



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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Arcatans Seek Peace, Find Intimidation in the Bubble

by John Schaefer, Veterans for Peace Chapter 56

As the Park Police hauled Rich Gilchrist and me from the White House demonstration to be booked, I hoped we played a small part to quell the wars in the Middle East. But after our release a few hours later we heard not only that the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq continued undiminished—no big surprise—but also that Obama had begun another one.

We weren't the only ones to be shocked; demonstrations emerged across the US on March 19, and I would guess that other participants were as shocked as we were to hear of the new war on Libya.

Is there a lesson here, apart from realizing how little influence we really had? In a pre-arrest rally, long-time muckraker and Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader offered some thoughts, which make sense to me. He noted that in only one of the three branches of our government is there any chance of arresting the progress of the war. It's neither the judicial nor the executive. Nader feels that we might slow the war machine by pressuring Congress, and it is the only effective lever we have to pull. But our experience this trip showed it won't be easy.

As all members of Congress were out of town, we could only visit staff at their offices. Some are helpful and some are not. Similarly, while some members are oblivious to damage the wars are doing, I continue to find others are doing the best they can to slow down the war machine. Thank goodness. And there are some in between, who might say they're for peace but who don't support all the proposed peace legislation. So which ones are which, and how do we influence them?

Senator Feinstein has a long way to go; she says she is for peace, but has not voted where her mouth is. She has chosen not to cosponsor the only Senate bill that could bring peace to Afghanistan, and she opposed a similar bill last May. On this visit we met with Feinstein's staff person Rich Harper, who has been helpful and business-like in the past, willing to hear opinions without judgment. Interestingly, at this meeting a Military Legislative Fellow (actually a military gal), assigned by the Pentagon to "advise" a member of Congress was also present. Her presence changed the interaction, and I felt intimidated. Now, whatever a constituent says is noted and filtered by a Pentagon representative. In an exchange about Bradley Manning, Harper was surprisingly deferential to her objections to our position.

Major Shannon Gorrell said there are some 150 military officers now assigned to Congress. To me their presence changes the nature of the game; anyone visiting a congressional office should request no Pentagon presence.

The good news is that Representative Mike Thompson co-sponsored HR28, Kucinich's bill directing the president to remove troops from Afghanistan by the end of this year. The measure failed, but it is important that he supported it anyway. Other good news is his support of three good (but ultimately losing) bills: Nadler-Lee-Stark's reducing Afghanistan spending, Woolsey's bill prohibiting wasteful spending, and Campbell's bill cutting Pentagon spending. At Mike's office we met with his new Legislative Assistant Tim Daly, who explained that Mike doesn't support three other excellent bills: Lee's HR780, Woolsey's HR651, and Stark's HR413. He should support them. With some persuasion he might change his mind and I hope readers will visit Mike's local office and say so.

Almost all Bay Area representatives vote solidly against the wars, and we should certainly support them: Honda, Farr, Woolsey, Lee, and Eshoo to name a few. I'd like Mike to be all he can be, by noting what they support.

Senator Boxer has supported peace legislation in the past, but there hasn't been much in the Senate. Her bill, S186, is relatively weak and merely calls for a withdrawal schedule, but it has only a few cosponsors.

I continue to be disappointed with how little the US public cares about our Middle East wars. The turnout at Saturday's White House rally was five hundred to a thousand, of whom only about 113 were willing to be arrested.

One old-timer showed me a photo of a 1969 rally that filled the Mall with hundreds of thousands of war protesters, and based on that Vietnam War experience we'll need to get numbers like those for demonstrations to be effective, especially now with a more aggressive Pentagon congressional campaign. How do we do that? So far most of us think we aren't affected by the wars. Alas, how wrong that is. Money spent on wars means money not spent on education, health care, veterans' services, municipal services, unemployment insurance, criminal justice, transportation, and on and on.

We are still a rich county, Nader noted, but that wealth is being sucked up by the wars, by big corporations, and by already wealthy individuals. Income inequality is the highest it's been in decades and real incomes have fallen for years. What will it take for people to stop doing what the Fox News tells them?

Also on my trip to Washington was an FCNL (Quaker) workshop on how to influence members of Congress. Attendees ranged from high school age to elderly, from all over the East. We totaled perhaps two hundred souls. I was pleased to see a lot of college students, some of whom feel the pinch of declining Pell Grants. Will that issue match in importance the military draft of the 1960s? I doubt it, and anyway these students attended not for self interest but because "war is not the answer."

While getting arrested shows commitment, we were so few that we didn't affect Congress. I'm not anxious to do it again. Had we been a few thousand, Congress might have noticed, but we have a ways to go and numbers are actually declining. I would rather see everyone who attended a demonstration write letters to Congress, followed up by continuous visits and phone calls.

In summary, Congress is the only lever available, and I fear that if we fail to pull it hard we can expect greater economic decline at home and ongoing disaster abroad. The few of us peaceniks that there were won't change any congressional votes, and opposition to the war will have to rise from the sixty-some percent who merely oppose the war in a poll, to the same number in their representatives' offices and voting.

[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.]

PEACE NEWS

Friday, May 6: Veterans For Peace Chapter 56 Peace Poetry Celebration, featuring work by local high school students. Emcee for the evening will be the distinguished Sociology professor and peace activist, Nezzie Wade. An anthology will be available. Refreshments follow. 7 pm at the Humboldt Unitarian Fellowship. Info: 269-0528.

ENTERTAINMENT, CELEBRATIONS, & CULTURE

Friday, April 29: Multicultural Poetry Reading in the Fishbowl, with Marlon Sherman, Barbara Curiel, Jerry Martien, Iain Macdonald, and Dick Stull. 3 - 4 pm on the second floor of the HSU Library. Free. Info: 826-5656.

Friday, April 29: John Ross Memorial Reading. Friends and fellow writers will read the poems of John Ross (1938-2011). 7 - 8:30 pm at Northtown Books, 957 H St., Arcata. Info: 822-2834.

Friday, April 29: HSU Music Dept. Jazz Orchestra 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$7, \$3. Info: 826-3456.

Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30: College of the Redwoods' 20th Annual Plant Sale. Annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, house plants and landscape plants. Refreshments. Friday noon - 6 pm, Saturday 10 am - 6 pm. Follow signs from C/R parking lot. Info: 476-4100.

Friday - Sunday, April 29 - May 1: CNPS Spring Wildflower Show and Native Plant Sale featuring hundreds of species of native and non-native wildflowers from Humboldt and Del Norte Counties, book sale, presentations and more at Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Drive. Info and event schedule: 822-2015 or 822-7190 or www.northcastcnps.org.

Saturday, April 30: Friends of the Arcata Library Spring Book Sale. Prices are very low for books, videos, DVDs and CDs for sale for children, teens and adults. 10 am - 4 pm at the Arcata Branch Library, 500 7th St. After 2 pm, items will be a Buck-a-bag. Info: 822-5954 or www.humlib.org.

Saturday, April 30: CATs Benefit with Buffy Sainte-Marie. Proceeds benefit the Organic Planet Fund of Californians for Alternatives to Toxics. 8 pm at the Eureka Theater. \$32 advance, \$35 at the door. Info: Matt at 445-5100, ext 102.

Sunday, May 1: 20th Annual Community Prayer Breakfast & Concert with the Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir. Breakfast begins at 9 am, music at 10 am at the Arcata Community Center. \$15 general, \$12 students/seniors, under 5 free. Info: 822-4444.

Sunday - Saturday, May 1 - 7: Revolution: The 44th Annual Humboldt Film Festival. Screenings most nights at 7 pm in the Van Duzer Theater at HSU. Complete Schedule available at www.humboldtfilmfestival.com.

Thursday, May 5: First Thursday Film Series: "Me Facing Life: Cyntoia's Story," a hard look at some of the complex social issues concerning a 16-year-old girl who is serving a life sentence for murder. Free admission. 6 - 7:30 pm at the Morris Graves Museum, 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278 or www.humboldtarts.org.

Friday, May 6: HSU Music Dept. Humboldt Symphony. 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$7, \$3. Info: 826-3456.

Saturday, May 7: May Day Living History and Artisan Faire; artisan craft demonstrations, a puppet show, balloon animals, BBQ, and microbrews. Live music on two stages. Blue Ox Millworks, 1 X St, Eureka. \$8 adults. Info: 444-3437 or www.blueoxmill.com.

Saturday, May 7: HSU Music Dept. Symphonic Band 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$7, \$3. Info: 826-3456.

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Monday, May 9: Open Mike at Poets on the Plaza. Original poetry, 5-minute time limit, no music. All ages. \$1 donation. 8 pm, signup 7:30 pm at the Plaza Grill View Room, 2nd Floor at the Jacoby Storehouse in Arcata.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & ALL AGES

Saturday, April 30: Chemistry and Physics Exploration Day. Learn about roller coasters, density, Newton's Laws, the water cycle, electricity, and much more through hands-on demonstrations. 10 am - 2 pm at the Natural History Museum, 1315 G St. in Arcata. All ages. Free. Info: 826-4479 or www.natmus@humboldt.edu.

Saturday, April 30: Bilingual Story Time. Children and their parents are invited to enjoy fun stories and songs in Spanish and English. 1 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Free. Info: 269-1910.

Saturday, May 7: KEET's Kids Club at the Morris Graves Museum of Art, featuring short stories and art activities geared to youth 2 - 8 years old. Every family takes home a free book. May's book is "Underwater Counting" Free. Noon to 2 pm. Info: 442-0278.

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Local Sierra Club Group Offering Camp Scholarships. Four "Camperships" are available for children in grades 4th through 8th to attend Wolf Creek Education Center in Orick, Redwood National & State Parks in July or August. The camps will feature hiking, science classes, and evenings around the campfire. Also available are scholarships to Redwood Park Science Camp. The deadline for receipt of applications is Monday, May 16. For more information or to obtain an application form, call 442-5444 or e-mail sueleskiw@suddenlink.net.

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

Saturday, April 30: Flora of the Dunes. Join naturalist and artist Patricia Sennott for a guided walk at the Manila Dunes focused on the Flora of the Dunes. The walk is part of the California Native Plant Society's annual Wildflower Show. 10 am - noon. Meet at the Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Drive, Manila. Info: 444-1397 or www.friendsofthedunes.org.

Saturday, April 30: Lop-A-Lupine Volunteer Restoration Workday. Help restore dune habitat by removing invasive, non-native lupines on the South Spit of Humboldt Bay at the base of Table Bluff. Bring drinking water and wear work clothes and boots. Gloves, tools and snacks will be provided. 10 am - noon at the Table Bluff Unit of Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex. Info: 733-5406.

Sunday, May 1: Godwit Days Fundraiser Trip to View Tufted Puffins. Puffins were spotted during a Godwit Days fieldtrip this year. Join Rob Hewitt for a trip to Del Norte County for a day of birding at several locations. Meet at 7 am near Expresso 101 on Giuntoli Lane, Valley West, Arcata, to form carpools. Bring a lunch. \$10. Info: 601-8581.

Sunday, May 8: Free Public Field Trip To The Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge This leisurely, 2- to 3-hour trip is intended for people wanting to learn birds of Humboldt Bay area. Meet at Refuge Visitor Center off Hookton Road at 9 am. Info: David Fix at 825-1195.

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, May 7: Household Hazardous Waste Collection. Maximum load limits for residents are 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste. The cost for disposal is a flat fee of \$5. 9 am - 2 pm at the Hawthorne Street Transfer Station, 1059 W. Hawthorne Street, Eureka. Info: 441-2005.

MEETINGS

Thursday, May 5: The Humboldt County Human Rights Commission meets at 5 pm in Conference Room A in the county courthouse in Eureka. Members of the public are invited to attend and address the commission at the beginning of the meeting. Items on the agenda include consideration of recruitment for the Citizens' Law Enforcement Advisory Committee and further discussion regarding the rights of homeless people in the county. Info: 668-4095.

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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Would a Nuclear Disaster On Our Coast Bankrupt California?

FACT: JP Morgan reports that the TEPCO utility company in Japan is facing nearly \$24 billion in property damage claims because of the earthquake-induced meltdowns at the Fukushima nuclear reactors. The Japanese government is even considering adding a new tax on the people to help raise money to cover the debt created by this nuclear disaster.

FACT: Here in the USA, the federal government has a pool of insurance money to cover nuclear disasters and it is capped at \$12.6 billion dollars-only 1/2 the amount of the Japanese incident. Can you imagine trying to approve a new tax in California to cover the costs of a nuclear disaster? Talk about people having a "meltdown...!"

Ignoring the economic risks of nuclear reactors located on earthquake faults could devastate California's tourism, agricultural, fishing, and other valuable industries. Who would visit our scenic coast or buy our agricultural products if there was a radioactive release in our state-or even the mere perception of contamination? And check your personal insurance policies: there is no private insurance—at any cost—to cover the loss of our homes or businesses.

The Alliance takes action, and so do their allies. Last week, Congressperson Lois Capps, State Senator Sam Blakeslee, and California Energy Commissioner James Boyd testified before Senator Barbara Boxer's committee to discuss the seismic and nuclear dangers faced by our state—and the failure of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Please visit www.a4nr.org for various ways to support their mission to work with California legislators and oversight agencies to protect ratepayers, the state's economy, and our fragile coast. Sign the action letters to the California Public Utilities Commission and Governor Brown that can be found on their web site. The utilities and the media are hoping that the Fukushima disaster will fade into the background. We cannot let that happen—it's a risk we can't afford to take!

Support the Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility:
www.a4nr.org

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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.

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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. Call or email for further info. 476-1798 or 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.

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 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. Complete calendar: 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; 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.

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.

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

Morris Graves Museum; 636 F St., Eureka. Wed. - Sun. 12 - 5 pm. www.humboldtarts.org

The Ink People; 411 12th St, Eureka. Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 11 am - 4 pm. Info: 442-8413 www.inkpeople.org.

Westhaven Center for the Arts; 501 S. Westhaven Dr. Info: 677-0860, 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.

Arcata's Nuclear Weapons Free Zone and Peace Commission. On indefinite hiatus due to lack of a quorum. Applications available at 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/.

Eureka Greens meet 3rd Saturday of every month. 3:30-5pm. 321 Coffee (321 Third St. in Old Town). Info: www.EurekaGreens.com.

Green Wheels; Mondays 6:30 pm at the Northcoast Environmental Center. Info: mail@green-wheels.org or 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.

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.

Mother Jones Club & Humboldt Communist Alliance. Call for meeting times: 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.

Redwood Chapter ACLU meets 3rd Tuesday at noon at 917 Third St. in Eureka. Blog at redwoodaclu.blogspot.com. Info: 215-5385.

Sequoia Greens of southern Humboldt. Call for meetings: 923-4488 or 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. 2nd and 4th 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.

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.

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.

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/.

The Area 1 Agency on Aging sponsors many senior programs. Info: 442-9591 or 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 or 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.