

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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Corporate Crime & What Should Be Done About It

Corporate crime costs Americans hundreds of billions of dollars a year. Tens of thousands of Americans are killed each year and hundreds of thousands of Americans injured and sickened each year by preventable corporate-bred violence. From pollution, medical negligence, procurement fraud, product defects, and financial fraud, to antitrust, public corruption, foreign bribery, and occupational homicide; corporate crime is widely ignored by politicians—yet acutely felt by all Americans. Here is what should be done about the problem on the Federal level:

- **Increase Corporate Crime Prosecution Budgets:** The Department of Justice's corporate crime division and the Securities and Exchange Commission have been chronically and pitifully underfunded and therefore do not have sufficient resources to combat the corporate crime wave in the United States. This results in inadequate investigation, settlement of cases for weak fines, and ignoring many corporate crime violators completely. There needs to be a strong will for corporate law and order in Administration.
- **Ban Corporate Criminals from Government Contracts:** The US should enact a tough, serious debarment statute that would deny federal business to serious and/or repeat corporate lawbreakers. The federal government spends \$265 billion annually on goods and services. These contracts should not support corporate criminals. These standards should also apply to procurement contracts in Iraq.
- **Crack Down on Corporate Tax Avoidance:** The US should punish corporate tax escapees by closing the offshore reincorporation loophole and banning government contracts and subsidies for companies that relocate their headquarters to an offshore tax haven. The IRS should be given more power and more budgetary resources to go after corporate tax avoiders. Publicly-traded corporations should be required to make their tax returns public.
- **Democratize Corporate Governance:** Shareholders should be granted the right to democratically nominate and elect the corporate board of directors by opening up proxy access to minority shareholders and introducing cumulative voting and competitive elections. Shareholders should be given the power to approve all major business decisions, including top executive compensation. Shareholders should be treated as the owners of the corporation—since, in fact, that is what they are.
- **Expand Corporate Disclosure:** Corporate sunshine laws should be enacted that require corporations to provide better information about their records on the environment, human rights, worker safety, and taxes, as well as their criminal and civil litigation records.
- **Rein in Excessive Executive Pay:** Shareholder authorization should be required for top executive compensation packages at each annual shareholder meeting. Stock options, which now account for about half of the executive compensation, should be counted on financial statements as an expense (which they are). Tax deductions for compensation 25 times above the compensation received by the lowest paid worker in a corporation should be eliminated, as recommended by the business guru Peter Drucker.
- **Fix the Pension System:** Corporations must be held more responsible for the retirement security of their employees. At a minimum we need to give workers a voice on the pension board; not require workers to stuff their 401(k) plans with company stock; and give workers the right to control their 401(k) plans. In addition, an Office of Participant Advocacy should be created in the Department of Labor to monitor pension plans.
- **Restore the Rights of Defrauded Investors:** Repeal the self-styled securities reform laws that block defrauded investors from seeking private restitution, such as the private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, which allowed the aiders and abettors of massive corporate crime (like corporate accounting firms & lenders) to escape civil liability.
- **Regulate Derivatives Trading:** All over-the-counter financial instruments, including derivatives, should be subjected to the same or equivalent audit and reporting requirements as other financial instruments traded on stock exchanges. Rules should be enacted regarding collateral-margin, reporting, and dealer licensing in order to maintain regulatory parity and ensure that markets are transparent and problems can be detected before they become a crisis.
- **End Conflicts of Interest on Wall Street:** Enact structural reforms that separate commercial and investment banking services and prevent other costly, documented conflicts of interest among financial entities, such as those that have dominated big banks and security firms in recent years. The recent instability, deception and bailouts on Wall Street provide the immediate reasons for such reform.
- **Track the Extent and Cost of Corporate Crime:** The Department of Justice should establish an online corporate crime database. Also, just as the FBI issues an annual street crime report, "Crime in the United States," it should also publish an annual report on corporate and white collar crime with recommendations.
- **Foster a National Discussion on Corporate Power:** Establish a Congressional Commission on Corporate Power to explore various legal and economic proposals that would rein in unaccountable giant corporations. The Commission should seek ways to improve upon the current state corporate chartering system in a world of global corporations and propose ways to correct the inequitable legal status of corporations as "persons." The Commission would be led by congressionally-appointed experts on corporate and constitutional law, and should hold citizen hearings in at least ten cities followed by a public report and recommendations.

PEACE NEWS

Saturday, September 6: 5th Annual Surf4Peace, a benefit for the NEC and Reef Relief. 8 am - 6 pm at Trinidad Head at Trinidad State Beach. Separate competitions for short boards, long boards, men, women, and kids. Plenty of activities for spectators in addition to the watching the surfers. Kids' activities, a raffle, and informational booths. Info: 822-6918.

Sunday, September 14: 2008 "Live Proud. Have Joy. Take Action." Pride Parade and Festival. Parade leaves Stewart Park in Arcata at 11:30 am and arrives at the Arcata Plaza at noon. The festival continues with live music, children's activities, speakers, vendors, and more. Schedule available at www.humboldtpride.org. Info: Cole at 633-4570.

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, August 27 - Sunday, September 7: Wilddrivers 101 Film Festival featuring "Humboldt County, the Movie," August 27, and "Babysitter Wanted," September 5, among many others. Info and complete schedule available at www.wilddrivers101.com or 444-6633.

Saturday, August 30: Collectors Excavation Auction. Artwork from local collectors' archived treasures will be auctioned off to benefit the Ink People. 5 - 8 pm in the Tuxford Gallery. Refreshments, music, and entertainment accompany. Info: 442-8413.

Sunday, August 31: "Joe Hill's Last Band" Performs, celebrating Labor Day with the songs of the struggle for a just workplace. 10 am at the Unitarian Fellowship in Bayside. Info: 822-3793.

Sunday, August 31: Free Summer Concerts on the Plaza: "WoMama," Afro-Fusion dance music. 2 - 4:30 pm on the Arcata Plaza. Info: 822-0996.

Monday, September 1: 23rd Annual I Block Party, a benefit for the Arcata-Camoapa Sister City Project. BBQ dinner, kids' activities, raffle and silent auction, local microbrews, and live music by The Fickle Hillbillies, Ishi Dube, Massagana, Berel Alexander Ensemble, and Quente Sambamore. On I Street in Arcata between 10th and 11th from noon to 6 pm. Info: 822-5195.

Monday, September 3: Annual Labor Day Picnic, at Sequoia Park, Eureka, 11 am - 3 pm. Free; bring a can of food for Food Bank. Performance by "Joe Hill's Last Band," speakers, BBQ, soft drinks, and games. Info: 443-7371 or 442-1751 before Friday, 8/29.

Thursday, September 4: First Thursday Film Series: "Chicago 10." Mixing animation with archival footage, Director Brett Morgan explores the build-up to and unraveling of the 1968 Chicago Conspiracy Trial. 6 pm at the Morris Graves Museum, 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278 or www.humboldtarts.org.

Saturday, September 6: 5th Annual Surf4Peace. see Peace News, above.

Saturday, September 6: Brew at the Zoo, featuring microbrew tastings, BBQ, live music and a Dutch raffle. 6 - 10 pm at Sequoia Park Zoo. Proceeds benefit the animals. \$35, \$30 members. 21 and over. Info: 442-5649.

Sunday, September 7: Mutt Strut & Woofstock, the canine event of the year! Featuring the Edgar Winter Band, dog walk, activities, contests and demonstrations, food, and beer from 10 am - 5 pm at Halvorsen Park in Eureka. 100% of all funds raised will go to support the adoption, spay/neuter, & education programs of the Sequoia Humane Society. Info: 442-1782 or www.woofstock.org.

Sunday, September 7: Taste of Place Garden Soiree. Local Food Month kick off event. Garden tour, hors d'oeuvres, wine/beer, Uniontown Jazz Trio, & live auction. 4 - 7 pm at Redwood Roots Farm. \$15. A benefit for Farm to School. Info: 444-3255.

Friday and Saturday, September 12 and 13: 9th Annual Storytelling Festival by the Sea. Friday night and all of Saturday at Patrick's Point State Park. The event will feature a slate of exceptional storytellers with songs and music. Hot meals available. Discount for early registration. Info: 677-3840 or www.inkpeople.org.

Saturday, September 13: 4th Annual Bingo With A Twist a benefit for the North Coast Rape Crisis Team put on by Queer Humboldt at the Sapphire Palace at Blue Lake Casino. Doors open at 5 pm for a greeting reception with the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. Bingo and comedy follow from 6 - 9 pm. \$25 advance, \$30 at the door. Info: Todd Larsen at 834-4839 or www.queerhumboldt.org.

Saturday, September 13: HSU Music Dept. Faculty Artist Series: "Behind the Redwood Curtain" with Terrie Baune, Violin, and Deborah Clasquin, Piano; 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$8, \$3. Info: 826-3456.

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Saturday, September 13: Second Saturday Family Arts Day: Fall Fashion with a fashion show and a special performance by Kidco. Put on by the Humboldt Arts Council at the Morris Graves Museum. Free. 2 - 4 pm at 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278.

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

Saturday, September 6: Big Red – Ancient Redwood: Sanctuary Forest Hike. Free public hike in Ancestor Grove with Tom Brundage and Stuart Moskowitz. Rated a rigorous hike. Free. Info and sign-up: 986-1087, ext. 5#.

Saturday, September 13: Mattole River Geology and Water: Sanctuary Forest Hike. Free public hike in Shadowbrook with Tom Brundage and Tasha McKee. Rated a moderate, but wet, hike. Free. Info and sign-up: 986-1087, ext. 5#.

Saturday and Sunday, September 13 and 14: Volunteer Training Session for the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary. Local experts will teach attendees about birds, plants, wetlands, invertebrates, marsh history, the wastewater treatment process, and how to lead tours via lectures and field trips. Free. Pre-registration required. Info: 826-2359.

Saturday, September 20: California coastal Cleanup Day. Last year, 616 volunteers removed more than 8,000 pounds of trash and recyclables from Humboldt's shores and wetlands. The NEC provides supplies and compiles data for action and education. Info or to sign up your team for your location of choice: Kayla at 822-6918.

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

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

WORKSHOPS, CLASSES, MISCELLANY

Saturday, September 13: "The Revolution will not be Microwaved!" Food and Democracy Workshop. Join Democracy Unlimited to Learn how the corporate food system hurts families and the environment, and how we can build a democratic, local food system for Humboldt County. Donations welcome. 1 - 4 pm at Redwood Roots Farm in Bayside. Info: 826-0211 or edl10@yahoo.com.

Arcata-Camoapa Sister City Project Seeks Volunteers for I-Block Party on Labor Day. Annual event raises funds for scholarships for Nicaraguan youth. Volunteers needed for set-up and clean-up. Info: Aleta at 822-5195.

Catalysts For Change Seeks Volunteers. Looking for volunteers to help mobilize local youth leaders to work towards youth suicide prevention. Info: 443-9659.

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

see regular listings in Insert Section of newsletter

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 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 September 5, 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.

Humboldt Port Development—have your say:

EPIC wants to encourage community engagement in the proposed Redwood Marine Terminal project.

The Redwood Marine Terminal business plan being as considered by the Humboldt Bay Harbor District would create a new industrial container shipping facility, subsidize the defunct Northwest Pacific Railroad, and build massive infrastructure for broader industrial development of Humboldt Bay.

Please take some time to look through the proposed Redwood Terminal Business Plan [web address below]. For the next couple of days, the Humboldt Bay Harbor District will accept comments on the re-industrialization of Humboldt Bay.

www.wildcalifornia.org/cgi-files/0/pdfs/1219248865_Redwood_Terminal_Business_Plan.pdf

We need to let the District know that Humboldt cannot sustain the re-industrialization of Humboldt Bay by bringing huge container ships to Humboldt and resuming freight rail service in our bio-region.

To submit your comments call 443-0801, email ptyson@portofhumboldt.org or mail them to the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District at 601 Startare Dr., Eureka, CA 95501.

Your voice counts!

Tell them you DO NOT support the Redwood Marine Terminal Project. Our bay need not support industrial corporate development to a few special interests for Humboldt County to thrive. Be part of the solution, stay informed, and make your voice heard!

Please take some time out of your busy life to get involved. To stop this business plan, the Harbor District needs to hear every Humboldt community member's strong objection to their destructive business plan.

Please contact the Harbor District immediately!

--- 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. 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.

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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. 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.