



The HOPE Coalition

Humboldt Organized for Peace & the Environment

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

Newsletter Editorial Page January 10, 2006

The High Moral Standards of Humboldt Quakers – An article in the *North Coast Journal* for Jan. 5, 2006 illustrates how a small group of people in our midst can find so much satisfaction in their dedication to principles of peace, justice, and human rights. For the past year they have sought to visit Guantanamo Bay and give comfort and relief to the prisoners and their captors there. Even with the help of Rep. Mike Thompson so far officials have denied them access to the prison, as they have even to the UN. But they do not give up easily and meet at least once a month, sometimes in silence, to plan strategy and write letters. For those of you who know little about the Quakers & their history this is an excellent article. Written by a Quaker.

Abramoff Fall-Out is The Big News – According to investigative reporter and essayist Russ Baker the real story is not about Jack Abramoff, the powerful Republican lobbyist, and major DeLay associate who pled guilty to conspiracy, fraud, and tax evasion charges, agreeing to cooperate in a federal corruption probe. While figures like Abramoff are important, he is "merely an enabler of a larger and more troubling reality – how Republicans inside and outside of the Congress are subverting democracy itself, with public funds going to advance the personal interests of a small set of powerful Americans. The figures that really matter in this story are bigger fish – among them DeLay, the architect and de facto leader of the corporate takeover of Congress under cover of a social revolution."

Miller continues, "Once in a very long time, a scandal comes along that seems to capture the essence of our times." That story appeared on the last day of 2005 on the front page of the *Washington Post* under the headline "The DeLay-Abramoff Money Trail – Nonprofit Group Linked to Lawmaker Was Funded Mostly by Clients of Lobbyist."

Miller concluded from the article, "a phony nonprofit [the U.S. Family Network], set up by DeLay's former top aide was used to transfer monies from powerful Russians to DeLay, in return for his influencing legislation that could direct U.S. taxpayer money into their pockets. The Russians, working through super-lobbyist Jack Abramoff, put up most of the \$2.5 million in 'contributions' that funneled through the outfit. The nonprofit presented itself to the public as devoted to promoting family values, and ran ads attacking Democrats."

"There will be many developments in the weeks ahead, now that Abramoff has cut a deal with the feds. When he begins his promised cooperation with the prosecution, he may have things to say about many other matters, including the U.S. Family Network.

"But it's important in these overwhelming times to stay focused. Ultimately, these cases are not about Jack Abramoff, a fellow most of us never even heard of until fairly recently. They are about what has happened to this country. Put simply, the American people were taken to the cleaners by a group of charlatans in the guise of faith healers who didn't even believe in their own product.

"I doubt *The Washington Post* would give front page play to such a story – or have assigned a reporter with experience covering national security – if this was not the big one.

"Ladies and gentlemen, may I introduce you to **RussiaGate?**"

Passing of the Torch – Arcata's North Coast Environmental Center, under the tutelage of Tim McKay and Sid Dominitz, is probably the oldest but undoubtedly has become the most erudite, knowledgeable, and friendliest environmental center in California. Sid retired this month after 30 years behind the editor's desk of NEC's monthly magazine *ECONeWS*. His editorial skills as well as his innate sense of humor will be sorely missed. However, HSU journalism students can still learn from his part time teaching.

Tim has no intention of retiring. Under his non CEO title, he undoubtedly is the driving force in NEC. He has had a weekly half-hour radio program on KHSU [Thursdays at 1:30] since the station opened, usually interviews with prominent environmentalists.

My own personal sorrow is the retirement by death of Ben Franklin, the editor for the past 12 years of the bi-monthly *The Washington Spectator*.

PEACE NEWS

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, books and videos available to borrow. Open Monday - Friday from 12 - 6 pm, & 10 am - 3 pm Saturday. Info: 826-2511 or www.rpjc.net. Calendar of events at www.rpjc.net/calendar.html.

Southern Humboldt Action Center (SHAC); the Southern Humboldt home to the Redwood Peace and Justice Center, Local Solutions Political Action Committee, and Humboldt Mediation Services is located on Redwood Drive between Denise's Café and the Brass Rail. Info: 923-1116.

ENTERTAINMENT, CELEBRATIONS, & CULTURE

Friday, January 13: Queen Wangari Kabera in Concert at the Mateel in a benefit for the Thoya Oya Children's Centre and AIDS programs in Kenya. Music, films, storytelling, an African dinner and local beers and wines will be featured. Doors open at 7 pm at the Mateel Community Center in Redway. Info or tickets: 923-3369, www.mateel.org or www.childcentre.com.

Saturday, January 14: Fortuna Concert Series: Susie Laraine Jazz Trio & Rhumboogie Saxophone Quartet. An evening of jazz compositions with Shao Way Wu on bass and Matthew Dowd on piano. Doors open at 7:30 at the Monday Club, 610 Main St., Fortuna. Info and ticket locations: 725-3519.

Saturday, January 14: "Rural Rock & Roll." Premier of a documentary shot last summer about the thriving Arcata/Eureka local music scene. Benefit for Michelle Cable. Reception at 7 pm, film at 8 pm at HSU's Van Duzer Theatre. \$5. Info: www.jensenrufe.com.

Saturday, January 14: "June In January" Wine Tasting; 4- 7 pm at the Trinidad Town Hall. Benefit for the Trinidad Museum Society. Info: 677-0122.

Sunday, January 15: Two For Peace - Felicia Oldfather and Fred Adler in Concert featuring works of Bach, Bartok, Debussy and Mozart; all for two pianos. The concert will be a benefit for the GI Rights Hotline, which is locally a project of Humboldt Committee for Conscientious Objectors (HCCO). 7 pm at the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. Tickets available at The Works in Arcata and Eureka and Berliner's Cornucopia in Eureka, \$10 general and \$5 students/seniors. Info: 826-1555.

Sunday, January 15: 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 15: Open Jazz Jam Session lead by Susie Laraine. Performance by local jazz artists, a talk on some aspect of Jazz history, and a jam. Players and singers who wish to participate may sign up. Admission is free, donations welcome. 2 - 4:30 pm at the Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278 ext. 201.

Monday, January 16: The 29th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration At The Adorni Center at noon with speakers, music, and presentations. Free. For more details call 441-9969 or 442-2638.

Monday, January 16: 6th Annual "Bowl of Beans" Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance. Dinner of beans, rice, cornbread, and salad; handmade bowls for sale, raffle, performances by local youth, and the Arcata Gospel Choir. Benefit for Arts in the Afternoon and Sunset School of the Arts. 5 - 8 pm at the Arcata Community Center. Info: 826-1738.

Friday, January 20: 24th Annual Choices Breakfast featuring guest speaker Margaret Crosby, JD, of the ACLU. 7:45 - 9:30 am at Baywood Country Club. Seating is very limited. Reservations required by January 18. Info and reservations: 442-2961.

Saturday, January 21: HSU Music Dept. Faculty Artist Series: Gyan Riley, Guitar; 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$8, \$3. Info: 826-3456.

Saturday, January 21: Eureka Chamber Music Series: The San Francisco Opera Singers in a benefit performance for the ECMS. 7:30 pm at the Cavalry Lutheran Church, 716 South Ave., Eureka. \$25. Info: 445-9650.

Friday, January 27: 39th Humboldt International Short Film Festival, an evening of experimental film and music. Doors open at 7:30 pm at HSU's Van Duzer Theatre. \$5. Info: www.humboldt.edu/~filmfest.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Wednesday, January 18: Family Literacy Night. Humboldt Literacy Project and First Five Humboldt will present popular local storyteller Dan O'Gara for an evening of wonderful stories for children. 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.

Wednesday, January 18: Share a Story "Comparta un Cuento en Espanol." Stories, activities, crafts, and fun in Spanish. Each family receives a free book. 6:30 pm at Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville, in front of the McKinleyville Branch Library. Info: 839-4459 or www.humlib.org.

Thursday, January 19: Thrid Thursday Family Arts Night: Chinese New Year Music, crafts, and more put on by the Humboldt Arts Council at the Morris Graves Museum. 6 - 8 pm at 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278.

Thursday, January 19: Share A Story "Monkeys and Mischief," short video, stories, and crafts. A free book, "Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed" is available for each participating family. 6:30 pm at the Arcata Branch Library, 500 7th St. Info: 822-5954 or www.humlib.org.

Saturday, January 21: Live Raptor Presentation. Humboldt Wildlife Care Center volunteers bring non-releasable raptors to the Natural History Museum from 1 - 2 pm. Find out what the HWCC does to help wildlife. Four 15-minute programs; free tickets on the day of the event at the front desk. Seating is limited to minimize stress on the birds. All ages. 1315 G St., Arcata. Info: 826-4479.

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

Students and Community Activists Wanted For The Clean Energy Revolution! Redwood Alliance's Climate Protection Project is sponsoring local activists to attend a Climate Education and Action Workshop in Portland, January 27 - 29. To apply or for more information, please call Jennifer Berman at 822-6171 or email climatechange@redwoodalliance.org.

WORKSHOPS, CLASSES, MISCELLANY

Monday - Friday, January 16 - 20: Free Cervical Cancer Awareness and Testing. Community health clinics are offering free cervical cancer screenings. Info and appointments: 441-1624, 822-2481, 839-3068.

Thursday, January 19: Humboldt Coalition For Community Rights Press Conference, immediately preceding the handing-in of petition signatures at Humboldt Elections. Come to show your support for the Fair Elections & Local Democracy Campaign. (No speaking to the press necessary). 10 am outside the Elections Department, 3033 H St., Eureka. Info: 444-0407.

The Humboldt Coalition for Community Rights Seeks Intern. Activities include: writing press releases and articles, phone-banking, canvassing, volunteer oversight and training, database management, researching voting patterns, and participating in "get-out-the-vote" efforts. Info about the campaign: www.VoteLocalControl.org and www.DUHC.org. Internship info: Kaitlin: 444-0407 or kaitlin@VoteLocalControl.org.

Bilingual Medicare Hotline. Spanish/English hotline is available to assist with the Medicare Part D enrollment process, one-on-one counseling, assistance in applying for low-income subsidies, and finding a plan to meet your needs. Monday - Friday from 5 am - 3 pm. Info: 866-783-2645.

The Campus Center for Appropriate Technology (CCAT); at the rear of the parking lot at 14th and B Sts., Arcata. Every Friday, noon - dark: Volunteer Day with tour at 2 pm. All welcome. Info: 826-3551, ccat@humboldt.edu, or www.humboldt.edu/~ccat.

MEETINGS

Regularly scheduled meetings are now listed in the insert. Special topics, speakers, or events will be listed here.

Tuesday, January 17: Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee will meet at 7 pm at Democratic Headquarters, 129 Fifth St., Eureka. Discussion will include planning for the 2006 election. Volunteers are needed for registering voters, staffing the phone bank, and helping to formulate policies. Info: www.humboltdemocrats.org or 445-3366.

TALK SHOWS, COMMENTARY, & MEDIA SPECIALS

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Thursdays at 1:30 pm: Econews Report with NEC Director **Tim McKay**; on KHSU, 90.5 FM. **Guests:** 1/12, Krista Hanada will explain the work of the National Forest Protection Alliance to protect our national forests; 1/19, Mark Lovelace of the Humboldt Watershed Council will update listeners on the life and times of Pacific Lumber. Info: 822-6918 or www.yournec.org.

Reader Recommendations: (1) David Barsamian's "Alternative Radio" on KMUD Mondays at 9 am and on KHSU on Mondays at 2 am.

(2) Radio Nation (from the Nation magazine) on KMUD Fridays at 1 am (yes, late Thurs. night).

(3) Explorations (Michio Kaku's program about scientific matters - from Pacifica) on KMUD on Fridays at 3 am (yes late Thurs. night).

(4) Tom Hartman Commentary on KGOE 1480 on the am dial, weekdays 9 - 12 am.



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

WRITE A LETTER

Potluck/Letter Writing Monthly: First Friday, next 2/3/06, 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.

Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) by Californians for Alternatives to Toxics, cats@alternatives2toxics.org.

Industries must report to the U.S. EPA some of the worst of the toxic chemicals released from their facilities in what is known as the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI). This database of information is critical to communities needing information about local polluters.

Through the TRI we have learned, for example, that the pulp mill across Humboldt Bay from Eureka was the sixth highest toxics-release site in California in 2003 and is the top toxics-release site north of the San Francisco Bay Area, with 1.6 million pounds going into the air, land, and water. The pulp mill, under new ownership since January and now called Evergreen Pulp, released methanol – 1.4 million pounds into the water – and ammonia, methylethylketone, and nitrate compounds.

Now the EPA plans to cut TRI reporting in half. This change will allow thousands of facilities to withhold details about pollution releases, volumes, and treatment; reduce information collected on persistent bio-accumulative toxins (PBTs) which are some of the most toxic industrial byproducts that persist in the environment and build up in the body (like lead and mercury); and let industries report their pollution every other year instead of annually.

The deadline for public response is Jan. 13, 2006. **Tell the EPA that you want them to protect your right to know about corporate polluters** & that its proposal will weaken the TRI by eliminating important information about toxic pollution in thousands of communities and will roll back improvements that have been made because the public and the EPA, have been watch dogging polluters through the TRI. Let the EPA know that information is the engine that drives pollution reduction, and is more important than analysis. In addition, while other environmental laws are important and useful, they simply will not track the full range of toxic chemicals listed under the TRI. EPA should be expanding, not reducing, information available to the public under the TRI. Email your letter to the EPA at oei.docket@epa.gov, and note at the top that your letter is in reference to "EPA Docket ID No. TRI-2005-0073". For more information go to the Working Group for Community Right-To-Know www.crtk.org.

----- **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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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 - Friday from 12 - 6 pm, & 10 am - 3 pm Saturday. 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.

4th Thursday at 6:30 pm **Humboldt Green Genes** meets. Info: Mike or Angela at 826-1031, or soydeva@hotmail.com.

Northern California Coalition for Women Prisoners meets. Call for meeting dates. Info: Stormy 442-3895 or Karen 825-7460 or email nccwp@earthlink.net.

Free fax to members of Congress on Fridays.

Not at the Center:

1st Thursday at 7 pm: **Vets for Peace, Humboldt Bay Chapter 56** at the Arcata Marsh Commons. Info: 826-2992.

Peace Vigils every Friday: 5 - 6 pm on the Arcata Plaza. Mondays at 4 pm at the Courthouse in Eureka, 445-5100 ext. 215, ask for Jack.

Women in Black stand in silent vigil every Friday 5 - 6 pm at the Arcata Plaza, 8th & G, at the Humboldt County Courthouse, and at the McKinleyville Shopping Center on the grassy area between Luzmilla's and Blockbuster. They also stand every Friday from 4 - 5 pm in Trinidad at the intersection of Scenic Dr. and Main St. Also, Saturdays at noon at the Humboldt County Courthouse.

Vets for Peace Silent Vigil; Fridays, 5 - 6 pm: SW corner Arcata Plaza.

TALK SHOWS & COMMENTARY

COMMENTARY on KMUD, 88.3 fm, 923-2513.

Counterspin, Sunday 1 - 1:30 pm.

Alternative Radio, Mondays 9 am. Boulder-based award-winning weekly series with David Barsamian.

Animal Advocate, 2nd Thursday, 7 - 8 pm. Current animal welfare issues. Info: Barbara Shultz at 986-7835, animaladvocate4@yahoo.com.

Democracy Now! with Amy Goodman; 12 - 1 pm, Monday - Friday. See also APEG Cox, Channel 12. Also www.democracynow.com. Also on KIDE 91.3 fm, 1 - 2 pm, Monday - Friday.

Civil Liberties Monitoring Project Report; 1st Wednesday, 7 - 8 pm. 923-4646.

Politically Correct Week in Review, call-in radio show, 2nd, 4th, & 5th Mondays at 7 pm 923-3911.

All Things Reconsidered with Eric Kirk. 3rd Thursday at 7 pm.

Global Stuff with Jimmy Durchslag, last Friday, 7 - 8 pm.

COMMENTARY on KHSU, 90.5 fm, 826-6089.

Econews Report with NEC Director **Tim McKay**. Thursdays at 1:30 pm. Info: 822-6918.

Thursday Night Talk with Jamie Flowers; 7:30 - 8:30 pm. Call-in: 826-4805. Info: KHSU office: 826-4807.

Democracy Now! with Amy Goodman: weekdays 9 - 10 am.

COMMENTARY on KGOE 1480 am, 442-2000: Thom Hartmann, weekdays 9 - 12 am. Liberals' answer to Rush Limbaugh type.

COMMENTARY on KEET TV Channel 13, Tues. at 9 pm: **Wide Angle** Fri. at 8:30 pm: **NOW** with David Brancaccio. Info: 445-8013.

Was APEG, now **HCMC Channel 12** (Public Access TV): **Every Sunday and Monday** from 6 - 7 pm **The Humboldt Magazine Show** news magazine program. Info: **Redwood Media News Group** at 825-6618. **Amy Goodman's Democracy Now** recognized best news on the air 5 - 6 am & 9 - 10 pm, Monday - Friday. Sunday nights at 9: **Outside the Box** "News & Views." **Classic Arts Showcase**, 12 - 4 pm, Monday - Friday. **INN Report from RadioFreeAmerica**, Friday and Saturday nights 9 - 10 pm.

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

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); 4th Wednesday at 7 pm at Haynes Vets Hall, Garberville. 943-1874.

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF); meets the last Monday 7 - 9 pm (6:30 - 7 social time) at the Marsh Commons, 101 H Street, Arcata. Info: Becky at 826-9197 or bluening@cox.net.

North Coast IWW, The Wobblies meets every 3rd Wed. 6:30 - 8 pm at the Labor Temple, 840 E St., Eureka. Info: 725-8090.

Humboldt Democratic Central Committee; 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm. 129 Fifth St. Info: 445-3366 or www.humboltdemocrats.org.

Eureka Greens meet the 3rd Saturday of the month, 5 pm at Has Beans, 2nd & I St, Eureka. Info: 476-0369 or dayvee247@yahoo.com

Sequoia Greens of southern Humboldt meet the 2nd Friday of the month at 3 pm at the Southern Humboldt Action Center, Redwood Dr, Redway. Info: 923-4488 or encimer@hotmail.com.

Arcata Greens: 3rd Wednesday, 5:30 pm at 1309 11th St, Suite 204, Arcata. Info: 206-8610 or arcatagreens@blogspot.com.

Mother Jones Club & Humboldt Communist Alliance meets 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 3 pm at the Peace and Justice Center in Arcata. Call to confirm meeting times. Info: humboldtcommunistalliance@hotmail.com or 839-3824.

Democracy Unlimited of Humboldt County; open meeting 3rd Thursday at 1402 M St, Eureka. Info: info@DUHC.org or 269-0984.

Humboldt Green Genes: 2nd Wednesday at CATS, 315 P St., Eureka at 6 pm. Info: Martha Devine, soydeva@webtv.net or 442-3481.

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.

Humboldt Watershed Council at NEC, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7 - 9 pm. Info: sheds@humboldt1.com.

McKinleyville Skate Park; 2nd Wednesday, 6:45 - 8 pm, 1540 Harper Ave. Info: Pat: 839-8241, www.mckskatepark.com.

The Tenants Union for renters' rights meets every other Thurs., at 321 Coffee Shop, 321 3rd St. Eureka from 4:30 - 6 pm. Info: 476-1919.

Humboldt County Human Rights Commission meets 2nd Tues. City Courthouse, Rm. B, Eureka, 6 pm. Info: 268-2548.

Commission On Status of Women meets 2nd Thursday at 6 pm, conference room A of the Humboldt County Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka. The public is welcome. Info: Julie 822-2502 or <http://co.humboldt.ca.us/commissions/csw/>.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

HSU's Natural History Museum, 1315 G St. Arcata. Free drop programs on Saturdays 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.