

American Power Act Fails to Reduce Emissions Enough to Avoid Catastrophic Climate Change

Analysis by Center for Biological Diversity

As the worst environmental disaster in U.S. history devastates the Gulf of Mexico, clarifying the urgent need for bold, effective climate legislation, a new Center for Biological Diversity analysis of the American Power Act demonstrates the bill's gross inadequacies.

The Center's analysis shows that the domestic greenhouse gas emissions allowed under the bill could lead to global greenhouse gas concentrations of 650 parts per million (ppm). At these concentrations, global mean temperatures would almost certainly rise 2°C (3.6°F) over preindustrial levels. There is also an 80% chance that the increase would exceed 3°C (5.4°F), and a 40% chance that the increase would exceed 4°C (7.2°F), according to leading scientists. Even a 2°C increase could cause the displacement of millions due to sea-level rise, irreversible loss of entire ecosystems, and the triggering of multiple climactic "tipping points" that would result in additional accelerated warming.

"The decisions we make today will determine the health and livability of the planet for generations to come," said Bill Snape, senior counsel at the Center. "Policymakers need to acknowledge the great danger from proposals like the American Power Act, which simply do not provide the pollution reductions that scientists warn are needed to tackle this crisis. The hard truth is that the bill would leave our children and grandchildren to deal with what can only be called climate catastrophe."

To limit future warming to 2°C, developed countries like the United States must make firm commitments to reduce their emissions by 25 to 40% below 1990 levels within the next decade. Even assuming successful implementation of the bill's programs—an unlikely scenario given its many loopholes—the Act would likely reduce emissions by less than 1% below 1990 levels by 2020.

The Act would also offer a smorgasbord of subsidies, regulatory streamlining provisions, and other incentives for expanded offshore oil exploration, nuclear power, and continued reliance on coal-fired electricity generation.

Making matters worse, the climate bill also devastates proven, effective programs under the federal Clean Air Act that could be used to achieve the immediate and long-lasting emissions reductions that are needed. It removes EPA's ability to set a national pollutant cap for greenhouse gases, permanently removes the agency's ability to set greenhouse standards for major polluters like oil refineries and cement plants, and prohibits the regulation of important greenhouse gases like methane from sources such as coal mines until at least 2020.

"Passing a climate bill with inadequate greenhouse gas reduction goals is bad enough, but adding subsidies for offshore oil drilling and other fossil fuels to the mix while gutting successful existing laws that can get the job done is downright crazy," said Snape.

Summary of Key Provisions of the American Power Act of 2010 (APA)

- The APA is consistent with a trajectory resulting in atmospheric greenhouse gas concentrations of 650 ppm, a sure pathway to climate disaster
- The APA expands and prolongs america's reliance on dirty energy
- The APA strips epa of authority to regulate greenhouse gas emissions under the clean air act
- Heavy reliance on offsets undermines attainment of the APA's emission reduction objectives

PEACE NEWS

Sunday, July 4: Humboldt WILPF Book Sale in Arcata. Proceeds will benefit the Edilith Eckart Peace Scholarship Fund and the purchase of children's books that foster peace and social justice for local distribution. The sale will take place at 1034 H St. Time TBA. Donations may be picked up or brought to the sale on the Fourth. Info: 822-5711.

ENTERTAINMENT, CELEBRATIONS, & CULTURE

Thursday - Sunday, June 24 - 27: "Blue Lake, the Opera" at Dell'Arte's Mad River Festival. Nearly every word will be sung in this story based on actual events - both lurid and lyrical - in the early life of Blue Lake. 8 pm in the outside amphitheater in Blue Lake. \$15, \$12, \$7. Info: 668-5663 or www.dellarte.com.

Friday, June 25: The Six Rivers Choral Artists 6th Annual Concert, an assortment of contemporary choral music performed by over 60 singers. The female composers represented in this concert capture the relationship between words and music, sound and emotion. 7:30 pm at the Van Duzer Theater at HSU. \$16. Info or tickets: 268-3829.

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.

Saturday, June 26: Sequoia Chamber Music Workshop Final Free Concert. 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.

Saturday, June 26: Bingo With a Twist—Pretty in Pink. The Eureka Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence present bingo, treats and entertainment to benefit the Humboldt Breast Health Project. Doors open at 5 pm at the Bayside Grange. Info and tickets at www.eurekasisters.org. Advance tickets recommended.

Thursday - Wednesday, July 1 - 7: Celebrate Humboldt Independents. Join the Humboldt County Independent Business Alliance, DUHC and your neighbors as they celebrate the local, independent businesses of Humboldt. Independents Week is an annual national campaign to celebrate locally owned independent businesses and their vital community importance. Info: 269-0984.

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Sunday, July 4: Old Town Eureka Celebration. Live performances, kid activities, vendors, food. Carnival at the foot of C St. Starting at 10 am. Fireworks in the evening. Info: 442-9054.

Sunday, July 4: Arcata Plaza Jubilee. Live performances, food, arts & crafts, information, and kids activities. Starting at 10 am. Info: 822-3619.

Tuesday, July 6: "Based on the Book" Classic Film Series featuring "Criss Cross" (1949). An armored car driver (Burt Lancaster) is obsessed with his ex-wife (Yvonne De Carlo), who has thrown him over for a gangster. Hosted by Charlie Myers. Free. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

Thursday, July 8: Summer of Art Film Series: Art Films from Independent Lens. "Revolution: Five Visions," tells the story of five Cuban photographers whose lives and work span more than four decades and whose perspectives on photography are as varied as their opinions about the Cuban Revolution. Free admission. 6 - 7:30 pm at the Morris Graves Museum, 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278 or www.humboldtarts.org.

Saturday, July 10: Bling for Books, a silent auction of new and previously owned jewelry to benefit Friends of the Trinidad Library. 5 pm at Trinidad Town Hall. Hors d'oeuvres and shaken cocktails. \$7. Info: Darlene at 677-9242.

Saturday and Sunday, July 10 and 11: 21st Annual WoodFair, featuring exhibits, workshops, free demonstrations and food. 9 am - 5 pm at Almqvist Lumber. Free. Info: 825-8880 or 768-1975.

Monday, July 12: 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, 2nd Floor at the Jacoby Storehouse in Arcata.

Tuesday, July 13: "Based on the Book" Classic Film Series featuring "The Killing" (1956). A gang of greedy petty criminals plan a race track robbery. The plan gets foiled and disaster ensues. Hosted by Wynston Jones. Free. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & ALL AGES

Mondays - Fridays through August 13: 2010 Summer Lunch Program: Free sack lunches for children up to age 18. No registration or pre-approval required. Distribution takes place at many sites around Humboldt County. Info: Nicole Gribi at 445-3166 ext. 309 or www.foodforpeopl.org.

Wednesdays: Summer Reading Club Craft Program. 1:30 pm at Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Free. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

Saturday, July 3: 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. July's book is "Whoever You Are." Free. Noon to 2 pm. Info: 442-0278.

Thursday, July 8: "What's in the Humboldt Bay?" An illustrated Summer Reading Club talk by Susan Neel-Goodsir, followed by fun crafts. Free. 6:30 pm at the Arcata Branch Library, 500 7th St. Info: 822-5954 or www.humlib.org.

Friday, July 9: 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, July 10: Second Saturday Family Arts Day: Pirates. Activities for youth and families, including a performance of "Pirates of Penzance" by Kidco, 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.

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

- Saturday, June 26: Baylands Restoration Wetland Exploration.** Poke and splash around in the City of Arcata's wet pastures, waterfowl habitat, sloughs, and riparian zones in the area behind the Little League field and the Highway Patrol. The goal is to list all the plant species, including all those grass and grass-like things. Meet on the pullout just off the roundabout at Old Arcata Rd. and Union St. Bring your sharp eyes, any books you find useful, lunch and water. Please tell Carol you're coming 822-2015.
- Saturday, June 26: Sunset/Full Moon Walk.** Join Share the Beach Docents at Clam Beach for a look at the natural history of some of the plants and animals that we share the beach with and hopefully enjoy a visible sunset and full moon rise! Meet at the northern paved parking area for Clam Beach and Little River State Beach. Info: 444-1397.
- Wednesday, July 7: Marine Life Protection Initiative Open House in Eureka.** The open house, hosted by the Marine Life Protection Act Initiative, is a forum to provide input on draft marine protected areas proposals for the north coast. Members of the public can attend at anytime during the event. 5 - 7:30 pm at the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center, 921 Waterfront Dr. in Eureka. Free. Info: 916-654-1885 or visit www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa.
- Thursday, July 8: Marine Life Protection Initiative Open House in Orick.** The open house, hosted by the Marine Life Protection Act Initiative, is a forum to provide input on draft marine protected areas proposals for the north coast. Members of the public can attend at anytime during the two-hour event. 11 am - 1 pm at the Redwood National and State Parks South Operations Center in Orick. Free. Info: 916-654-1885 or visit www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa.
- Saturdays and Sundays, Ongoing through the Summer: Humboldt BayKeeper Bay Tours.** Free, hour-long tours will explore the natural history of Humboldt Bay aboard a 25-foot Boston Whaler. Reservations are required a least one week in advance. Info: 268-8897 or by email at volunteer@humboldtbykeeper.org.
- 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.
- 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. 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.

MEETINGS

- Thursday, July 1: Humboldt County Human Rights Commission** at 5 pm in Conference Room A in the County Courthouse. Anyone with interest in or concerns about human rights in Humboldt County is encouraged to attend. Members of the public are invited. Info: 668-4095.

WORKSHOPS AND MISCELLANEOUS

- Saturday, July 3: 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.
- Saturday, July 10: Democracy Unlimited Workshop: "Challenging Corporate Rule, Creating Democracy."** This introductory workshop teaches the history and context for corporate power and will help participants gain the skills and knowledge necessary to reclaim our democracy from corporations. Cost is \$20 - \$100 sliding scale; Pre-registration is required. Info: 269-0984 or email info@DUHC.org.
- 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. Info: 445-0813 or www.keet.org.



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Separation of Oil & State

Last week, Barack Obama joined every President since Richard Nixon in calling for an end to our dependence on oil. Like both Bushes, Clinton, Reagan, Carter, Ford, and Nixon, **the rhetoric was great, but the specifics were lacking.**

We all know we need to end our dependence on oil. To get there, we need not only good ideas for clean energy policy and innovation, we need a separation of oil and state.

The Separation of Oil & State campaign is about breaking the co-dependent, dysfunctional, destructive relationship between the oil industry and the US government.

The sad fact is that after 40 years of tough talk from Presidents, **the oil industry is giving and getting more money than ever before.** Just two weeks ago, with the Gulf disaster spewing away, the US Senate *defeated* a measure that would have eliminated some oil subsidies. It's outrageous.

Enough is enough. To break our nation's addiction to oil, our Representatives will have to break their addiction to oil money. No more oily Congress. No more subsidies as rewards for campaign contributions. Our government should represent us, not the fossil fuel industry.

Join the Separation of Oil and State campaign and write your representatives in Washington today.

www.tinyurl.com/OilAction

After you've taken action, please tell your friends about the campaign. We need to build a movement to demand that our government represent us, not the fossil fuel industry. Please help us.

Peace,
 Steve Kretzmann
 Director, Oil Change International

--- 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. 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; 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.

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); 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. 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.