



# 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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## Confidence in Voting?

by Dave Berman

Elections officials may hope the public has both confidence and faith in election results, but it is only reasonable for them to seek confidence, and never faith. This is not a church-and-state issue. This is about the public's non-negotiable right to oversee the process by which we empower our representatives. This is also about distinguishing things that can and cannot be known with certainty.

Who among us can say how many stars are in the sky, pebbles on the beach or blades of grass on a field? Many religions contemplate an all-knowing deity, perhaps worthy of your faith. Yet we do not install our neighbors in public office to then accept their word unquestioningly. Still, election machines can only require faith because the secrecy of the computer programming leaves no rational basis for confidence in the results reported.

Nationwide, many voters still use paperless electronic machines known to lose votes, swap a voter's choice, count backwards and tally more votes than registered voters. Once a "glitch" occurs, there is no way to know if any "correction" reveals the correct count of the votes cast. Even if no problems occur, there is still no permanent record to verify the data considered proprietary and kept secret by the machine manufacturer.

Humboldt County does provide the benefit of paper ballots; however, it continues to feed them into optical scanners—big black boxes—where ballot markings are encoded into a form humans can't read. From there, only faith allows one to accept the results. Again, there is no rational basis for confidence.

It is not overly suspicious to raise these questions. Security reviews conducted in three states (including California) have found that Humboldt County's optical scanners are so vulnerable to tampering that no "procedural mitigations" or enhanced security measures can guarantee the sanctity of the machines.

The GEMS central tabulator program continues as part of Humboldt County's vote-counting system, used at the Elections Office to combine results from all precincts. Use of this program inexplicably continues more than three years after the Department of Homeland Security's Computer Readiness Team labeled it a threat to national security.

Back to faith and confidence: Not only is it inappropriate for the election process to demand blind faith—when the process is spelled out, it seems hard to believe anyone would willingly invest their faith in it.

The Elections Office operates equipment that may as well be a divining rod. The people there do their job and report the numbers they get. They should have no more influence over those numbers than a nurse checking a patient's temperature. Yet Elections Office staff can't vouch with any certainty the accuracy of the numbers it announces. Media report these same numbers without any verification. The public goes whistling past the grave of democracy.

Are elections inherently like stars, pebbles and blades of grass? No! Imagine a community meeting room full of voters who each drop a pebble in an urn. When it comes time to count, we see there is exactly the same number of votes and voters, and with the entire community as witnesses, the votes may be counted and recounted ad nauseam. The results would be the same over and over and this can be known with certainty. This is a rational basis for confidence in the results and it does not require faith. This is what we can achieve now in Humboldt County by hand-counting our paper ballots.

Go to [www.voterconfidencecommittee.org](http://www.voterconfidencecommittee.org) for a detailed report on election conditions in Humboldt County, including recommendations for improvement. E-mail [info@voterconfidencecommittee.org](mailto:info@voterconfidencecommittee.org) to join our roster of voters willing to hand-count on election night. We hope soon to show the Board of Supervisors there are enough of us to do the job.

No argument will be taken seriously if it openly advocates secret vote counting, ensuring inherently uncertain results that require blind faith. No, we never hear that argument. Yet that's where Humboldt County stands, at least partially because the community has not challenged it strongly enough. This despite our own documented track record of modem failures, memory card failures and even complete failures requiring machine replacement in the field during election day.

It can happen here, Humboldt. You'll know it has when nobody asks questions and we take everything on faith.

## PEACE NEWS

**Grant Applications Sought:** The Nonviolent Action Community of Cascadia is seeking grant applications from grassroots groups for activist organizing and education on issues of peace, social justice and community empowerment. Funding limit is \$2,000 per recipient group. Application deadline is January 15, 2008. Grants will be awarded March 1, 2008. Contact: NACC, 4554 12th Ave. NE Seattle, WA 98105, (206) 547-0952, www.seanacc.org, nacc@drizzle.com

**The Redwood Peace & Justice Center**, 1040 H St., in Suite B (the back offices off the alley behind skateboard shop). Hours sporadic at present. The RPJC Board is 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

**Friday, January 11: Eureka Chamber Music Series: The Pacifica Quartet**, 7:30 pm at the Cavalry Lutheran Church, 716 South Ave., Eureka. \$30, \$10, \$5. Info: 445-9650.

**Friday - Sunday, January 11 - 13: "Souvenir: A Fantasia on the Life of Florence Foster Jenkins,"** presented by Humboldt Light Opera Company at the Gist Hall Theater at HSU. Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm, Sunday at 2 pm. \$15. Info: 445-4310.

**Monday, January 14: Open Mike at Poets on the Plaza.** Original poetry, 5-minute time limit, no music. All ages. \$1 donation. 8 pm, sign-up 7:30 pm at the Plaza Grill View Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor at the Jacoby Storehouse in Arcata.

**Thursday, January 17: History of the U.S. Space Program.** Lecture about Explorer 1, the people who built it, and the subsequent projects in solar system exploration. 7 - 8:15 pm at the Natural History Museum, 1315 G St, Arcata. \$2, \$4. Info: 826-4479.

**Friday, January 18: 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Choices Breakfast**, commemorating the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Guest speaker: Elizabeth Arndorfer, nationally known public policy strategist, who launched the first think tank in the pro-choice movement. 7:45 - 9:30 am at the Baywood Country Club. Reservations recommended by January 15. \$25. Info: 442-2961.

**Friday - Sunday, January 18 - 20: "Souvenir: A Fantasia on the Life of Florence Foster Jenkins,"** presented by Humboldt Light Opera Company at the Gist Hall Theater at HSU. Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm, Sunday at 2 pm. \$15. Info: 445-4310.

**Saturday, January 19: Tell Me a Story Featuring Master Storyteller Baba Jamal Koram and the NorthCoast Storytellers.** 7:30 pm at the Arcata Presbyterian Church at 11<sup>th</sup> and G, Arcata. \$10 adults, \$5 kids under 15. Info: Dan at 677-3840.

**Sunday, January 20: 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, January 20: HSU Music Dept. Community Chamber Music Concert;** 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$8, \$3. Info: 826-3456.

**Monday, January 21: Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance.** Noon - 2 pm at the Adorni Center in Eureka. Music, speakers, and more. All ages. Free. Info: 443-1389.

**Monday, January 21: Annual Bowl of Beans Benefit and Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration: "Celebrating New Orleans."** 5 - 8 pm at the Arcata Community Center. Dinner, performances by local musicians and dancers, and raffle for art and gift certificates. \$5, \$2 for kids. Proceeds go to the Arts in the Afternoon and Arcata Elementary School's Art Program. Info: 825-2028.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

**Saturday, January 12: Second Saturday Family Arts Day: Mardi Gras!** Activities for youth and families, including performances, hands-on arts projects, & interactive storytelling. Put on by the Humboldt Arts Council at the Morris Graves Museum. 2 - 4 pm at 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278.

**Tuesday, January 15: Share A Story "Wheels on the Bus,"** 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.

**Wednesday, January 16: Songs and Stories with Baba Jamal Koram.** Appropriate for all ages. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

**Thursday, January 17: Share A Story "Wheels on the Bus,"** short video, stories, and crafts. A free book is available for each participating family. 6:30 pm at the Arcata Branch Library, 500 7<sup>th</sup> St. Info: 822-5954 or www.humlib.org.

**Tuesday January 22: Tuesday Tales: Animal Friends!** A new series of after-school story times for school aged children, focused on tales of young adventurers who use their heads and hearts to win their way to triumph. 3 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

**Our House Temporary Youth Shelter**, a project of RCAA's Youth Services Bureau. A safe place for youth 12 - 17 providing temporary shelter, counseling, and crisis management. Info: 444-2273.

## PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

**Friday, January 11: Free Public Lecture on Bird Distribution Due To Climate Change**, with speaker Gary Langham, director of bird conservation for Audubon California. 7:30 p.m. at the Humboldt County Office of Education near the Burre Center at Myrtle and West in Eureka. Bring a mug for coffee. Info: Kerry at 839-4365.

**Sunday, January 13: Humboldt Bay Coastal Education Center & Reserve Tour.** Join Friends of the Dunes for a tour of the newly acquired Humboldt Bay Coastal Education Center & Reserve. Join a short guided walk through the dunes and out to the beach and back. 2 - 3:30 pm at the building at 200 Stamps Ln. in Manila. Info: 444-1397 or [info@friendsofthedunes.org](mailto:info@friendsofthedunes.org).

**Weekends Through January 31: Salmon Spawning Tours** with Naturalist/Photographer Rick Hiser. Witness the annual migration and spawning of the salmon; the "Totem of the Pacific Northwest" at Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park-Mill Creek Watershed and Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park. Morning and afternoon tours. Free. Space is limited, preregistration required. Info: 465-6191.

**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

**Saturday, January 12: Community of Care for Suicide Alternatives**, the third community-wide gathering of concerned citizens dealing with suicide alternatives. This meeting is open to anyone. 1 - 2 pm at St. Joseph Hospital Conference Room C1. Info: 443-9659.

**The Voter Confidence Committee is looking for volunteers.** Humboldt's election watchdog group, The Voter Confidence Committee (VCC) is looking for registered voters willing to hand-count paper ballots at the polls on election night (see editorial). To read their recent report, [www.VoterConfidenceCommittee.org](http://www.VoterConfidenceCommittee.org). Info or volunteer: [info@VoterConfidenceCommittee.org](mailto:info@VoterConfidenceCommittee.org) or 845-3749.

**Thursdays, Ongoing: Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance: Arcata Support Groups;** free, voluntary, and open peer-support groups for those experiencing depression (seasonal, situational or chronic) and/or mood swings. Open to the public. Family and friends are also welcome. Info: 443-9659 or [dbsahumb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dbsahumb@sbcglobal.net).

## MEETINGS

**Green Wheels** has formed an off-campus branch that meets weekly on Mondays at 6:30 pm at the Northcoast Environmental Center, Arcata. All are welcome to attend. Info: 826-9175 or [www.green-wheels.org](http://www.green-wheels.org).

**Redwood Alliance Climate Action Project New Location.** Meetings second and fourth Mondays at 5:30 pm at the Arcata Public Library Conference Room. Info: 822-6171, [climatechange@redwoodalliance.org](mailto:climatechange@redwoodalliance.org); [www.redwoodalliance.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.yournec.org).



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"Chaotic Action is Preferable to Orderly Inaction" Will Rogers

**Potluck/Letter Writing Monthly:** First Friday, next Feb. 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](mailto:mobilmed@igc.org).

**Time to End the War**

**Call the presidential candidates now, and tell them the only way they will get your vote is to stop funding the war!**

Testimony in the trial of a U.S. military veteran and national officer of Veterans For Peace begins Wednesday, January 9th, at 11:00 a.m. ET, in District of Columbia Superior Court, room 313.

Mike Ferner, who served as a Navy Hospital Corpsman during the Viet Nam war, was arrested September 20, in the visitors' gallery of the U.S. House of Representatives when he and another activist stood up and loudly addressed the members of Congress, "Funding the War is Killing Our Troops!"

Ferner was arrested by Capitol Police and charged with disorderly disturbing Congress, a charge that carries a maximum 6 months jail sentence.

"The government says I was disturbing Congress, but that is not the case," said Ferner, a freelance writer from Toledo, Ohio. "I stood up in the House Gallery to sound an alarm, and you don't knock quietly on the door when your neighbor's house is on fire. You pound and raise your voice as if lives depend on it—and that is exactly what's happening in Iraq. Thousands of lives are being lost, the war is causing untold suffering, and Congress keeps throwing gasoline on the flames."

"We have politely petitioned, called and written Congress to demonstrate we want this war ended, and they keep voting more billions for the war. Clearly we need to ring an alarm to get the point across to these people so far removed from the consequences of their votes," Ferner concluded.

**--- 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarships are available

**I can volunteer** some time [  ]

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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**

**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.

**Vets for Peace Silent Vigil**; Fridays, 5 - 6 pm: SW corner Arcata Plaza.

**Vets for Peace, Humboldt Bay Chapter 56** meets 1st Thurs. at 7 pm: at the Arcata Marsh Commons. Info: 826-7124.

**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 out front, and **Fridays 4 - 5 pm** in **Trinidad** at the intersection of Scenic Dr. and Main St.

## **TALK SHOWS, WORKSHOPS & COMMENTARY**

**Access Humboldt** (Channels 10 & 12, public access TV). For program schedule, submission policies, and program request forms: [www.accesshumboldt.net](http://www.accesshumboldt.net). Channel 12 schedule posted weekly in the Arcata Eye. Info: 476-1798.

**COMMENTARY on KEET TV** Channel 13 445-8013: **Wide Angle** Tues. at 9 pm

**NOW** with David Brancaccio. Fri. at 8:30 pm:

**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 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 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. Animal welfare issues. Info: Barbara Shultz at 986-7835, [animaladvocate4@yahoo.com](mailto: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**; noon, Mon. - Fri. Also 4 pm Access Humboldt Channel 12. Also 11 am on KIDE 91.3 fm. Also on Free Speech TV (FSTV) Mon. - Fri. midnight, 8 am, noon, or 7 pm.

**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** call-in talk show with Jimmy Durchslag, last Friday, 7 - 8 pm.

## **PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES**

**Adopt-the-Bay**. Participate in a number of tasks aimed at maintaining a healthy Humboldt Bay. All welcome. Info: 443-0801.

**Audubon Society Field Trips**; Free field trips through the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary every Saturday at 8:30 am at the Kloop Lake parking lot (foot of I St. in Arcata). Bring your binoculars. Rain or shine. Info: 268-8052 or 822-3613.

**Campus Center for Appropriate Technology**; info: 826-3551.

**Friends of the Dunes**; Restoration workdays the first 3 Saturdays every month, 9 am - 1 pm. Info: 444-1397 or [info@friendsofthedunes.org](mailto:info@friendsofthedunes.org). Complete calendar: [www.friendsofthedunes.org](http://www.friendsofthedunes.org).

**Friends of the Marsh** guided interpretive walks every Saturday 2 pm at the Interpretive Center on South G St., Arcata. Info: 826-2359.

**Redwood Alliance Climate Action Project**. Join others to promote the solutions to global warming. 2nd & 4th Mondays at 5:30 pm at the Arcata Public Library Conference Room. Info: 822-6171, [climatechange@redwoodalliance.org](mailto:climatechange@redwoodalliance.org); [www.redwoodalliance.org](http://www.redwoodalliance.org).

**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.

## **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 [www.inkpeople.org](http://www.inkpeople.org).

**Arcata Artisans Cooperative Gallery**; H St. on the Plaza. Mon. - Sat. 10 - 6, Sun. 12 - 5. Info: 825-9133, [www.arcataartisans.com](http://www.arcataartisans.com).

**Westhaven Center for the Arts**; 501 S. Westhaven Dr. Info: 677-0860, [www.westhavenarts.org](http://www.westhavenarts.org).

**First Street Gallery**; 422 First Street, Eureka. Tuesday - Sunday from noon - 5 pm. Info: 443-6363 or [www.humboldt.edu/~first](http://www.humboldt.edu/~first).

**Clarke Historical Museum**; 240 E St., Eureka. Info: 443-1947 or [www.clarkemuseum.org](http://www.clarkemuseum.org).

**Morris Graves Museum**; 636 F St., Eureka. Wed. - Sun. 12 - 5 pm. [www.humboldtarts.org](http://www.humboldtarts.org)

## MEETINGS

**Arcata's Nuclear Weapons Free Zone and Peace Commission;** 1st Tues. 6:30 pm at Arcata City Hall, 736 F St. Info: 822-5951.  
**Commission on Status of Women** meets 3d Tuesday at 6 pm. Call for place: 822-2502 or [www.co.humboldt.ca.us/commissions/csw/](http://www.co.humboldt.ca.us/commissions/csw/).  
**Eureka Greens** meet 3rd Saturday of every month. 3:30-5pm. 321 Coffee (321 Third St. in Old Town). Info: [www.EurekaGreens.com](http://www.EurekaGreens.com).  
**Green Wheels;** Mondays 6:30 pm at the Northcoast Environmental Center. Info: [mail@green-wheels.org](mailto:mail@green-wheels.org) or [www.green-wheels.org](http://www.green-wheels.org).  
**Humboldt County Human Rights Commission** meets 2nd Tues. City Courthouse, Rm. B, Eureka, 6 pm. Info: 268-2548.  
**Humboldt Democratic Central Committee;** 2nd Wednesday at 7 pm. 129 Fifth St. Info: 445-3366 or [www.humboltdemocrats.org](http://www.humboltdemocrats.org).  
Humboldt Exchange Community Currency Project. Call for meetings: 269-0984.  
**Humboldt Watershed Council** at NEC, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7 - 9 pm. Info: [sheds@humboldt1.com](mailto:sheds@humboldt1.com).  
**Mother Jones Club & Humboldt Communist Alliance.** Call for meeting times: [ncalview@igc.org](mailto:ncalview@igc.org) or 839-3824.  
**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.  
**North Coast IWW, the Wobblies** meets every 3rd Wed. 6:30 - 8 pm at the Labor Temple, 840 E St., Eureka. Info: 725-8090.  
**Northern Humboldt Greens** meet 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 - 8 pm. Info: Shaye, 237-2790 or email [arcata@greens.org](mailto:arcata@greens.org).  
**Redwood Alliance Climate Action Project,** promoting solutions to human-caused climate change. Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 5:30 pm  
1175 G St. Arcata, upstairs. Info: 822-6171, [climatechange@redwoodalliance.org](mailto:climatechange@redwoodalliance.org) or [www.redwoodalliance.org](http://www.redwoodalliance.org).  
**Redwood Chapter ACLU** meets 3rd Thursday at noon at 917 Third St. in Eureka. Blog at [redwoodaclu.blogspot.com](http://redwoodaclu.blogspot.com). Info: 215-5385.  
**Sequoia Greens** of southern Humboldt. Call for meetings: 923-4488 or [encimer@hotmail.com](mailto:encimer@hotmail.com).  
**Veterans for Peace (SoHum Chapter);** 1st Tuesday of Each Month at 7pm at Haynes Vets Hall, Garberville.  
**Vets for Peace (Humboldt Chapter 56);** 1st Thursday at 7 pm in Arcata. Info: 826-7124.  
**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.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

**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.  
**Cyber Tribe;** a local non-profit business where youth can use and gain knowledge in computers. Open to age 12 - 19. Info: 826-1160.  
**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.  
**Humboldt County Teen Court** is looking for teen volunteers. Info: 444-0153.  
**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.  
**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.

## COMMUNITY & WELL-BEING SERVICES

**Buddhist Queers** (lesbian, gay, bi, transsexual) Vipassana, Zen, etc. Beginners welcome. phone 269-7044.  
**Health Insurance and Advocacy Program (HICAP)** provides objective information, help, and advocacy for people relying on  
Medicare. Info and appointments: 444-3000.  
**Humboldt Community Switchboard** can direct anyone to services in Humboldt County. Info: 441-1001 or [www.theswitchboard.org](http://www.theswitchboard.org).  
**Humboldt Domestic Violence Services Support Groups;** all services are free. Info & child care: 444-9255. 24-Hour Crisis Line: 443-  
6042 or toll free 866-668-6543.  
**Humboldt Literacy Project,** to improve adult reading skills necessary to function on the job, in the family, & in the community. Free &  
confidential. Info: 445-3655 or [www.humlit.org](http://www.humlit.org).  
**Nature-Based Spiritual Queers (GLBT)** pagan, Native American traditions, etc. Newcomers welcome. phone 269-7044.  
**North Coast Rape Crisis Team;** 24 hour crisis line: 445-2881. Business phone: 443-2737.  
**The Area 1 Agency on Aging** sponsors many senior programs. Info: 442-9591 or [www.a1aa.org](http://www.a1aa.org).  
**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](mailto:info@emmacenter.org) or [www.emmacenter.org](http://www.emmacenter.org).  
**Vision Loss Services;** Lighthouse of the North Coast, solutions for living with vision loss. Info: 268-5646 or [www.lighthouse-sf.org](http://www.lighthouse-sf.org).