



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 Value of Listing the Recommendations of your Favorite (or Unwanted)

People have asked us why we expend all that energy on putting out a voting guide when there aren't any crucial issues involved? I suppose it's because ordinary working people don't have time to study the pros & cons of each issue, especially if they can't see any connection of that issue to their own personal livelihood or morality. So they turn to organizations they trust (or distrust) from past experience. The reasoning is that most groups have people in their organization whose business is to study the effects of such legislation on their members (or stockholders), from which they can make their recommendations.

Past history has shown that this information is a much more reliable source than the numerous colorful flyers they receive in the mail or the 30 second slot they get on their radio or TV. Of course if you don't trust or align yourself with the viewpoints of any group, you'll be forced to study possible ramifications of the proposition yourself. Or take the opposite viewpoint of those you distrust the most.

This primary election, Propositions 81 and 82 have taken a back seat to those meaningful Proposals argued by the Senate, the Assembly, and the Governor, none of which made it to the ballot box. This has made our job of analyzing the propositions much more difficult with many organizations not making a recommendation or deciding so late that they miss deadlines for our publication. On the other hand, **Measure T** on the Humboldt County ballot will have a pronounced effect on local control of issues, and consequently has generated much more interest than the state propositions. Thus we have included Measure T in our analysis.

A Funny Story About Bush, But Don't Expect the Mainstream Press to Pick-Up On It.

On Saturday night April 29, over 2,000 journalists, politicians, and Washington insiders gathered for the White House Correspondents Association annual dinner. President Bush was there and took part in a skit with presidential impersonator Steve Bridges. And then there was the featured entertainer, Stephen Colbert, the host of the Comedy Central fake news program, *The Colbert Report*

If you followed how the corporate press covered the night you might not have even realized Colbert spoke but he gave a talk that repeatedly mocked the President and the press for its failings. Virtually overnight, Stephen Colbert became a hero to countless Americans. Since then, millions of people have either watched the video or read the transcript of his skewering of both the president and the press corps, and have discussed it avidly. Tens of thousands of people have gone to the web site ThankYouStephenColbert.com and written letters of appreciation. Talk about water-cooler chatter; the event crashed internet servers across the land. It truly was one of those moments of media shock and delight.

And then, an odd but revealing thing happened. Some of the chattering class commentators, mainstream media writers and columnists, and Democratic officials didn't get it: Not very funny, rude, not respectful of the president, and so on. Are they kidding? How could they not understand they were witnessing one of the bravest, most subversive performances in memory, which thrilled and gave hope to untold viewers and readers, and will be a huge marker when people look back on the Bush era?

Colbert's speech had a huge impact. He spoke truth to power right to the face of the president, in front of the entire news media. No one could miss, sidestep, or deny it. It wasn't a scene from a movie, book, or talk show – it was live.. Colbert's performance shamed every Democrat or columnist who has been too afraid, too timid, or just too worried about losing his or her own power and access to go out on a limb and tell the truth that this administration is a disaster beyond our wildest nightmares. Bush/Cheney/Rumsfeld/Rove have gotten away with murder and worse. And many of the people in that room that night squirmed in their seats – it was in part because of the internal indictment they were feeling for not doing what they should have done, countless times, long before. Maybe now they will do the right thing, but don't hold your breath.

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, 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

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 25 - 27: Dell'Arte Students of the School of Physical Theatre present "The Finals," 10 short one-act pieces. 8 pm at the Carlo Theatre in Blue Lake. For tickets or info: 668-5663 or www.dellarte.com.

Saturday, May 27: 37th NAACP Annual Soul Food Dinner; 4 - 7 pm at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 10th and H St, Eureka. \$12. Info 268-8287. Volunteers are still needed: Shirley at 443-1389.

Saturday, May 27: Humboldt Mediation Services Plant and Yard Sale 8 am - 3 pm, 609 J St in Arcata. Plants, books, household items. Info: 445-2505.

Saturday, June 3: Humboldt Crabs Baseball Season Opens with the traditional double header with the Fairfield Indians. Gates open at 12:30 pm. View the complete schedule at www.humboldtcrabs.com. Info 826-2333.

Saturday and Sunday, June 3 and 4: Northcoast Open Studios – Central County Artists in Rio Dell, Hydesville, Carlotta, Bridgeville, Fortuna, Ferndale, King Salmon and Eureka welcome visitors to their studios from 11 am - 5 pm to view or purchase artwork and meet the artists. Complete listing at www.northcoastopenstudios.com. Info: 825-9039.

Saturday, June 3: Arts Alive! 6 - 9 pm. Opening receptions for artists, exhibits and performances at many locations in the Downtown and Old Town areas. Info: Eureka Main Street, 442-9054 or the Humboldt Arts Council, 442-0278.

Friday, June 9: Arts Arcata 6 - 9 pm at more than 40 locations in downtown, Northtown, South G St., and HSU. Location maps available at Arcata Mainstreet office in the Jacoby Bldg. Info: 822-4500 or www.mainstreet.com.

Saturday, June 10: Mother Jones Club of Humboldt County Guest Speaker Gail Ryall, noted world traveler and social activist, will give a presentation on the World Social Conference held in Venezuela and on a side trip to Colombia. The presentation includes a talk on the present situation in those countries with slide show. Free, but donations welcome. 3 pm at RPJC, 1040 H St. Arcata. Info: Richard @ 443-1437.

Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11: Northcoast Open Studios - North County Artists in Samoa, Freshwater, Indianola, Bayside, Manila, Arcata, Blue Lake, McKinleyville, Dows Prairie, Fieldbrook, Westhaven, Trinidad and Orick welcome visitors to their studios from 11 am - 5 pm. Complete listing at www.northcoastopenstudios.com. Info: 825-9039.

Saturday, June 17: Oyster Festival Local chefs, live music, oyster calling contest, kids activities and local artisans. 10 am - 6 pm on the Arcata Plaza. Info: 822-4500 .

Saturday and Sunday, June 17 and 18: Northcoast Open Studios - South County Artists in Garberville, Redway, Miranda, Myers Flat and Redcrest welcome visitors to their studios from 11 am - 5 pm. Complete listing at www.northcoastopenstudios.com. Info: 825-9039.

Sunday, June 18: Sunday Afternoons at the Graves; open jazz jam sessions. 2 - 4:30 pm at the Morris Graves Museum, 636 F St, Eureka. Info: 442-0278.

Monday, June 19 through Saturday, July 1: Sequoia Chamber Music Workshop Performances Student and Faculty concerts every day but Fridays and Sunday. Free and open to the public. Info, including exact times and HSU locations: 826-3563.

Thursday, June 22 to Saturday, July 22: 15th Annual Mad River Festival at the Carlo Theatre, the Dell'Arte/Rooney Amphitheatre and other venues in Blue Lake, California. Info: 707-668-5663 or e-mail info@dellarte.com

Sunday, June 25: 15th Annual Humboldt Botanical Gardens Foundation Garden Tour and Tea 10 beautiful gardens in Bayside, Cutten and Eureka. 10 am - 5 pm. \$15, \$20. Info or tickets: 442-5139.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Thursday, May 25: Share A Story " How Does Your Garden Grow," short video, stories, and crafts. A free book, "The Surprise Garden" by Zoe Hall is available for each participating family. 6:30 pm at the Arcata Branch Library, 500 7th St. This program is co-sponsored by the Library, KEET-TV and First 5 Humboldt. Free., wheelchair accessible. Info: 822-5954 or www.humlib.org.

Friday, June 2: Discovery Museum Carnival Quack and Rabbit Puppet Theater, explosive science, art projects, games and prizes, food and a raffle. Come in a costume of a circus or carnival character and enter the costume contest. 4 - 6:30 pm at the Discovery Museum, 3rd and F Sts, Eureka. Info: 443-9694 or www.humfire.org/discovery.

Tuesday, June 6: Share A Story "Dinosaur Track," short video, stories, and crafts. A free book is available for each participating family. 6:30 pm at the Trinidad Branch Library. Info: 677-0227 or www.humlib.org.

Thursday, June 15: Third Thursday Family Arts Night: Music, arts and crafts, storytelling 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.

Saturday, June 24: Living With Lions (For Kids) presented by the Mountain Lion Project. See Listing under "Protect the Earth," next page.

Wednesday, June 28: Drumming up a Story. Bring attention, imagination, and rhythm instruments. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

By Appointment in June, July and August: Bicycle Safety Training Children age 7 - 14 can sign up for two-hour programs that teach on-street bike safety. Helmets will be given to those who need them. For info or to sign up for a class: 445-1097.

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

Saturday, May 27: Docent-led Sunset Walk at Clam Beach Join Denise and Jay Seeger to walk and look for Snowy Plovers. Meet at the north parking lot at Clam Beach. Info: 444-1397.

Sunday, May 28: Redwood Region Audubon Society Field Trip To The Orick Riparian Area Bird the trees around the dump and along Redwood Creek. Be prepared for off-trail tromping in wet vegetation and a walk of about three miles to one of the sites and back. Meet at Redwood Creek Picnic Area (west of Highway 101 between Freshwater Lagoon and Orick, just south of Kuchel Visitor Center) at 8 am. Info: Ken Burton 839-5179.

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Every Weekend: Friends of the Dunes Docent-Led Walks and Dune Restoration. Specific locations and info: 444-1397 or www.friendsofthedunes.org.

WORKSHOPS, CLASSES, MISCELLANY

Wednesday, May 24: Humboldt United to End Abuse For All. Panel speakers and discussion on the connections between animal abuse and family violence with the goal of beginning the process of creating a safe haven for the pets of families fleeing domestic violence. 9 am - 2 pm at the Humboldt Area Foundation, 337 Indianola Rd. Info or RSVP: Anna or Patricia, 44-9255.

Throughout the Month of June: Preventative Health Care for the Aging Clinics clinic services include vision and hearing screening, blood pressure measurement, diabetes and anemia testing, cancer screenings and more and are offered from Crescent City to Garberville as well as Willow Creek. There is no charge for services; donations are accepted. Seniors of all incomes are welcome. To make an appointment or to find out when a clinic will be in your area: 268-2107.

Community HealthCorps of Northern California Recruiting Applicants. The HealthCorps Program, a division of AmeriCorps is looking for people interested in improving access to comprehensive, affordable, and culturally appropriate healthcare in their communities. The next program cycle begins in Sept. Info: www.ruralcommunityhealth.org or mvansant@ruralcommunityhealth.org.

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. Every Friday, noon - dark, is a volunteer day with a tour at 2 pm. All welcome. Info: 826-3551, ccat@humboldt.edu, or www.humboldt.edu/~ccat.

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** with NEC Director **Tim McKay**; on KHSU, 90.5 FM. **Guests:** 5/25, Melissa Zelinski talks about an upcoming biodiversity program at the Natural History Museum; 6/1, fisheries' specialist Sarah Borok will discuss Klamath salmon population data; 6/8, Steve Homer of the United Forest Defense Campaign talks about public forest policies. Info: 822-6918 or www.yournec.org.

Democracy Now with Amy Goodman. Monday - Friday: 9 am on KHSU, 90.5 FM; 5 am and noon on KMUD, 91.1 and 88.3 FM; 5 am and 9 pm on HCTV, Channel 12.



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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 June 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.

Write Congressman Mike Thompson to continue support for his amendment to the Defense Authorization Bill (turned down by the House Rules Comm. on May 11) that declared “It is the sense of Congress that the U.S. should not attempt to control the flow of Iraqi oil” nor “should the U.S. maintain a permanent military presence in Iraq or interfere with Iraqi oil revenue.”

ELECTION NEWS: Election Day is Tuesday, June 6, Polls are open 7 am - 8 pm.

The HOPE Coalition *Insert* this issue Recommendations of Diverse Groups on the State Propositions.
Proposition 81: The CA Reading & Literacy Improvement & Public Library Construction & Renovation Bond Act of 2006.
Proposition 82: Preschool Education. Tax on incomes over \$400,000 for individuals; \$800,000 for couples.

----- 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.

Membership: Renewal []
 Individual memberships: \$13 - \$25 per year.
 Organizational memberships: \$25 - \$100 per year.
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 Scholarships are available

Name _____

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I can volunteer some time []
 Receive newsletter: By US mail []; By email []; Both []

Phone _____

The HOPE Coalition - PO Box 385 Arcata, CA 95518 - hopecoalition@igc.org - www.hopecoalition.org

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.rpjcc.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.

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

Climate Protection Project, a program of the Redwood Alliance to halt global warming. Organizers and others interested in helping meet every Mon. at 5 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 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; 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 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.

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, every Mon. 5 pm. 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 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-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.