

# Enabled Voices



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## Keynote Speaker



Guest speaker, Activist S. Brian Willson of Arcata addresses attendees at the 4th Annual

Assistive Technology & Respect for Abilities Fair on Oct. 5 at Eureka's Adorni Center.



## Thompson Co-Sponsors ADA Restoration Act



Rep. Mike Thompson has joined 224 other U.S. Congressmen in co-sponsoring H.R. 3195--the **ADA Restoration Act**. However, he has yet to co-sponsor H.R.--the **Community Choices Act**. This would "amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide individuals with disabilities and older Americans with equal access to community-based attendant services and supports." Currently, the only California Congressman to co-sponsor this legislation is Rep. Loretta Sanchez.

## Governor Vetoes 4, Signs A Couple

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger used his veto power last week to say "no" to several bills relating to In-Home Support Service workers.

Rejected were AB 182, relating to the provision of training for workers and recipients, AB 238, which would have allowed IHSS workers to provide reading assistance to blind or visually impaired recipients, AB 979, which would have sought federal funding for the IHSS program, and SB 945, which would authorize a family member of IHSS worker to receive notice of an action affecting the amount of services provided to a recipient.

The Governor did sign SB 868, which requires a IHSS public authority or nonprofit consortium to obtain criminal history information on potential IHSS personnel, but would not pass the costs on to the potential IHSS worker or care recipient. He also signed AB 463, which relates to disabled parking. It allows vehicles equipped with a lift, ramp or assistive equipment more opportunities for parking, including when there is not sufficient space to operate that equipment.

A similar version of the bill is before the Senate as S. 799. California Senator Barbara Boxer is a co-sponsor, but not Senator Diane Feinstein. You may want to contact her regarding this legislation!

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## HCAR Expands Service

The Humboldt Community Access and Resource Center (HCAR) Care-A-Van has expanded its Dial-A-ride/Dial-A-Lift service area to include the Elk River Road area. Service is available Monday through Saturday. Passengers need to call HCAR at 443-7077 twenty-four hours in advance to make a reservation. For more information about HCAR's Care-A-Van service contact Susan Driscoll, Transportation Coordinator at 443-7077.

Tri-County Independent Living: (707) 445-8404. For questions on this publication, call Glenn Reed.



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**For further information, contact Cindy Calderon at (707) 445-8404 or email to [cynthia@tilinet.org](mailto:cynthia@tilinet.org).**



## Coming Attractions

**Theatres** is offering patrons that use wheelchairs the chance to see a movie free of charge. The offer is

restricted to one movie a day on a first-come, space availability basis. In this area, the offer is good at the Broadway Cinema & The Movies at Bayshore Mall, Eureka; the Minor Theatre, Arcata; Mill Creek in McKinleyville and Crescent City Cinemas. Go to [www.catheatres.com](http://www.catheatres.com) for showtimes/locations.

## Local Happenings

**Oct. 26--***Going Mobile: Transportation Options for the Non-Driver*, 1 p.m., McKinleyville Senior Center, 1620 Pickett Rd. Call Julie Sessa at Area 1 Agency on Aging (707) 442-3763) for more info. **Oct. 30--***Going Mobile*, 12:30 p.m., Fortuna Senior Dining Center, 2130 Smith Lane.

**Nov. 10--**Suicide Alternatives Workshop, 1 p.m., St. Joseph Hospital Conference Room C-1. For clinicians, mental health clients, clergy and survivors of suicide to discuss and make recommendations on alternatives to suicide. Sponsored by CA Network of Mental Health clients, "Mind Menders," & The Depression & Bipolar Support Alliance Humboldt County.