



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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Radioactive "bailout-in-advance" opens fierce new war over nuke

reactors—After fifty years of what Forbes Magazine long ago called "the largest managerial disaster in business history," the nuke power industry is demanding untold billions in a federal "Bailout-in-Advance." Congress will decide on these proposed loan guarantees for new nukes in its September conferences over the new Energy Bill. Both sides are gearing up for the new war over the irradiation of our energy future. As usual, it's vital to "follow the money."

The industry once promised that atomic energy would be "too cheap to meter." But after a half-century of proven failure, Wall Street won't invest in new nukes without federal support. So buried in the Senate version of the new Energy Bill is a single sentence authorizing the Department of Energy to underwrite virtually unlimited loans for still more nukes. The sentence was slipped into the bill by industry backers without open debate.

Overall this staggeringly complex bill contains a hodge-podge of benefits for renewable energy and efficiency, along with a pile of contradictions and steps backward. The House version, for example, lacks strict fuel efficiency standards for automobiles. It also drew a veto threat from George W. Bush, who wants the restoration of huge tax breaks for his friends in the fossil fuel business.

But the single sentence that could ultimately have the biggest impact on human survival is the one that offers the prospect of an essentially unlimited amount of taxpayer money to guarantee investments in new atomic reactors.

The funding would come through the Department of Energy, which Congress has authorized to guarantee "new" technological advances that are considered "green." Congress says that includes new reactors.

The Senate version of the bill would allow the DOE to sign off on loan guarantees for up to 80% of the cost of each new nuke it wants, with no yearly review from Congress. The industry has targeted \$25 billion for next year alone, followed by another \$25 billion in 2009, and admits to wanting at least 28 new reactors as soon as possible. The industry says the plants will cost \$4-6 billion each, but history indicates the ultimate price tags will be far higher. This does not include the federal insurance, under the Price-Anderson Act, that since 1957 has shielded nuke owners from liability in case of a major catastrophe.

Though it says they are "inherently safe," the industry demands the same insurance for its new reactors. The policy would leave countless citizens uncompensated for the destruction of their health and property after a radioactive disaster.

Atomic power is also a major source of global warming. Reactors pump huge quantities of waste heat directly into the air and water. The mining, milling and enrichment of nuclear fuel also result in substantial CO2 emissions, as do the construction and decommissioning of the plants.

As for the long-term management of radioactive waste, the solution promised fifty years ago is nowhere in sight. Regulatory officials say the proposed Yucca Mountain waste repository, under construction at a cost so far of some \$10 billion, cannot open until 2020, if ever. The projected cost if Yucca does open is now about \$60 billion, but it's likely to climb even higher.

In 2000-2001, as much as \$100 billion in bad "stranded cost" nuke investments were foisted on the public by a technology that can no longer compete with wind, solar, increased efficiency or a wide array of truly green energy sources that offer real answers to the global warming crisis.

None of this bothers the reactor pushers and their well-funded supporters on Capitol Hill. Citizen groups such as Greenpeace, the Nuclear Information & Resource Service, Public Citizen, Beyond Nuclear, PIRG, Musicians United for Safe Energy, Nukewatch, Nuclear Energy Information Service, the Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility, and green industry supporters have banded together to wage an uphill battle aimed at striking that critical sentence from the Senate bill.

Come September, much of the public attention may be on the pro-green features of the bill, which requires more energy efficiency in buildings, appliances and the power grid, along with a demand that 15% of the nation's electricity come from solar, wind and other renewables by 2020. The House passed its version—which also calls for a carbon neutral federal government—by a vote of 241 to 172 (the fossil fuel tax breaks demanded by Bush were rejected, 221 to 189).

But the real long-term impact on our energy future will turn on the tens of billions in taxpayer guarantees that may or may not pour into reactor construction that no private investors would otherwise fund. As Forbes put it in 1985, atomic energy has been "a defeat for the U.S. consumer and for the competitiveness of U.S. industry, for the utilities that undertook the program and for the private enterprise system that made it possible."

The losses, said Forbes, exceeded the cost of the space program and the Vietnam War combined and left the US with "a power source that is not only high in cost and unreliable, but perhaps not even safe."

To stop this tragedy from being repeated, the safe energy movement will desperately try to stop yet another "bail-out in advance" for the world's most dangerous and expensive failed technology. They need your help—in the short term for the Congressional conference on the Energy Bill, in the long term for turning back this latest nuclear assault on our energy future. Our survival depends on their green-powered success.

Guest Editorial by Harvey Wasserman. See his web site "Solartopia! Our Green-Powered Earth, A.D. 2030" at www.solartopia.org. He is senior advisor to Greenpeace USA and the Nuclear Information & Resource Service, a co-founder of MUSE, and senior editor of www.freepress.org.

PEACE NEWS

The **Redwood Peace & Justice Center** is still located at 1040 H St., in Suite B (the back offices off the alley behind AMPT skateboard shop). Hours are sporadic at present. The RPJC Board is in the process of creating a long-term plan and will be launching a fundraising campaign soon for a new, larger space that will better serve the community. Watch this newsletter for further updates. Info: 826-2511 or www.rpjc.net.

ENTERTAINMENT, CELEBRATIONS, & CULTURE

Through Sunday, August 19: 111th Humboldt County Fair. Exhibits, information, livestock, carnival midway, food, and horse racing at the Ferndale Fairgrounds. Info: 786-9511, 725-1306.

Thursday, August 16: Eureka Summer Concert Series, with "Tom Rigney & Flambeau" playing Cajun Swing. 6 - 8 pm on the Boardwalk, Old Town Eureka. Blankets & beach chairs encouraged. Info: 442-9054.

Sunday, August 19: Mural Completion Celebration & Block Party. Food, music and more to celebrate the completion of a three-year mural project promoting environmentally conscious living. 4 - 7 pm on 12th St. between G and H Streets. Info: 822-7091.

Sunday, August 19: Organic Planet Garden Tour; 11 am - 4 pm at Humboldt Bay Area gardens. \$7 advance/\$10 at the door. Info: 445-5100 or www.organicplanetfestival.org.

Sunday, August 19: Sunday Afternoons at the Graves; open jazz jam session featuring the Mike LaBolle Quartet. 2 - 4:30 pm at the Morris Graves Museum, 636 F St, Eureka. Free. Info: 442-0278.

Sunday, August 19: 45th Annual Klamath Salmon Festival featuring Yurok cultural events including a brush dance demonstration, acorn soup cooking, redwood canoe building and Indian stick games. There will also be a parade, contests and a salmon dinner. Info: 482-1350.

Saturday, August 25: "Bingo With a Twist," a benefit for the Raven Project put on by Queer Humboldt at the Sapphire Palace at Blue Lake Casino. Doors open at 5 pm for a greeting reception with the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. Bingo and comedy follow from 6 - 9 pm. \$25 advance, \$30 at the door. Info: Todd Larsen at 834-4839 or www.queerhumboldt.org.

Sunday, August 26: The Organic Planet Festival. Californians for Alternatives to Toxics presents the world's largest organic salad, a full day of music, great organic food, nationally recognized speakers, informative workshops, an eco-hip fashion show, a kids' village and dozens of exhibitors. 11 am - 7 pm at Halvorsen Park in Eureka. Info: 445-5100 or www.organicplanetfestival.org.

Sunday, August 26: 4th Annual "Celebrating Bird" Concert and Birthday Party for legendary saxophonist Charlie "Bird" Parker. Featuring a large lineup of local jazz musicians. 7 - 10 pm at the Westhaven Center for the Arts. Refreshments. \$15/\$10. Info and reservations: 677-9493.

Sunday, September 2: 22nd Annual I Block Party, a benefit for the Arcata-Camoapa Sister City Project. BBQ dinner, kids' activities, raffle and silent auction, local microbrews and live music by Nucleus, WoMama, The Bucky Walters and The Fickle Hillbillies. On I Street in Arcata between 10th and 11th from noon to 6 pm. Info: 822-7130.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Friday, August 17: "Family Fun Night." Arts and crafts, physical experiments, puppet shows games and more for the whole family. 6:30 - 8 pm at the Discovery Museum, 3rd and F Streets, Eureka. Free. Info: 443-9694.

Saturday, August 18: 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. Presentations included with museum admission. Seating is limited to minimize stress on the birds. All ages. 1315 G St, Arcata. Info: 826-4479.

Sunday, August 19: "Glad to be Back" Party with Mary Nethery, a Eureka children's book author, reading from her books. 2 - 4 pm at the Westhaven Center for the Arts, 501 S. Westhaven Drive. Free. Info: 677-9493 or 677-3986.

Wednesday, August 22: "Kindergarten, Here I Come!" a special program for children entering Kindergarten soon. Stories, crafts, a video and more. . A Kindergarten teacher will explain what to expect at school and answer any questions. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

Tuesday, August 28: "Kindergarten, Here I Am!" Celebrate the very first days of school with stories, crafts, a video and more. A Kindergarten teacher will be on hand to speak with children and parents. 6:30 pm at the Arcata Branch Library, 500 7th St. Info: 822-5954 or www.humlib.org.

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

Sunday, August 19: Organic Planet Garden Tour 11 am - 4 pm at Humboldt Bay Area gardens. \$7 advance/\$10 at the door. Info: 445-5100 or www.organicplanetfestival.org.

Saturday and Sunday, August 25 And 26: Redwood Region Audubon Society Free Public Tour Of Good Shorebird Locations. Meet at Klopp Lake at noon on Saturday for a picnic lunch (provide food for yourself or to share), then spend the afternoon visiting sites to observe migrant shorebirds and other coastal species. Meet at Klopp Lake at 8 a.m. Sunday, finishing the tour around noon. Contact Ken Burton, brdnrd@sbcglobal.net or 839-5179.

Sunday, September 2: Friends of the Dunes Ma-le'l Dunes Guided Walk. Free. Meet at the Ma-le'l Dunes south entrance, located off Young Lane in Manila, just south of the Hwy 255 Mad River Slough Bridge. Signs will guide you to the South Entrance Parking Area. Info: 444-1397 or www.friendsofthedunes.org/education/guided_walks/.

More Activity Listings Can Be Found At These Websites:

www.friendsofthedunes.org/calendar

www.northcoastcnps.org

Ongoing Through September: Lost Coast Hikes With Sanctuary Forest; educational hikes that highlight the magnificent diversity of plant and animal life in the Sanctuary Forest, Sinkyone Wilderness State Park, and the King Range National Conservation Area. Info, reservations and schedules: 877-986-HIKE or hike@sanctuaryforest.org.

Saturdays, Ongoing: Free Tours of the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary. Rain-or-shine, docent-led field trips. Meet with binoculars in the parking lot at the south end of I Street in Arcata at 8:30 am.

Saturdays, Ongoing: 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. 2 pm at the Interpretive Center on South G St. Info: 826-2359.

WORKSHOPS, CLASSES, MISCELLANY

August 15 Through October 17: Registration for the 4th Artists Challenge. This annual fundraiser for The Ink People Center for the Arts and local artists challenges artists to create 15 new works of art in a limited time frame. The works are then displayed at The Ink People Galleries and the artwork is sold, with artists being paid 2/3 of the sale price and the remaining going to The Ink People. Info and registration: Jules at 442-8413 or Ink People at 411 12th St., Eureka.

Wednesdays Beginning August 29: "Family to Family" class designed for adults who have a family member with a serious mental illness, focusing on helpful skills, education and support. Free. Curriculum by the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Info and registration: 733-5012 or 822-9535.

MEETINGS

Green Wheels has formed an off-campus branch which meets weekly on Mondays at 6:30 pm at the Northcoast Environmental Center at 575 "H" Street, Arcata. All are welcome to attend. Info: 826-9175 or <http://green-wheels.org>.

Climate Action Project meetings resume on the second and fourth Mondays at 5:30 pm at the Redwood Alliance office, 1175 G St. Arcata, N. of Wells Fargo, upstairs. Info: 822-6171, climatechange@redwoodalliance.org; www.redwoodalliance.org

TALK SHOWS, COMMENTARY, & MEDIA SPECIALS

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

Bill Moyers Journal Interviews and news analysis on a wide range of issues. PBS, KEET TV Channel 13 on Fridays at 9 pm and Wednesdays at 11:30 am or on the Internet at www.pbs.org/moyers/journal.

Access Humboldt (Channels 10 & 12, public access TV, was ACAT, was APEG, was HCMC). For program schedule, submission policies and program request forms, go to www.accesshumboldt.net. Info: 476-1798.

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



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 Newsletter staff: Mayer Segal, Michael Welch, Dave Keniston, Mara Segal, Paloma Orinoco. Web site: www.hopecoalition.org.

“Chaotic Action is Preferable to Orderly Inaction” Will Rogers

Potluck/Letter Writing Monthly: First Friday, next Sept. 7, 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.

The **Nuclear Weapons Free Zone & Peace Commission** of Arcata (which last Saturday sponsored the lantern ceremony in commemoration of the Hiroshima/Nagasaki bombing) **has at least one opening**.

The Nuclear Weapons Free Zone & Peace Commission consists of seven members who are responsible for reviewing City contracts and investments with contractors for the purpose of seeking nuclear free alternatives in order to ensure compliance with the requirements of Arcata Nuclear Weapons Free Zone Act. Other duties include educating the public about nuclear weapons and weapons-related waste; informing troops returning to Arcata from foreign duty about locally available services; informing resident members of the armed forces about access to free legal advice and counsel for those who are considering refusal; and working with local school boards and Humboldt State University to limit access of military recruiters to school and college campuses, and to provide equal time for views offering alternatives to military service.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the right, peace-loving activist.

Residents of the Arcata are encouraged to apply, through the City Manager's Office at Arcata City Hall, 736 F St. Applications are also available at: www.arcatacityhall.org. For more info: Arcata City Manager's Office, 822-5953. Deadline is Friday, August 24, 2007.

----- **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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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, & the Northcoast Environmental Center; at the main Humboldt, Arcata, McKinleyville, and Trinidad libraries; and at the Senior Center in Eureka.

PEACE NEWS

Vets for Peace, Humboldt Bay Chapter 56 meets 1st Thursdays at 7 pm: at the Arcata Marsh Commons. Info: 826-2992.
Peace Vigils Fridays 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** (also Saturdays at noon), the **McKinleyville Shopping Center** on the grassy area between Luzmilla's and Blockbuster, and **Fridays 4 - 5 pm** in **Trinidad** at the intersection of Scenic Dr. and Main St.
Vets for Peace Silent Vigil; Fridays, 5 - 6 pm: SW corner Arcata Plaza.

TALK SHOWS, WORKSHOPS & 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 ext. 18.
Democracy Now! with Amy Goodman; 12 - 1 pm, Mon. - Fri. See also Access Humboldt Channel 12. Also www.democracynow.com. Also on KIDE 91.3 fm, 1 - 2 pm, Mon. - Fri. Also on Dishnet, Channel 9415 FSTV Mon. - Fri. 9-10 pm.
Civil Liberties Monitoring Project Report; 1st Wednesday, 7 - 8 pm. 923-4646.
Politically Correct Channel 12 schedule posted weekly in the Arcata Eye.
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. **Democracy Now!** with Amy Goodman: weekdays 9 - 10 am.
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 ext. 18.
COMMENTARY on KGOE 1480 am, 442-2000: **Thom Hartmann**, weekdays 9 am - noon.
Peter B. Collins, weekdays 3 - 6 pm. Progressive talk show from San Francisco.
COMMENTARY on KEET TV Channel 13 445-8013: **Wide Angle** Tues. at 9 pm
NOW with David Brancaccio. Fri. at 8:30 pm:
Access Humboldt (Channels 10 & 12, public access TV, was ACAT, was APEG, was HCMC). For program schedule, submission policies and program request forms, go to www.accesshumboldt.net. Channel 12 schedule posted weekly in the Arcata Eye. Info: 476-1798.

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Redwood Alliance Climate Action Project. Join others to promote the solutions to global warming. 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 5:30 pm. 1175 G St. upstairs. Info: 822-6171, climatechange@redwoodalliance.org or www.redwoodalliance.org.
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, Cooper Gulch Ctr., 8th & Myrtle, Eureka. Info: 268-8287 or 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 at the Arcata Public Library, 500 7th St., Arcata. Info: Carol at 668-1901.
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 3rd Saturday of every month. 3:30-5pm. 321 Coffee (321Third St in Old Town). Info: www.EurekaGreens.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.
Northern Humboldt Greens meet 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7-8pm. Info: Shaye, 237-2790 or email arcata@greens.org.
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.
Humboldt Exchange Community Currency Project meets last Monday of the month. 7 pm 1402 M St, Eureka. Info: 269-0984.
Arcata's Nuclear Weapons Free Zone and Peace Commission; 1st Tues. 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 Action Project, Join others to promote the solutions to global warming. Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 5:30 pm 1175 G St. Arcata, N. of Wells Fargo, upstairs. Info: 822-6171, climatechange@redwoodalliance.org; www.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, RPJ&C, 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 age 12 - 19. 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

Buddhist Queers (lesbian, gay, bi, transexual) vipassana, zen, etc. Beginners welcome. phone 269-7044.
Nature-Based Spiritual Queers (GLBT) pagan, Native American traditions, etc. Newcomers welcome. phone 269-7044.
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.
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.
Health Insurance and Advocacy Program (HICAP) provides objective information, help, and advocacy for people relying on Medicare. Info and appointments: 444-3000