



# 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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#### The Comeback Kid by Mayer Segal

My son tried to cheer me up when most of the polls predicted that in November the conservatives were about to take over Congress. He said that then they would have to take responsibility for fixing the economy—a hangover from the previous Bush administration. It turned out that the polls, except in California, were pretty accurate. Then former Secretary of Labor Robert Reich commented, "Bipartisanship broke out in the lame-duck Congress. Most notably, Republicans voted with Democrats for the new START treaty with Russia and the end of a 17-year ban on openly gay soldiers."

"Neither of these victories had anything to do with the economy or taxes—in other words, with the central question of who gets what in America. The president couldn't get a single Republican to agree to limit the Bush tax cuts to the first \$250,000 of income. The GOP held out until it got an extension for millionaires, at a cost in lost revenues of more than \$30 billion a year, along with the estate tax for families with assets of more than \$10 million

"Another important defeat for President Obama during the lame-duck session: Republicans blocked consideration of the House-passed Disclose Act which would have required groups that spend money on outside political advertising to disclose the major sources of their funding."

Secret donors spent more than \$138 million on the midterm elections, with 80% of the money going to the Republicans. A good proportion of the money raised by Karl Rove's Crossroads GPS came from wealthy hedge-funders furious at Democratic efforts to repeal the outrageous "carried interest" loophole, which allows billionaires to pay taxes at a lower rate than their chauffeurs. Particularly galling to this writer was the insulting use of Rove's funds to defeat Wisconsin's Senator Russ Feingold, one of the most honest, clear thinkers in Congress.

While we are on this subject. I must report on a most remarkable California survey of sponsored bills conducted by the San Jose Mercury News, and also published in the Times Standard on Jan. 3, 2011. The multi-year investigation by the Mercury News showed which lawmakers in both the Assembly and the Senate who sponsored bills crafted by outside interests who then showered the legislators with large amounts (shown in the survey) of campaign contributions. "Sponsored bills accounted for almost 40% of all legislation introduced and 50% of bills that became law. And in the recession-stained session of 2009 and 2010, these bills took on a particular character: In the name of creating jobs, lawmakers embraced special-interest legislation that would upend environmental protections, block lawsuits, allow corporations to reduce fees and accountability, and increase consumer costs." Now, wouldn't it be nice, and would it make a difference, if some newspaper did that on a national level?

Another result of the lame-duck Congress, after which the press called Obama "The comeback kid" was one issue over which Democrats and Republicans always agree—war—was completely ignored. Amy Goodman gives us some disturbing statistics.

"The war in Afghanistan is now the longest war in U.S. history, and 2010 has seen the highest number of U.S. and NATO soldiers killed." She quoted remarks made by Obama when he made a surprise visit on Dec. 3 to his troops in Afghanistan, "Today we can be proud that there are fewer areas under Taliban control, and more Afghans have a chance to build a more hopeful future."

This statement was refuted by the Wall Street Journal which published maps made by the United Nations which showed the risk level assessments to U.N. operations in every district in Afghanistan between March and October 2010. The U.N. found that southern Afghanistan remained at "very high risk," while 16 districts were upgraded to "high risk." Areas deemed "low risk" shrank considerably.

Added to this are the comments of NATO spokesman General Joseph Blotz: "There is no end to the fighting season. ... We will see more violence in 2011." The New York Times reported two memos from General Karl Eikenberry, the U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, urging "a different approach to the Afghan war, with a focus on providing development aid instead of troop surge. We will become more deeply engaged here with no way to extricate ourselves, short of allowing the country to descend into lawlessness and chaos."

There also appears to be an increasing opposition to the war among the public here at home. A recent Washington Post/ABC News poll found that 60% believe the war has not been worth fighting—up from 41% in 2007. The \$6 billion spent monthly on the war in Afghanistan will undoubtedly be the subject of Congressional debate as they discuss budget cuts. Goodman adds, "As Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz repeatedly points out, the cost of war extends far beyond the immediate expenditures with decades of decreased productivity among the many traumatized veterans, the care for the thousands of disabled veterans, and the families destroyed by the death or disability of loved ones. He says the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan will ultimately cost between \$3 trillion and \$5 trillion."

She adds, "One of the main reasons Barack Obama is President today is that by openly opposing the U.S. war in Iraq, he won first the Democratic nomination and then the general election. If he took the same approach with the war in Afghanistan by calling on U.S. troops to come back home, then he might truly become the 'Comeback President' in 2012 as well.

*[All opinions in editorials, action items, & calendar items are those of the writers, submitters, and involved organizations; and not necessarily the opinions of the HOPE Coalition or its volunteers. HOPE will consider rebuttal editorials from the progressive viewpoint.]*

**ENTERTAINMENT, CELEBRATIONS, & CULTURE**

- Friday, January 14: Memorial and Potluck to Honor Fred Hummel**, local Veteran For Peace who passed away on January 4. Come celebrate his life with other peace activists at 3 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Bayside. People bringing food should arrive about 15 minutes early. Info: Mashaw at 826-8556.
- Friday, January 14: Free Public Lecture from Redwood Region Audubon Society**; "What does the future hold for the Spotted Owl with its close relative -- and recent invader -- the Barred Owl?" A speaker from the US Fish and Wildlife Service will present information on the exciting interactions between these two important top predators in our forests. 7:30 pm at the Humboldt County Office of Education at Myrtle and West Avenues in Eureka. Bring a mug for coffee. Info: 826-7031.
- Saturday, January 15: Martin Luther King, Jr. Observation and Celebration**, organized by Communities For Justice and Peace. Celebrate the great civil rights leader who would have been 81 years old this year. 1 pm at the Arcata Plaza. Info: 442-8733.
- Saturday, January 15: Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration in SoHum** starting with a spaghetti dinner. Potluck dishes are also encouraged. The SoHumsterdam Choir will perform and videos of some of King's most memorable speeches will be shown. Donations benefit the Southern Humboldt Poor People's Campaign. 6 pm at the Vet's Hall in Garberville. Info: 923-4488.
- Saturday, January 15: Tell Me a Story with Master Storyteller Baba Jamal Koram** and the North Coast Storytellers. 7 pm at the Arcata Presbyterian Church. \$10, \$5. Info: 677-3840.
- Sunday, January 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 to noon. Info: 822-9998.
- Monday, January 17: 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 17: Annual Bowl of Beans Benefit and Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration**. 5 - 8 pm at the Arcata Community Center. Dinner of beans, cornbread, and salad. Performances by local youth. \$5. Proceeds go to the Arts in the Afternoon and Arcata Elementary School's Art program. Info: 822-7091.
- Tuesday, January 18: "Based on the Book" Film Series: Classic Movie musicals** featuring "Singing in the Rain" (1952). An affectionately funny insider spoof about the film industry's uneasy transition from silent pictures to "talkies." Hosted by Wynston Jones. Free. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.
- Friday, January 21: 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Choices Breakfast**, commemorating the 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Guest speaker is Lynn Randall, who will discuss the importance of staying committed to creating greater abortion access nationwide. 7:45 - 9:30 am at Baywood Country Club. \$25 advance, \$30 at the door, students \$15. RSVP by January 17 to SRPP: 442-2961.
- Sunday, January 23: Senior Sunday at the Morris Graves**. Enjoy a Museum Tour with trained docents to learn about the Museum's history, permanent collection, and current exhibitions while sipping tea and meeting new friends! Free. 2 pm at the Morris Graves Museum, 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278.
- Tuesday, January 25: "Based on the Book" Film Series: Classic Movie musicals** featuring "Cabaret" (1972). In the decadent Berlin of 1931, stary-eyed cabaret singer Sally Bowles romances two men while the Nazi Party rises to power around them. Hosted by Charlie Myers. Free. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.
- Saturday, January 29: 2011 Artware Affair ~ Havana Nights**, with entertainment by the HSU Afro-Cuban Club, fabulous food, decadent desserts and an auction of work from local artists. 5 - 10 pm at the Wharfinger Building. \$40. Info: 442-8413.
- Sunday, January 30: "The Humane Gourmet" Benefit for Sequoia Humane Society**, featuring vegetarian and vegan dining, Northern California wines, live and silent auctions, a wine raffle and more. 6 - 9:30 pm at Avalon Restaurant, corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and G Streets in Eureka. \$40. Info or advance tickets: 442-1782.

**Wednesdays, January 19 and 26: Bookmobile in Trinidad**, in the Trinidad Museum parking lot, from 1 - 4 pm. Request library books ahead of time, either online or by telephone, or browse the Bookmobile's traveling collection at www.humlib.org. Info: 269-1910.

**CHILDREN, YOUTH & ALL AGES**

**HSU Natural History Museum Re-opened!** The museum is now open to the general public Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm. Info: 826-4479.

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**Saturday, January 15: Sing in the New Year!** Songs, drums and stories with Anita Punla, Lisa Monet, Nancy McQuillan, and Cedric Seaman. Noon - 2 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St, Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

**Wednesday, January 19: Family Literacy Night: The Magic of Reading with Magician Dale Lorzo**. Entertainment and a free book for each participating family Free. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910.

**Thursday, January 20: Share A Story " Ahoy, Penguin,"** 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.

**Saturday, January 22: Read With a Furry Friend**. Kids have fun and build confidence as they read to a Reading Education Assistance Dog. Please sign up ahead of time to reserve a space. 1:30 - 3 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St, Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

**Sundays, Ongoing: Youth Drum Circle** for youth 10 - 21 years old. 5:30 - 7:30 pm at the Raven Project, 523 T St. in Eureka. Free. Info: 443-7099.

## PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

**Saturday, January 15: Coastal Nature Fun Run.** Join naturalist and runner Roy Marin for a non-competitive "nature run" through the coastal dunes on the North Spit of Humboldt Bay. A map will be provided for those who wish to go their own pace. 9 am – noon at the Humboldt County Nature Center. Space is limited; please RSVP. Info: 444-1397 or [www.friendsofthedunes.org](http://www.friendsofthedunes.org).

**Saturday, January 15: Little River State Beach Restoration.** Examples of European Beach Grass removal by heavy machinery will be evident along with sights of the new plants already taking their rightful home. Pizza, dessert and gloves will be provided: bring water and closed toe shoes. 9:30 am – 1 pm. Meet off the Highway 101 Crannell exit just north of Clam Beach. Info: 444-1397 or [www.friendsofthedunes.org](http://www.friendsofthedunes.org).

**Saturday, January 22: Audubon Society Free Public Field Trip to King Salmon, Fields Landing, and Ferndale.** Learn to identify loons, grebes, and waterfowl in King Salmon and Fields Landing. Afterward, there is an optional trip south to Ferndale to look for waterfowl, raptors, songbirds...maybe even Gray Jays! Pack a lunch if you plan to go to Ferndale. Dress warmly; heavy rain cancels. Meet at 8 am in front of Gill's by the Bay Restaurant. Info: Matt Wachs at 476-9349 or Lew and Judie Norton at 445-1791.

**Saturday, January 22: Forest Ecology at Lanphere Dunes.** Join naturalist and ecologist Shayne Green for a guided walk about dune forest ecology at the Lanphere Dunes unit of the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Meet at 10 am at the Pacific Union School parking lot. Dress for the weather and be prepared to walk up and down in sand. Info: 444-1397 or [www.friendsofthedunes.org](http://www.friendsofthedunes.org).

**Now Available: Friends of the Dunes New, Full-Color 60-Page Coastal Naturalist Manual** which provides a comprehensive overview of coastal ecosystems around Humboldt Bay, including local geology, native plants, beach, dune and marsh life, human history, and much more. Proceeds from the sale of the manual directly benefit Friends of the Dunes' educational programs. Retail sites or info: 444-1397 or [www.friendsofthedunes.org](http://www.friendsofthedunes.org).

**Saturdays, Ongoing: Redwood Region Audubon Society Free Public Field Trips** at 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: Friends of the Arcata Marsh Docent-Led Walks.** A 90-minute, docent-led walk focusing on different topics of the marsh. 2 pm at the Interpretive Center on South G St. Info: 826-2359.

## WORKSHOPS AND MISCELLANEOUS

**Saturday, January 15: Prescription Medication Round-up.** Bring your expired, old or unused prescription medication, over-the-counter medication, vitamins, and pet medications in original containers. Please remove or cross out names. Medical sharps will be accepted in approved containers only. Free. 9 am - 2 pm at the Humboldt Waste Management Authority, 1059 W. Hawthorne Street, Eureka. Info: 441-2005.

## MEETINGS

**Saturday, January 22: Meeting of the Icarus Project,** a network of people living with and/or affected by experiences that are often diagnosed and labeled as psychiatric conditions. 4 pm at Has Beans, 2<sup>nd</sup> and I Streets, Eureka. Info: [northcoast.icarus@gmail.com](mailto:northcoast.icarus@gmail.com) or [www.icarusproject.net](http://www.icarusproject.net).

## TALK SHOWS, COMMENTARY, & MEDIA SPECIALS

**"Thursday Night Talk" hosted by David Cobb of Democracy Unlimited** airs every Thursday 7:30 - 8:30 pm on KHSU FM 90.5. It is a live call-in show, so it's a great way to have your opinion heard by thousands of listeners. The studio line is 826-4805.



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## "Obama Administration Allows Oil Companies to Resume Drilling in the Gulf of Mexico"

Last week, just months after saying it would require stricter safety regulations for offshore drilling, the Obama Administration flip-flopped, giving 13 oil companies the go-ahead to resume deepwater drilling in the Gulf without providing proof that their wells are safe and defect-free.

**We need to let the Obama administration know that this is unacceptable** and remind them that their job is to protect our oceans from another spill like the BP Horizon disaster, not to ensure that Big Oil's profits remain high.

Send a message to Michael Bromwich and Ken Salazar (link below), the top federal officials overseeing the regulation of oil drilling, and demand that they implement stricter safety standards and enforcement. It is urgent that we make our voices heard now. It's been less than a week since the new Republican-controlled Congress was sworn in—this will be just the first of many attacks on our environment.

Help us set a precedent by reminding our leaders that they work for us, not for Big Oil and Coal. Last week, the commission investigating the BP explosion cited failures in the way oil rig equipment is inspected and tested which ultimately led to the disaster. The report said that the companies investigated made decisions to cut costs and save time that directly contributed to the spill. Yet the 16 wells resuming activity in the Gulf will not undergo any additional environmental reviews nor show proof that their operations won't poison Gulf waters!

The commission also recommended expanding drilling regulations to keep pace with companies drilling in deeper and deeper water. Big Oil and their allies have already put profits before safety with disastrous effects. How can we continue to allow the oil industry to drill under unsafe conditions and gamble with the Gulf Coastline - one of the United States' most fragile ecosystems?

Tell the Obama Administration we won't let the oil companies bully us. Then ask your friends and family to join you.

<http://tinyurl.com/GulfOilWells>

- - - HOPE Coalition Needs Your Support - - -

### The Objective of the HOPE Coalition:

To synthesize & promote the individual visions of the organizations that make up Humboldt's environmentally & socially just community. These include, but are not limited to, the following organizations: Environmental, Social Justice, Peace, Labor, & Human Service.

Yes, I would like to help support the HOPE Coalition's newsletter and other efforts:

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The HOPE Coalition Newsletter is 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.

**HOPE Coalition Newsletter Insert**—this insert contains regularly scheduled events. For special happenings and one-time events, see the regular calendar that follows the page one editorial.

## 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**: Public, education & government media access. Cable channels 8, 10, 11 & 12. For program schedule, submission policies, and program request forms go to [www.accesshumboldt.net](http://www.accesshumboldt.net). Call or email for further info. 476-1798 or [info@accesshumboldt.net](mailto:info@accesshumboldt.net).

**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).

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**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 Klopp 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**. (Public meetings temporarily suspended until after the election.) 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

**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).

**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.

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

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

**The Ink People**; 411 12th St, Eureka. Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 11 am - 4 pm. Info: 442-8413 [www.inkpeople.org](http://www.inkpeople.org).

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

## MEETINGS

**Arcata's Committee on Democracy & Corporations** meets the third Tuesday of each month and was established in response to Arcata's Measure F. Info: 822-5951 or [www.cityofarcata.org](http://www.cityofarcata.org).

**Arcata's Nuclear Weapons Free Zone and Peace Commission.** On indefinite hiatus due to lack of a quorum. Applications available at [www.cityofarcata.org](http://www.cityofarcata.org) or at city hall. 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;** Monthly meetings: 3rd Sunday at 3:30 pm, Boys & Girls Club, 3015 J St., Eureka. Info: 268-8287.

**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 Chapter ACLU** meets 3rd Tuesday 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);** 550 Union St. Arcata in the Common Room (next door to Equinox) first Thursday of the month. 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.

**HSU's Natural History Museum,** 1315 G St. Arcata. Closed to public, available for classroom visits. Info: 826-4478.

**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.

**Eureka Mindfulness Buddhist Meditation & Discussion.** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month. 7:15 pm First Christian Church 730 K St. Wheelchair accessible, fragrance free, beginners welcome. Info: 269-7044.

**Fridays, 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. 6 pm at the Arcata Library Conference Room. Info: 443-9659 or [dbsahumb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dbsahumb@sbcglobal.net).

**Health Insurance and Advocacy Program (HICAP)** provides objective information, help, and advocacy for people relying on Medicare. Info and appointments: 444-3000.

**Healthy Kids Humboldt Enrollment Headquarters** offers health care insurance by assisting with Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, and Cal Kids applications for children. 517 3rd Street, Eureka. 442.6066.

**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.

**Ongoing: Drop-in Grief Support Groups.** Hospice offers free, drop-in grief support groups in Arcata, Eureka, Fortuna and McKinleyville. These groups are open to anyone in the community experiencing grief and loss of a loved one. Info and schedules: 445-8443.

**Ongoing: Volunteer Center of the Redwoods (VCOR):** The Drop of a Hat Brigade connects volunteers of all ages with one time and short-term events. RSVP provides benefits such as limited mileage reimbursement for volunteers ages 55 and older. Info on these and other volunteer opportunities: 442-3711 or [www.a1aa.org/VCOR/](http://www.a1aa.org/VCOR/).

**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).