

Newsletter Editorial Page Sept. 27, 2005

Insert Enclosed – Nov. 8 Ballot Recommendations – The HOPE Coalition continues the tradition of evaluating propositions appearing on your ballot by using the recommendations of organizations you trust and like, or don't. This is not a substitute for reading the detailed pro & con pleas in your Voters Handbook, but is an easy single sheet reminder to take to the polls with you. Of course you have to be registered to VOTE. The last day for new registrants is Monday, **October 24**.

This special election was called by Governor Schwarzenegger to boost his standing with big anti-labor corporations amidst polls showing his declining popularity, despite the fact that even if all of his 6 propositions won they would not be effective any sooner than if he waited until the regularly scheduled June 2006 election. The advantage for the gov is that he gets all this free publicity for his announced re-election run. The disadvantage of course is that the taxpayers are saddled with the estimated \$65 million cost which for the present at least has shoved his poll standing even lower.

Currently the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, in attempts to hold the Governor accountable, put out literature describing how he paid back contributors recently by vetoing 4 bills that affected them – a bill to raise the minimum wage; a bill to protect car buyers from used car scams; a bill to re-regulate energy supplies in Calif.; and a bill to allow importation of cheap, safe prescription drugs from Canada.

Humboldt County Puts Off Local Propositions 'til next June – In contrast to the State, Humboldt residents found that voting on local propositions will be held over to the June election. Counties, especially rural ones like Humboldt have been hard hit by unnecessary expense as mentioned above, but also by state requirements to insure safety and security with new voting machines. There will be few county-wide local measures, but many local races for school boards, city offices, and harbor commissioner. If you can't wait for your ballot to find out which are in your area and who is running, your best source is the County Election office, 445-7481. Humboldt's League of Women Voters—www.smartvoter.org—will not only give you voter registration info, but your polling place, candidate statements, etc. The local League has a long tradition of holding forums & debates. This year will probably not be an exception. For those who want an advocacy group, try Local Solutions PAC (www.localsolutions.org/donate.htm) established "to recruit, support, and elect candidates who care about the future of Humboldt County and who will fight against the threat of special interests."

What Does It Take? Michael Moore shows a picture of Bush sitting in an elementary school classroom for 10 minutes after receiving a report of 9/11 staring off into space. Retired Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Air Force Robert Bowman has cited a dozen specific warnings including that of an FBI agent "that Moussawi was planning on flying a hijacked airliner 'into the World Trade Center' Our government not only ignored the warnings, they made sure no fighter jets were scrambled to stop it. If they had just done nothing and allowed every day procedures to be followed, the Twin Towers would still be standing and thousands of dead Americans would still be alive. This is not stupidity, it is TREASON." The "Downing Street Memos" and other evidence indicated that the illegal invasion of Iraq was planned long before 9/11. The excuse that Iraq had stockpiles of WMDs and harbored many terrorists also proved to be first class LIES.

Then comes Katrina. Our Congressman Mike Thompson said that "A federal disaster report issued in the spring of 2001, before 9/11, warned that the 3 likeliest and most catastrophic disasters facing America were a major flood in New Orleans, a terrorist attack in New York City, and a catastrophic earthquake in California's Bay Area." In fact money was approved by Congress for engineered preparation for New Orleans, which disappeared without a trace. Thompson continues, "while crowds of flood victims swelled to 30,000 at the New Orleans Superdome and 25,000 at the Convention Center, President Bush told FEMA Director Mike Brown, '**Brownie, you're doing a heck of a job.**'" The true human tragedy of Katrina began to unfold when hundreds of offers to provide victims with immediate assistance were rejected by FEMA bureaucrats.

Thompson continued, "The grandest evidence of government malpractice was the decision not to use the USS Bataan, an 844-foot Marine vessel that was already sitting in the Gulf with medical supplies, 6 operating rooms, 600 beds and the ability to make 100,000 gallons of fresh water per day."

What's the Answer? Lt. Colonel Bowman, who is also a Catholic Bishop, "Peace is patriotic; a preemptive war is immoral, illegal, unconstitutional, a war crime, and TREASON. ...Wake up, America! It is time for George W. Bush, Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld, and the whole oil mafia to be removed from office and indicted for treason." Former Texas Secretary of Agriculture Jim Hightower says "**All politicians who support a war should be drafted – or have one of their closest family members drafted – to be first in the line of fire.**"

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

Saturday, October 1: HSU Music Dept. Faculty Artist Series: Helmholtz Trio featuring Terrie Baune, Carol Jacobsen, and Deborah Clasquin at 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$8, \$3. Info: 826-3456.

Saturday, October 1: Pastels on the Plaza. Local artists sponsored by local businesses creating pastel works of art on the sidewalks around the Arcata Plaza. Info or to participate: Northcoast Children's Services 825-1302 or 825-1313 or www.ncsheadstart.org.

Saturday, October 1: The Mateel Community Center's 1st Annual Humboldt Hills Hoedown at Benbow Lake State Recreation Area. Bluegrass, workshops, games, vendors, kids' activities, BBQ, local beer and wine, and more. Info and schedule: 923-3368 or www.mateel.org.

Saturday, October 1: 8th Annual Art, Crafts, Food, and Wine Festival at the Fieldbrook Winery. Benefit for the Fieldbrook Educational Foundation. Live music, arts and crafts, BBQ, local wine, and beer. Free admission. Info: 839-3553.

Saturday and Sunday, October 1 - 2: Redwood Coast Belly Dance Festival: live dancing and drumming performances, workshops, kids' activities, shopping bazaar, and more. 10 am - 7 pm at the Arcata Community Center. Info: 443-6876 or www.redwoodcoastbellydance.com.

Sunday, October 2, Humboldt Solar Neighbors Tour; free tour of more than 50 solar-powered and energy-efficient buildings located in clusters in Trinidad, McKinleyville/Fieldbrook, Arcata, Bayside/Sunnybrae, Freshwater, and Eureka. 10 am - 3 pm. Info and tour starting points: 800-931-7232 or www.redwoodenergy.org.

Saturday, October 8: HSU Music Dept. Symphonic Band/Jazz Orchestra, 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$6, \$2. Info: 826-3456.

Saturday, October 8: Fortuna Concert Series: Eureka Jazz Ensemble. An entertaining and informative evening with the educational group, Eureka Jazz Ensemble, on the topic "What is this thing called Jazz?" Doors open at 7:30 at the Monday Club, 610 Main St., Fortuna. Info and ticket locations: 725-3519.

Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9: 3rd Annual Humboldt Bay Paddlefest: canoe and kayak fun races, a water parade, children's activities, live music, clinics and classes for all skill levels, vendor demos and booths, food and beverages, and other water-based activities. At Halverson Park in Eureka. Info: 845-0686.

Saturday, October 15: HSU Music Dept. Humboldt Symphony; 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$6, \$2. Info: 826-3456.

Sunday, October 16: 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, October 16: Fall Farm Tour, a full day of fun, food and music sponsored by the Friends of the Humboldt County Farmers' Markets and featuring a self guided tour of 8 different agricultural treasures from Arcata to McKinleyville. 10 am - 3 pm. \$8 pre sale (Until 9/30) / \$10 person, under 12 free. Info and ticket locations: 441-9999 or www.ncgafarmersmarket.org.

Friday, October 21: Norman Solomon & David Rovics at the 1st Annual Benefit Dinner/Speech/Concert for the Gary Webb Foundation for Investigative Journalism. Dinner, local musical entertainment, book & music table, and socializing; all beginning at 6 pm. Welcoming remarks and featured speaker will occur from 8 pm to 9:30 pm, concert at 9:30 pm. At the Bayside Grange. Info: arcata@arcata.org.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Wednesday, September 29: 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.

Friday and Saturday, October 28 and 29: 10th Annual Natural History Halloween. Reservations are now being accepted for this annual non-scary Halloween event, featuring the Creature Feature Trail, live creatures, face painting, and more. Costumes optional. \$5, \$6 after 10/27. Info and reservations: 826-4479 or www.humboldt.edu/~natmus.

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

Every Thursday: Protest The Pollution From The Evergreen Pulp Mill (AKA the Samoa Pulp Mill); in front of the Humboldt County Courthouse at 5 pm. The Citizens' Pulp Mill Committee invites you to join them and take action to make Eureka's air safe to breathe. Info: 443-7926 or 268-1385. See info under "Meetings" (below) also.

WORKSHOPS, CLASSES, MISCELLANY

Saturday, October 1: 1st Steps in Dismantling Corporate Rule an introductory workshop including history, culture, and strategies related to the balance of power. 10:30 - 5:30 at DUHC headquarters in Eureka. Info: 269-0984 or www.DUHC.org.

Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9: Labor Organizers Training on the HSU campus. Experienced union activists will be teaching the skills and knowledge necessary to successfully address workplace grievances, understand current labor laws, and organize workers through effective union drives. Pre-registration or info: 725-8090.

October 17 through October 29: Community Mediator Training through Humboldt Mediation Services. Classes are Monday/Wednesday evenings and all day Saturday for 2 weeks. \$250 (\$50 to register). Info or registration brochure: 445-2505 or hummed@northcoast.com **Deadline to register is October 7.**

The Campus Center for Appropriate Technology (CCAT); at the rear of the parking lot at 14th and B Street, 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.

Thursday, September 29: Green-Up your Apartment, Dorm, or Rental: options and creative solutions to living more sustainably in your apartment, dorm room, or rental house. Topics will range from energy, water, waste, compost, shopping, food, gardening, and legal issues. Bring your energy and water bills if you can. 3 - 4 pm at CCAT.

Tuesday, October 11: Permaculture for Beginners 4 pm at CCAT

MEETINGS

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

Thursday, September 29: Public Forum On The Future Of Humboldt County regarding population growth, annexation of rural land, and more. Presented by the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County. All individuals interested in the General Plan Update process are invited. 6 - 8 pm at the Sequoia Room, Humboldt County Office of Education, 901 Myrtle Ave. Eureka Info: 268-3704 or judytetra@sbcglobal.net.

Every Wednesday: Citizen's Pulp Mill Committee Meeting at 915 California St, Eureka at 7pm. Projects in the works include courthouse demonstrations, petition circulating, and an appeal to the variance decision. If you would like to receive the "Shut It Down" newsletter, please contact kyedorskid@aol.com. Info: 443-7926 or 268-1385.

Regular Meetings of the NAACP have started again after a summer hiatus, on the 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. Currently they are correlating with the National office donations to the New Orleans Disaster Relief Fund.

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:** 9/29, Lesley Adams, outreach coordinator for the Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center. Info: 822-6918 or www.yournec.org.

Thursday, October 13: "Thursday Night Talk" featuring Norman Solomon, 7:30 - 8:30 pm on KHSU, 90.5 FM. Mr. Solomon will discuss the 10/13 event at the Bayside Grange, the journalistic legacy of Gary Webb, and other topics. Nationally celebrated folksinger, David Rovics will also be featured. Info: 826-4805.

HFRA 99.9 FM, Humboldt Free Radio Alliance broadcasts live on 99.9 FM. Tune in Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings; and Saturday and Sunday all day. Call for a complete schedule of programs. Info: 502-0175.

ELECTIONS

Saturday, October 1: Speaking and Tabling at a Campaign Finance Reform Forum by the campaign for Fair Elections and Local Democracy for Humboldt County. 10 am - 2 pm at the Wharfinger Building, 1 Marina Way in Eureka (on the waterfront). Hosted by Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee. Info or to volunteer: 444-0407 or info@VoteLocalControl.org.



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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 10/7, 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.

Katrina Brings Out the Worst & the Best. It is hard to decide whether the Bush administration is stupid, callous, avaricious, or just plain incompetent. Perhaps John Dean's explanation (see editorial page) is more to the point. For many details of our government's "criminal incompetence" regarding Katrina see our Congressman Mike Thompson's op ed article in the *Times-Standard* for Sept. 10. It may be interesting to note that "backward" China was able to evacuate 600,000 people in 2 days when Typhoon Talim hit southern China on 9/1 – exactly 7 days after Katrina. Another offer for help that didn't even warrant an answer from our government came from Cuba who offered to send 1,100 well equipped, hurricane experienced doctors just hours away from New Orleans.

On the encouraging side, people from all walks of life offered their volunteer services, supplies, jobs, money, and homes to their fellow Americans regardless of race or other differences. Typically in Humboldt County, Dr. Wendy Ring, who had for years driven her mobile medical unit all over the county helping homeless among others with medical assistance and shots has taken off for New Orleans with her mobile unit. She will be followed by RN Chris Daugherty, who is taking his vacation time from Mad River Hospital to help her as he had done in the past with homeless.

At the Roberts hearing for Chief Justice, a reporter asked Bush, what "he thought of Roe vs. Wade?"
Bush replied, "I don't care how they get out of New Orleans!"

----- 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.

Make checks to HOPE Coalition. Amount: \$ _____

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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, 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. in Arcata offers office space, message services, & meeting space to participating members. Summer hours are 1- 6 pm, Wed.- Fri.; & 10 am to 3 pm Sat. 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.

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.

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

Humboldt Greens; 1st Tuesday, 7 pm, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, 7th and J St, Eureka. Chair Greg Allen greg@gregoryallen.net. Info: www.greenhumboldt.org, e-mail info@greenhumboldt.org. PO Box 114, Arcata, CA 95518. Message: 444-7676.

Arcata Greens; 2nd Monday, 7 pm at Cafe Mokka, 5th and J St, Arcata. Chair Jesse Goplen jgoplen@yahoo.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 Commission; 4th Thursday 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.