



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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Big Win for Biotech: USDA Deregulates Monsanto Alfalfa

by: Mike Ludwig, www.truthout.org

After nearly five years of legal and regulatory battles, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) has fully deregulated Monsanto's Roundup Ready alfalfa that is genetically modified (GM) to be resistant to Roundup herbicide.

The decision squashed a proposed compromise between the biotech industry and its opponents that would have placed geographic restrictions on Roundup Ready alfalfa to prevent organic and traditional alfalfa from being contaminated by herbicide sprays and transgenes spread by cross-pollination and other factors.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that Roundup Ready alfalfa would be fully deregulated on January 27, just one week after he testified before the House Committee on Agriculture, where committee members pressed Vilsack to fully deregulate Roundup Ready alfalfa and reject the proposal to geographically isolate it from traditional alfalfa.

"I am pleased that USDA used sound science and respected the limit of its statutory authority to make this decision," said committee Chairman Frank Lucas (R-Oklahoma) after learning that Roundup Ready alfalfa would be fully deregulated.

Monsanto was one of the top contributors to Lucas's campaign committee in 2010. A political action committee and individuals associated with Monsanto donated \$11,000 to his campaign last year, and Lucas has received \$1,247,844 from the agribusiness industry during his political career, according to watchdog site www.opensecrets.org.

Lucas was elected chairman of the Agriculture Committee in December. Opponents of biotech crops disagree with Lucas and claim the USDA did not use sound science to evaluate the potential impacts of GM alfalfa and, instead, catered to the interests of private industry.

"USDA has become a rogue agency in its regulation of biotech crops and its decision to appease the few companies who seek to benefit from this technology comes despite increasing evidence that GE alfalfa will threaten the rights of farmers and consumers, as well as damage the environment," said Andrew Kimbrell, executive director for the Center for Food Safety (CFS). A CFS spokesperson told Truthout that the CFS is currently planning another legal challenge to Roundup Ready alfalfa.

The USDA first approved Roundup Ready alfalfa in 2005, but in 2007, a federal court in California placed a temporary ban on the alfalfa after the CFS and a coalition of farmers and environmental groups sued the USDA over concerns that the alfalfa could threaten non-GM alfalfa crops. The farmers and advocates argued that the Roundup Ready alfalfa could cross-pollinate with organic and traditional alfalfa and transmit Monsanto transgenes to the non-GM crops.

Roundup Ready alfalfa will also increase the use of the controversial glyphosate-based herbicide Roundup. Some farmers fear that the herbicide, which is already sprayed on a majority of the corn and soy grown in the US, could drift onto organic alfalfa fields while promoting the growth of herbicide-resistant "super weeds."

Certain types of weeds have developed a resistance to glyphosate herbicides like Roundup because of their widespread use on GM crops, and last autumn, Monsanto gave farmers rebates to buy additional herbicides to fight the growing weed problem across the country.

Monsanto and its biotech allies helped the USDA defend against the CFS lawsuit, and the case landed in the US Supreme Court last year. The Supreme Court struck down the ban in June and ordered the USDA to reconsider the environmental impacts of Roundup Ready alfalfa before allowing it back in the fields.

The USDA developed a new Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) last year and held a public stakeholder's meeting on December 20 with members of the organic foods and biotech industries to determine how GM alfalfa could "coexist" with traditional and organic alfalfa.

After considering comments from both sides, the USDA proposed to either deregulate the transgenic crop completely or impose geographic restrictions on GM alfalfa that would isolate the crop - along with its transgenes and Roundup herbicide - from traditional and organic alfalfa crops.

Despite comments and testimony from GM opponents and concerned farmers, the EIS prepared by the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) concluded that Roundup Ready alfalfa did not pose any more of a "plant pest" risk than ordinary alfalfa.

APHIS also stated that, if Roundup and other glyphosate-based herbicides were used as directed by the Environmental Protection Agency, then the increased use of herbicide on Roundup Ready alfalfa would not threaten non-GM alfalfa fields. The APHIS assessment gave the USDA the green light to legalize Roundup Ready alfalfa without restrictions, but the CFS claims the APHIS assessment is "sloppy" and based on research and information provided by big agribusiness.

In a letter to Vilsack, CFS science policy analyst Bill Freese outlined several instances in which APHIS based its EIS on outdated data and figures provided by "entities with financial ties to the biotechnology industry." Freese points out that APHIS referenced figures on cross-pollination and contamination provided by Forage Genetics, a private firm that makes Roundup Ready alfalfa seeds for Monsanto. Freese also claims that APHIS relied on "misleading, obsolete data" on herbicide use and herbicide-resistant weeds that obscure serious problems like "super weeds" that have recently developed in Roundup Ready crop systems.

[All opinions in editorials, action items, & calendar items are those of the writers, submitters, and involved organizations; and not necessarily the opinions of the HOPE Coalition or its volunteers. HOPE will consider rebuttal editorials from the progressive viewpoint.]

PEACE NEWS

The Redwood Coast Peace Poetry Contest: Teens Invited to Submit Peace Poetry. Submissions should focus on peace, the abolition of war, hate or violence, or peace-making in communities. The contest is open to all high school students in Humboldt County. Authors will be honored in a public ceremony and will be considered for one of five cash prizes of up to \$200. Entries must be received by March 7. Info: www.vfp56.org, Jon at 822-4595 or Carl at 616-6405.

Peace Scholarships. The Humboldt Branch of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom is seeking applications for the Edilith Eckart Memorial Peace Scholarship. Up to \$250 will be awarded to projects that promote peace, locally or globally. Info: Humboldt WILPF at P.O. Box 867, Arcata, CA 95518 or WILPF@humboldt1.com, www.sonic.net/~suejh/wilpf by 3/1.

Saturday, February 19: Demonstration Against Naval Weapons Testing. Rally in support of efforts to expose U.S. Navy's denial of its responsibilities toward ocean life. 1 pm at the end of F Street in Eureka. Info: Jack at 442-8733 or Susan at 629-3570.

ENTERTAINMENT, CELEBRATIONS, & CULTURE

Saturday, February 12: "Love to Sing" Concert featuring Victor Bell of the UCSB Interfaith Gospel Choir, the Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir and participants from the day's workshop (see "Workshops, page 3). 7 pm at the Eureka First Presbyterian Church, 14th and I Streets, Eureka. \$10, \$7. Info: 822-4444.

Saturday, February 12: 2011 Fireman's Ball at the Valentine's Dance. Benefit for the Arcata Volunteer Fire Dept. Building Fund, featuring music by the Delta Nationals, a raffle, silent auction, no-host bar and a late night buffet. 7:30 - 11 pm at the Arcata Community Center. \$10. Info: 825-1562.

Wednesdays, February 16 and 23: Free Tax Help Appointments. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) helpers will be here to help anyone who needs assistance in filing basic tax forms. This tax assistance is co-sponsored by the library, the Redwood Community Action Agency, and the RICHES coalition. 3 - 7 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Please make an appointment if you would like to use the Tax Assistance. Info and reservations: 441-1001.

Saturday, February 19: Back to the 80s Prom, an Advocates for Choice fundraiser, featuring a costume contest, 50/50 raffle and 80s goodies. 9 pm at Nocturnum Night Club, 206 W.6th St, Eureka. 21 and over. \$10. Info: SRPP at 442-2961.

Saturday, February 19: Redwood Region Audubon Society Annual Banquet and Auctions. Dr. George Divoky will speak on "Falling off the Edge: Four Decades of Environmental Change at the Top of the World." Tickets (by 2/13) and info: 825-1144.

Saturday, February 19: Friends of the Library Book Sale. Great bargains and a wide selection of books. 10 am - 3:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Friday night pre-sale for Friends members. Info: 269-1910.

Friday, February 25: Eureka Chamber Music Series: Afara String Quartet, Graduate String Quartet in residence at the Julliard School. 7:30 pm at the Cavalry Lutheran Church, 716 South Ave, Eureka. \$30. Info: 445-9650.

Saturday, February 26: Sustainable Ag Expo and Joel Salatin Presentation. Joel Salatin, one of the farmers featured in Michael Pollan's The Omnivore's Dilemma, will give a talk on food emancipation and sustainable farming. Talk: 10 am - noon at the Home Economics Bldg at Redwood Acres. Expo: noon - 4 pm at Francheschi Exhibit Hall. \$35 (\$25 Co-op members) for the talk; the Expo is free. Tickets online at northcoastco-op.com or at either Co-op. Info: 822-5947, ext 100.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & ALL AGES

Saturday, February 12: Second Saturday Family Arts Day: Chinese New Year... Year of the Rabbit! Shadow Puppet Theater with Sean Powers. Hear a story about the animals in the Chinese Zodiac and find out why Chinese New Year's is celebrated. 2 - 4 pm at the Morris Graves Museum. 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278.

Wednesday, February 16: Family Literacy Night with the Fabulous Sean Powers and his Shadow Puppets. Traditional and original stories accompanied by music played on instruments from around the world. A free book will be available for each family. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

Thursday, February 17: Share A Story "The Biggest Thing in the Ocean." Short video, stories, and crafts. A free book is available for each participating family. 6:30 pm at the Arcata Branch Library, 500 7th St. Info: 822-5954 or www.humlib.org.

Saturday, February 19: Bilingual (Spanish/English) Story Time. Librarian Rachel Harwood reads stories in Spanish and/or English for children and families. 1 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910.

Student Bird Art Contest. \$500 in prizes will be awarded to students K - 12 who submit a drawing of one of 40 selected bird species. Artwork may be in color or black and white. Any medium may be used. Info at www.arcatamarshfriends.org (click on Education link, then Student Bird Art Contest) or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Louise Bacon-Ogden, 2337 B Street, Eureka 95501. One entry per person. Artwork must be received by Friday, March 25.

Redwood Region Audubon Society Student Nature Writing Contest on the topic, "What nature means to me." Entries should be up to 300 words in length; one entry per person. Cash prizes. Deadline: March 21. Info: tomleskiw@suddenlink.net.

The Redwood Coast Peace Poetry Contest: Teens Invited to Submit Peace Poetry (see "Peace News," above).

Sundays, Ongoing: Youth Drum Circle for youth 10 - 21 years old. 5:30 - 7:30 pm at the Raven Project, 523 T St. in Eureka. Free. Info: 443-7099.

SINGING VALENTINE FUNDRAISERS

Arcata-McKinleyville High's Valentunes available Feb. 12 - 14 from Trinidad to Humboldt Hill. The ArMack Orchestra and the Arcata Madrigal Singers deliver a card and romantic tune for \$15. Flowers, chocolates and extra songs available. Proceeds benefit student travel to music festivals. Info: 822-7130.

Humboldt Harmonaires Barbershop Chorus. Four-part barbershop harmony. Valengram comes with card and rose. \$25 - 40. Info: 677-9160 or info@humboldtharmonaires.com.

Eureka High School's Vocal Jazz Ensemble. Complete details not available at press time. Info: 441-2508

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

Sunday, February 13: Free Public Field Trip to the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Join the Redwood Region Audubon Society for a leisurely, 2- to 3-hour trip intended for people wanting to learn the birds of the Humboldt Bay area. Meet at the Refuge Visitor Center off Hookton Road at 9 am. Info: Jude Power or David Fix at 822-3613.

Saturday, February 19: Sierra Club Free Public Hike to Centerville Beach/Mouth of Eel River. This 11-mile, medium-difficulty hike begins at Centerville Beach County Park parking lot and follows beach northerly between dunes and tide line. As Eel River looms into view, meadows and marshlands exhibit abundant wild flora, occasional wildlife, and huge redwood driftwood stumps. Carpools meet Herrick Park & Ride lot off Hwy 101 at 9 am or at beach 9:45 am. Info: Xandra at 441-0702.

Saturday, February 26: Trinidad Head to Elk Head Day Hike - It will be dense, lush, coastal scrub, remnant coastal prairie, and spruce forest within sight or sound of the ocean all the way. The walk will go from Trinidad Head through Trinidad State Beach and on to Elk Head, covering several miles on easy paths and seeing some heroic English ivy removal. Bring lunch and water and be ready to be outside all day. Return late afternoon. Meet at 8:30 am at Pacific Union School (3001 Janes Rd., Arcata) or at 9 am at the beach parking lot by Trinidad Head. Info or to RSVP: Carol Ralph 822-2015.

Now Available: Friends of the Dunes New, Full-Color 60-Page Coastal Naturalist Manual which provides a comprehensive overview of coastal ecosystems around Humboldt Bay, including local geology, native plants, beach, dune and marsh life, human history, and much more. Proceeds from the sale of the manual directly benefit Friends of the Dunes' educational programs. Retail sites or info: 444-1397 or www.friendsofthedunes.org.

Saturdays, Ongoing: Redwood Region Audubon Society Free Public Field Trips at 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 AND MISCELLANEOUS

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DATE CHANGE: Saturday, March 19: 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; Pre-registration is required. Info: 269-0984 or email info@DUHC.org.

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.



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Call for the Impeachment & Prosecution of Supreme Justice Clarence Thomas — from The Peace Team

Given the fact that Clarence Thomas has been a permanent lock down vote for the most reactionary corporate special interests in the country, is it any surprise that his wife has been collecting hundreds of thousands of dollars from their so-called "think tanks", like the Heritage Foundation? But what should raise more than an eyebrow is the fact that he has lied for the last 20 years on his financial disclosure forms about his wife's income.

If you, or I, or anyone else we know hid upwards of a million dollars in income like this we would have already been hauled before a grand jury. But now that the whistle has been blown, and his corruption and lying have been exposed, Thomas thinks he can just amend all these perjured declarations like it's no big deal, claiming he "misunderstood" the filing instructions.

We have long known that Thomas was totally unqualified to sit on the Supreme Court. And at a minimum, for him to claim he cannot understand and truthfully complete a simple disclosure form, this proves it. Immediate impeachment is the least we should expect.

The motto of the Supreme Court is "Equal Justice Under Law". If those words are to mean anything, Thomas must be prosecuted just as he would coldly affirm the conviction of anyone else who did such a thing.

Sign the petition at www.tinyurl.com/ImpeachThomas

- - - 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.

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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: 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; Monthly meetings: 3rd Sunday at 3:30 pm, Boys & Girls Club, 3015 J St., Eureka. Info: 268-8287.

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 Tuesday 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); 550 Union St. Arcata in the Common Room (next door to Equinox) first Thursday of the month. 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.