



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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111 Nations, But Not U.S., Adopt Cluster Bomb Treaty — by Shawn Pogatchnik, A. P.

Chief negotiators of a landmark treaty banning cluster bombs predicted Friday that the United States will never again use the weapons, a critical component of American air and artillery power.

The treaty formally adopted Friday by 111 nations, including many of America's major NATO partners, would outlaw all current designs of cluster munitions and require destruction of stockpiles within eight years. It also opens the possibility that European allies could order U.S. bases located in their countries to remove cluster bombs from their stocks.

The United States and other leading cluster bomb makers—Russia, China, Israel, India and Pakistan—boycotted the talks, emphasized they would not sign the treaty and publicly shrugged off its value. All defended the overriding military value of cluster bombs, which carpet a battlefield with dozens to hundreds of explosions.

But treaty backers—who long have sought a ban because cluster bombs leave behind "duds" that later maim or kill civilians—insisted they had made it too politically painful for any country to use the weapons again.

"The country that thinks of using cluster munitions next week should think twice, because it would look very bad," said Espen Barth Eide, Deputy Defense Minister of Norway, which began the negotiations last year and will host a treaty-signing ceremony Dec. 3.

"We're certain that nations thinking of using cluster munitions won't want to face the international condemnation that will rain down upon them, because the weapons have been stigmatized now," said Steve Goose, arms control director of New York-based Human Rights Watch, who was involved in the talks.

However, the treaty envisions their future use—and offers legal protection to any signatory nation that finds itself operating alongside U.S. forces deploying cluster bombs, shells, and rockets.

The treaty specifies—in what backers immediately dubbed "the American clause"—that members "may engage in military cooperation and operations" with a nation that rejects the treaty and "engages in activities prohibited" by the treaty.

It suggests that a treaty member could call in support from U.S. air power or artillery using cluster munitions, so long as the caller does not "expressly request the use of cluster munitions."

The treaty also contains promises to mobilize international aid to cluster bomb-scarred lands such as southern Lebanon, where a 2006 war between the militant group Hezbollah and Israel left behind an estimated 1 million unexploded "bomblets."

The pact requires treaty members to aid explosives-clearance work and provide medical, training, and other support to blast victims, their families, and communities.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Tom Casey said the treaty would not change U.S. policy and cluster munitions remain "absolutely critical and essential" to U.S. military operations.

He said U.S. officials in the State and Defense departments were studying whether the treaty would eventually oblige American bases in Europe to withdraw cluster munitions.

Goose said this decision would be up to individual U.S. allies. The treaty, he noted, requires nations that ratify it to eliminate all cluster weapons within their "jurisdiction or control."

He said most NATO members were likely to conclude that U.S. bases were operating under their jurisdiction and order U.S. cluster munitions to be removed or destroyed, while Germany and Japan were most likely to permit the weapons stocks to remain.

U.S. defense analysts said the treaty drafters do not appreciate the importance that the world's most powerful militaries place on cluster munitions. They doubted that the treaty would force any American retreat on the matter, noting that a majority of U.S. artillery shells use cluster technology.

"This is a treaty drafted largely by countries which do not fight wars," said John Pike, a defense analyst and director of GlobalSecurity.org.

"Treaties like this make me want to barf. It's so irrelevant. Completely feel-good," he said.

Asked whether U.S. forces would ever ban or restrict cluster-bomb technology, Pike said, "It's not gonna happen. Our military is in the business of winning wars and using the most effective weapons to do so."

Ivan Oelrich, vice president for strategic security programs at the Federation of American Scientists in Washington, said he expected U.S. forces to keep using shells, rockets, and bombs that break apart into smaller explosive objects because they have 10 times or more killing power than traditional munitions, particularly against troops in exposed terrain or in foxholes.

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PEACE NEWS

Friday, July 4: Interdependence Day Brunch: Promoting Peace Within and Among Communities. Light brunch, book sale, & raffle. 10 am - 1 pm at the D Street Community Center, 1301 D St., Arcata. All proceeds go to local peace education endeavors. Suggested donation \$5 to \$10; young children free. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks. Info: 826-9197.

Saturday, July 27: Anti-Iraq War Film "A Soldier's Peace." the award-winning 2008 anti-war documentary about how one U.S. Army soldier tried to atone after serving in Iraq. "A Soldier's Peace" includes appearances by anti-war activists Cindy Sheehan and Martin Sheen, Democracy Now's Amy Goodman, and Vietnam veteran Ron Kovic. 7 pm at the Westhaven Center for the Arts. Free. Info: 677-9493.

The Redwood Peace & Justice Center, 1040 H St., in Suite B (the back offices off the alley behind skateboard shop). Hours sporadic at present. The RPJC Board is creating a long-term plan and will be launching a fundraising campaign soon for a new, larger space that will better serve the community. Watch this newsletter for further updates. Info: 826-2511 or www.rpjc.net.

ENTERTAINMENT, CELEBRATIONS, & CULTURE

Wednesday - Saturday, June 25 - 28: The Laramie Project by Moises Kaufman and members of Tectonic Theater Project. Benefit 2008 Humboldt Pride Parade and Festival. 8 pm at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 9th St, Arcata. \$15 - \$30. Info: 822-1575.

Thursday, June 26: Sequoia Chamber Music Workshop Free Concert. Performances by the student participants of the workshop. 7 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall at HSU. Free. Info: Felicia at 839-4515 or Cindy at 826-3563.

Thursday - Sunday, June 26 - 29: "Korbel IV: The Accident." Humboldt's longest running soap opera continues as part of Dell'Arte's Mad River Festival. 8 pm in the outside amphitheater in Blue Lake. \$15, \$12. Info: 668-5663 or www.dellarte.com.

Friday, June 27: "Try My Words, Fly My Song," a performance by the Six Rivers Choral Artists with conductor Jonathan Souza and featuring instrumentals by the Scotia Band Brass Quintet. 7:30 pm at the Arkley Center, Eureka. \$16 Info: 442-1956.

Friday, June 27: 4th Friday Film Flicks: "Algiers." Classic films projected on the big screen—the way they were made to be seen. 7 pm at WCA, 501 S. Westhaven Drive. Free. Popcorn and refreshments available. Info: 677-9493.

Saturday, June 28: "Stonewall Prom," celebrating the 39th anniversary of the Stonewall riots (the beginning of the modern gay rights movement) and the historical Supreme Court decision to legalize same-sex marriage within California 7 pm - 2 am. Marriage Equality will be organizing weddings 7 - 9 pm. At Auntie Mo's Lounge in Eureka. \$5. Info: John, 442-0772.

Saturday, June 28: Sequoia Chamber Music Workshop Free Concerts. Performances by the student participants of the workshop. 10:30 am in the Fulkerson Recital Hall at HSU. Free. Info: Felicia at 839-4515 or Cindy at 826-3563.

Sunday, June 29: Annual Sand Sculpture Festival, sponsored by Friends of the Dunes. 9 am - 2 pm at the Manila Community Center. Create a team to build a sculpture, or just come as a spectator. Info: 444-1397.

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

Thursday, July 3: First Thursday Film Series: Simon Schama's Power Of Art "The Life of Rembrandt." Free. 6 - 7:30 pm at the Morris Graves Museum, 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278 or www.humboldtarts.org.

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

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

Friday, July 4: Ferndale Parade, Picnic and "Celebrate America." Parade down Main St. at noon, picnic following, show at 3 pm at the Ferndale Rep. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$5 children under 16. Info or tickets: 786-5483.

Friday, July 4: Sir David Attenborough's "Planet Earth" BBC Series: "Great Plains, Jungles, Shallow Seas;" monthly film series. 7 pm at WCA, 501 S. Westhaven Drive. \$5 donation requested. Info: 677-9493.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Beginning Wednesday, June 25: The Children' Summer Lunch Program, free sack lunches for low-income children up to age 18. Food for People provides free lunches at 15 sites around Humboldt County every summer weekday. No pre-registration is required. A complete site list may be obtained by calling Food for People. List or other info: 445-3166 or www.fodforpeople.org

Wednesdays, ongoing: Summer Reading Club Craft Program. Stories, activities, and colorful and fun craft projects. 1:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

Thursday, June 26: Quack and Wabbit Puppets in "Froggie and the Ribbits Speak Out!" Local puppeteers present their show at 2 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

Saturday, June 28: 3rd Annual Zippity Zoo Day. Games, BBQ, ice-cream-eating contest, dunk tank with local celebrities, prizes and more. 10 am - 4 pm at the Eureka Zoo. \$4, \$3. BBQ, 11 am - 2 pm; \$6. Info: 441-4217.

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

Sunday, June 29: Redwood Region Audubon Society Free Public Field Trip to Bald Hills/Pine Ridge. View a wide variety of habitats on a very easy hike. Meet leader Ken Burton at the NW corner of Harpst and Rossow Streets, opposite Student Services on HSU campus, at 6 am, return mid-afternoon. Info: 839-5179.

Sunday, July 13: Waterdog Lake: Plant, Butterfly, and Bird—Day Hike, a CNPS-Audubon joint event. Famous for its butterfly diversity, tiny Waterdog Lake is the destination on a two-mile trail through diverse mountain habitats. The trail gains about 1,000-ft elevation, starting at 5,300 ft., but is not steep. Bring lunch, snack, at least 2 quarts water, and many layers of clothing. Meet at 7:30 am sharp at Pacific Union School or arrange another place. Two hour drive to the trailhead northeast of Hoopa. Return 6 p.m. or earlier. Info: Carol 822-2015.

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: birds (**July 12**), ecology (**July 19**), history (**July 5**), or wastewater treatment (**July 26**). 2 pm at the Interpretive Center on South G St. Info: 826-2359.

WORKSHOPS, CLASSES, MISCELLANY

Now Through July 4: Books Wanted for Interdependence Day Brunch & Book Sale. WILPF would like to have any books that you can spare for their brunch and book sale on July 4th. Call Becky for pick-up or drop off instructions: 826-9197.

Saturday, June 28: Democracy Unlimited Workshop: “Challenging Corporate Rule, Creating Democracy.” This introductory workshop teaches the history and context for corporate power and will help participants gain the skills and knowledge necessary to reclaim our democracy from corporations. Cost is \$25 - \$100 sliding scale; work-trade available. (Democracy Unlimited members can attend for free.) Pre-registration is required. Info: 269-0984 or email info@DUHC.org.

Saturday, July 12: Insects in the Garden, from Redwood Roots Farm Community Workshop Series. Join entomologist Pete Haggard for a fun-filled afternoon devoted to insects in the garden. 1 - 4 pm at Redwood Roots Farm. Sliding scale \$1 - \$20. Info: 826-0211 or ed110@yahoo.com.

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/.

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.

MEETINGS

Monday, July 21: First Organizational Meeting: Catalysts for Change, a new organization that will be actively pursuing wellness and recovery for the mental health community. 2 pm at the Municipal Water District Conference Room, 828 7th St, Eureka. Info: 443-9659 or henry_willey@sbcglobal.net.

Redwood Alliance Climate Action Project will be taking a break from public meetings for the summer. We will list notification in this space when they resume for the fall. Info: 822-6171 or www.redwoodalliance.org.

New Group Forming: Community Group from North and South Humboldt concerned about ongoing raids on public and private lands that are displacing community members. Info: in SoHum: Kathy Epling, 923-4488; in Northern Humboldt: Kathy Anderson, 444-3155; or email: peoplesarc@gmail.com.

TALK SHOWS, COMMENTARY, & MEDIA SPECIALS

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

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.

Access Humboldt (Channels 10 & 12, public access TV, was ACAT, was APEG, was HCMC). For program schedule, submission policies and program request forms, go to www.accesshumboldt.net. Info: 476-1798.

Thursdays at 1:30 pm: Econews Report is back on the air with hosts Greg King and Erica Terence; on KHSU, 90.5 FM. Info: 822-6918 or www.yournec.org.



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"Chaotic Action is Preferable to Orderly Inaction" Will Rogers

Potluck/Letter Writing Monthly: First Friday, next August 1, 6 pm at 2322 Golf Course Rd., Bayside. Bring change for postage and optionally info on issues. For more info: call Wendy at 822-9377. For monthly reminders: mobilmed@igc.org.

Cluster Bomb Treaty (continued from page 1)

Government and military spokesmen in other cluster bomb-defending nations were similarly dismissive of the treaty. "Russia will not ban cluster bombs and land mines," Lt. Gen. Yevgeny Buzhinsky said earlier this week in Moscow. "We stand for evolutionary development of these weapons. Russia's Defense Ministry objects to radical and prohibitive measures of this kind."

The treaty spells out future requirements for legal cluster weapons. Each would have to contain no more than nine weapons inside, known formally as "submunitions." Each submunition must weigh at least 8.8 pounds, or four kilograms, have technology that allows it to identify a specific human or armored target, and contain electronic fail-safes to ensure that any duds cannot detonate later.

Patricia Lewis, director of the U.N. Institute for Disarmament Research, said the weight rule represented "a very neat and clever way of closing off a loophole."

"In the future, things weighing less than four kilograms could be designed that would give a large explosive impact, so the idea is to prevent future developments," Lewis told reporters in Geneva, Switzerland.

But U.S. analysts derided the conditions as illogical. Both Oelrich and Pike said it would be technically possible to design new cluster munitions that meet all of the treaty's criteria—but questioned why the treaty sought to limit the number of devices per shell, rocket or bomb.

Oelrich said the treaty's insistence on electronic fail-safes ignored the possibility of producing submunitions encased in metals that rapidly deteriorate when exposed to sun or moisture, depending on the theater of war.

"I don't see the point of the 'nine' thing," Oelrich said. "What difference does it make how you package the submunition? What matters is the performance of the submunition on the ground. And nobody in any military wants duds."

Pike said if other countries insist on shells, rockets, and bombs that contain no more than nine submunitions each, the military logic would be inescapable.

"It would just mean I'm going to have to shoot more of them!" he said with a laugh.

--- HOPE Coalition Membership Application ---

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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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. 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.

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. Join others to promote the solutions to global warming. 2nd & 4th Mondays at 5:30 pm at the Arcata Public Library Conference Room. 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

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.

Arcata Artisans Cooperative Gallery; H St. on the Plaza. Mon. - Sat. 10 - 6, Sun. 12 - 5. Info: 825-9133, www.arcataartisans.com.

Westhaven Center for the Arts; 501 S. Westhaven Dr. Info: 677-0860, www.westhavenarts.org.

First Street Gallery; 422 First Street, Eureka. Tuesday - Sunday from noon - 5 pm. Info: 443-6363 or www.humboldt.edu/~first.

Clarke Historical Museum; 240 E St., Eureka. Info: 443-1947 or www.clarkemuseum.org.

Morris Graves Museum; 636 F St., Eureka. Wed. - Sun. 12 - 5 pm. www.humboldtarts.org

MEETINGS

Arcata's Nuclear Weapons Free Zone and Peace Commission; 1st Tues. 6:30 pm at Arcata City Hall, 736 F St. 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.
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.
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.
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.