The November 7th vote was a good start – Now the country needs to begin the fundamental task of restoring democracy & the constitutional order that Bush & Co. did so much to desecrate. – The ink on the ballots was hardly dry, when the pundits started to explain what happened & what the future holds for the country. “Moderates from the Republican right and from the Democratic left have led the way.” “Bush lost the huge voter turnout of previous years from the Christian fundamentalists.” Have they too lost faith in his true beliefs? “The Democrats did not win – the vote was a repulsion with Bush's policies.” Rove said the GOP sex scandals were the major cause for defeat and “The Republican philosophy is alive and well and likely to re-emerge in the majority in 2008.”

New majority House leader Nancy Pelosi sat down with Bush & Cheney to negotiate her “100 hour program” including passing new ethics rules, enacting all the recommendations of the 9/11 commission, raising the minimum wage, slashing interest rates on student loans, and expanding federal funding for stem cell research.

The Nation says, Democrats should “revive what used to be a staple of representative democracy – accountability, the power of Congress to question the chief executive and demand answers for misdeeds and misguided policies. A tall stack of outrages, lies, and potentially criminal abuses await examination. Manipulation of intelligence. War profiteering. Energy policies that ignore global warming, and fatten oil industry hogs. The looting of the Treasury by lobbyists fixers and wholesale tax giveaways. healthcare system that serves drug manufacturers and insurance companies instead of people.”

None of the leadership of either Republicans or Democrats could, or would, say what this writer believes to be a major factor in the vote. The majority of American people have come to realize that the invasion of Iraq had nothing to do with terrorism and/or Iraq’s stockpile of “Weapons of Mass Destruction.” Instead, it was part of the administration’s plan of empire building to secure the Middle East with its vast oil reserves. Not only that, but poor planning of how to conduct an invasion, coupled with incompetence in understanding the resistance of the Iraqi’s during the occupation, has resulted in the deaths of 2,848 in the U.S. military forces, plus countless injured bodies. The Iraqi health minister puts civilian deaths at 150,000. Health services, education, and rebuilding have had a complete breakdown despite expensive no-bid contracts of U.S. corporations (including Cheney’s Halliburton’s more than $10 billion alone).

Just as this newsletter was going to press on November 13, two influential Democrats – the incoming majority leader, Sen. Harry Reid and incoming Armed Services Committee chairman Carl Levin – announced that a phased redeployment of troops from Iraq would be their top priority when the new Congress convenes in January. They seem to have picked up on the message from the ballot box.

“Bring Our Troops Home! – A dirty slogan. A major criticism by the Republican administration of its opposition is that “by asking to bring the troops home now” we are failing to support them, thus ruining their morale and at the same time letting the “terrorists” know that we’re divided on how to wipe them out. Another reason for not bringing the troops home is that they become veterans, and many veterans have problems which could be expensive to treat. After World War II, vets were treated with more respect than they are today. For example, under the GI Bill they were able to receive higher education for free.

In Eureka today a veterans group marks 3 years that they have been trying to establish a living center to rehabilitate vets with problems – only to be turned down by a large number of NIMBYs scattered throughout the city.

Exciting news about Depleted Uranium! The California legislature has passed a bill, signed into law by the governor last month, that all returning veterans who may have been exposed to depleted uranium must be tested. The DU Committee of local Veterans for Peace, Humboldt Bay Chap. 56, initiated this act and its chairman. Peter Aronson, worked closely with CA Senator Wes Chesbro to guide the bill to a successful conclusion. Testing is needed because radiological DU causes cells to mutate, leading to damage to those exposed and birth defects in their offspring. The U.S. has used it in all wars since 1991. We are distorting the DNA of all species. DU is used by the U.S. army in its shell casings for its penetrating power. After the shell explodes radioactive gas contaminates the ground exposing the enemy, civilians, children and our own troops.
PEACE NEWS

Friday, December 8: Fifth Annual RPJC Holiday Dinner And Gift Auction; a time to celebrate the work and vision of grassroots organizing, find a gift to share for the holidays, eat well, and support the Redwood Peace and Justice Center. 6 pm at the Bayside Grange. Tickets are $25 and are available at the Redwood Peace and Justice Center, 1040 H St, Arcata. Info: 826-2511.

Sunday, December 17: Third Annual WILPF (Women for Peace) and Veterans for Peace Holiday Potluck Bash; open to everyone. 6 pm at the Marsh Commons Community Room. Info: Info: Becky at 826-9197 or bluening@cox.net.

Arcata Nuclear Weapons Free Zone and Peace Commission Still Seeks Members. Help educate the community on peace and nuclear weapons issues. Young adults and people of color are encouraged to apply. Applications (Friday, December 8) at Arcata City Hall and online at www.arcatacityhall.org. Info: Arcata City Manager’s Office, 822-5953 or Sara Sunstein, Commission Chairperson, 825-0822.

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

Wednesday, November 15, 250-Mile Potluck. CCAT is hosting a 250-mile potluck in conjunction with the Peak Oil Action Group. Share foods grown within a 250-mile radius of Humboldt. 6 pm at the Bayside Grange. Delicious local food, wine and other items will be raffled. See the CCAT web site, www.humboldt.edu/~ccat/250/index.html for a listing of local produce you can use to make your dish. Bring a plate, utensils & beverage of choice. Info: 826-3551.

Saturday, November 18: Benefit for Big Mountain, featuring Clan Dyken and Joann Rand as well as food, beverages and more. 5 - 11 pm at the Bayside Grange. Please bring donations of non-perishable food. $10 donation. Info: 499-8769.

Sunday, November 19: Humboldt Exchange Pancake Breakfast. Enjoy a delicious breakfast and learn more about the Exchange and Democracy Unlimited of Humboldt County. 10 am - noon at 1402 M Street, Eureka. Info: 476-8475.

Sunday, November 19: Fall Open Jazz Jam Sessions at the Graves, featuring Darius Brotman, Geoff Daugherty, and Ed Campbell. 2 - 4:30 pm at the Morris Graves Museum, 636 F St, Eureka. Info: 442-0278.

Friday and Saturday, November 24 and 25: The Blue Ox Craftsman’s Days: Living History and Artisan Faire; featuring traditional artisans from around the area as they set up shop, display their wares, and interact with the public. Fundraiser for KKDS, Blue Ox Youth Radio for Humboldt Bay. Blue Ox Millworks, 1 X St., Eureka. Info: 444-3437 or www.blueoxmill.com/CD2006.htm.

Friday and Saturday, November 24 and 25 and Ongoing: Dell’Arte’s Holiday Show “Entrances and Exits.” 26th annual holiday show will be at Dell’Arte’s Carlo Theatre at 7:30 pm. Bring a non-perishable food donation. The show will be performed at a variety of free venues around the county. Ticket locations and other info: 866-8693.

Saturday, November 25: Trinidad Holiday Artisans Festival, celebrating the tastes and talents of Humboldt County. Local artisans and musicians, local food and wine, and a community peace mural project. 10 am - 5 pm, Trinidad Town Hall. Info: 677-3976.

Friday, December 1: HSU Symphonic Band at 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. Info: $6, $2. Info: 826-3456

Friday and Sunday, December 8 and 10: Humboldt Symphony, Humboldt Chorale and the University Singers at 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. Info: $6, $2. Info: 826-3456.


Monday - Thursday, December 11 - 14: HSU Music Dept. Free Studio Recitals at 5 pm and 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. Free. Call for info on specific performers: 826-3456.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING and CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Wednesday, November 22: The Eureka Rescue Mission, free dinner open to all served from noon - 4 pm at 110 2nd St., Eureka. Please call to volunteer or donate. Info: 443-4551.

Thursday, November 23: The Salvation Army free dinner for seniors served at noon at Silvercrest Residence, 2141 Tydd St., Eureka. Reservations required. 445-3141.

Thursday, November 23: St. Vincent de Paul, free dinner for all served from 11 am - 1 pm at 35 W. 3rd St., Eureka. Donations of any Thanksgiving type food welcomed. Please call to see if volunteers are needed. Info: 445-9588.

Thursday, November 23: The Northern Humboldt Ministerial Association, free dinner for all (turkey and vegetarian options) served from noon - 3 pm at the Arcata Veteran’s Hall, 14th and J St. in Arcata. The Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir performs at 11:30 am. Food provided by local congregations. Call to volunteer food or assistance. Info: Alisha at 825-9653.

Thursday, November 23: Raw Food Potluck Join members of the CCAT community for a raw food Thanksgiving celebration. 5 pm at CCAT. Info: 826-3551.

Saturday, December 23: The Eureka Rescue Mission, free dinner open to all served from noon - 4 pm at 110 2nd St., Eureka. Please call to volunteer or donate. Info: Teri at 445-3787.
CHILDREN & YOUTH

Thursday, April 20: Third Thursday Family Arts Night: Native American Heritage Month. Featuring Tolowa Dancers, North Coast Storytellers, and native crafts. Put on by the Humboldt Arts Council at the Morris Graves Museum. 6 - 8 pm at 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278.


Thursday, November 23: Thanksgiving at the Zoo; take a walk and watch the animals at the Sequoia Park Zoo receive their holiday meals. 11 am - 2 pm. Barnyard talk at 12:45. 3414 W St. Info: 442-6552.

Saturday, December 2: Natural History Museum Open House featuring special exhibits and performances, live music, a holiday Dutch auction, and discounts on merchandise. All ages. 1315 G St., Arcata. Info: 826-4479.

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

Friday, November 17: Free Slide Show “Birds of Ecuador,” with ornithologist Rudy Gelis. Gelis will also discuss bird behavior and ecological threats. Bring a mug for shade-grown coffee. 7:30 pm at the Humboldt County Office of Education, 901 Myrtle Ave. Eureka.


Thursday, November 24: Thanksgiving Morning Walk. Friends of the Arcata Marsh will hold its annual walk at 10 am starting at the Interpretive Center on South G St.

Monday, November 27 “Global Warming: The Signs & Science.” Come view a fascinating and thought-provoking film. The film will be followed by a discussion facilitated by CCAT Co-Director Patrick Wiley. 7 pm at CCAT. Info: 826-3551.

Tuesday, November 28: "Should The Co-Op Be Selling Live Lobsters For Consumption?" North Coast Co-op Board of Directors meeting 6 pm at the Hotel Arcata. Agenda item from the annual membership meeting of 10/29. Info about "crustacean liberation:" Martha Devine at 825-1198. Info about the Eureka Co-op: 443-6027.

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

WORKSHOPS, CLASSES, MISCELLANY

Thursday, November 16: League of Women Voters Presentation on “Health care for All” including a video, “The Health Care Solution: California’s ONECARE,” and a panel discussion by local healthcare providers. 7 pm at the Sequoia Room at the Humboldt Office of Education, 901 Myrtle Ave, Eureka. Info: 444-9252.

Wednesday, November 29: Mushroom Cultivation Workshop Learn how to cultivate mushrooms with members of the HSU Sustainable Campus class. 2 - 4 pm at CCAT. Info: 826-3551.

The Campus Center for Appropriate Technology (CCAT) at the rear of the parking lot at 14th and B Sts., Arcata. CCAT has a variety of ongoing workshops. Call for times and topics or visit their website. Tour at 2 pm every Friday. All welcome. Info: 826-3551, ccat@humboldt.edu, or www.humboldt.edu/~ccat.

TALK SHOWS, COMMENTARY, & MEDIA SPECIALS

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

Campaign for Love and Forgiveness, a nationwide program being partnered locally by KEET-TV, the Times-Standard, Dell’Arte International, the Gang Risk Intervention Program, KHUM-FM, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and the Morris Graves Museum of Art. The campaign seeks to spark new attitudes and actions in relationships, in society, and in the world. KEET invites the public to write a letter sharing stories or thoughts on love, truth, tolerance, compassion, and/or altruism. For more info visit www.keet.org or the project website at www.loveandforgive.org or call KEET at 445-0813.
Notice: We’re tired & broke, but believe we have seen a stop to the downward slope of the U.S.
This issue on November 14 will be the last in 2006. We’ll see you again on January 9, 2007.

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Potluck/Letter Writing Monthly: First Friday, next December 1, 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 A LETTER or DO SOMETHING

America Needs a Raise – The AFL-CIO union movement has spearheaded America Needs a Raise campaign to raise the minimum wage at the state and federal level. The campaign has provided momentum to put the issue of raising the minimum wage on the Nov. 7 ballot in six states: Arizona, Colorado, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, and Ohio. (Congress will be in session for a few days after Nov. 7.) Tell your lawmakers: It’s time for a real vote to raise the minimum wage.

California this year passed legislation that gives more than 1.4 million wage earners an increase of 75 cents an hour in January and another 50 cents the following year. The raise to $8 an hour by January 2008 would give California the nation’s highest wage barring increases in other states during that time. The federal current rate which hasn’t been changed in 10 years is $5.15 an hour.

What’s life really like when you make at or near the minimum wage? Beginning Oct. 23, workers will tell their experiences trying to make ends meet and support a family on the minimum wage on “7 Days @ Minimum Wage,” a video blog (vlog) event, sponsored by the AFL-CIO and ACORN. In the first installment, Paul Greg Valdez and his partner, Susan Windham, describe how he breaks his back every day for about $35. Hosted by comedienne Roseanne Barr, “7 Days @ Minimum Wage” runs Oct. 23 - 30 and features interviews with seven workers describing life at or near the federal minimum wage, which has been frozen since 1997.

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: $_______
 Scholarships are available
 I can volunteer some time [ ]
 Receive newsletter: By US mail [ ]; By email [ ]; Both [ ]

The HOPE Coalition Newsletter is now available in Arcata at: the Co-op, NEC, & the RP&J Center; at the main Humboldt, Arcata, McKinleyville, and Trinidad libraries; and at the Senior Center in Eureka.
PEACE NEWS

The Redwood Peace & Justice Center at 1040 H St., Arcata, offers office space, message services, & meeting space to participating members. Open Monday - Saturday from 1 - 5 pm. Info: 826-2511 or www.rpjc.net.

Activities at the Center:
1st Wednesday at 6 pm Bar None!, a prison support/activism group. 443-8805.
Tuesdays at 6 pm The Educators Working Group meets. Info: Jerome 442-7573.
Northern California Coalition for Women Prisoners meets. Call for meeting dates. Info: Stormy 442-3895 or Karen 825-7460 or email nccwp@earthlink.net.
Free fax to members of Congress on Fridays.
Not at the Center:
1st Thursday at 7 pm: Vets for Peace, Humboldt Bay Chapter 56 at the Arcata Marsh Commons. Info: 826-2992.
Peace Vigils every Friday: 5 - 6 pm on the Arcata Plaza. Mondays at 4 pm at the Courthouse in Eureka, 445-5100 ext. 215, ask for Jack.
Women in Black stand in silent vigil every Friday 5 - 6 pm at the Arcata Plaza, 8th & G, at the Humboldt County Courthouse, and at the McKinleyville Shopping Center on the grassy area between Luzmilla's and Blockbuster. They also stand every Friday from 4 - 5 pm in Trinidad at the intersection of Scenic Dr. and Main St. Also, Saturdays at noon at the Humboldt County Courthouse.
Vets for Peace Silent Vigil; Fridays, 5 - 6 pm: SW corner Arcata Plaza.

TALK SHOWS & COMMENTARY

COMMENTARY on KMUD, 88.3 fm, 923-2513.
Counterspin, Sunday 1 - 1:30 pm.
Alternative Radio, Mondays 9 am. Boulder-based award-winning weekly series with David Barsamian.
Animal Advocate, 2nd Thursday, 7 - 8 pm. Current animal welfare issues. Info: Barbara Shultz at 986-7835, animaladvocate4@yahoo.com.
A World of Possibilities locally produced syndicated public affairs program. 9 am Tuesdays. Info: 826-9111 x18.
Democracy Now! with Amy Goodman; 12 - 1 pm, Monday - Friday. See also APEG Cox, Channel 12. Also www.democracynow.com. Also on KIDE 91.3 fm, 1 - 2 pm, Monday - Friday.
Civil Liberties Monitoring Project Report: 1st Wednesday, 7 - 8 pm. 923-4646.
Politically Correct Week in Review, call-in radio show, 2nd, 4th, & 5th Mondays at 7 pm 923-3911.
All Things Reconsidered with Eric Kirk. 3rd Thursday at 7 pm.
Global Stuff with Jimmy Durchslag, last Friday, 7 - 8 pm.

COMMENTARY on KHSU, 90.5 fm, 826-6089.
The EcoNews Report with Tim McKay (currently running archived programs). 1:30 pm Thursdays.
A World of Possibilities locally produced syndicated public affairs program. 1:30 pm Wednesdays. Info: 826-9111 x18.
Democracy Now! with Amy Goodman: weekdays 9 - 10 am.
COMMENTARY on KGOE, 1480 am, 442-2000: Thom Hartmann, weekdays 9 - 12 am. Liberals’ answer to Rush Limbaugh type.
COMMENTARY on KEET TV Channel 13, Tues. at 9 pm: Wide Angle Fri. at 8:30 pm: NOW with David Brancaccio. Info: 445-8013.
HCMC Channel 12. (Public Access TV, was APEG): Every Sunday and Monday 6 - 7 pm The Humboldt Magazine Show news program. Info: Redwood Media News Group at 825-6618. Amy Goodman’s Democracy Now recognized best news on the air 5 - 6 am & 8 - 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.

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Climate Protection Project, a program of the Redwood Alliance to halt global warming. Meetings 2nd & 4th Monday of every month, 5:15 pm at 1175 G St. upstairs. Info: 822-6171 or climateprotection@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: 822-2359.
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.
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 blueening@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.humboldt democrats.org.

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

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

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

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

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

Arcata’s Nuclear Weapons Free Zone and Peace Commission; 1st Tuesday at 6:30 pm at Arcata City Hall, 736 F St. Info: 822-5951.

Green Wheels; Thursdays at 5 pm at HSU by Center Activities. Info: wheels@humboldt.edu or www.humboldt.edu/-wheels.

Redwood Alliance Climate Protection Project, Meetings 2nd & 4th Monday of every month, 5:15 pm at 1175 G St. upstair. Info: 822-6171 or climateprotection@redwoodalliance.org.

Humboldt Watershed Council at NEC, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7 - 9 pm. Info: sheds@humboldt1.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 (8th - 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.


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.