



# The HOPE Coalition

## Humboldt Organized for Peace & the Environment

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## Killing For Fun; Military Madness

by Tom Turnipseed

Successful professionals enjoy their work. The Obama administration has picked a successful and happy warrior in Marine Corps Gen. James N. Mattis to head the US Central Command. The command includes all US forces in Afghanistan, Iraq, the entire Middle East, and Central Asia. Mattis has gloated that it is "fun to shoot some people" and "have a plan to kill everybody you meet."

Killing is the key to success in military actions. Killing enough insurgents by invading and occupying US forces enables the winners to subdue and subjugate the survivors. The real winners in the Middle East are the US based corporations who seek to exploit the resources of energy and mineral rich countries like Iraq, Afghanistan, and Iran. Also the corporate war profiteers of the defense industry are making out like bandits. They furnish the killing tools, the hired mercenaries, and other wasteful and expensive materials, equipment, and supplies for our never-ending wars-on-terror.

Mattis has a strong resume in the military killing business. He was a lieutenant colonel in the US invasion of Iraq in 1991, directed the Marines in the 2003 invasion of Iraq, headed the US assault on the Iraqi city of Fallujah in 2004, and helped design the siege that destroyed the city and killed thousands of Iraqi civilians. Mattis also commanded the initial troops that went into Afghanistan in 2001.

Describing his feelings about the people in Afghanistan, General Mattis said, "... It's a hell of a lot of fun to shoot them. Actually it's quite fun to fight them, you know. It's a hell of a hoot. It's fun to shoot some people. I'll be right up there with you. I like brawling."

Author Thomas Ricks wrote that Mattis told his troops to, "Be polite, be professional, but have a plan to kill everybody you meet."

During Operation Desert Storm in Iraq, Mattis reportedly told his troops, "It's the mission of every Marine in the battalion to send one dead Iraqi home to Mama."

Perhaps World War II Army General George S. Patton, Jr. is a role model for Mattis in his glorification of military madness and the joy of killing. Patton said "Magnificent! Compared to war all other forms of human endeavor shrink to insignificance. God help me, I do love it so!", and "No bastard ever won a war by dying for his country, He won it by making the other poor dumb bastard die for his country." Patton also said, "America loves a winner, and will not tolerate a loser, this is why America has never, and will never, lose a war." Of course that was before our ill-fated military ventures in Korea, Vietnam, and Afghanistan.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates called Mattis "one of our military's outstanding combat leaders and strategic thinkers, bringing an essential mix of experience, judgment, and perspective to this important post." Asked about Mattis's bloodthirsty rhetoric, Gates brushed off an official rebuke against Mattis saying it was five years ago.

In Afghanistan, US and NATO forces casualties continue to escalate. The number of Americans killed so far this month is at least 23 with 14 killed last week. In June, 102 occupation troops were killed including 60 Americans. 1,149 American soldiers have been killed in the war in Afghanistan, and countless numbers of Afghan civilians have died. We don't do body counts of "the enemy" because, as former Defense Secretary Rumsfeld said, "death has a tendency to encourage a depressing view of war."

Our economic crisis is directly tied to the cost of the war. It costs \$1 million per year to maintain a single soldier in Afghanistan. The 2010 Pentagon budget is \$693 billion, which surpasses all other discretionary spending programs combined—while our deficit soars. We desperately need money to create green jobs, rebuild our crumbling infrastructure, and improve education.

President Obama replaced General McChrystal with General Petraeus as commanding general of US and NATO forces in Afghanistan. McChrystal had made derogatory remarks about Obama and his administration's conduct of the war. Petraeus was head of the Central Command and will be replaced by Mattis. Obama said, "War is bigger than any one man or woman, whether a private, a general, or president."

The war in Afghanistan is a big loser. Rearranging deck chairs to include one more "fun to kill" military madman will not keep it from sinking like the Titanic. Only ending the war will save Obama.

A recent ABC/Washington Post poll found that people felt the war was not worth fighting by a 53 to 44 margin. An NBC/Wall Street Journal poll had 62% of the American people saying the country was going in the wrong direction and Obama's approval rating at 45% with 48% disapproval.

President Obama was the most successful politician in the US who seemed to enjoy being elected to the highest office in the land. Fulfilling his promise of peace, hope, and change is a winner. However his failure to conclude killing for fun military madness will make him a loser in 2012 and doom his party in November.

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**ENTERTAINMENT, CELEBRATIONS, & CULTURE**

- Thursday - Sunday, July 15 – 18: “Los Payasos Mendigos Rise Again”** at Dell'Arte's Mad River Festival. The dynamic comic foursome is reuniting and coming home to Humboldt County for five performances. 8 pm each night in the outside amphitheater in Blue Lake and a special short version Sunday at 4 pm. \$15, \$10. Info: 668-5663 or [www.dellarte.com](http://www.dellarte.com).
- Friday, July 16: Picnics on the Plaza.** Picnics on the Plaza are free, family-friendly events featuring live, local music from 11:30 am to 2 pm. Info: 822-4500.
- Friday Through Saturday, July 16 - 24: The Humboldt Folklife Festival.** A weeklong celebration of local music and dance highlighting the talented performers of Humboldt County, featuring performances each night and ending with Folklife Day on 7/24 at Dell'Arte (free all day). Info: 822-5394 or [www.humboldtfolklife.org](http://www.humboldtfolklife.org).
- Sunday, July 18: Quarterly Breakfast at the Bayside Grange;** supports the repairs and improvements at Bayside's historic community center. Featuring gourmet meat and veggie options, live music by the Bayside Grange Music Project, and a Master Gardener Plant Clinic. 8 am to noon. Info: 822-9998.
- Sunday, July 18: Annie and Mary Day** beginning with a parade at 11 am from Dell'Arte featuring Samba Alegria, floats and more and continuing with live music, craft and food vendors, games for all ages, and the famous fiddle contest. Noon - 5 pm in Perigot Park, Blue Lake. Info: 668-5567.
- Sunday, July 18: All Seasons Orchestra Summer Concert,** featuring the work of Johann Strauss, Camille Saint-Saens, P.Tschaikowsky, Mozart, and Frank Loesser. Free. 7 pm at Trinidad Town Hall. Info: 822-4462.
- Tuesday, July 20: “Based on the Book” Classic Film Series** featuring “High Sierra” (1941). Humphrey Bogart at his best as world weary “Mad Dog Roy Earle”. Filled with classic noir elements. Hosted by Phillip Wright. Free. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, [www.humlib.org](http://www.humlib.org).
- Friday, July 23: Picnics on the Plaza.** Picnics on the Plaza are free, family-friendly events featuring live, local music from 11:30 am to 2 pm. Info: 822-4500.
- Saturday, July 24: Friends of the Redwood Libraries’ Summer Buck-a-Bag Book Sale.** Proceeds from the sale will benefit the entire Humboldt Library System. 10 am – 3:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, [www.humlib.org](http://www.humlib.org).
- Tuesday, July 27: “Based on the Book” Classic Film Series** featuring “The Asphalt Jungle” (1950). A major heist goes off as planned, until bad luck and double crosses cause everything to unravel. Hosted by Bob Doran. Free. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, [www.humlib.org](http://www.humlib.org).
- Saturday, July 24: Humboldt Folklife Festival All Day Free Festival.** Music and dance, in performances and workshops all day. Inside and out at the Dell'Arte building in Blue Lake. Info and schedule: 822-5394 or [www.humboldtfolklife.org](http://www.humboldtfolklife.org).
- Sunday, July 25: Westhaven Blackberry Festival Turns 50!** Blackberry pies, jams, and more as well as games, vendors, rummage sale, hot food and beverages. 10 am - 4 pm on Sixth Avenue in Westhaven. Proceeds from this event fund most of the Westhaven volunteer Fire Department's expenses. Info: Erica at 498-4427.
- Sunday, July 25: the Snip and Stitch Craft Extravaganza.** The Indie Handmade Market will feature a selection of the best and brightest artists, independent designers and crafters from Humboldt County accompanied by live music. 10 am - 4 pm on 9th St. on the Plaza. Info: 822-4500.

**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.foodforpeople.org](http://www.foodforpeople.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](http://www.humlib.org).
- Saturday, July 17: 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 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, [www.humlib.org](http://www.humlib.org).
- Saturday, July 17: Clam Beach Plover Party & Family Fun Day.** Join in celebrating the natural history of this threatened, cryptic shorebird. Goodies, prizes and fun, educational activities for all ages. 11 am – 2 pm. Meet at the northern paved parking area for Clam Beach and Little River State Beach. Info: 444-1397.
- Thursday, July 22: “The Life Cycle of the Salmon,”** an illustrated Summer Reading Club talk by Susan Neel-Goodsir, followed by fun crafts. Free. 6:30 pm at the Arcata Branch Library, 500 7<sup>th</sup> St. Info: 822-5954 or [www.humlib.org](http://www.humlib.org).

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**Saturday, July 17: Invasive Plant Removal Work Day.** Friends of the Arcata Marsh is joining with the City of Arcata to sponsor an invasive plant removal work day at the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary. Volunteers are needed between 9 am and 1 pm. Dress to get dirty and bring work gloves. Tools, garbage bags, drinks, and snacks will be provided. To sign up or receive more information, call Dennis at (707) 825-2163.

**Saturday, July 24: Rising Moon, Setting Sun,** a free public hike at King Peak in the King Range. 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.

**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](mailto:volunteer@humboldtbykeeper.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.

**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.

## MEETINGS

**Saturdays, Ongoing: People Project Weekly Meetings.** The People Project is a group fighting to resolve various issues faced by houseless and poor people, including police and other harassment. A long term goals is to have an eco-sustainable campground, run by the people who use it. 1:30 pm at PARC (Peoples Action for Rights and Community) in Eureka in the Q St. alley between 3rd and 2nd St, near the Samoa Bridge. Info: 442-7465 or [www.peopleproject.wordpress.com](http://www.peopleproject.wordpress.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

**Monday, July 19: "Democracy in Action" with Democracy Unlimited.** 7 – 8 pm on KMUD FM 88.3. Info: 269-0984.

**"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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**Where Is Haiti's Bailout?** by Isabel MacDonald

After the January 12 earthquake in Haiti, Western leaders announced bold blueprints for building a "New Haiti." This reconstruction, they emphasized, would be "Haitian-led," based firmly on the principle of respect for "Haitian sovereignty" and carried out through "full and continued participation" by Haitians, "consistent with the vision of the Haitian people and government." At the March 31 International Donors Conference Towards a New Future for Haiti at the UN headquarters in NYC, nearly 10 billion dollars were pledged for Haiti's recovery. Nicholas Sarkozy—the first French president to visit Haiti since the latter won its independence from French colonial rule—proclaimed during his historic February 2010 trip to Port-au-Prince, "International aid must be massive and be there for the long term."

"Now is the time to step up our investment in Haiti," Clinton reiterated in April at an Inter-American Development Bank meeting in Washington, D.C. Yet six months after the earthquake, the plan for a "New Future for Haiti" (a "Haitian-led" effort which is curiously being funded under World Bank oversight, through a commission whose 20 voting board members include only seven Haitians) seems remote indeed.

A partial index of the West's "humanitarian efforts" in Haiti so far:

- Amount pledged for Haiti's reconstruction over the following 18 months at the March 31 UN conference: \$5,300,000,000
- Percentage of this amount that has been paid: 1.9%
- Amount of pledged U.S. bilateral search and rescue assistance to Haiti that was delivered in the wake of the earthquake: \$0
- Value of the no-bid contract the U.S. government awarded the private prison group GEO in the month after the earthquake: \$260,589
- Ratio of U.S. pledges for Haiti's reconstruction to Venezuelan pledges: 1:2
- Value of aid French government has promised Haiti through pledged contributions to UN agencies, NGOS & the Red Cross: \$180 million
- Quantity of this aid that has been delivered: \$0
- Cost of the French secretary of state for overseas development's travel via private jet to a conference on aid for Haiti: \$143,000
- Estimated number of Haitians who remain homeless after the earthquake: 1,500,000
- Amount that has been collected for Haiti relief by U.S. charities: \$1,300,000,000
- Number of Haitians without even tents or tarps for shelter: 232,130
- Haiti's global ranking in terms of the number of NGOs operating in the nation, measured globally on a per-capita-basis: #1
- Haiti's global NGO-per-capita ranking before the earthquake: #1
- Ratio of Haitian-produced rice to U.S.-imported rice consumed in Haiti in 1985: 22:1
- Ratio of Haitian to US-produced rice consumed in Haiti in 2000, 5 years after an IMF structural adjustment program went into effect reducing rice import tariffs: 1:2
- Value of USAID's current contract with a subsidiary of the parent company of American Rice Inc., the corporation that is considered to have most benefited from the demise of Haitian rice production: \$126,000,000
- Value of total French humanitarian assistance to Haiti since the earthquake: \$35,956,408
- Estimated value today of the compensation Haiti paid France for lost French slave trade profits after Haiti, a former French slave colony, won independence: \$40,000,000,000

**--- 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.

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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).  
**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).