

# The HOPE Coalition

Humboldt Organized for Peace & the Environment

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

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### Breeding Ourselves to Extinction by Chris Hedges, excerpted from truthdig.com

[Ed. Note: Apologies for this downer of an article, but sometimes it takes a hard hit to make us realize exactly how much of an affect a single person can have on the world. Next issue, we will demonstrate the positive impact a single, local individual is having.]

All measures to thwart the degradation and destruction of our ecosystem will be useless if we do not cut population growth. By 2050, if we continue to reproduce at the current rate, the planet will have between 8 billion and 10 billion people, according to a recent U.N. forecast. This is a 50 percent increase. And yet government-commissioned reviews, such as the Stern report in Britain, do not mention the word population. Books and documentaries that deal with the climate crisis, including Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth," fail to discuss the danger of population growth. This omission is odd, given that a doubling in population, even if we cut back on the use of fossil fuels, shut down all our coal-burning power plants and build seas of wind turbines, will plunge us into an age of extinction and desolation unseen since the end of the Mesozoic era, 65 million years ago, when the dinosaurs disappeared.

We are experiencing an accelerated obliteration of the planet's life-forms-an estimated 8,760 species die off per year-because, simply put, there are too many people. Most of these extinctions are the direct result of the expanding need for energy, housing, food and other resources. The Yangtze River dolphin, Atlantic gray whale, West African black rhino, Merriam's elk, California grizzly bear, silver trout, blue pike and dusky seaside sparrow are all victims of human overpopulation. Population growth, as E.O. Wilson says, is "the monster on the land." Species are vanishing at a rate of a hundred to a thousand times faster than they did before the arrival of humans. If the current rate of extinction continues, Homo sapiens will be one of the few life-forms left on the planet, its members scrambling violently among themselves for water, food, fossil fuels and perhaps air until they too disappear. Humanity, Wilson says, is leaving the Cenozoic, the age of mammals, and entering the Eremozoic-the era of solitude. As long as the Earth is viewed as the personal property of the human race, a belief embraced by everyone from born-again Christians to Marxists to free-market economists, we are destined to soon inhabit a biological wasteland.

The populations in industrialized nations maintain their lifestyles because they have the military and economic power to consume a disproportionate share of the world's resources. The United States alone gobbles up about 25 percent of the oil produced in the world each year. These nations view their stable or even zero growth birthrates as sufficient. It has been left to developing countries to cope with the emergent population crisis. India, Egypt, South Africa, Iran, Indonesia, Cuba, and China, whose one-child policy has prevented the addition of 400 million people, have all tried to institute population control measures. But on most of the planet, population growth is exploding. The U.N. estimates that 200 million women worldwide do not have access to contraception. The population of the Persian Gulf states, along with the Israeli-occupied territories, will double in two decades, a rise that will ominously coincide with precipitous peak oil declines.

The overpopulated regions of the globe will ravage their local environments, cutting down rainforests and the few remaining wilderness areas, in a desperate bid to grow food. And the depletion and destruction of resources will eventually create an overpopulation problem in industrialized nations as well. The resources that industrialized nations consider their birthright will become harder and more expensive to obtain. Rising water levels on coastlines, which may submerge coastal nations such as Bangladesh, will disrupt agriculture and displace millions, who will attempt to flee to areas on the planet where life is still possible. The rising temperatures and droughts have already begun to destroy crop lands in Africa, Australia, Texas and California. The effects of this devastation will first be felt in places like Bangladesh, but will soon spread within our borders. Footprint data suggests that, based on current lifestyles, the sustainable population of the United Kingdom-the number of people the country could feed, fuel and support from its own biological capacity-is about 18 million. This means that in an age of extreme scarcity, some 43 million people in Great Britain would not be able to survive. Overpopulation will become a serious threat to the viability of many industrialized states the instant the cheap consumption of the world's resources can no longer be maintained. This moment may be closer than we think.

A world where 8 billion to 10 billion people are competing for diminishing resources will not be peaceful. The industrialized nations will, as we have done in Iraq, turn to their militaries to ensure a steady supply of fossil fuels, minerals and other nonrenewable resources in the vain effort to sustain a lifestyle that will, in the end, be unsustainable. The collapse of industrial farming, which is made possible only with cheap oil, will lead to an increase in famine, disease and starvation. And the reaction of those on the bottom will be the low-tech tactic of terrorism and war.



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## PEACE NEWS

**Saturday, March 21: “Stop the War Machine” National and Local Peace March and Rally**, starting at the Eureka Courthouse at 1 pm. Plenty of ways to help out if you are interested. Info: 442-8733.

**The Redwood Peace & Justice Center** Board has closed the Center’s doors. Info: staff@rpjc.net or www.rpjc.net.

## ENTERTAINMENT, CELEBRATIONS, & CULTURE

**Thursday, March 12: Film Screening: “Ploverized.”** The story of the western snowy plover is a case study in conservation biology revealing a surprisingly close connection between everyday people and endangered species. Discussion with filmmaker Will Goldenberg and the group “Share the Beach” follows. 7 - 8:15 pm at the HSU Natural History Museum, 1315 G St, Arcata. \$2, \$4. Info: 826-4479.

**Thursday, March 12: HSU Sustainable Futures Speaker Series** with Heidi Ballard, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science Education at University of California, Davis, speaking on “Environmental Learning and Participatory Research in Community-Based Forestry” 5:30 pm at BSS 166 on the HSU campus. Free. Info: 826-4345.

**Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14: The Playhouse Family Fun Series Featuring Diane Ferlatte, Storyteller.** Folk tales, fables, legends and personal stories for all ages. 7 pm at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 9<sup>th</sup>, Arcata. \$10, \$7. Info: 822-1575.

**Saturday, March 14: HSU Music Dept: Community Chamber Music Concert.** 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$8, \$3. Info: 826-3456.

**Thursday, March 19: Movie Night at the NEC**, featuring “Planet Earth: Seasonal Forests” and “Blue Planet: Seasonal Seas.” 7 pm at the NEC, 1465 G St, Arcata. Free; pizza and beer available for purchase. Info: 822-6918.

**Thursday – Sunday, March 19 – 22: 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Humboldt Juggling Festival.** Free. Workshops, vendors, games and more. 3/19 and 3/20 in the East Gym at HSU from noon – midnight; 3/21 and 3/22 in the West Gym from 9 am – midnight. Info: www.humboldt.edu/~jshsu/festival.html.

**Friday, March 20: NCRT: Painting Churches,”** starring Bob and Lynne Wells in a benefit for Making Headway Center for Brain Injury Recovery. 8 pm at North Coast Rep, corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and D Sts, Eureka. \$15. Info and Tickets: 442-7668.

**Friday, March 20: Eureka Chamber Music Series: The Arianna String Quartet, grand prize winners** at the Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition. 7:30 pm at the Cavalry Lutheran Church, 716 South Ave, Eureka. \$30. Info: 445-9650.

**Saturday, March 21: “The Juggling Experience.”** Public show at 7 pm in the Van Duzer Theater, HSU. \$8, \$10. A benefit for Humboldt Juggling Society. Info: www.humboldt.edu/~jshsu/festival.html.

**Saturday, March 21: Arcata Rotary Spring Wine Festival.** Local wine, food, music, lectures, raffles and more. 6 – 9 pm at the Kate Buchanan Room, HSU. \$30 advance, \$35 at the door. Tickets at Libation. Info: 825-7596.

**Saturday, March 21: March Equinox Barn Dance** presented by the Humboldt Folklife Society as a fundraiser for Humboldt Baykeeper. 7:30 – 11 pm at the Arcata Veterans Hall. Drinks and snacks will be available. \$7 general, \$6 HFS members and students; youth under 16 and seniors admitted free. Volunteers needed. Info: Tara at 845-1651.

**Thursday, March 26: Movie Night at the NEC**, featuring “Planet Earth: Deep Ocean” and “Planet Earth: Caves.” 7 pm at the NEC, 1465 G St, Arcata. Free; pizza and beer available for purchase. Info: 822-6918.

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**Saturday, March 14: Second Saturday Family Arts Day: Women’s Her-Story 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. Free. Info: 442-0278.

**Tuesday, March 17: Share A Story “The Case of the Missing Cookies,”** short video, stories, and crafts. A free book is available for each participating family. 6:30 pm at the Trinidad Branch Library. Info: 677-0227 or www.humlib.org.

**Wednesday, March 18: Family Literacy Night** presents a special musical evening with Paul Woodland, purveyor of the oral tradition and ancient art of storytelling. A free book will be available for each family. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

**Thursday, March 19: Share A Story “The Case of the Missing Cookies,”** short video, stories, and crafts. A free book 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, March 21: Quack and Wabbit Present “Froggie and the Ribbits Speak Out,”** a puppet show. 7:30 pm at the Arcata Branch Library, 500 7<sup>th</sup> St. Info: 822-5954 or www.humlib.org.

**Wednesday, March 25: Drumming up a Story,** a creative story hour for children aged 3 to 12. Bring attention, imagination, and rhythm instruments. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, 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 Sue Leskiw, 5440 Cummings Road, Eureka 95503. Deadline: March 31.

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**Sunday, March 22: Redwood Creek Day Hike** with the California Native Plant Society. Masses of Trillium kurabayashii, willows, skunk cabbage and more. Meet at 8:30 am at Pacific Union School or arrange another place. Dress for the weather; bring lunch and water. Return late afternoon. Free. Info: Carol 822-2015.

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**Saturday and Sunday, March 28 and 29: Free Volunteer Training Workshop at Arcata Marsh**, a training session for those interested in volunteering at the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary. Experts will teach attendees about birds, plants, wetlands, invertebrates, history, wastewater treatment process, and how to lead tours via lectures and field trips. Pre-registration required. Info: 826-2359.

**Friends of the Arcata Marsh Launches Website.** Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) announces that it has launched its website at [www.arcatamarshfriends.org](http://www.arcatamarshfriends.org). The site contains information about FOAM's educational and community outreach efforts, volunteer opportunities, publications, a membership form, and calendar of events. In the future, a photo gallery of Arcata Marsh photos and back issues of the organization's quarterly newsletter, UPWIND, will be posted.

**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

**Every Tuesday, 3:30 to 7:30 pm: Tax Help!** Free tax assistance from the VITA volunteers is available at the library every Tuesday. For low to moderate income people filing basic tax forms. Call 269-2016 ahead of time for an appointment, or email [riches@rcaa.org](mailto:riches@rcaa.org). They will tell you what to bring to your appointment.

## MEETINGS

**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.

## TALK SHOWS, COMMENTARY, & MEDIA SPECIALS

Regularly scheduled programs are now listed in the insert. Special programs or specific guests will be listed here.

**"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).

**Access Humboldt** (Channels 8, 10, 11 & 12, public access TV, was ACAT, was APEG, was HCMC). For program schedule, submission policies and program request forms, go to [www.accesshumboldt.net](http://www.accesshumboldt.net). To receive a weekly email with updates, call or email. Info: 476-1651 or [julie@accesshumboldt.net](mailto:julie@accesshumboldt.net).



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"Chaotic Action is Preferable to Orderly Inaction"—Will Rogers

### SHOULD AMERICANS PAY MORE FOR HEALTH CARE REFORM?

Although final Congressional action is still many months away, several House and Senate committees this week are holding hearings on health care reform—and the costs associated with it. The nation spent \$2.4 trillion on health care in 2008, and yet 46 million Americans have no health coverage at all.

President Barack Obama and Democratic Congressional leaders hope to pass a reform bill by the end of the year.

As a first step to funding an ambitious effort to attain universal coverage, Obama has proposed creating a \$630 billion trust fund in his budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Attaining universal health care will almost inevitably cost most Americans - businesses and taxpayers - more. But Obama argues that the cost of doing nothing is more extreme.

"If we don't tackle health care," he said at the White House health care summit last week, "we're going to break the bank."

Should Americans pay more so their fellow citizens can have health insurance? Tell President Barack Obama and Congress how you feel by voting in our action poll.



**ACTION POLL:** (Cast Your Vote at [www.congress.org](http://www.congress.org))

Remember - it's not what the opinion polls say, but what Congress hears. So let our representatives know what you think.

- Americans **Should** Pay More for Universal Health Care.
- Americans **Should Not** Pay More for Universal Health Care

### - - - 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.

**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** (Channels 10 & 12, public access TV). For program schedule, submission policies, and program request forms: [www.accesshumboldt.net](http://www.accesshumboldt.net). Channel 12 schedule posted weekly in the Arcata Eye. Info: 476-1798.  
**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).  
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**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](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

**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.  
**The Ink People**; 411 12th St, Eureka. Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 11 am - 4 pm. Info: 442-8413 [www.inkpeople.org](http://www.inkpeople.org).  
**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).  
**Westhaven Center for the Arts**; 501 S. Westhaven Dr. Info: 677-0860, [www.westhavenarts.org](http://www.westhavenarts.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).  
**Clarke Historical Museum**; 240 E St., Eureka. Info: 443-1947 or [www.clarkemuseum.org](http://www.clarkemuseum.org).  
**Morris Graves Museum**; 636 F St., Eureka. Wed. - Sun. 12 - 5 pm. [www.humboldtarts.org](http://www.humboldtarts.org)

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**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 Thursday 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.

**Cyber Tribe;** a local non-profit business where youth can use and gain knowledge in computers. Open to age 12 - 19. Info: 826-1160.

**HSU's Natural History Museum,** 1315 G St. Arcata. Free drop-in programs on Saturdays at 1 pm. Program info: 826-4479.

**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.

**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.

**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).

**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. DOORS lends support to volunteers with disabilities. Info on these and other volunteer opportunities: 442-3711 or [www.a1aa.org/VCOR/](http://www.a1aa.org/VCOR/).

**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).