, especially a change so radical as doing away with the institution of the police. Like anything you can't get off cold turkey, without a ready replacement and what better fuel for our fight against this public menace (the cops) than to create our own self-organized institutions to take on the responsibility for public safety where we live, that are directly and democratically answerable, controlled by the people they serve.

In *Our Enemies in Blue: Police and Power in America*, Williams offers up example after example of different approaches to public safety drawing on the work of the Black Panthers to organize survival programs for the elderly, and the street committees created by the anti-apartheid movement to protect black citizens in South Africa. Another example is the Labor Guards of the Seattle

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General Strike. One striking model comes from the Community Restorative Justice program of Northern Ireland after the evacuation of British police units.

"They went to criminologists and conflict resolution professors and asked them to design a system that would help them out of this trap. It really was a trap. The British knew that was going to be the result when they withdrew. At the outset, the academics met with people in the communities, had meetings, block by block, building by building, talking about what their concerns were and what they wanted out of resolutions. And they then came up with specific aims, among them were nonviolence, respect for human rights, opportunity for due process, restorative focus and, interestingly, working within the law. There were elected bodies that took on a restorative perspective.

They operated in very small areas and relied on public cooperation to sanction people who were behaving antisocially."

The pilots caught on and are still at work today, a decade later, Williams said. He goes on to say, "But with any policing system,

ARCATA-Tree sitters lives

were threatened Tuesday morning, when they awoke to the sound of Green Diamond Resource Company (Simpson Timber) chainsaws roaring, while trees were felled directly adjacent to the non-violent protesters' tree-top demonstration. The ongoing protest intends to highlight widespread, destructive logging practices of the company by showcasing recent clearcut logging in the Jacoby Creek Watershed, just outside of Arcata, California.

Earlier this week, August 23, the four activists ascended trees within a cutting unit to make a last stand for the threatened forest. This skilled platform installation about 100 feet up came after the Redwood Forest Defenders blocked a logging road. During that action, a woman dangled 60 feet above the road in a small platform secured only by a rope connected to a closed gate. When timber fellers arrived at the scene that day, the Green Diamond employees began to cut through rope that provided the sole lifeline for the woman.

"These two incidents are the most company-caused danger forest activists have encountered since the days of struggle against Maxxam's Pacific Lumber," said Shawna of the Redwood Forest Defenders. "We don't want to hurt anyone, we just want them start listening to the people and stop destroying our watersheds by clear cutting redwoods. Maybe the timber wars aren't over, after all!"

The two logging plans Green Diamond is operating on in the Jacoby Creek Watershed provide a small example of the systemic clear cutting Green Diamond is engaged in, across their entire 430,000 acre ownership in northern California. In 2004, the century old logging company changed its name from Simpson Timber to Green Diamond, in a strategic "greenwashing" move. Kamilche Group, a Washington-state based conglomerate and parent company to both Simpson and Green Diamond, also owns California Redwood Company.

"Green Diamond's insistence on short-rotation, clear cut logging degrades the forests for the future, and contributes to the climate crisis," said ShawFor <http://forestdefender.blogspot.com/> For <http://forestdefender.blogspot.com/> na. "The company needs to get out of the dark ages of liquidation logging, to provide for more sustainable jobs and a better future for everyone. We cannot stop our campaign targeting their practices, until they do."

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checks and balances are key".

"We shouldn't exempt these kinds of organizations from the skepticism we would bring to any other authority," Williams said. "They can only be trusted to the degree that they are actually controlled by the communities they are serving and to the degree that they are genuinely committed to humane and democratic values." Lets keep that in mind, as we as a community create our own organizations to make the police obsolete. We can do this together, with Cop Watch, other community-controlled organizations that exist and others yet to be formed. We are already doing it, many more of us need to do it a lot more! We do not have to stand for this assault on our community. This is your problem! This is not something you can vote for or passively agree with. You have to organize and problem-solve to create these alternatives. Nobody can do it for you! We can build something better and defend each other from this archaic and brutal police institution.

There Is Safety In Solidarity.



Angelo's Workers with Pizzazz

It all started with a disagreement with my manager Russel arguing with me over being able to stay "on the clock" as I was forced to stay at Angelos

Pizza to close without being payed, or at the very least compensated with a free complimentary beer. After several verbal battles in which co-workers were hesitant to back me up, I organized a resistance. The closer and I were able to corner Russel with arguments and back up. I never conversed with the bossman, however, I knew that eventually, Russel would see that it was unreasonable to make us stay.

It was understandable that Management wanted us to stay even though we were done with our closing duties, at the time there were robberies occurring around Eureka and Arcata areas. Regardless, if workers are meant to act as security/restaurant people, we should be paid.

What Really Happens at Preschool after Parents Leave? By C. N. Cide

I work in a preschool with conscientious, well-trained professionals. I offer this perspective so that the information I am about to disclose will not shed adverse light upon the individuals who care for the young humans I am about to describe. The staff of the facility, where I work, are not to blame for a preschool system that has been in place long enough to impact several generations of Americans. It will, no doubt, continue to affect vulnerable pre-kindergarteners until enough parents form a coalition and end the mass depositing of children into rigidly structured environments, to suffer, daily, from parental separation anxiety. This article is not so much an argument for policy change, as it is a snap shot of what happens after parents leave their 3 or 4 year-olds while they go off to work or school.

Louis is 41/2 years old. He cries everyday when his father drops him off. Although Louis has been in the school for over six months, he has not accepted the morning regimen of parting with his father. He stands at the window and watches his parent walk away and remains there until a staff member coerces him into joining others at the breakfast table. Louis plays after breakfast until "circle time," when the group gathers for the teacher to announce the day's routine. Louis usually gets up from his seated position on the floor and removes himself to another room where he is closer to the door where his father was last seen. Every day one or two staff members must oversee Louis until he returns to circle. During outdoor play, Louis tries, repeatedly to leave in order to search for his father. Often, he spends the time after lunch, sobbing for his father. His only consolation comes when he's asked questions about his father: "What did daddy make you for breakfast?" or "What's a game you and daddy like to play?" Then, cheered by pleasant memories of home, he smiles and reminisces of family events. Louis cannot tell time, but, he seems to instinctively know when his dad is about to arrive and becomes focused on the entrance to the school about ten minutes before his father enters to pick him up. His father and mother both work.

Mannie is five. He's about to start kindergarten. He is a strapping boy with leadership qualities and a love of tractors, tow trucks, and tussling. He's loud, opinionated, and a bit of a bully. When his mother prepares to leave, she kisses him goodbye and he firmly, yet gently repeats two words: "No, stay!" Mannie softly repeats this phrase as his mother walks to her car. Without tears, he turns toward the others and commences vigorous and rough play, often pushing others and throwing toys. He spends the day aggravating first one child then another. He is rude to adults and prefers not to follow rules. His brow is constantly furrowed in consternation and he rarely smiles except when taking a toy away from another child or refusing a request from the staff. Mannie has anger

issues.

Brenda is four. She is delayed with her speech and it takes much patience and attention to discern what she is saying. "Aw wa mah" means: "I want my mom." Brenda varies between angry, defiant behavior and withdrawn, listless wandering. She is not understood by the other pre-schoolers, so, they simply avoid playing with her, which, effectively isolates her from normal interaction with other children. She likes to show me a photograph of her family on a wall where she points proudly to her father and mother. Her eyes light up and she smiles broadly, showing her tiny white teeth as she repeats the sacred words, "Da Da" and "Mah." Recently I noted that she has begun lying on the ground during outdoor play to stare at the sky. I am not a therapist, but, I feel it's reasonable to say that this child is not bubbling over with joy and enthusiasm. Brenda would like to be with Da Da and Mah. Her parents both work.

Paul is five and has a very high I.Q. He uses his intellect to impress and plot against adults. While he is a wonder at problem solving, construction, art, and language skills, he is also a mastermind at booby traps. He devises ingenious methods to trip and trick unsuspecting staff members who walk around with boogers smeared on their clothing, slip on strategically spilled paint, search for mysteriously misplaced art supplies, and topple as he innocently slides a stealthy foot into place. Why? He's being given a steady fare of preschool curriculum and he's bored with it. This little boy has a bright future as an engineer or perhaps an architect, but, he's being given finger paints and crayons, to occupy his day. Sadly, this brilliant child grows more bitter each month at being imprisoned in a preschool where independent thinking is, not only not encouraged—it's actually discouraged. I hope the hive mentality of our preschool system will not ruin this extremely intelligent human being.

These are the most noticeable examples of anxiety I have seen. There are others—some behaviors are duplications of those afore mentioned and some are less in severity. ALL children in my facility display some variation of separation anxiety. It is my opinion that the existing preschool infrastructure is not serving the needs of the children. These little people are crying out for help, but, only those who work in the system are there to hear them; the very individuals who depend on the existing preschool system for their livelihoods. I have given you this information as one who is privileged to be with these precious and fragile little human beings during the time that they are away from their families. Please re-read the scenarios and look deeply for your own meaning. Would you want this for your kids?

Shattuck Cinema Workers

Organizing on the job isn't easy. There are many obstacles that the boss will throw in the way. In service sector jobs the difficulties are more pronounced. Even without boss interference the high turnover rate is always a challenge. Low wages at a part time job means workers quit and look for other jobs. Bosses hope that if workers do get organized, they will be forced to accept a labor board election as their only means of legal recognition. As legal involvement increases, the workers on the job power decreases. Bosses take hard bargaining stances, which result in very slim possibility of winning a decent contract.

Landmark Theater Company is a sixty theater chain owned by Texas billionaire Mark Cuban. Cuban also is the owner of the NBA Dallas Mavericks. Union organizing first came to Landmark six years ago in Minneapolis. The United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) attempted to organize three theaters through an election, which was lost. The Union left and not much happened after that.

One year later workers at a Landmark Cinema in Cambridge, Mass. did win an election with the UFCW. After many months of fruitless contract negotiations the Union and workers gave up.

In 2006 the IWW began organizing at Shattuck Cinemas in Berkeley. Thinking that a good contract was possible bargaining began. It became clear soon after bargaining started that the company had no intention of accepting any of the workers demands and bargaining sessions stopped. An odd relationship between the company and the Union exists to this day. There is no labor agreement. But the Union won "certified bargaining rights". Workers at the Shattuck are "represented" by the IWW. The company is legally required to talk to the Union if it wishes to make changes.

Before the Shattuck cinema workers started to organize with the IWW, people weren't getting their raises or evaluations. These were things that were clearly spelled out in the employee hand book and the company just didn't hold up their end of the bargain. People would get like a five cent raise after working there for a long time. So organizing and fighting this was the only way to deal with this disgrace.

They had huge rallies when they went public hundreds filled the parking lot workers on shift would walk out and join in the music and fun. The bosses were scared and agreed to stick to a raise schedule.

The company agreed to bargain but never sat down and actual negotiated a contract since their first going union. Contract or not the union has been a great help in more than a couple ways. People can wear their pins and have freedom of speech and organization on the job, plus job security. But it's the "little" things too when the boss asks you to clean a stinking putrid mess of feces from a sick customer without protection other than vinyl gloves the union makes a world of difference. All workers were guaranteed bio-hazard protection to clean something like that.

At the Shattuck Cinemas workers have won as a raise schedule, safer working conditions and respect that comes with having power on the job, as a result of organizing with the IWW. (Now you know those aren't just words.)

GENERAL CALL TO HIGHWAYRESISTANCE,

The Redwoods, the Tanoaks, the owls, the birds, the bats, the yellow legged frogs and the rest of life are up against it in Richardson Grove State Park, a few miles south of Garberville in Southern Humboldt County.

Both CalTrans and the Feds are busy planning for a future that can't exist. CalTrans is willing to twist our environmental laws until we can drive a truck through them – right there at Richardson Grove. Specifically the STAA trucks which represent the future of Bigger and Fewer: trucks that are longer and carry double the loads. Eureka's port will pour a cornucopia of goods out of and into the HumBayBeltway through the open veins of Richardson Grove!!!

The Feds are putting in three quarters of the money. They have their Military Defense Highway Plane as their motivating delusion. The expansion will enable the Military to run their heaviest wheels thru the new highway. Meanwhile the real highway system around us is in a shambles, popping apart like a loosely clamped waterline. Here, as the summer of 2010 slips away, it is time for a call to sanity.

Can't get to the lovely Gulf Coast to soak up oil with your soul? Richardson Grove is built on the same model: guaranteed harm in the present to the natural world on behalf of the expectation of future profits. Google and then scroll down CalTrans Richardson Grove Final Report. Trucks, markets, economics...you don't find the natural world until the appendix. Then it is "harm yes...impact not significant." Not to them,

Even imagining this thoughtless atrocity breaks the treaty we made with the trees to compensate for the PostWar II cutting of the rest of the forest. The logged off wood went into the suburban explosion via the automobile - fueled literally by our global control of oil production. The expansion of the highway in the Grove is the last link in the Federal Highway system - an Eisenhower era imperial symbol that may rival the Pentagon in its magical importance to the Military/Industrial/Congressional complex. We can't let the evil Pinball Wizards win this one.

The expansion is also standard issue Business Bubble building – you know: the deeper port in Eureka to the north, with cheaper goods on bigger trucks, bigger goods on cheaper trucks - all the fantasies of the anything to make a buck crowd. This worship of money at all costs is bubbling away in the gulf but focusing locally on the Grove can give birth to and even unearth our previously buried sense of urgency. Sept 30th was the start up date, now the talk is of Jan. 2011. We can't let this happen.

This is definitely not about a little, teensy, ittibitty widening of the road through Richardson's Grove of Redwoods. The fight is about when do we start acting as if we wanted a future for our species in the web of life. It's about no longer allowing the state of California and the federal government to set the agenda from their offices up there in Cloud Cocoo Land.

It was once said that the Meek will inherit the Earth when nobody wants to buy it. Obviously the time is ripe for a re-assessment of this mercenary relationship with the Earth, as well as some kind of revolutionary upheaval. It seems clear that when institutions fail miserably as they are failing now in the face of ecological and economic collapse, we will fall back on each other. That is the revolutionary moment – when widespread exasperation leads cooperatively to unique solutions outside the box.



We've been practicing various forms of nonviolent resistance on behalf of the environment for decades now. The utter wasteful stupidity of the Richardson Grove project – so symbolic of our global crisis – is wakening us as an action community again. Our talent for innovation may place us in the forefront again of the effort to – first – save the earth, and – second - liberate ourselves. Whenever the call comes to defend the grove, we must rise to the occasion. Paul Encimer (wildcalifornia.org is a good place to remain in touch. Write me at Box 162, Piercy CA 95587

THE DEPOT REVEALED

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hungry attitude. Some employees at the Depot say, "All you need to be a coordinator is a cup of coffee and the ability to criticize." Student coordinators have a higher salary and in a sense, because of most of their buddy-buddy relationships with Aguilar, more job security.

Mary Jane, a second-semester worker who also chose to go with an alias, claims that while some student coordinators can be "chill" others are just power-hungry and rude. "Sometimes if they don't want to do a job themselves, they'll get one of the workers to do it." She said, shaking her head in disapproval.

One extreme example of a coordinator was Jen. She worked last semester and now has graduated. Jen was described by Jane as a constant black cloud of the Depot. Jen was close to management, which inspired the all too well known alienation from her peers, enabling her to be increasingly unpleasant to the other workers. Betty, another fellow worker with an alias said, "She doesn't get anything done. She just sits in the cash room and yells at people." There were countless horror stories regarding this dictatorial coordinator.

Besides the concerns about the obvious top-down hierarchy, workers are upset by the food wastage. Mary Jane recounts that she can't even look while she throws away all the uneaten breakfast burritos at grill. "Every day I go down to Arcata and I see a guy with a sign that says 'I am hungry' and here we are dumping all of this food," she said. In fact, the Depot is extremely wasteful. Betty said that Salsa City alone throws away up to 3 full trash bags of food per day; food that can still be eaten. Workers would like to donate it to the needy,

Shattuck Cinema Workers continued

Recently, workers at Embarcadero Center Cinemas in San Francisco have joined the IWW and made a list of demands. The Union hopes to not make some of the same mistakes that were made in the past at other theaters. The possibility is slim to non-existent that Embarcadero management would voluntarily recognize the Union. Holding an election is not an option because like Minneapolis, Cambridge and Shattuck, this is the company's big hope to derail the workers power.

Landmark portrays itself as indie and progressive and art house and all that. They have an image that the corporate head office continually polishes. All the while, tightening corporate control. Like Starbucks

The essence of this approach is, "have your Union, but you will never get a decent contract." We can bargain forever but the company is not legally bound to agree to anything.

So Cinema workers everywhere are encouraged to get involved organizing on the job and in the industry to make the bosses give in to workers demands because they have the power.

-Bruce valde
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but the management fears the danger of getting sued. What most people don't know is that if the Depot were to donate food, it would be protected under the Good Samaritan Food Donation Act. This means that being sued isn't a real danger. However, this ties in with the former topic. Most workers are outraged at the wasteful mannerisms of the Depot, but they are too afraid to face management.

There is still a light at the end of that tunnel. A small group of workers have gathered and met with the IWW (Industrial Workers of the World) to try and bring in the idea of a union. They hope to end the abuse of power of management, so concerns can be voiced without the fear of being unjustly fired.

Important Groups and Resources

Editorial statement

What's up: what has Humboldt Grassroots been up to? Flaky, because the regional assembly was a disappointment. We had expectations of friends from many groups part of the Anarchist movement locally connecting and working together on the common project of building a popular anarchism that would benefit all respective groups individuals and causes.

Like our proposal of dues to make it possible to have info shop or free school plus get the paper to have regular distribution. This proposal among others may have been appropriate had we talked with all the participants extensively before having the agenda finalized and the assembly go forward. As is always we must remember that regular communication is important when we are trying to start a project of that scale.

As per usual many comrades would have liked to be there (those busy revolutionary ninjas), and our lack of advertising publicly could be to blame for that. Clarity which is our primary aim in connecting with the community was set aside for our sense of immediacy, in hindsight, the results were predictable. We aimed at building on our success with the two book fairs and issues of the newspaper but we didn't use any of the same strategies that made those projects a success. Namely being publicly open when ever possible, keeping a sense of humor, and resisting the impulse to create an exclusive click and open lines of regular communication to make sure organizers and potential participants are on the same page, and make responsibilities accessible to anyone who wants them.

Life, it F!\$#ing happens, between the BP oil spill and personal(political) stuff, and articles people said they would write but couldn't get together. You better believe that unemployment makes spending a lot of time, writing an in-depth article about art and graffiti and its significance for social movements, really hard (making rent seems more pressing some how).

In spite of all that we have been getting a lot done. Learning about our strengths and how anarchy is already possible, our role is to help everyone realize their own potential and build strong relationships that make it happen. We have hosted a few benefit shows and film screenings distributing pamphlets (anti-racism, IWW pamphlets, Anarchist pamphlets a bunch of other stuff) by the hundreds and producing one of our own now available on our website which is now "almost fully operational" .

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Bar one

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Harm Reduction:

www.myspace.com/harm_reduction_collective

P.A.R.C. (People's Action For Rights and Community) alley on Qst between 2nd and 3rd, just North of Eureka Library

Phone: (707)442-7465 Email: peoplesarc@gmail.com

Food Not Bombs

clark plaza on E street in old town

sunday 3pm to 4pm

Pirate Radio HFRA 99.9FM

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The Ink People Center for the Arts, 517 3rd Street Ste. 36, Eureka, CA 95501 inkers@inkpeople.org; www.inkpeople.org

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707-476-8474 <http://www.duhc.org/>

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(800) 394-9544; or (707) 826 0165, 1040 H St. in Arcata, 95521, www.girights.org

Humboldt Domestic Violence Services

707-443-6042 <http://www.hdvs.org>

One member of Humboldt Grassroots won better conditions on the job, Comrades just advised him a bit kicked down the IWW pamphlet it worked fine, no more working off the clock, won't tell you who (read the article) just that it was awesome!

Anonymity is necessary when the bosses have so much power, but as workers organize they can speak publicly without fear, money can make you keep your mouth shut, we will never do that but we can't all be out in the open unless we obtain the power to do so, and people standing up for themselves help that day come closer, We publish stories of workers struggles to make sure that money enforced silence is broken.

Solidarity and joyous rabble,
Humboldt Grasroots editorial collective.

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