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Humboldt Organized for Peace & the Environment

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Open Letter to Citizens Of Humboldt County, Board Of Supervisors, & Planning Commission

by Peter O. Childs

After a good deal of thought, I have decided that **the current rewrite of the General Plan should be stopped, and restarted at the beginning.** Certainly an enormous amount of time (far too much) and work has gone into this rewrite, and some important things are being considered, such as responsible development and protection of our environment, but there is (among a host of other problems) a critical flaw in the process that renders the whole plan unacceptable.

That flaw is that the democratic process upon which this nation is supposed to be based has been almost completely ignored. George Washington observed: "The preservation of the sacred fire of liberty...(is) justly considered as deeply, perhaps as finally, staked on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people." Entrusted to the people, not to special interest groups of any kind, or to "leaders". Thirty years ago a group of people (the Citizens' Participation Advisory Committee) devised and got written into the General Plan (which is still in effect) a carefully thought out and effective (if practiced) set of programs specifically designed to maximize citizen input to the planning process "beginning at the outset and continuing throughout the planning process". This is the 1500 section of the General Plan; check it out.

The Planning Department has very largely ignored these instructions, which they are legally obliged to obey (much of the 1500 section is command language ["shall", not "should"], and in any case the General Plan is legally required and is expected to be followed). The General Plan is the Constitution of Humboldt County, and the 1500 section is the Bill of Rights. That section orders the Planning department to "motivate" the public, to inform them thoroughly regarding every important matter being considered, in plenty of time and with sufficient specificity to prepare the citizenry to participate effectively. Perhaps the most basic requirement is that Citizens' Advisory Committees be formed in every area of the county that wants one. The full range of opinions in each area is expected to be represented, in order that people can bring those differing views together, educate each other, and form a consensus as to the common interest. They can then meet with the planners in a cooperative rather than contentious fashion, making them aware of what the needs of each area are (How better for the planners to learn these needs, which they are hired to serve?) Imagine how different things would be if the planners had been promoting these activities for the last thirty years as they were directed to do, instead of 1) opposing them, 2) failing to implement them, and now 3) attempting to simply do away with them.

The Planning Department has decided not to use Advisory Committees, claiming (understandably) that they tend to become contentious and take too much time. The problem is (aside from the fact that if they were following their instructions they would have to deal with much less contentiousness), they have no authority to deviate from these instructions without amending the General Plan to allow such changes, and they have not done this. True, they have told the Board that they want to ignore these requirements, and the Board has been perfectly willing to go along. But that doesn't make it right, and it is not right at all. It is, if you understand the nature and importance of democracy, highly improper as well as apparently illegal.

Rather than obeying the instructions of the 1500 section of the General Plan, the Planning Department has chosen to focus on meeting with "stakeholder" groups, which boil down to "special interest" groups. The idea is apparently that this is an effective way to survey the needs of the citizens of the county as a whole, but if you add up all the members of these stakeholder groups they will surely add up to less than a majority of the registered voters in the county; probably very much less. So the bulk of the citizenry has been excluded from the planning process, unless one considers a few marginally informative local meetings with the planners and three minutes before the Board or Commission to be adequate in that regard. And not only have these instructions been almost completely ignored, the planners are now trying to simply wipe them out of the General Plan! The 1500 section, on public participation, is almost completely absent from the proposed rewrite. And a whole lot of other things are being tossed as well; check out the two hundred and twenty-five items that were slated for removal from the Housing Element (we got seventy of them put back, but only in the Appendix and just prior to the adoption of the Housing Element). Should you find checking on these items difficult to do, ask why. Insist on an acceptable answer.

If we care about democracy; if we realize that it has real value only as it is practiced, not just talked about, then we must insist that it be practiced. We have a very thorough set of instructions for our public servants in this county to do just that. Far from throwing out these instructions, we should start the revision of the General Plan over from the beginning and do it properly. I regret the loss for the moment of good new ideas, but I am content to allow those ideas to rise to the top in a genuine democratic process. Use it or lose it (Washington-"...perhaps as finally"; Lincoln; "the last, best hope of mankind").

This is of the highest importance; none of us, citizens, Supervisors, or Commissioners should be sitting on our hands here. We should do it right. Now. At an absolute minimum we should insist that the entire 1500 section of the General Plan be retained intact, and that it be practiced next time instead of ignored.

[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.]

ENTERTAINMENT, CELEBRATIONS, & CULTURE

September: Local Food Month, a county-wide celebration of local food, local farmers, and local abundance, intended to raise awareness of agriculture and healthy food systems in Humboldt County. Visit CAFF's website for more info: www.caff.org/humboldt/.

Saturday, September 18: CNPS Fall Native Plant Sale. Experienced gardeners will be on hand to help you choose from a wide variety of plants, from ferns to trees. Bring your empty flower pots for re-use. 10 am - 4 pm at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center parking lot, 569 South G St. (5 blocks south of Samoa Blvd.). Info: Sunny: 441-9545.

Saturday, September 18: Yard Sale for Glimmer of Hope Afghan School Project. Funds raised will provide school supplies to boys and girls in Kabul and also to provide teacher salary supplements. 9 am - 3 pm at Equinox Center for Education, 470 Union St. in Arcata. Info: 822-2142 or rosebuds@humboldt1.com.

Saturday, September 18: HSU Music Dept. Faculty Artist Series: Daniela Mineva, piano at 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$8, \$3. Info: 826-3456.

Saturday, September 18: All-Species Ball Returns! Dress as your favorite plant or animal, or just come as you are. Enjoy a dinner featuring local produce, a silent auction, children's activities and music with Bandemonium, Bucky Walters and the Absynth Quintet. All ages. \$25 for dinner and dance, other options available. Info or to volunteer: 822-6918.

Saturday and Sunday, September 18 and 19: The North Country Fair featuring a Samba parade on Saturday and The All-Species Parade on Sunday as well as 200 craft, food, and information booths, two stages and a grass performance area. 10 am - 5 pm on the Arcata Plaza. Local crafters & non-profit groups will be represented. Come out and support them. Info: 822-5320.

Sunday, September 19: Taste of Willow Creek. Tour wineries and farms for a taste of local produce and wine, music and art. Tickets \$30 (less for kids and designated drivers). Kiwanis BBQ follows. Shuttles are available between venues. Info: 530-629-3488.

Wednesday, September 22: Car-Free Day, featuring The Tour d'Arcata at 7 am from the Bayside Grange and Mad River Hospital. Routes join up at the plaza and ride to HSU. Free Breakfast on the HSU quad at 7:30. Come by B Street at HSU and be part of the walking/biking/skateboarding mural. Games, skits and contests all day. Free bike-in movie on the HSU quad at 8 pm. Info: 826-3551 or ccathsu@gmail.com or ashley@green-wheels.org to volunteer.

Thursday, September 23: Mad As Hell Doctors, pushing for a strong grassroots movement to accomplish Single Payer health care. Sponsored by Humboldt Healthcare for All, and joined by local medical activists Tin Cup Puppet Theater in a cameo performance. 7 9 pm at the Bayside Grange.

Saturday, September 25: 26th Annual Coastal Clean-up. Join with thousands of people across the state for the biggest volunteer event of the year. 9 am - noon. Call the Northcoast Environmental Center at 822-6918 to sign up.

Saturday, September 25: Community Garden Open House and Bike Tour. Join the North Coast Community Garden Collaborative and Green Wheels for a county wide open house of community gardens, including an optional bike tour of gardens in Eureka. Garden party at 4 pm will feature local food, music, and drawing. Open house is free. \$5 suggested donation for garden party. Info: 269-2071.

Saturday, September 25: HSU Music Dept. Faculty Artist Series: Vipisa Trio with Cindy Moyer, violin, Virginia Ryder, saxophone, and John Chernoff, piano at 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$8, \$3. Info: 826-3456.

Saturday, September 25: Humboldt Folklife Society Barn Dance, featuring caller Tara Stetz and The Watertower String Band. Each barn dance is taught before it is danced, and you don't need to bring a partner. 7:30 - 11 pm at the Arcata Veteran's Hall. \$7, \$6. Info: 822-5394.

Monday, September 27: Buffalo Field Campaign Roadshow West. Special guest, award winning author and activist Derrick Jensen will join BFC co-founder Mike Mease and acclaimed musicians Good Shield and Phoenix AfterBuffalo for a special presentation sharing stories, music, poetry, video and discussion about the last wild buffalo. 7 pm in BSS Native Forum Room 162 at HSU. Info: 406-646-0070 or www.buffalofieldcampaign.org.

Tuesday, September 28: Buffalo Field Campaign Roadshow West. Special guest, award winning author and activist Derrick Jensen will join BFC co-founder Mike Mease and acclaimed musicians Good Shield and Phoenix AfterBuffalo for a special presentation sharing stories, music, poetry, video and discussion about the last wild buffalo. 7 pm in the Old Creamery Building in Arcata. Info: Greta at 825-6775.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & ALL AGES

HSU Natural History Museum Re-opens! The museum is now open to the general public Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm. Info: 826-4479.

Saturday, September 18: Read With a Furry Friend. Kids have fun and build confidence as they read to a Reading Education Assistance Dog. Please sign up ahead of time to reserve a space. 1:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

Tuesday, September 21: Share A Story " Dragon Tales," short video, stories, and crafts. A free book is available for each participating family. 6:30 pm at the Trinidad Branch Library. Info: 677-0227 or www.humlib.org.

Saturday, September 25: the Poncho Polo Puppets Present "The Three Questions," an original puppet play based on the fable by Leo Tolstoy. 2 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

Wednesday, September 22: College Information Night. College of the Redwoods and Humboldt State University join the Humboldt County Library to present College Information Night. Whether you are a high school student with ambitions, an adult considering new options or a senior citizen with a lively mind, College Information Night will provide you with facts and resources to help you make decisions and move forward. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

Saturday, September 25: People for Pickleweed Volunteer Event. Help restore Humboldt Bay's salt marshes by removing invasive Spartina from the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Arrive at the Richard Guadagno Visitor Center in Loleta (just south of College of the Redwoods) anytime between 9-10am. A 30 minute walk will get you to the work site where gloves and shovels will be available. Please bring rubber boots if you have them. Lunch will be provided as well as t-shirts to the first 100 volunteers who arrive. Carpool leaving HSU's library circle at 9 am. Info: 444-1397 or email emily@friendsofthedunes.org.

Saturday, September 25: Ebird Site Survey At Shay Park in Arcata. 8 am at Shay Park parking lot at east end of Foster Avenue. Expect to survey about 90 minutes, depending on how "birdy" it is. For more info on the ebird site survey, visit www.ebird.org/content/ebird/about/eBird_Site_Survey. Info: Rob 839-3493 or migratoriusfwlr@gmail.com .

Sunday, September 26: Parent & Child Walk at Kokte Ranch in Bayside. Bring your child(ren) on this flat, 2-mile walk near Jacoby Creek. A fun "Quest" goes along with the trail, with surprises at end of trail and back at trailhead. Wear waterproof boots/shoes; bring extra pants and socks, in case of wet grass. Bring water and snacks. Meet at Kokte Ranch and Nature Preserve at 10 am. Directions: Take Old Arcata Road to Kokte Ranch and Nature Preserve at 2182 Old Arcata Road, Bayside. The Ranch is located between Bayside Cutoff and Jacoby Creek Road. Park on either side of old barn. Free. Info: Allison 268-8767. Rain cancels.

Ongoing Through September: Lost Coast Hikes With Sanctuary Forest; educational hikes that highlight the magnificent diversity of plant and animal life in the Sanctuary Forest, Sinkyone Wilderness State Park, and the King Range National Conservation Area. Info, reservations and schedules: 986-5415 or 986-1087 or www.sanctuaryforest.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.

Friends Of The Dunes Announces The Release Of The 2010 Humboldt Bay Beaches, Dunes, and Wetlands Map and Guide.

Free guides are available at area visitor locations or on-line at: www.friendsofthedunes.org. The public may also request a free guide by sending a self-addressed, #10 envelope with 61¢ postage to: Friends of the Dunes, PO Box 186, Arcata, CA 95518. Info: 444-1397.

WORKSHOPS AND MISCELLANEOUS

Wednesday, September 22: College Information Night. College of the Redwoods and Humboldt State University join the Humboldt County Library to present College Information Night. Whether you are a high school student with ambitions, an adult considering new options or a senior citizen with a lively mind, College Information Night will provide you with facts and resources to help you make decisions and move forward. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

Sunday, September 26: DUHC Free Workshop: "The Revolution Will Not Be Microwaved: Food and Democracy Workshop."

Participants will address how corporations grew to dominate food and agriculture systems, and how people can cultivate local, healthy food in their own communities. 1 - 4 pm at Redwood Roots Farm in Bayside. Info: 269-0984 or e-mail 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.

"Conversation with Paul Mann," a new public affairs program covering national and international issues with local guests and callers. Tuesday evenings from 7:30 - 8:30 on KHSU FM 90.5. Studio line: 826-4805.



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Don't Let Experimental Genetically Engineered Salmon Reach Your Plate

Register your opinion before the FDA decides on this horror.

Genetically engineered salmon are on a fast track to being the first GE Animal approved for human consumption. The FDA is trying to approve GE salmon as a new animal drug, but the truth is U.S. Food agencies don't have a way to fully evaluate the impacts of GE salmon on human health or the environment. Worst of all, if these GE salmon are introduced into our food system, they won't be labeled, so consumers won't know what they're buying.

Can you take action to keep genetically engineered salmon out of the U.S.?

Please Sign the Online Letter:

<http://tinyurl.com/GMOfish>

Please Participate in the National Call-In to President Obama on Thursday Sept. 16:

(202) 456-1111

Franken-Fish have won the race to be the first genetically engineered animal approved for human consumption. The aquaculture industry has genetically engineered a fish that grows at twice the normal rate, so they can get it to market sooner and make more money.

The scary thing is, the FDA doesn't do its own testing of genetically engineered animals, it relies on information provided by the company that wants approval. And because GE salmon are being considered as a new animal drug, the process isn't focused on what happens to people who eat genetically engineered animals. So on top of the health concerns posed by raising salmon in crowded factory fish farms that rely on antibiotics and other chemicals, the FDA could be adding the unknown risks of GE salmon to the mix.

The FDA is the same agency that's in charge of overseeing the egg industry, and we see how well they've done that job. The FDA does not have the capacity to ensure the safety of food that is not genetically engineered, they certainly should not be in charge of allowing the first GE animal into our food supply.

We've got just 12 days until the FDA takes formal steps to approve GE salmon, so it's up to us to **demand that President Obama direct the FDA to reject this request.**

--- 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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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.