



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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Lies, Kidnapping, & a Mysterious Laptop

You have been told that the Venezuelan President supports the Farc thugs—by Johann Hari

Sometimes you hear a stray sentence on the news that makes you realize you have been lied to. Deliberately lied to; systematically lied to; lied to for a purpose. If you listened closely over the past few days, you could have heard one such sentence passing in the night-time of news.

As Ingrid Betancourt emerged after six-and-a-half years—sunken and shriveled but radiant with courage—one of the first people she thanked was Hugo Chavez. What? If you follow the news coverage, you have been told that the Venezuelan President supports the Farc thugs who have been holding her hostage. He paid them \$300m to keep killing and to buy uranium for a dirty bomb, in a rare break from dismantling democracy at home and dealing drugs. So how can this moment of dissonance be explained?

Yes: you have been lied to—about one of the most exciting and original experiments in economic redistribution and direct democracy anywhere on earth. And the reason is crude: crude oil. The ability of democracy and freedom to spread to poor countries may depend on whether we can unscramble these propaganda fictions.

Venezuela sits on one of the biggest pools of oil left anywhere. If you find yourself in this position, the rich governments of the world—the US and EU—ask one thing of you: pump the petrol and the profits our way, using our corporations. If you do that, we will whisk you up the Mall in a golden carriage, no matter what. The “King” of Saudi Arabia oversees a torturing tyranny where half the population—women—are placed under house arrest, and jihadis are pumped out by the dozen to attack us. It doesn't matter. He gives us the oil, so we hold his hand and whisper sweet crude-nothings in his ear.

It has always been the same with Venezuela—until now. Back in 1908, the US government set up its ideal Venezuelan regime: a dictator who handed the oil over fast and so freely that he didn't even bother to keep receipts, never mind ask for a cut. But in 1998 the Venezuelan people finally said “enough”. They elected Hugo Chavez. The President followed their democratic demands: he increased the share of oil profits taken by the state from a pitiful 1% to 33%. He used the money to build hospitals and schools and subsidized supermarkets in the tin-and-mud shanty towns where he grew up, and where most of his countrymen still live.

I can take you to any random barrio in the high hills that ring Caracas and show you the results. You will meet women like Francisca Moreno, a gap-toothed 76-year-old granny I found sitting in a tin shack, at the end of a long path across the mud made out of broken wooden planks. From her doorway she looked down on the shining white marble of Caracas's rich district. “I went blind 15 years ago because of cataracts,” she explained, and in the old Venezuela people like her didn't see doctors. “I am poor,” she said, “so that was that.” But she voted for Chavez. A free clinic appeared two years later in her barrio, and she was taken soon after for an operation that restored her sight. “Once I was blind, but now I see!” she said, laughing.

In 2003, two distinguished Wall Street consulting firms conducted the most detailed study so far of economic change under Chavez. They found that the poorest half of the country have seen their incomes soar by 130% after inflation. Today, there are 19,571 primary care doctors—an increase by a factor of 10. When Chavez came to power, just 35% of Venezuelans told Latinobarometro, the Gallup of Latin America, they were happy with how their democracy worked. Today it is 59%, the second-highest in the hemisphere.

For the rich world's governments—and especially for the oil companies, who pay for their political campaigns—this throws up a serious problem. We are addicted to oil. We need it. We crave it. And we want it on our terms. The last time I saw Chavez, he told me he would like to sell oil differently in the future: while poor countries should get it for \$10 a barrel, rich countries should pay much more - perhaps towards \$200. And he has said that if the rich countries keep intimidating the rest he will shift to selling to China instead. Start the sweating. But Western governments cannot simply say: “We want the oil, our corporations need the profits, so let's smash the elected leaders standing in our way.” They know ordinary Americans and Europeans would gag.

So they had to invent lies. They come in waves, each one swelling as the last crashes into incredulity. First they announced Chavez was a dictator. This ignored that he came to power in a totally free and open election, the Venezuelan press remains uncensored and in total opposition to him, and he has just accepted losing a referendum to extend his term and will stand down in 2013.

When that tactic failed, the oil industry and the politicians they lubricate shifted strategy. They announced that Chavez was a supporter of Terrorism (it definitely has a capital T). The Farc is a Colombian guerrilla group that started in the 1960s as a peasant defense network, but soon the pigs began to look like farmers and they became a foul, kidnapping mafia. Where is the evidence Chavez funded them?

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PEACE NEWS

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

Thursday and Friday, July 10 and 11: Dell’Arte Teen Ensemble: “The Gift of Monatuma;” ancient civilizations meet modern politics in this archeological adventure. 8 pm in the Carlo Theater in Blue Lake. \$5, \$10. Info: 668-5663 or www.dellarte.com.

Saturday, July 12: Recycled Youth: “Curtains!” A look behind the scenes of our theatre, government, religions and corporations. 8 pm in the Carlo Theater in Blue Lake. \$5, \$10. Info: 668-5663 or www.dellarte.com.

Saturday, July 12: 2nd Annual Picnic at the Pump Station. The Eureka Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence celebrate their second anniversary as a local community service non-profit with musical performers, BBQ, beverages, a health fair and fun and games for all ages. 1.5 miles down West End Rd. from Giuntoli Lane. Noon - 4 pm. Info: 834-4832 or www.eurekasisters.org.

Friday, July 18: Benefit for Humboldt Mediation Services: “Lend Me A Tenor,” a farcical production about a tenor and how the “show must go on” performed by North Coast Repertory Theater. 8 pm at 300 5th St, Eureka. \$15. Info or tickets: 445-2505.

Sunday, July 20: Quarterly Breakfast at the Bayside Grange; supports the repairs and improvements at Bayside’s historic community center. Live music and a gourmet breakfast menu including meat and veggie options. 8 am to noon. Info: 822-9998.

Sunday, July 20: Sunday, July 15: Annie and Mary Day featuring live music, craft and food vendors, games for all ages, and the famous fiddle contest, 10 am - 4 pm in Perigot Park, Blue Lake. Info: 668-5567. Followed by:

Sunday, July 20: Dell’Arte’s Blue Lake Pageant - dancers, musicians, giant puppets, and masked participants parade through the streets of Blue Lake at 4 pm. Info: 668-5663 or www.dellarte.com.

Sunday Through Saturday, July 20 – 26: The Humboldt Folklife Festival. A weeklong celebration of local music and dance highlighting the talented performers of Humboldt County, featuring performances each night and ending with Folklife Day on 7/26 at Dell’Arte (free all day). Info: 822-5394 or www.humboldtfolklife.org.

Friday, July 25: Tri-County Independent Living’s Respect for Abilities Day Featuring the latest in assistive technology, displays, raffle, demos, self-advocacy information, workshops and a luncheon, with guest speaker Wes Chesbro. Lunch is \$18; all other events (including speech) are free. 10 am – 4 pm at the Red Lion Hotel in Eureka. Info or lunch RSVP: 445-8404.

Saturday, July 26: “Zootini” Fundraiser for Sequoia Park Zoo, featuring Pan Dulce Steel Drum Orchestra, live animal encounters, hors’d’ouvres, live and silent auctions and martinis. Benefits the flamingo habitat renovation. \$50. Info or reservations: 442-5649.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Saturday, July 12: “Sons and Daughters of Liberty: A Truly Revolutionary Puppet Show” by the students of Maple Creek School, who made all the puppets and props and wrote the script based on historical events from the American Revolutionary War. Amusing and educational for the whole family.

Saturday, July 12: Second Saturday Family Arts Day: Summer of Art with Celtic harp from Hearthfire. Art activities for youth and families. Put on by the Humboldt Arts Council at the Morris Graves Museum. 2 - 4 pm at 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278.

Wednesday, July 16: “I Love Bugs!” Stories, activities and craft projects that tie in with the Summer Reading theme. Julie Kelly from the HSU Natural History Museum will present a program on Insects. 1:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

Thursday, July 17: “I Love Bugs!” Stories, activities and craft projects that tie in with the Summer Reading theme. Julie Kelly from the HSU Natural History Museum will present a program on Insects. 6:30 pm at the Arcata Branch Library, 500 7th St. Info: 822-5954 or www.humlib.org.

Thursday – Saturday, July 17 - 19: “The Forgotten King,” a blend of commedia dell’Arte and Greek mythology. Great for kids. Presented by Pantomimteatern from Sweden. 7:30 pm in the Carlo Theater in Blue Lake plus a 2 pm matinee on Saturday. \$5. Info: 668-5663 or www.dellarte.com.

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.

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

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.

Friday, July 18: Rising Moon, Setting Sun: Sanctuary Forest Hike. Free public hike on the King Peak Trail with guide Rachel Sowards. Rated as a vigorous hike. Info and sign-up: 986-1087, ext. 5#.

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), or wastewater treatment (July 26). 2 pm at the Interpretive Center on South G St. Info: 826-2359.

WORKSHOPS, CLASSES, MISCELLANY

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

Thursday, July 17: The Humboldt Human Rights Commission monthly meeting. Members of the public are welcome. Items on the agenda include further discussion of the formation of a civilian law enforcement review board, code enforcement in the county, and immigration issues. Bring your comments, questions, and ideas. 6 pm in Conference Room A in the County courthouse. Info: 268-2548.

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.

Chavez & Farc (continued from page 1)

On 1 March, the Colombian government invaded Ecuador and blew up a Farc training camp. A few hours later, it announced it had found a pristine laptop in the rubble, and had already rummaged through the 39.5 million pages of Microsoft Word documents it contained to find cast-iron “proof” that Chavez was backing the Farc. Ingrid’s sister, Astrid Betancourt, says it is plainly fake. The camp had been totally burned to pieces and the computers had clearly, she says, been “in the hands of the Colombian government for a very long time”. Far from fuelling the guerrillas, Chavez has repeatedly pleaded with the Farc to disarm. He managed to negotiate the release of two high-profile hostages—hence Betancourt’s swift thanks. He said: “The time of guns has passed. Guerilla warfare is history.”

So what now? Now they claim he is a drug dealer, he funds Hezbollah, he is insane. Sometimes they even stumble on some of the real non-fiction reasons to criticize Chavez and use them as propaganda tools. (See our Open House blog for a discussion of this, <http://blogs.independent.co.uk/openhouse/2008/07/>). As the world’s oil supplies dry up, the desire to control Venezuela’s pools will only increase. The US government is already funding separatist movements in Zulia province, along the border with Colombia, where Venezuela’s largest oilfields lie. They hope they can break away this whiter-skinned, anti-Chavez province and then drink deep of the petrol there.

Until we break our addiction to oil, our governments will always try to snatch petro-profits away from women like Francisca Moreno. And we—oil addicts all—will be tempted to ignore the strange, dissonant sentences we sometimes hear on the news and lie, blissed-out, in the lies.

– by Johann Hari, originally published and ©The Independent, www.independent.co.uk

--- 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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 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. 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.