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Humboldt Organized for Peace & the Environment

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Russia and Georgia: All About Oil

by Michael Klare

[ed. Note: The U.S. is not the only power willing to kill for oil, though our government has also had a hand in this new war. During the Russian bombing of South Ossetia in Georgia on Saturday, 130 people, including 30 civilians, were reported killed by the Georgia government. The Russian government claimed 2,000 killed and that 30,000 refugees had crossed into Russia. Here is an interesting viewpoint on why this war is happening.]

In commenting on the war in the Caucasus, most American analysts have tended to see it as a throwback to the past: as a continuation of a centuries-old blood feud between Russians and Georgians, or, at best, as part of the unfinished business of the Cold War. Many have spoken of Russia's desire to erase the national "humiliation" it experienced with the collapse of the Soviet Union 16 years ago, or to restore its historic "sphere of influence" over the lands to its South. But the conflict is more about the future than the past. It stems from an intense geopolitical contest over the flow of Caspian Sea energy to markets in the West.

This struggle commenced during the Clinton administration when the former Soviet republics of the Caspian Sea basin became independent and began seeking Western customers for their oil and natural gas resources. Western oil companies eagerly sought production deals with the governments of the new republics, but faced a critical obstacle in exporting the resulting output. Because the Caspian itself is landlocked, any energy exiting the region has to travel by pipeline—and, at that time, Russia controlled all of the available pipeline capacity. To avoid exclusive reliance on Russian conduits, President Clinton sponsored the construction of an alternative pipeline from Baku in Azerbaijan to Tbilisi in Georgia and then onward to Ceyhan on Turkey's Mediterranean coast—the BTC pipeline, as it is known today.

The BTC pipeline, which began operation in 2006, passes some of the most unsettled areas of the world, including Chechnya and Georgia's two breakaway provinces of Abkhazia and South Ossetia. With this in mind, the Clinton and Bush administrations provided Georgia with hundreds of millions of dollars in military aid, making it the leading recipient of U.S. arms and equipment in the former Soviet space. President Bush has also lobbied U.S. allies in Europe to "fast track" Georgia's application for membership in NATO.

All of this, needless to say, was viewed in Moscow with immense resentment. Not only was the United States helping to create a new security risk on [Russia's] southern borders, but, more importantly, was frustrating its drive to secure control over the transportation of Caspian energy to Europe. Ever since Vladimir Putin assumed the presidency in 2000, Moscow has sought to use its pivotal role in the supply of oil and natural gas to Western Europe and the former Soviet republics as a source both of financial wealth and political advantage. It mainly relies on Russia's own energy resources for this purpose, but also seeks to dominate the delivery of oil and gas from the Caspian states to the West.

To further its goals in the Caspian, Putin and his protégé Dmitry Medvedev—until recently the chairman of Gazprom, the Russian state gas monopoly—have enticed (or browbeaten) the leaders of Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan into building new gas pipelines through Russia to Europe. The Europeans, fearful of becoming ever more dependent on Russian-supplied energy, seek to build alternative conduits across the Caspian Sea and along the route of the BTC pipeline in Azerbaijan and Georgia, bypassing Russia altogether.

It is against this backdrop that the fighting in Georgia and South Ossetia has been taking place. The Georgians may only be interested in regaining control over an area they consider part of their national territory. But the Russians are sending a message to the rest of the world that they intend to keep their hands on the Caspian Sea energy spigot, come what may. This doesn't necessarily mean occupying Georgia outright, but they will certainly retain their strategic positions in Abkhazia and South Ossetia—for all practical purposes, daggers aimed at the BTC jugular. So even if a cease-fire is put into effect, the struggle over energy resources—sometimes hidden and stealthy, sometimes open and violent—will continue long into the future.

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PEACE NEWS

Tuesday, August 19: Women's International League For Peace and Freedom Meeting/Presentation. "Peace in the Middle East and Works to Make it Happen," a multi-media presentation, will be presented by Iowan WILPFer, Odile Hugonot-Haber. Info: Mashaw at 616-9630.

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

Saturday, August 16: Arts in Redwood Park: "Yo Tango: Tango Under The Stars." Dance or watch; not just for couples. 7 pm at Redwood Park in Arcata. Adults \$5, kids over 3, \$3. Info: 822-7091 or rec@cityofarcata.org.

Saturday, August 16: Buddy Brown Blues Festival. Live music from 11 am – 6 pm at Perigot Park in Blue Lake. \$14, kids 12 and under free. Benefits the Children's Music Program of the Humboldt Folklife Society. Info: 822-5394 or www.bluelakeblues.com.

Sunday, August 17: Arts in Redwood Park: Yurok Drumming and Storytelling. Celebrate the cultural diversity of our area and enjoy traditional art forms representative of California's largest Tribe. All ages welcome. 2 pm at Redwood Park in Arcata. Adults \$5, kids over 3, \$3. Info: 822-7091 or rec@cityofarcata.org.

Sunday, August 17: 46th Annual Klamath Salmon Festival featuring Yurok cultural events including a brush dance demonstration, acorn soup cooking, redwood canoe building and Indian stick games. There will also be a parade, contests and a salmon dinner. Info: 482-1350.

Saturday, August 23: Hops in Humboldt 2008. Taste beer and microbrews from around northern California and Southern Oregon and enjoy live music, crafts and food. 11 am – 6 pm at Rohner Park in Fortuna. \$30, \$25 advance. Info: 725-9261.

Sunday, August 24: The Organic Planet Festival. Californians for Alternatives to Toxics presents the world's largest organic salad, a full day of music, great organic food, nationally recognized speakers, informative workshops, an eco-hip fashion show, a kids' village and dozens of exhibitors. 11 am - 7 pm at Halvorsen Park in Eureka. Info: 445-5100 or www.organicplanetfestival.org.

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. On I Street in Arcata between 10th and 11th from noon to 6 pm. Info: 822-5195.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Saturday, August 16: Live Raptor Presentation. Humboldt Wildlife Care Center volunteers bring non-releasable raptors to the Natural History Museum from 1 - 2 pm. Find out what the HWCC does to help wildlife. Four 15-minute programs. Seating is limited to minimize stress on the birds. All ages. 1315 G St, Arcata. Info: 826-4479.

Tuesday, August 19: "Kindergarten, Here I Come!" a special program for children entering Kindergarten. Stories, crafts, and a video plus what to expect at school and answer any questions. 6:30 pm at the Trinidad Branch Library. Info: 677-0227 or www.humlib.org.

Wednesday, August 20: "Kindergarten, Here I Come!" a special program for children entering Kindergarten. Stories, crafts, and a video plus what to expect at school and answer any questions. 2 pm at the Arcata Branch Library, 500 7th St. Info: 822-5954 or www.humlib.org.

Ongoing: Free Summer Lunches: 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

Saturday, August 23: Insects of the Mattole: Sanctuary Forest Hike. Free public hike in Shadowbrook with Pete and Judy Haggard. Rated a moderate, but wet, hike. Free. Info and sign-up: 986-1087, ext. 5#.

Sunday, August 24: Free Public Field Trip Focusing On Shorebird Identification from Redwood Region Audubon Society. Visit several good shorebird sites around Humboldt Bay with leader Lauren Tompkins. Info: 443-6959.

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, August 16: Essentials of Flower Arranging, from Redwood Roots Farm Community Workshop Series. Arrange wild and garden flowers with Danielle Zitomer. Bring a vase. 1 - 4 pm at Redwood Roots Farm. Sliding scale \$1 -\$20. Info: 826-0211 or ed110@yahoo.com.

Sunday, August 17: Summer Farm Tour and Open House. 1 - 3 pm at Redwood Roots Farm. Free. Info: 826-0211 or ed110@yahoo.com.

Organic Planet Volunteers Needed. The Organic Planet Festival will be held August 24. Volunteers are still needed to put on this event. To volunteer or for more info: 445-5100 or www.organicplanetfestival.org.

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

Saturday, August 16: Alternatives to Suicide and Catalysts for Change, a new organization that will be actively pursuing wellness and recovery for the mental health community. 2 pm at St. Joseph Hospital Conference Room C-1 in Eureka. Info: 443-9659 or henry_willey@sbcglobal.net.

Sunday, August 17: Eureka City Council Candidates Forum hosted by Humboldt Greens. Candidates for City Council, George Clark, Linda Atkins, and Frank Jager, will discuss key issues facing Eureka in a public forum. 6 pm in the Arcata Library Conference Room. Following the forum is a Green Party business meeting to discuss endorsements and develop plans for the election season. Both the forum and the business meeting are open to the public and all are invited to participate. Info: Dana Silvernale at 668-1694 or www.humboldtgreens.org.

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Thursday, August 21: The Humboldt Human Rights Commission monthly meeting. Further discussion of the formation of a civilian law enforcement review board, code enforcement in the county, and arrangements for a public forum dealing with the issue of homelessness in Humboldt. The public is welcome. 6 pm in Conference Room A in the County courthouse. Info: 268-2548.

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 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.

Offshore Oil Drilling?—No Thanks! *Top Ten Reasons not to drill.*

Gas prices have been jumping around the \$4 mark all summer, your grocery bills are soaring, and campaign ads are blasting you about the benefits of offshore drilling. So what can we believe? Will offshore drilling really make things better for you? Sometimes dumb ideas get a lot of attention. That's what's happening now as President Bush has lifted the executive offshore drilling moratorium, and Congress is trying to do the same. Here's the top 10 reasons offshore drilling is such a dumb idea:

10. Offshore oil drilling won't impact gas prices today, and it won't have a significant impact on gas prices in the future.
9. This is nothing more than a money grab by the oil companies—who are already making record-breaking profits.
8. We burn 25% of the world's oil in the U.S., but we have only 3% of the world's oil reserves. So even if all offshore oil magically came to market today, the vast majority of our oil would continue to be imported, and we wouldn't see price relief at the pump.
7. The current moratorium was put in place decades ago to protect us from the danger of oil spills along our coastlines & beaches.
6. Burning fossil fuels like oil causes global warming, which causes stronger hurricanes, which will threaten the very offshore drilling rigs being proposed, which will contribute to even more global warming.
5. To avoid the worst impacts of global warming, we need to switch to renewable energy within the next 10 years. The billions of dollars that would be spent on offshore oil drilling just postpones the inevitable transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy.
4. Oil exploration requires massive seismic testing—which threatens whales and dolphins.
3. Oil prices are set on the global oil market, so U.S. oil is no cheaper than Saudi oil. We won't get a discount on oil from the U.S.
2. We can't solve the world's energy problems with the same drilling that created them.
1. Renewable energy is available now, so it's time to walk away from fossil fuels and toward a clean energy future.

Make sure Congress hears from YOU about offshore oil drilling. Let's face it, there's really no good reason to drill offshore. More drilling is good for Big Oil, not for you and your family. We can't drill our way out of this mess—oil drilling is already at an all-time high and prices are still skyrocketing.

As a matter of fact, even if we could tap into all of the energy stored in the Earth's reserves - coal, oil, and natural gas - it would equal the energy in just 20 days of sunshine. Tell Congress to look on the bright side to solve our energy crisis. It's time to invest in renewable energy and leave oil to the dinosaurs. It's time for an energy revolution. [thanks to Greenpeace]

--- 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.