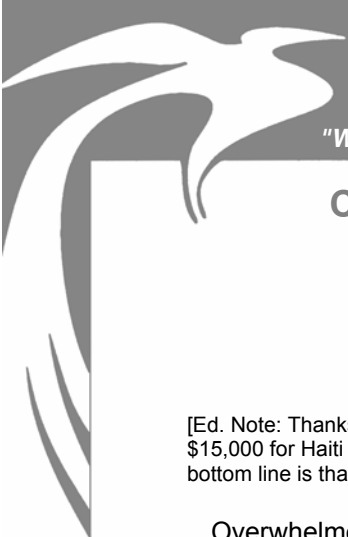




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Humboldt Organized for Peace & the Environment

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

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Human Rights & Haiti

by Kerry Kennedy & Monika Kaira Varma, www.truthout.org

[Ed. Note: Thanks much to Kate Martin & the wonderful volunteers of last week's Humboldt to Haiti benefit, which raised over \$15,000 for Haiti earthquake relief. But raising money isn't enough—this editorial gives an inkling of what is going on, but the bottom line is that U.S. politicians have for years kept Haiti under the thumb of intended poverty. It is time for a change.]

Overwhelmed by sadness, empathy and disbelief, the world's eyes and hearts are focused on the rescue and relief efforts resulting from the earthquake in Haiti. However, many who have worked in Haiti fear that a preventable and long term disaster lies on the horizon if international interventions do not break with past patterns. As international aid begins to pour into Haiti, we have a brief moment to break with past mistakes and bring real change to Haiti.

During the eight years that the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights (RFK Center) has partnered with the grassroots medical group Zanmi Lasante/Partners In Health in Haiti, we have witnessed U.S and international aid efforts that could be characterized, at best, as unsustainable and, at worst, deliberately harmful.

In 2000, the U.S. and the Inter-American Development Bank approved millions of dollars of what would have been lifesaving loans for improvements to water, health, education, and road infrastructure, only to later withhold these funds because they opposed then President Aristide. While the loans were eventually released, the communities where the very first water projects were to be financed still lack access, ten years later, to reliably clean drinking water, contributing to countless deaths due to waterborne illness.

In 2004, the international community pledged \$1 billion to support Haiti. RFK Center, along with Zanmi Lasante and the NYU Center for Human Rights and Global Justice, tried to track the fulfillment of those pledges, but never received clear and consistent answers from donor states on the status of the aid. With no transparency or coordinating body to turn to, the Haitian people had no hope of knowing if that money ever got to Haiti, much less where it was directed and how it could be used to improve their communities. Haitian government sources later confirmed that most of the pledges had never been fulfilled.

In 2008, after hurricanes ravaged the country, the international community convened another donor conference resulting in over \$324 million in pledges. Prior to the earthquake, most of those pledges had still not been fulfilled.

Historically, interventions in Haiti have been viewed through the lens of charity. The international community, NGOs, international organizations and donor states have gathered time and again to announce to the world pledges of support, only to quietly back away from these commitments. The goodwill of the international community is certainly critical today to Haiti's future but charity alone will not be enough to ultimately rebuild a safer and more sustainable Haiti. Only by forging a new path, guided by a commitment to the human rights of the Haitian people, can the international community help to create real, lasting change.

Charity is a personal act of choice with no real repercussions. Human rights are legal obligations, grounded in our shared acknowledgement of human dignity—something that every government must respect and no government can take away.

In the aftermath of this disaster, every country and international organization working toward recovery in Haiti needs to ensure that their actions will promote the respect and dignity of the Haitian people based on constitutionally and internationally recognized rights to water, health, and education. By partnering with the Haitian government and local communities in assessing the nation's recovery needs and making long term pledges to support the government of Haiti in meeting these needs, donors can pave a sustainable path towards recovery. Additionally, the donor nations should commit to making their aid transparent so every Haitian knows where funds are going. Accountability mechanisms are needed to ensure that the government of Haiti, the international community, and NGOs use these funds appropriately.

As the world looks for a way to help Haiti rebuild after the earthquakes, the international community has opportunity to avert a second human-made disaster. The United States and the international donor states and institutions must act now to end a painful history of irresponsible aid policies in Haiti. In acting immediately, as recovery plans are developed, we can honor the survivors of this tragedy by supporting Haitians as they build a better Haiti.

PEACE NEWS

The Redwood Coast Peace Poetry Contest: Teens Invited to Submit Peace Poetry. Submissions should focus on peace, the abolition of war, hate or violence, or peace-making in communities. The contest is open to all high school students in Humboldt County. Authors will be honored in a public ceremony and will be considered for one of five cash prizes of up to \$200. Entries must be received by March 8. Info: www.vfp56.org, Jon at 822-4595 or Carl at 616-6405.

ENTERTAINMENT, CELEBRATIONS, & CULTURE

- Wednesday, February 10: AHS's Hearts for Haiti Benefit Dinner** with traditional Haitian cooking, silent auction and performances by Samba da Alegria and members of the Humboldt Calypso Band. \$5. 6 - 8 pm at the Arcata Veterans Hall. Info: 825-2400.
- Friday, February 12: "Spotlight on Africa"** with keynote speaker Eddie Mwanza of Uongozi, a grassroots NGO working to improve the lives of Kenyans through sustainable agriculture, education and public health. Spoken word artist Billy Tuggle will also perform. Free. 7 pm at the Kate Buchanan Room at HSU. Info: 601-5550.
- Friday, February 12: "Sweets and Tweets" Valentine's Benefit Dance.** Swing dance instruction, live jazz with the ArMack Jazz Band, appetizers, desserts, and silent auction. \$5 students, \$10 general, with couple's tickets discounted if purchased in advance. 6 - 9 pm at McKinleyville High. Proceeds help the band attend the San Jose Jazz Festival in March. Info: 839-6400.
- Saturday, February 13: "Love to Sing" Concert** featuring Terrence Kelly of the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir, the Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir, Rose Armin-Hoiland and participants from the day's workshop (see "Workshops, page 3). 7 pm at the Eureka First Presbyterian Church, 819 15th St, Eureka. \$10. Info: 822-4444.
- Saturday, February 13: Israeli Film Series: "Turn Left at the End of the World,"** a film about immigrant families from Morocco and India dealing with the difficulties of transitioning to a new culture. 7 pm at Temple Beth El, Hodgson and T Sts, Eureka. \$5 includes refreshments. Info: 444-2846.
- Saturday, February 13: 2009 Fireman's Ball at the Valentine's Dance.** Benefit for the Arcata Volunteer Fire Dept. Building Fund, featuring music by the Delta Nationals, a raffle, silent auction, no-host bar and a late night buffet. 7:30 - 11 pm at the Arcata Community Center. \$10. Info: 825-1562.
- Sunday, February 14: Lunar New Year Celebration.** Year of the Tiger celebration including entertainment, refreshments, art projects and more. 2 - 5 pm in the Kate Buchanan Room at HSU. Free. Info: 826-3664.
- Saturday, February 13: HSU Music Dept. Faculty Artist Series: Daniela Mineva, Piano with Cindy Moyer, Violin** play a sunny Beethoven, a lyrical Grieg and the fantasy, Ferdinand the Bull, 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$8, \$3. Info: 826-3456.
- Friday, February 19: Eureka Chamber Music Series: Anton Nel, Pianist,** hailed by critics as a pianist of exceptional sensitivity and stylistic discrimination. 7:30 pm at the Cavalry Lutheran Church, 716 South Ave, Eureka. \$30. Info: 445-9650.
- Saturday, February 20: Redwood Region Audubon Society Annual Banquet and Auctions,** featuring a buffet dinner, live and silent auctions and awards. Speaker Brian Sullivan will talk about "eBird, where birding meets Science" a website and online birding tool. Advance tickets required by February 14. Tickets and info: 839-4365.
- Saturday, February 27: HSU International Cultural Festival,** featuring the arts, crafts, dance, music and traditional food samples of more than 20 international cultures. Noon - 5 pm at HSU's Kate Buchanan Room. Free. Info: 826-5968.
- Saturday, February 27: 19th Annual Indian Island Candlelight Vigil** held every February to remember those who lost their lives in the 1860 Massacre and help heal the community. Prayer, song, and poetry. 6 to 8 pm at the west end of Woodley Island in Eureka. The community is welcome. Rain or shine. Please bring a candle. Info: 733-5055.
- Sunday, February 28: Annual Soul Food Dinner** hosted by the HSU Multicultural Center and the Afrikan Community Coordinators. Laugh, eat good food, and share stories. 6 - 9 pm at the Kate Buchanan Room at HSU. Info: 826-3364.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & ALL AGES

- Saturday, February 13: Second Saturday Family Arts Day: Celebrate Black History Month.** 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.
- Sunday, February 14: Second Sunday Afternoon Dance: Humboldt Capoeira.** Free dance performances from local dance companies. 2 - 4 pm at the Morris Graves Museum, 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278.
- Sunday, February 14: Lunar New Year Celebration.** Year of the Tiger celebration including entertainment, refreshments, art projects and more. 2 - 5 pm in the Kate Buchanan Room at HSU. Free. Info: 826-3664.
- Wednesday, February 17: Family Literacy Night** presents a special musical evening with Cedarhill. A free book will be available for each family. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.
- Thursday, February 18: Share A Story " Pirate Party,"** short video, stories, and crafts. A free book is available for each participating family. 6:30 pm at the Arcata Branch Library, 500 7th St. Info: 822-5954 or www.humlib.org.
- Student Bird Art Contest,** sponsored by Redwood Region Audubon Society and Friends of the Arcata Marsh. \$500 in prizes will be awarded to students K - 12 who submit a drawing of one of 40 selected bird species. Artwork may be in color or black and white. Any media may be used (e.g., crayons, pastels, paint, pencil, collage). One entry per person. Info at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center and Strictly for the Birds in Old Town Eureka, www.arcatamarshfriends.org (click on Education link, then Student Bird Art Contest) or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Louise Bacon-Ogden, 2337 B Street, Eureka 95501. Artwork must be received by Friday, March 26.

The Redwood Coast Peace Poetry Contest: Teens Invited to Submit Peace Poetry (see "Peace News," above).

SINGING VALENTINE FUNDRAISERS

Arcata-McKinleyville High's Valentines available Feb. 11 - 14 from Trinidad to Humboldt Hill. The ArMack Orchestra and the Arcata Madrigal Singers deliver a card and romantic tune for \$15. Flowers, chocolates and extra songs available. Proceeds benefit student travel to music festivals. Info: 822-7130.

Humboldt Harmonaires Barbershop Chorus. Four-part barbershop harmony. Valengram comes with card and rose. \$25 - 40. Info: 442-1549 or info@humboldtharmonaires.com.

Eureka High School's Vocal Jazz Ensemble. Complete details not available at press time. Info: 441-2508

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

Saturday, February 13: Free Public Hike to Headwaters Forest Reserve with the North Group Sierra Club. This 11-mile, medium-difficulty hike begins at the trailhead at the end of Elk River Road. The hike is level for the first 3 miles, passing through a scenic second-growth redwood forest along the river then the next 2 miles is a steep climb through a beautiful old-growth section. Carpools meet 9 am at Herrick Park and Ride lot or trailhead at 9:30 a.m. No dogs allowed. Info: Xandra at 441-0702.

Sunday, February 14: Free Public Field Trip to the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Join the Redwood Region Audubon Society for a leisurely, 2- to 3-hour trip 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: Jude Power or David Fix at 822-3613.

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.

WORKSHOPS, CLASSES, MISCELLANY

Saturday, February 13: DUHC Introductory 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. 10:30 am - 5 pm in Eureka. Pre-registration required. Info and registration: 269-0984 or info@DUHC.org.

Saturday, February 13: "Love to Sing," a Gospel Music Workshop with Terrence Kelly, founder and director of the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir. The community is invited to join the workshop, learn vocal technique from a master and then perform as part of a mass choir that evening. 9:30 am - 4 pm. \$10 - \$20 (includes concert). Info and registration: 822-4444.

Wednesday, February 17: Public Forum on Richardson Grove Highway-Widening Project (Bayside). The forum will be hosted by EPIC in coordination with the Richardson Grove Coalition. 6:30 pm at the Bayside Grange. Info: 822-7711.

Tuesday, February 24: Public Forum on Richardson Grove Highway-Widening Project (Garberville). The forum will be hosted by EPIC in coordination with the Richardson Grove Coalition. 7 pm at the Garberville Vets Hall. Info: 822-7711.

Saturday, February 27: Food Security Forum 2010 with panelists John LaBoyteaux, Susan Ornelas, Linda Nellist, Anne Holcomb, Ann Anderson & Melanie Patrick. The forum will address issues of importance in our Humboldt County Food System. A community discussion and action plans will follow the panel discussion. 1:30 - 5:30 at the D Street Center in Arcata. Info and registration: 444-3325.

Ongoing: Help Organize to prevent the legislative assault on in-home health care. The Northcoast Arts & Disabilities Network is organizing both in-home care givers and their clients to educate the public and prevent further erosion of funding and support for home health care. For Support Groups, networking, and an email list server, contact Kelly at 822-7128.

MEETINGS

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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Newsletter, **Feb. 9, '10**. Vol. 16, Number 3. Published semi-monthly on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays; **next Feb. 23, '10**. For calendar items PO Box 873, Arcata 95518 or e-mail to hopecoalition@igc.org. **Next deadline. Feb. 18, '09**. Write or e-mail for sample newsletter. Newsletter volunteers: Dave Keniston, Mara Segal, Mayer Segal, Michael Welch, Paloma Orinoco. Web site: www.hopecoalition.org.

Free Speech for People Amendment Petition

(from Public Citizen, please sign their petition at www.citizen.org & the one at www.MoveToAmend.org)

WHEREAS, the First Amendment to the United States Constitution was designed to protect the free speech rights of people, not corporations;

WHEREAS, for the past three decades, a divided United States Supreme Court has transformed the First Amendment into a powerful tool for corporations seeking to evade and invalidate democratically-enacted reforms;

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United v. FEC overturned longstanding precedent prohibiting corporations from spending their general treasury funds in our elections;

WHEREAS, this corporate takeover of the First Amendment has reached its extreme conclusion in the United States Supreme Court's recent ruling in Citizens United v. FEC;

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United v. FEC will now unleash a torrent of corporate money in our political process unmatched by any campaign expenditure totals in United States history;

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United v. FEC presents a serious and direct threat to our democracy;

WHEREAS, the people of the United States have previously used the constitutional amendment process to correct those egregiously wrong decisions of the United States Supreme Court that go to the heart of our democracy and self-government;

Now hereby be it resolved that we the undersigned voters of the United States call upon the United States Congress to pass and send to the states for ratification a constitutional amendment to restore the First Amendment and fair elections to the people.

--- HOPE Coalition Needs Your Support ---

The Objective of the HOPE Coalition:

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

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

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The HOPE Coalition Newsletter is available in Arcata at: the Co-op, & the Northcoast Environmental Center; at the main Humboldt, Arcata, McKinleyville, and Trinidad libraries; and at the Senior Center in Eureka.

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 Kloop 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 Thursday 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.