



# The HOPE Coalition

## Humboldt Organized for Peace & the Environment

"Working in partnership toward the development of a diverse, just, & sustainable community."

### Calendar of Happenings in Humboldt County Inside Newsletter Editorial Page – June 8, 2010

#### Our Fault, Too

by: William Rivers Pitt, [www.truthout.org](http://www.truthout.org)

There were hearings on Capitol Hill this week regarding the Gulf oil disaster, and virtually everyone involved—from witnesses to experts to government officials—had a grand old time throwing rocks at British Petroleum. The Obama administration and various government agencies have also been taking it in the teeth over their failure to quell the oil boiling up from the bottom of the sea. Beaches are closing, animals are dying, livelihoods are being destroyed, and unbelievable as it may seem, the worst is yet to come. New reports indicate the well may have been releasing oil equivalent to the Exxon Valdez spill every eight to ten days since this whole thing started.

BP is taking the lion's share of the beatings, and justly so. They ran a shoddy operation out there on the Deepwater Horizon, and knew even ten years ago that such operations were incredibly risky. They lied and lied again about the scope of the disaster. They have been attempting to limit press access to the disaster zone to keep people from finding out what is actually going on. Their corporate officers have denied the existence of oil plumes beneath the surface, and have held pity-parties for themselves on television over how trying this whole situation is for them.

This mess is their fault, and the world knows it. Their stock value has cratered, and even the BP shareholders are beginning to revolt. They are going to be sued for God only knows how much money, and will be saddled with the cost of the clean-up, which may take years.

**But here is something to remember: it's our fault, too. Yours and mine.**

- If you own a car, it's your fault. I own a car, so I own a share of the blame. If you own more than one car, or own some gargantuan gas-guzzling SUV, it's your fault. If you ever thought a Humvee was cool, or ever owned one, it's your fault.
- If you ever voted in an election based on the high price of gasoline, it's your fault.
- If you ever voted for a politician who went on to deregulate the oil industry from their seat in a committee, it's your fault. If you didn't vote to remove that person from office after they voted to deregulate such a dangerous and polluting industry, it's your fault.
- If you eat food that is not grown locally, it's your fault, because your food had to be brought to you on the backs of trucks that need gasoline to travel. If you eat food grown on an industrialized farm, it's your fault, because the machines used to cultivate that food need gasoline, too. Even if you eat food that is grown organically and locally, they still use gasoline and oil, so basically nobody is safe from judgment.
- If you fly on airplanes, this is your fault.
- If your home has oil heat, this is your fault.
- If you eat fast food, this is your fault.

**For a hundred other reasons, in a hundred other ways, it's your fault. And my fault. This is our fault, too, and that's all there is to it.**

These judgments don't sit very comfortably. People need to get to work, need to get their kids to school, so they drive. People need to eat, and don't necessarily have the money to eat food that is safe for the planet; spend any time in one of those high-end planet-conscious stores, and you learn pretty quickly that only rich people can afford to eat both healthy and responsibly. The rest of us have to get by on Wonder Bread.

It's all too easy to declare that anyone who has voted Republican should take the blame for this disaster, because it is the Republicans in Washington who have championed the deregulation push that has been ongoing since the Reagan administration. But there are plenty of Democrats who are just as deep into deregulation as their GOP comrades, so voting Democratic is no safe haven.

We are learning a savage lesson in the Gulf. We are witnessing the end of a way of life we have become all too deeply accustomed to. We drive, we eat, we fly, we vote, and in doing so, we share the blame for what is happening, and what is to come. **We have gone to sleep each night deliberately oblivious to the deadly nature of the fossil fuels that power the way we live, because it is too hard to even think about living a different way.**

The Deepwater Horizon is the period at the end of a very long, bleak sentence that has been rolling along for a hundred years. We are killing ourselves with the way we live, with our complacency, and we can no longer ignore this wretched truth. The oil that is killing beaches and fisheries and animals of every kind is our lifeblood, the spigot on the sea floor is our femoral artery, and we are bleeding to death right there on television.

If it wasn't BP, it would have been something else. So long as we lay back and live this oily lifestyle, there will always be some company ready to provide it, and there will always be some way that lifestyle will be killing us. The water is fouled, the clouds stink of gasoline, the ground is seeded with poison, and now the sea is dying before our eyes, and all because this is the way we live, and we just can't seem to realize how mortally dangerous it all is.

**This must change. Until it does, it's our fault, too.**

## ENTERTAINMENT, CELEBRATIONS, & CULTURE

**Friday, June 11: CD Release Party with Jerry Martien and Shao Way Wu.** Poet Jerry Martien will perform selections from his new CD release "The Road To Heaven" accompanied by Shao Way Wu on stand up bass. 7 pm at Northtown Books in Arcata. Free. Info: 822-2834.

**Saturday, June 12: Pakistani Tea, Desserts and Slide Show.** Support the Roshni Centre's effort to create a women's health clinic in the embattled Swat Valley of Pakistan. Slide show, snacks, Henna tattoos, Pakistani clothes, crafts and jewelry for sale and a silent auction. 7 pm in the Community Room of Courtyards at Arcata, 3101 Boyd Rd. Info: 826-7123 or info@roshnicentre.org.

**Saturday, June 12: Gale McNeely in "Archy and Mehitabel."** McNeely, actor, dancer, singer and clown, returns to Humboldt County after a 30-year absence. 8 pm at the Arcata Playhouse. \$10, \$8. Reservations or info: 822-1575 or www.arcataplayhouse.org.

**Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13: 12<sup>th</sup> Annual North Coast Open Studios Tour,** showcasing local artists and art businesses, in more than 100 studios, workshops, galleries, and businesses. 11 am - 5 pm at various locations around Humboldt County. Free. Info: 834-6460 or www.northcoastopenstudios.com.

**Sunday, June 13: Trinidad Garden Tour for Friends of College Cove** at the Wells garden (intersection of Patrick's Point Dr. and Stagecoach Rd, across the street from Larrupin). 10 am - 5 pm. Bring a blanket and a picnic, if time allows. \$15, under 12 are free. Info: www.friendsofcollegecove.org.

**Monday and Tuesday, June 14 and 15: Sequoia Chamber Music Workshop Free Concerts.** Performances by the student participants of the workshop. 7 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall at HSU. Free. Info: Felicia at 839-4515 or Cindy at 826-3563.

**Wednesday, June 16: Sequoia Chamber Music Faculty Free Concerts.** Performances by the faculty of the workshop. 7:30 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall at HSU. Free. Info: Felicia at 839-4515 or Cindy at 826-3563.

**Thursday, June 17: Eureka Summer Concert Series.** Free performances by local musicians. 6 - 8 pm on the Boardwalk. Info: 442-9054.

**Thursday, June 17: Sequoia Chamber Music Workshop Free Concerts.** Performances by the student participants of the workshop. 7 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall at HSU. Free. Info: Felicia at 839-4515 or Cindy at 826-3563.

**Saturday, June 19: the 20th Annual Arcata Bay Oyster Festival** on the Arcata Plaza. Live music, oysters from many local restaurants, wine, and entertainment. 10 am - 6 pm. Free admission. Info: 822-4500 or ww.oysterfestival.net.

**Saturday, June 19: Sequoia Chamber Music Workshop Free Concerts.** Performances by the student participants of the workshop. 10:30 am in the Fulkerson Recital Hall at HSU. Free. Info: Felicia at 839-4515 or Cindy at 826-3563.

**Sunday, June 20: 15th Annual Sand Sculpture Festival,** sponsored by Friends of the Dunes. 9 am - 2 pm at the Manila Community Center. Create a team to build a sculpture, or just come as a spectator. Info: 44-1397.

**Monday and Tuesday, June 21 and 22: Sequoia Chamber Music Workshop Free Concerts.** Performances by the student participants of the workshop. 7 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall at HSU. Free. Info: Felicia at 839-4515 or Cindy at 826-3563.

**Wednesday, June 23: Sequoia Chamber Music Faculty Free Concerts.** Performances by the faculty of the workshop. 7:30 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall at HSU. Free. Info: Felicia at 839-4515 or Cindy at 826-3563.

**Friday, June 25: "Fire in the Belly," an Evening of Stories From Redwood Coast Entrepreneurs,** featuring Peter Jermyn, Christy Laird, Ron Samuels, Mary Cruse and Kirk Cohune. Live music, appetizers and a no-host bar. 5:30 - 7:30 pm at the Eagle House in Eureka.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & ALL AGES

**Friday, June 11: Playhouse Family Fun Series with Lisa Monet.** Start summer vacation with this concert for young children and their families. 11 am at the Arcata Playhouse. \$5 general, children under 5 free. Info: 822-1575.

**Friday, June 11: Teen Arts: Free Drop-in Art Workshop,** a creative environment with art supplies provided for teens 13 - 19. Free. Noon - 5 pm at the Morris Graves Museum, 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278.

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

**Tuesday, June 15: Share "Art All Over,"** short video, stories, and crafts. A free book, "I Ain't Gonna Paint No More," is available for each participating family. 6:30 pm at the Trinidad Branch Library. Info: 677-0227 or www.humlib.org.

**Thursday, June 17: Share A Story "Art All Over,"** short video, stories, and crafts. A free book, "I Ain't Gonna Paint No More," 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, June 19: Summer Reading Club Kickoff Party!** Featuring the fabulous Mr. Ross Mackinney, juggler and storyteller extraordinaire! 2 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Eureka. Free. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

## PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

**Saturday, June 12: Birds of the Lost Coast**, a free public hike at Jones Beach on the Lost Coast. This hike is one of many sponsored by Sanctuary Forest to educate the public about the King Range, the Sinkyone Wilderness State Park, and the Mattole River watershed and the work being done to protect them. Info: 986-5415 or 986-1087.

**Sunday, June 13: Blooms and Bugs at Mad River Beach.** Join Pete Haggard to see blooming beach buckwheat, seaside daisy, sand verbena, and others where the sand meets the firmer, damper soil of the willow, rushy swale. Easy walking. Meet at the beach parking lot at the very end of Mad River Rd. Free. Info: 839-0208.

**Sunday, June 13: Redwood Region Audubon Society 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 the birds of the Humboldt Bay area. Meet at the Refuge Visitor Center off Hookton Road at 9 am. Info: David Fix or Jude Power 822-3613.

**Friends Of The Dunes Announces The Release Of The 2010 Humboldt Bay Beaches, Dunes, and Wetlands Map and Guide.** Free guides are available at area visitor locations or on-line at: [www.friendsofthedunes.org](http://www.friendsofthedunes.org). The public may also request a free guide by sending a self-addressed, #10 envelope with 61¢ postage to: Friends of the Dunes, PO Box 186, Arcata, CA 95518. Info: 444-1397.

**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: 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.

## MEETINGS

**Tuesday, June 15: Redwood ACLU Board.** The Redwood Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) holds its monthly Board of Directors meeting, open to all ACLU members, to discuss civil rights issues on the North Coast. Info: 442-4419, [redwoodaclu@hotmail.com](mailto:redwoodaclu@hotmail.com) or [www.redwoodaclu.blogspot.com](http://www.redwoodaclu.blogspot.com).

## WORKSHOPS AND MISCELLANEOUS

**Ongoing: Avoid Foreclosure.** Redwood Community Action Agency is offering one-on-one assistance with mortgage default and foreclosure information. RCAA will also provide homeowners with financial guidance on budgeting and money management. Info: Windy Scott at 269-2043.

**Now, In Your Garden: "Plant a Row for the Hungry."** Join the national campaign, which encourages backyard gardeners to plant an extra row of food to donate to a local food pantry. Info: 445-3166.

## 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.

**"Conversation with Paul Mann,"** a new public affairs program covering national and international issues with local guests and callers. Tuesday evenings from 7:30 - 8:30 on KHSU FM 90.5. Studio line: 826-4805.

**"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). Info: 445-0813 or [www.keet.org](http://www.keet.org).



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## Three More Reasons for the President to Take Control Over BP's Gulf Operation

By Robert Reich

### 1. Why hasn't BP moved more of its rigs and tankers to the site?

Because BP's first responsibility is to maximize shareholder value, and moving more rigs and tankers would be too expensive. Coast Guard Admiral Thad Allen, the government's man on the scene, said BP planned to move another rig to the spill site June 14, which would enable the company to boost its capacity to collect oil from the ruptured well to 28,000 barrels (1.18 million gallons/4.45 million liters) a day.

### 2. Why isn't BP leveling with the American people about how many barrels of oil is gushing into the Gulf?

Because BP's first responsibility is to its shareholders, and a bigger leak means more liability. Government scientists estimate the leak spews 12,000-19,000 barrels a day, with one estimate as high as 25,000 barrels. BP says it's not nearly this much.

### 3. Why isn't BP acknowledging a huge plume of oil developing deep under water?

Ditto. On Tuesday, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration researchers reported subsurface oil as far as 142 miles from the leaking Gulf well, the first clear confirmation of such a plume. On Wednesday, BP rejected the report, insisting that it has not found any significant concentration of crude under the surface. "We haven't found any large concentrations of oil under the sea. To my knowledge, no one has," BP Chief Operating Officer Doug Suttles said on NBC's TODAY show.

--- 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 - PO Box 385 Arcata, CA 95518 - hopecoalition@igc.org - www.hopecoalition.org

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).  
**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](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;** 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 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);** 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.

**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).