



Is it worth getting up off our asses to create a Liberal-Progressive Board of Supervisors in Humboldt? After years suffering through the regressive, unimaginative, right-wing Board of **Bohn, Fennell, Bass and Sundberg**, what would life be like if that became a *progressive, creative, liberal* Board of Supervisors?

Sundberg is gone, brought down by the grassroots campaign of **Steve Madrone** which took no corporate money, relied instead on small donors and was powered by an issue-oriented campaign that was people powered not money powered.

The possibility of an abrupt change of County direction is actually at hand. Bohn is being challenged by KHUM radio personality and HSU student radio mentor, **Cliff Berkowitz**. Fennell is being challenged by community-minded millennial **Sean DeVries**, my personal favorite.

The state of California has never been so liberal that it acts progressively. Public Banking is on its way to the county. A drug program that reduces both opioid abusers and needles is ready to go - revived after Bohn, with help from Bass, had one of his patented tantrums and killed it.

For this election cycle, **KEEP FALSE HOPE ALIVE**, as the bumpersticker of my friend, Michael de Leon, puts it so eloquently. Let's visualize the creative minds of California state government at our disposal. Humboldt would end its long career, enabled by old-timey electoral fraud (corrupt counting), as a representative of the Deep North. It is thrilling, maybe even a tiny bit delusional, to envision Humboldt as a progressive innovator. I say "delusional" because the actual state legislative boots on the ground, **Maguire and Wood**, are hardly progressive. When it was explained to their representatives that a progressive campaign would refuse corporate money, those guys exhibited stunned disbelief. That would be the end of politics as they know it. Exactly.

We got in our present fix beginning with an historic tantrum of "Billionaire" Rob Arkley in which he raged about how the people's money should go to the police. Result: the **I Heart Eureka** campaign of Bohn and Bass which parroted the same line. Could Measure Z and \$200,000 a year to all deputies be far behind? Worse yet, we got what I always called the Arkley Board of the **The Gang of Four** listed above. Others call it more realistically the **Real Estate/Developers Dream Board**.

Fennell rode into the mix, mounted on her directorship of HumCPR (Humboldt Coalition for Property Rights), a powerful tool of the Real Estate/Developers elite. Fennell had been eased out of her job as news director of KMUD because of her undying support for the money grubbers who were trying to seize community property aka Reggae on the River.

Besides **DeVries and Berkowitz**, several other candidates have stepped up. **Michele Bushnell**, a long-time Garberville business woman, has announced for Fennell's seat and **Elias Garcia-Munguia**, an 18-year-old student at College of the Redwoods also announced for Rex Bohn seat.

Both **Bohn and Fennell** - no doubt at the urging of their financial sponsors - are seeking third terms! Outrageous considering the mess they and their puppet Ford have created and continue to create.

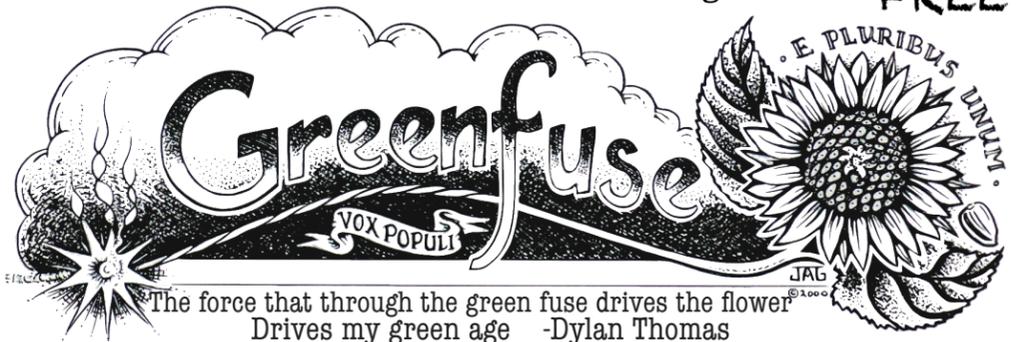
If you want to take part in the **Sean DeVries** campaign, we need signature gatherers and neighborhood walkers. Contact him at: seangdevries@gmail.com

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Close to the Edge?

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PASSING THE BUCK ~ ONE WAY OR ANOTHER

Honduras, one of the most dangerous countries in Latin America, announced a deal that would allow U.S. immigration officials to send asylum seekers from the U.S. border to Honduras. This asylum cooperation agreement is similar to deals The Department of Homeland Security signed with El Salvador two weeks ago and another in July with Guatemala. Allowing Homeland security to deport asylum seekers from the U.S. border immediately instead of providing them a chance to claim protection in the United States.

In theory, this wouldn't apply to Hondurans, because that could mean returning someone to the country from which they fled and would be a violation of asylum law. But it could apply to people who had either transited Honduras on their way to the U.S. or, as far as we know, anyone else - asylum seekers coming from Venezuela, from Nicaragua, from Cuba, people from Bangladesh, India, West Africa or East Africa who have reached the U.S. border could then be sent to Honduras.

Honduras has one of the highest murder rates in the world. Hundreds of thousands of people are fleeing Honduras because of gang violence. More than 250,000 Hondurans crossed the U.S. border just in the last 11 months.

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HAMAS, IRAN AND THE SAUDI'S

Since April, dozens of Palestinians, Jordanians and Saudi citizens have been arrested and accused of belonging to and supporting **Hamas** by collecting donations for the group. Some have allegedly been tortured, others have been deported; many have had their assets frozen and their financial transfers monitored. In addition, strict controls on remittances to the Palestinian territories have been imposed, which almost completely cut them off over the summer.

For months, Hamas remained mostly silent, hoping that political mediation could resolve the issue. Senior Hamas members repeatedly approached the Saudi authorities regarding the matter and also asked various Arab officials to do so as well. The official statement condemning the Saudi campaign against its supporters suggests that the mediation efforts have failed and that tensions have not been resolved. It appears that **Saudi engagement with the Trump administration**, and its "deal of the century", which required Hamas to end its armed resistance against the Israeli occupation has precipitated this crisis. Not to mention its part in the campaign against Iran.

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JEWISH VOICE FOR PEACE: NO PALESTINIAN KIDS IN CAGES

We are Jewish faith, organizational, and community leaders outraged and heartbroken about the State of Israel's systematic mistreatment of Palestinian children. Since the year 2000, an estimated 10,000 Palestinian children between the ages of 12 and 17 have been detained, prosecuted and incarcerated by the Israeli military in the occupied West Bank. Often dragged from their homes in the middle of the night by armed soldiers, they suffer physical and emotional violence and frequently face verbal abuse, humiliation and/or intimidation. These children are interrogated without family or lawyers present, in an effort to generate forced confessions justifying their detention for months on end - often in solitary confinement.

This is unacceptable.

We hold a range of political perspectives; we are multiracial, multigenerational, religious and secular, come from different class backgrounds, and hold multiple genders and sexualities. All of us are compelled, as Jews, to speak out against injustice - above all when it is committed in our name.

We call on Members of Congress to cosponsor legislation recently introduced by Representative Betty McCollum (D-MN), the "Promoting Human Rights for Palestinian Children Living Under Israeli Military Occupation Act" (H.R. 2407). This legislation is straightforward - it prohibits any of the \$3.8 billion in military aid the U.S. grants annually to Israel from being used to support the mistreatment of Palestinian children in Israeli military detention. It poses a clear question to Congress - if you oppose widespread physical violence, forced confessions, denial of due process and other abuses Israeli forces inflict on Palestinian children, what are you willing to do about it?

Judaism recognizes that the wellbeing of society as a whole is determined by our treatment of children, and that all human beings are made in divine image. From the US to Israel/Palestine, we will not abide the brutalization and caging of children.

Over 100 Jewish activists, artists, rabbis, writers and other leaders have already signed on to this letter. Say clearly: no kids in cages, anywhere. Not in our name, and not with our tax dollars.

<https://jewishvoiceforpeace.org/no-way-to-treat-a-child/>

Fukushima Water To Be Dumped In Pacific

Tokyo Electric Power Co (TEPCO) will have to dump radioactive water from its destroyed Fukushima nuclear power plant into the Pacific Ocean as it runs out of room to store it.

TEPCO has collected more than 1 million tons of contaminated water from the cooling pipes used to keep fuel cores from melting since the plant was crippled by an earthquake and tsunami in 2011.

"The only option will be to drain it into the sea and dilute it," Environment Minister, Yoshiaki Harada, told a news briefing in Tokyo. "The whole of the government will discuss this, but I would like to offer my simple opinion."

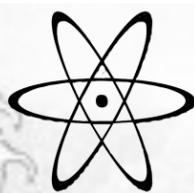
The government is awaiting a report from an expert panel before making a final decision on how to dispose of the radioactive water.

TEPCO was not in a position to decide what to do but would follow the policy once the government made a decision, a spokesman for the utility said.

The utility says it will run out of room to store the water by 2022. Harada did not say how much water would need to be dumped into the ocean.

Coastal nuclear plants commonly dump waste into the ocean water that contains tritium, an isotope of hydrogen considered to be relatively harmless. TEPCO admitted last year that the water in its tanks contained contaminants beside tritium.

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Humboldt Bay Nuclear Waste

Despite the federal government's pledge that a giant nuclear waste dump would be opened somewhere, someday - no such facility was ever opened, so utility companies have to store all high level waste onsite until something changes. The half-life of plutonium, one of the by-products of nuclear reactors, is 24,000 years.

By the end of this year, PG&E is supposed to have wrapped up all its decommissioning tasks at their King Salmon reactor - which went on line in 1962 at a cost of \$33 million and operated for only fifteen years. When PG&E took the plant off line, the estimated cost of decommissioning was \$382 million. The final cost of decommissioning is now estimated at more than \$1 billion

The NRC and PG&E determined that the safest option for storing the spent fuel rods is on site in dry casks, lined with radiation-absorbing material, which would then be encased in concrete.

The exterior of the plant has been largely removed and some wetlands remediated. New conventionally-powered gas burning plants have been built nearby to supply Humboldt with energy. But six casks of nuclear waste remain onsite and will stay there indefinitely.

There is no disposal solution for high level radioactive waste.

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