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The Importance of Getting Wall Street Out of Washington, & Washington Out of Wall Street

by Robert Reich • RobertReich.org

Washington's relationship with Wall Street is growing more schizophrenic by the day. On the one hand, Congress is trying to show how tough it can be on the financial sector by enacting a law ostensibly designed to prevent another near-meltdown and taxpayer-supported bail-out. As the mid-term election looms, a staggering number of Americans remain unemployed or underemployed, and most Americans blame Wall Street (whose top bankers are raking in almost as much money as they did before the crisis). The lawsuit launched by the Securities and Exchange Commission against Goldman Sachs for alleged fraud only confirms the view held by many that the economic game is rigged.

On the other hand, both parties are going to Wall Street seeking campaign donations to fund critically important television advertising in the months ahead. After all, the Street is where the money is, and TV ads demand huge amounts of it. In recent years, the financial industry has become the second-biggest source of campaign contributions in America—just behind the healthcare industry.

Even as Congress debates legislation to tame it, Wall Street is conducting a bidding war between the parties for its continued beneficence. More than 60 per cent of the \$34 million given by the financial industry to fund the 2010 elections has so far gone to Democrats, but since January the Street has switched its allegiance to the Republican camp. In the first quarter of this year, Citigroup, Goldman, JPMorgan Chase, and Morgan Stanley donated twice as much to Republicans as to Democrats.

It is hard to bite the hands that feed you, especially when you are competing for food. The finance reform bill emerging from Senate Democrats takes a hard line in many respects—requiring that most derivatives be traded on open exchanges where buyers can see what they are getting and sellers have adequate capital, establishing an agency to protect unwary consumers from predatory lending, and giving the government authority to wind down the activities of banks that get themselves into trouble. Democrats point to these and other features as evidence of their willingness to be strict with the Street, despite their dependence on its generosity.

But the American public has no independent means of judging how tough the bill really is. Most people do not understand the intricacies of finance, and still do not know exactly what Wall Street did to bring the economy to the brink. The dependence of both parties on the financial industry for political support inevitably feeds suspicions that the bill is not nearly tough enough. Why, for example, are so-called "customized" derivatives exempted from the exchanges? Does this not create a big loophole? Why does the bill not limit the size of banks so none can again become "too big to fail?" Why is the Glass-Steagall Act—which once separated commercial from investment banking—not being fully restored? Why does the bill not separate investment banking from the private banking and wealth management activities that got Goldman into trouble?

It does not help that in recent months both parties have held at least three-dozen fundraising events with Wall Street bankers and their lobbyists. Harry Reid, the Democratic Senate majority leader, has trekked to Wall Street cup in hand, while in February and March the National Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee invited financial industry executives to pony up \$10,000 each for the chance to confer with Republican senators.

Tight connections between Washington and Wall Street are nothing new, of course, especially when it comes to Goldman. Hank Paulson ran the bank before becoming George W. Bush's Treasury secretary. Robert Rubin followed the same trajectory under Bill Clinton, then returned to Wall Street to head Citigroup's executive committee. Dick Gephardt, the former Democratic House leader, lobbied for Goldman. Some 250 former members of Congress are now lobbying on behalf of the financial industry. President Barack Obama himself received nearly \$15 million from Wall Street during his 2008 campaign, of which almost \$1 million came from Goldman employees and their families.

But politicians cannot continue to have it both ways. Given the Street's excesses, Washington's continued financial dependence on it is eroding trust in government. The distrust has already helped spawn the so-called "Tea Party movement" of disaffected Republicans. Many Democrats and Independents are no less cynical.

If Washington knew what was good for it and the nation, it would sever its financial connections with the Street. Better yet, it would enact legislation seeking to limit the impact of private and corporate money in politics. That goal is made more difficult to achieve by the grotesque recent Supreme Court decision (*Citizens United vs. Federal Election Commission*) holding that corporations, including financial firms, have the right to spend unlimited amounts on political campaigns. But there are ways around this, such as more generous public funding for candidates that choose not to take private contributions. Hopefully as well, the president will nominate Supreme Court justices who understand the importance of public trust in democratic institutions, and the difference between companies and people.

PEACE NEWS

Friday, May 7: Veterans For Peace Chapter 56 Peace Poetry Celebration, featuring work by 38 local high school students. Emcee for the evening will be none other than the distinguished Sociology professor and peace activist, Nezzie Wade. An anthology will be available. Refreshments follow. 7 pm at the Humboldt Unitarian Fellowship. Info: 269-0528.

ENTERTAINMENT, CELEBRATIONS, & CULTURE

Thursday - Saturday, April 29 - May 1: HSU Ten-Minute Play Festival. Drama, comedy, fantasy and cannibalism. 7:30 pm at HSU's Gist Hall Theatre. \$5, \$3. Info: 826-3928.

Friday and Saturday, April 30 and May 1: College of the Redwoods' 20th Annual Plant Sale. Annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, house plants and landscape plants. Refreshments. Friday noon - 6 pm, Saturday 10 am - 6 pm. Follow signs from C/R parking lot. Info: 476-4100.

Friday - Sunday, April 30 - May 2: CNPS Spring Wildflower Show and Native Plant Sale featuring hundreds of species of native and non-native wildflowers from Humboldt and Del Norte Counties, book sale, presentations and more at Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Drive. Info and event schedule: 822-2015 or 822-7190 or www.northcastcnps.org.

Saturday, May 1: May Day Living History and Artisan Faire; artisan craft demonstrations, a puppet show, balloon animals, BBQ, and microbrews. Live music on two stages. Blue Ox Millworks, 1 X St, Eureka. Info: 444-3437 or www.blueoxmill.com.

Saturday, May 1: May Day Compost Festival at CCAT. Celebrate spring fertility with live music, a maypole dance, flower wreath making, dance performances and workshops and free food . Noon - 6:30 pm at CCAT(behind the 14th and B St parking lot at HSU). Free. Info: 826-3551.

Sunday, May 2: Sequoia Humane Society Volunteer Plant and Book Sale. 9 am - 2 pm at 2941 Williams St, Eureka. Nothing over \$5. Funds raised go toward kitten formula and fencing for dog training. Info: 442-1782.

Sunday, May 2: 19th Annual Community Prayer Breakfast & Concert with the Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir and special guests, the youth choir of the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir. Breakfast begins at 9 am, music at 10 am at the Arcata Community Center. \$15 general, \$10 students/seniors, under 5 free. Info: 822-4444.

Sunday, May 2: HSU Ten-Minute Play Festival. Drama, comedy, fantasy and cannibalism. 2 pm at HSU's Gist Hall Theatre. \$5, \$3. Info: 826-3928.

Thursday, May 6: First Thursday Film Series: "A Village Called Versailles," about a Vietnamese community on the edge of New Orleans who turn a devastating disaster into a catalyst for change and a chance to build a better future. Free admission. 6 - 7:30 pm at the Morris Graves Museum, 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278 or www.humboldtarts.org.

Thursday - Saturday, May 6 - 8: HSU Ten-Minute Play Festival. Drama, comedy, fantasy and cannibalism. 7:30 pm at HSU's Gist Hall Theatre. \$5, \$3. Info: 826-3928.

Friday, May 7: HSU Music Dept. Humboldt Symphony. 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$7, \$3. Info: 826-3456.

Friday - Sunday, May 7 - 9: California Redwoods Bird and Nature Festival see page 3 for details.

Saturday, May 8: Friends of the Library Spring Half Price Book Sale. 10 am - 3:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Proceeds benefit the entire Humboldt Library System. Info: 269-1910.

Sunday, May 9: The Emma Center's 4th Annual Mother's Day Brunch, featuring a delicious gourmet style brunch, live music and a silent auction. 9 am - 1 pm at the Bayside Grange. \$15, \$5. Info: 825-6680.

Saturday, May 8: 4th Annual City of Eureka Mayday Community Clean Up. Areas to be cleaned include Halvorson Park, Eureka Boardwalk, Palco Marsh and Elk River Wildlife Sanctuary. 1 - 2:30 pm, followed by a volunteer appreciation event with a free BBQ, live music and giveaways. Register by May1 to participate and receive a T-shirt and H2o bottle. Info: 441-4184.

Sunday, May 9: Mother's Day Garden Tour. Tours of Trinidad gardens, tea, cookies and plant sales to benefit the Friends of the Trinidad Library. 12:30 - 4:30 pm. \$5 or \$10/family. Tickets available in front of Murphy's Market (Trinidad). Info: 677-9242.

Sunday, May 9: HSU Music Dept. Humboldt Symphony. 3 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$7, \$3. Info: 826-3456.

Monday, May 10: 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.

Saturday, May 15: Cinco de Mayo Festival. Parade down Ferndale's Main Street at 11 am, followed by Mexican Folkloric Dancing, authentic Mexican food and Mariachi music at Belotti Hall, Humboldt County Fairgrounds, noon - 3 pm. Info: 786-9668.

Tuesday, May 25: John Schaefer & Judi Rose's slideshow of their recent trip to Cuba. 7 pm at the Arcata Playhouse. Donations accepted to defray theater rental cost. Info: Judi Rose, rosebuds@humboldt1.com.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & ALL AGES

Saturday, May 1: 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. May's book is "Fiesta Fiasco." Free. Noon to 2 pm. Info: 442-0278.

Wednesday, May 5: Four Shillings Short, a folk duo who perform traditional and original songs on a wide variety of instruments. Free. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

Saturday, May 8: Second Saturday Family Arts Day: Around the World. 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.

Wednesday, May 12: Share A Story "I Love Bugs," short video, stories, and crafts. A free book is available for each participating family. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St, Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

Local Sierra Club Group Offering Camp Scholarships. Four "Camperships" are available for children in grades 4th through 8th to attend Wolf Creek Education Center in Orick, Redwood National & State Parks in July or August. The camps will feature hiking, science classes, and evenings around the campfire. The deadline for receipt of applications is Monday, May 17. For more information or to obtain an application form, call 442-5444 or e-mail sueleskiw@suddenlink.net.

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

Saturday, May 1: Eureka Dunes Protected Area Restoration. Join the Dune Ecosystem Restoration Team for a morning of invasive non-native iceplant and yellow bush lupine removal. Bring drinking water, comfortable work clothes and closed-toed shoes. Gloves, tools, and cookies will be provided. Meet at 9:30 am across from the Samoa Boat Ramp off of State Route 255 south of Samoa. Info: 444-1397 or visit www.friendsofthedunes.org.

Friday - Sunday, May 7 - 9: California Redwoods Bird and Nature Festival (formerly the Aleutian Goose Festival). 70 exceptional bird, nature, and heritage field trips and workshops led by expert local and regional ornithologists, biologists, botanists, naturalists, historians, and American Indians. For a complete schedule of events and registration info: www.calredwoodsbirdfest.org or 465-0888.

Saturday, May 8: 4th Annual City of Eureka Mayday Community Clean Up. See page 2 for details.

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, P.O. Box 186, Arcata, CA 95518. Info: 444-1397.

Saturdays, Ongoing: Free tours of the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary. Rain-or-shine, docent-led field trips. Meet with binoculars in the parking lot at the south end of I Street in Arcata at 8:30 am.

Saturdays, Ongoing: Friends of the Arcata Marsh Docent-Led Walks. A 90-minute, docent-led walk focusing on different topics of the marsh. 2 pm at the Interpretive Center on South G St. Info: 826-2359.

JUNE 8 ELECTION - CANDIDATE FORUMS

Monday, May 3: League of Women Voters KEET TV Forums: District Attorney. 7 - 8 pm on Channel 13. Info: 444-9252 or www.lwvhc.org.

Wednesday, May 5: League of Women Voters KEET TV Forums: Supervisor 4th District. 7 - 8 pm on Channel 13. Info: 444-9252 or www.lwvhc.org.

Thursday, May 6: League of Women Voters Community Forums: Sheriff. 7 - 8:30 pm at the Mad River Grange in Blue Lake. Info: 444-9252 or www.lwvhc.org.

Monday, May 10: League of Women Voters Community Forums: District Attorney. 12:45 - 1:30 pm at the Wharfinger Building in Eureka. Info: 444-9252 or www.lwvhc.org.

Monday, May 10: League of Women Voters KEET TV Forums: Assessor. 7 - 8 pm on Channel 13. Info: 444-9252 or www.lwvhc.org.

Wednesday, May 12: League of Women Voters KEET TV Forums: Supervisor 5th District. 7 - 8 pm on Channel 13. Info: 444-9252 or www.lwvhc.org.

MISCELLANEOUS

Saturday, May 1: 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.

Wednesday, May 5: H1N1 Vaccinations Free at the Library! Check out your books and take care of your health at the same time! Noon to 4 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910.

MEETINGS

Thursday, April 1: The Humboldt County Human Rights Commission meets at 5 pm in Conference Room A in the county courthouse in Eureka. Anyone with interest in or concerns about human rights in Humboldt County is encouraged to attend. Info: 668-4095.

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, **April 27, '10.** Vol. 16, Number 7. Published semi-monthly on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays; **next May 11, '10.** For calendar items PO Box 385, Arcata 95518 or e-mail to hopecoalition@igc.org. **Next deadline. May 6, '10.** Write or e-mail for sample newsletter. Newsletter volunteers: Dave Keniston, Mara Segal, Mayer Segal, Michael Welch, Paloma Orinoco. Web site: www.hopecoalition.org.

National Day of Climate Call-In
(But if you cannot do it that day, do it any day you can.)

From Public Citizen: **Activists around the country are joining together on Thursday, April 29** to call their senators and **demand a real climate bill**—one that protects people and the planet, not polluters.

An energy bill being drafted by Senators John Kerry, Lindsey Graham and Joe Lieberman would reportedly roll back the Clean Air Act and contain large loopholes and polluter giveaways, all in exchange for pollution restrictions far weaker than what scientists say are needed to protect our climate. However, Senator Graham recently pulled his support for the bill, which provides us with a new opportunity to call for something better.

Will you join us tomorrow by participating in this important event?

- 1) **Call** the offices of **your state's two U.S. senators**, one at a time, via the congressional switchboard, at (202) 224-3121.
- 2) Once you have someone on the phone, **deliver the following message:**

"Hi, this is NAME calling from TOWN, CITY OR COUNTY. I would like to relay my concerns about the Kerry-Graham-Lieberman energy bill, which Sen. Kerry has indicated would roll back the Clean Air Act and contain loopholes and polluter giveaways. Since Senator Graham has pulled his support from the bill, the Senate has an opportunity to go a different direction. I urge it to do so. Please pass a real climate bill -- one that maintains all existing Clean Air Act protections. A climate bill should protect people and planet, not polluters. Can I count on SENATOR to pledge to support such a bill, and oppose any Clean Air Act rollbacks?"

For more National Climate Call-in Day resources go to www.tinyurl.com/NatCallInDay.

- 3) After you have made each call, please report your results using the form at www.tinyurl.com/SenatorReport, so we can track how each Senate office is responding.
- 4) **Please spread the word** and encourage your friends to call their senators too.

Thank you for helping us send a clear message to the Senate: Pass a climate bill that protects people and the planet, not polluters

- - - **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: 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 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.