



The HOPE Coalition

Humboldt Organized for Peace & the Environment

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

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The Clamor Grows for Peace and Withdrawal from Iraq – Even “moderate” Democrats are getting the message to change Bush administration priorities

Our own Congressman, Mike Thompson, welcomed, in absentia, protesters demanding that Congress cut off funding for the Iraq war and start impeachment proceedings against Bush and Cheney – part of a nation-wide protest on January 3. (Another protest and march in Washington and throughout the country is planned for March 27.) One protester, Paul Encimer, from those invited into Thompson’s office out of the rain by his field officer Elizabeth Murguia, explained “not paying for the war is the first way Congress could exercise its oversight powers.”

Thompson crafted a letter that was given out to protesters when they came into the office. In the letter he noted that in last November’s election “Americans voted to bring an end to the Republicans’ damaging agenda, particularly their ‘rubber stamp’ of the president’s strategy in Iraq,” and an important part of Congress’ new agenda will be “to hold the Bush administration accountable for its mistakes and reverse the Republicans’ failed policies in Iraq.”

Thompson, a decorated veteran himself, touted his anti-war credentials including his earlier bill in opposition to the Iraq war. The bill asked for redeployment of American troops, dismantling U.S. military bases in the region, and turning back to the Iraqis ownership and possession of the oil resources. It obviously never got to first base with the Republican-controlled congress or the Bush administration.

However, impeachment was not on his immediate agenda. “While I strongly disagree with the policies and actions of the Bush administration, I agree with all of my colleagues that efforts to pursue impeachment at this time would be a distraction from getting our troops home and reversing the many failed policies of the administration and the former Republican majority in Congress.”

Iraq: Which Way Up From Failure? That’s the title of an article in the **November/December Washington Newsletter of the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)**. They identify 4 elements that could contribute to a real success in Iraq. Copies of the Newsletter: FCNL: 245 Second St. NE, Washington, D.C., fcnl@fcnl.org.

Some of these are also mentioned in the high level Iraq Study Group which concludes “Bush’s war policies have failed” as they urge the President to switch from combat to training. The report of the Study Group, co-chaired by James Baker III, the senior President Bush’s trusted counselor, has been largely ignored.

As we go to press, the President is prepared to escalate the war by sending to Iraq 20,000 more troops with an additional \$1 billion in aid. New House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (third in line to become President) has vowed the Democrat majority will oppose the escalation.

The FCNL, who years ago coined the slogan; **“War is not the Answer,”** has admitted, “We don’t know if this process [the proposed 4 suggestions, below] will stop the killing in Iraq. But without these steps the U.S. will remain part of the problem, rather than part of the solution.”

FCNL has identified four elements that could contribute to a real success in Iraq:

1. Set a date for U.S. withdrawal.
2. Negotiate an Iraqi National Compact.
3. Convene a Regional Process for Stability in Iraq.
4. Underwriting of Reconstruction with U.S. dollars.

PEACE NEWS

Thursday, January 11: Humboldt Quakers Press Conference by the Humboldt Quakers who are petitioning the federal government for permission to provide witness and relief at Guantánamo Bay Prison. January 11th is the fifth anniversary of the arrival of the first prisoners at Guantánamo Bay Prison. They will start setting up at 10:30 am and start promptly at 11 am at the Adorni Center Conference Room in Eureka and would appreciate sympathetic community support. Info: Fred Adler or Carol Cruickshank at 826-1555 or adlercruick@sbcglobal.net.

Sunday, January 14: "Antidote for a Divided World" Presented by Dr. Samuel P. Oliner Dr. Oliner, emeritus professor of sociology at HSU, will present his current research, focusing on examples that show that altruism, inter-group apology and forgiveness are positively associated with reconciliation between people. 9 am and 11 am at the Humboldt Unitarian Fellowship off Jacoby Creek Rd., in Bayside. Info: 822-7393.

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

Monday, January 15: Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance. Noon - 2 pm at the Adorni Center in Eureka. Music, speakers, and more. All ages. Free. Info: 443-1389.

Monday, January 15: 7th Annual Bowl of Beans Benefit and Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration 5 - 8 pm at the Arcata Community Center. Dinner (beans, rice, cornbread, and salad), music, and dramatic performances. Raffle for art and gift certificates. \$6. Proceeds go to the Arts in the Afternoon and Arcata Elementary School's Art Program. Info: 825-2028

Friday, January 19: 25th Annual Choices Breakfast commemorating the 34th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Guest speaker: Kathy Kneer, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California. 7:45 - 9:30 am at the Baywood Country Club. Reservations recommended by January 17. \$20. Info: 442-2961

Friday, January 19: Eureka Chamber Music Series: The San Francisco Opera Center Singers, 7:30 pm at the Cavalry Lutheran Church, 716 South Ave., Eureka. \$30, \$10, \$5. Info: 445-9650.

Sunday, January 21: Quarterly Breakfast at the Bayside Grange; supports the repairs and improvements at Bayside's historic community center. Live music and a gourmet breakfast menu including meat and veggie options. 8 am - noon. Info: 822-9998.

Sunday, January 21: Open Jazz Jam Sessions at the Graves; featuring Easton Stuard, Tommy Fitzmaurice, and Geoff Daugherty. 2 - 4:30 pm at the Morris Graves Museum, 636 F St, Eureka. Info: 442-0278.

Sunday, January 21: The Humane Gourmet Benefit for the Sequoia Humane Society, an elegant dining experience featuring Humboldt wine and 9 courses of gourmet organic vegetarian delicacies. \$75 donation goes towards kennel improvements. At the Jennifer Kincaid Gallery. Info: 667-3300.

Saturday, January 27: McKinleyville Land Trust Sourdough Pancake Breakfast at Azalea Hall in McKinleyville from 8 - 11 am. Pancakes, sausage, eggs, fruit and beverages. \$6, \$4. Info: 839-0727.

Saturday, January 27: HSU Music Dept. Faculty Guest Artist Series: James Marchand, piano, and Robert Spaethling, reader in a Birthday Celebration of Mozart: Piano Sonatas and a reading of Letters. 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$8, \$3. Info: 826-3456.

Wednesday, February 14: Valentines Day Marriage License Counter Event see page 3 under Workshops, Classes, Miscellany.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Saturday, January 13: Second Saturday Family Arts Day: Birds, Birds, Birds! Activities for youth and families, including performances, hands-on arts projects, & interactive storytellers. Put on by the Humboldt Arts Council at the Morris Graves Museum. 2 - 4 pm at 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278.

Tuesday, January 16: Share a Story, "Penguin Parade." short video, stories, and crafts. A free book, "The Emperor's Egg" by Martin Jenkins, is available for each participating family. 6:30 pm at the Trinidad Branch Library. Info: 677-0227 or www.humlib.org.

Wednesday, January 17: Family Literacy Night. Humboldt Literacy Project and First Five Humboldt will present Sean Powers and His Shadow Puppets. A free book will be available for each participating family. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

Thursday, January 18: Share a Story; "Penguin Parade." short video, stories, and crafts. A free book, "The Emperor's Egg" by Martin Jenkins, is available for each participating family. 6:30 pm at the Arcata Branch Library, 500 7th St. Info: 822-5954 or www.humlib.org.

Monday and Tuesday, January 29 and 30: Auditions for "Here There Be Dragons," Vagabond Players Children's Theater Spring production. 6 - 8 pm at the Arcata Playhouse, formerly the Stargarden Theater, 1251 9th St. Arcata. All ages. Info: Carole Wolfe, Artistic Director: 499-1089 or Info@vagabondplays.org.

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

Saturday, January 13: Manila Dunes Guided Walk. Join a trained naturalist for a walk in the beautiful Manila Dunes. Learn about the fascinating natural diversity in our own backyards. Meet at 10 am at the Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Drive, Manila. Info: 444-1397, info@friendsofthedunes.org, or www.friendsofthedunes.org.

Saturday, January 13: Ma-le'I Dunes Restoration. Get a sneak peak at this breathtaking new unit of the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge and help restore native dune habitat. Meet the Dune Ecosystem Restoration Team near the entrance of the Arcata High parking lot at 9:30 am to carpool to the Ma-le'I Dunes. Or, meet at the Ma-le'I Dunes south entrance at 10 am, located off Young Lane in Manila, just south of the highway 255 Mad River Slough Bridge. Signs will guide you to the South Entrance Parking Area. Info: 444-1397, info@friendsofthedunes.org, or www.friendsofthedunes.org.

Saturday, January 27: Winter Raptors Workshop. Eric Concannon presents this Natural History Museum workshop on the many raptor species that spend their winter around Arcata. The workshop will take place partly in the museum and partly out in the field. 10 am - 3 pm. \$18 Museum members, \$22 non-members. Info: 826-4479.

Every Saturday: Free Tours of the Arcata Marsh. A 90-minute, docent-led walk focusing on different topics of the marsh birds, ecology, history, or wastewater treatment. Meet at 2 pm at the Interpretive Center on South G St. Info: 826-2359.

WORKSHOPS, CLASSES, MISCELLANY

Friday, January 19: Help CCAT Into Its New Home Receive hands-on experience in green building and an introduction to CCAT's New Home Project. Info: Info: 826-3551, ccat@humboldt.edu, or stop by the Jenkins House #99.

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. Tour at 2 pm every Friday. All welcome. Info: 826-3551, ccat@humboldt.edu, or www.humboldt.edu/~ccat.

Saturday, January 20: Redwood Coast Energy Watch Torchere Exchange. PG&E customers in Humboldt County will be able to exchange up to two unsafe and energy inefficient halogen torchiere floor lamps for new free Energy Star torchiere lamps (first-come, first-served, while supplies last). You need to bring a working halogen torchiere (or two) to exchange and a copy of your PG &E bill. 9 am - 4 pm at the Redwood Coast Energy Resource Center, 517 5th Street, Eureka. Info: (800) 931-RCEA.

Saturday, January 20: Free Caregiver Training Course Begins. This free course is the first step for those interested in enrolling on the Caregiver Services free registry for in-home care job referrals. Caregivers Services is a program of the Area 1 Agency on Aging. Info and required pre-registration: 443-4363 or toll-free, 877-977-1604.

Wednesday, February 14: Valentines Day Marriage License Counter Event at the Humboldt County courthouse at noon. Join with the local chapter of Marriage Equality USA nationwide to demonstrate first-hand the discrimination that exists every day for same sex couples by requesting a marriage license or asking the county clerk to recognize same-sex couples. Raise awareness about the marriage inequality that exists today and the importance of also recognizing and celebrating the love of all committed couples. Info: 845-1858.

McKinleyville Community Choirs Seek New Members. Both the McKinleyville Community Choir (for teenagers and adults) and the Kids Choir (for ages 5 - 13) are seeking new members. Diverse experience levels welcomed. Info: 839-3367 or 834-0045.

Ongoing: The Northern California Community Blood Bank's Blood Mobile. The Blood Bank is always looking for new donors this time of year as many people were too busy to donate through the holiday season and the supplies run low. To view the Blood Mobile schedule online: www.nccbb.org/cgi-local/mobile.cgi. Schedule and other info also: 443-8004.

Spring Trip to Cuba: A trip to Cuba is being planned for April 17 to April 24th, \$1,995 from Cancun. It covers airfare CUN/HAV/CUN, visa, transportation, guide/translator, most meals, hotel accommodations and trip to the Bay of Pigs. A deposit of \$250.00 is due now and final payment is due March 14th. This is a legal trip. Info: Erno and Sheila Rosenthal: 415-457-9528, ersh2000@yahoo.com or Patsy Behrend - patsybehrend@hotmail.com.

TALK SHOWS, COMMENTARY, & MEDIA SPECIALS

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

Thursdays at 1:30 pm: **Econews Report** is back on the air with host Greg King; on KHSU, 90.5 FM. Info: 822-6918 or www.yournec.org.



Notice: With this first Newsletter of 2007 after a 3 issue hiatus, we're still tired, not so broke, but have a renewed faith in the power of the U.S. public to stop this country's downward slope, learn what a government is supposed to do, and still have fun.

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There is an old Quaker saying, "Better to light a single candle than curse the darkness."

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

Lame Duck Session Mostly Held in Check – The November election delivered a new Congress that is inclined to reject the Bush Administration's pro-polluter positions and its attacks on wildlands & wildlife. But the old Congress still had 8 weeks to enact key pieces of President Bush's "drill, log, and burn" agenda. They did manage to pass a bill to drill off Florida giving billions of dollars in royalties for oil & gas production. Also they managed to force through in their final hours a bad tax & trade bill. But grass roots pressure kept the old Republican guard in check before leaving.

----- **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.

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 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.

A World of Possibilities locally produced syndicated public affairs program. 9 am Tuesdays. Info: 826-9111 x18.

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.

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

A World of Possibilities locally produced syndicated public affairs program. 1:30 pm Wednesdays. Info: 826-9111 x18.

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.

HCMC Channel 12, (Public Access TV, was APEG): **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. Call for notice of Mon. meetings, normally at 5:15 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 St., 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 meet 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, most Mondays, 5:15 pm. Call for 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, 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 www.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.