

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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The Solution to the Budget Deficit: The Peter G. Peterson Intergenerational Fairness Tax Credit by: Dean Baker

Peter Peterson is coming to get your Social Security and Medicare. Peterson was the commerce secretary in the Nixon administration. He then went on to make billions of dollars as one of the top executives at the Blackstone Group, a private equity fund. Mr. Peterson is known as one of the top beneficiaries of the fund managers' tax break, through which he personally pocketed tens of millions of dollars.

Mr. Peterson has been using his Wall Street wealth to attack these social insurance programs for decades, but he recently stepped up his efforts. Last year, he spent \$1 billion to endow the Peter G. Peterson Foundation to further his efforts.

In politics, it's not easy to counter the impact of \$1 billion. In addition to its money, the Peterson crew enjoys the support of many important news outlets, most importantly The Washington Post, which pushes his line on both its editorial and news pages.

In fact, The Post even went so far as to identify Peterson's foundation by its boilerplate, an organization that "advocates for federal fiscal responsibility," instead of telling readers of its political leanings, the normal mode of identification for such organizations. (The Center for Economic and Policy Research was established "to promote democratic debate on the most important economic and social issues that affect people's lives.")

While the Peterson crew may have the money and the support of the media, the rest of us can rely on logic and ridicule to counter the attack. In this spirit, we have the Peter G. Peterson Intergenerational Fairness Tax Credit. (Mr. Peterson is apparently fond of having things named after him. In addition to his new Peter G. Peterson Foundation, he also has a think tank named after him, the Peter G. Peterson Institute for International Economics.)

The Peterson tax credit would essentially take the Peterson crew at their word. They claim that they are worried that huge tax burdens will leave future generations worse off than the generations that preceded them.

This isn't true. There is no plausible scenario, short of war or environmental disaster, that would leave future generations worse off than their parents or grandparents. But we don't have to argue with the billionaire; let's just give future generations the option to trade places with their parents or grandparents who made out so well.

This is where the tax credit comes in. The tax credit would allow an individual to trade her after-tax income for the after-tax income that someone born 20 or 40 years sooner would have earned at the same age. For example, if someone born in 1990 believes in 2020 that their grandparents got a better deal, they would simply check off the year 1940, and they would have their taxes adjusted so that they would have the same after-tax income of a person born in 1940, when they were also age 30.

Of course, the young ones would end up big losers in this story. Real wages, on average, will be more than 50 percent higher in 2020 than they were in 1970. Even if tax rates were, on average, 5 percentage points higher, workers in 2020 will still have after-tax wages that are more than 40 percent higher than their counterparts in 1970.

This means that anyone who chose to take advantage of the intergenerational equity tax credit would end up as a big loser. That is why it can help solve the deficit problem. If people check off the tax credit, they will pay more in taxes and, therefore, increase government revenue.

It might be hard to convince large numbers of people to voluntarily pay more in taxes. This is where the Peterson Foundation comes in. They are spending huge amounts of money trying to convince young people that they are being ripped off by their parents and grandparents. They are even promoting front groups of young people to advance this effort.

With his billion dollars, Peterson could convince a huge number of gullible young people to take advantage of the intergenerational equity tax credit. Insofar as he is successful in this effort, he can help to generate billions of dollars that can be used for items like health care, preschool education, and other pressing needs.

So, let's join efforts with Mr. Peterson and encourage his followers to take advantage of the Peter G. Peterson Intergenerational Fairness Tax Credit. There is a word for taking money from willfully ignorant young people who would deny their parents and grandparents the Social Security and Medicare benefits they need to survive: justice.

Tired of these nonlocal editorials? Then get off your butt and write something for us. We need YOUR help in getting out the word on YOUR issues. Please, send your editorial proposal to mwelch@redwoodalliance.org.

Dean Baker is the co-director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR). He is the author of "Plunder and Blunder: The Rise and Fall of The Bubble Economy." He also has a blog, "Beat the Press," where he discusses the media's coverage of economic issues: www.prospect.org/deanbaker/.

PEACE NEWS

Saturday, March 21: "Stop the War Machine" National and Local Peace March. Local organizing for this event is going on now. Please call for dates and times of meetings and/or to find out how you can become involved. Info: 442-8733.

The Redwood Peace & Justice Center Board has closed the Center's doors. Info: staff@rpjc.net or www.rpjc.net.

ENTERTAINMENT, CELEBRATIONS, & CULTURE

Thursday, February 26: Lecture: "Adventures in Botany: Lichens, Bryophytes, and Big Trees" with Marie Antoine, Forest Canopy Biologist. 7 - 8:15 pm at the HSU Natural History Museum, 1315 G St, Arcata. \$2, \$4. Info: 826-4479.

Saturday, February 28: HSU International Cultural Festival, featuring the arts, crafts, dance, music and traditional food samples of more than 20 international cultures. 1 pm at HSU's Kate Buchanan Room. Free. Info: 826-5968.

Saturday, February 28: 18th Annual Indian Island Candlelight Vigil held every February to remember those who lost their lives in the 1860 Massacre and help heal the community. Prayer, song, and poetry. 6 to 8 pm at the west end of Woodley Island in Eureka. The community is welcome. Rain or shine. Please bring a candle. Info: 733-5055.

Sunday, March 1: Rummage Sale and Flea Market at Trinidad School. Event benefits the eighth grade class trip. Info: 677-3631.

Wednesday, March 4: Salt Lines Tour. Four of the country's most accomplished spoken word artists "slinging salt into the eyes of all that have ever silenced voices meant to be heard." 7:30 pm at HSU's Kate Buchanan Room. Free. Info: 826-4965.

Thursday, March 5: First Thursday Film Series: "Taking Root." "Taking Root" tells the dramatic story of Kenyan Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Wangari Maathai whose simple act of planting trees grew into a nationwide movement to safeguard the environment, protect human rights, and defend democracy. Free admission. 6 – 7:30 pm at the Morris Graves Museum, 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278 or www.humboldtarts.org.

Friday and Saturday, March 6 and 7: Humboldt Symphony and Opera Workshop Performance. 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$7, \$3. Info: 826-3456.

Saturday, March 7: Humboldt Pie 2, a benefit for Tri-County Independent Living, featuring a pie baking contest, pie eating contest, pie walk for prizes, pie and ice cream for sale, silent auction, and live folk music by Kara's Lusca. Free admission. Info: 445-8404.

Sunday, March 8: HSU Solo and Ensemble Festival. Free. 1 – 4 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$7, \$3. Info: 826-3456.

Thursday, March 12: Film Screening: "Ploverized." The story of the western snowy plover is a case study in conservation biology revealing a surprisingly close connection between everyday people and endangered species. Discussion with filmmaker Will Goldenberg and the group "Share the Beach" follows. 7 - 8:15 pm at the HSU Natural History Museum, 1315 G St, Arcata. \$2, \$4. Info: 826-4479.

Thursday, March 12: HSU Sustainable Futures Speaker Series with Heidi Ballard, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science Education at University of California, Davis, speaking on "Environmental Learning and Participatory Research in Community-Based Forestry" 5:30 pm at BSS 166 on the HSU campus. Free. Info: 826-4345.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & ALL AGES

Wednesday, February 25: Drumming up a Story, a creative story hour for children aged 3 to 12. Bring attention, imagination, and rhythm instruments. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

Wednesday, March 4: Share A Story "The Case of the Missing Cookies." Short video, stories, and crafts. A free book is available for each participating family. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

Saturday, March 7: Amphibian and Reptile Discovery Day at the HSU Natural History Museum, 10 am - 4 pm. More than 30 different live species will be featured, presented by HSU's Herpetology class. The event includes displays on the biology of amphibians and reptiles, including natural history, ecology, and conservation biology. Short talks, crafts and other hands-on activities will be on-going all day. Free with admission. Info: 826-4479.

Sunday, March 8: Second Sunday Afternoon Dance: Irish Company Dancers. Free dance performances from local dance companies. 2 – 4 pm at the Morris Graves Museum, 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278.

Saturday, March 14: Second Saturday Family Arts Day: Women's Her-Story Month. Activities for youth and families, including performances, hands-on arts projects, & interactive storytellers. Put on by the Humboldt Arts Council at the Morris Graves Museum. 2 - 4 pm at 636 F St., Eureka. Free. Info: 442-0278.

Student Bird Art Contest, sponsored by Redwood Region Audubon Society and Friends of the Arcata Marsh. \$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 media may be used (e.g., crayons, pastels, paint, pencil, collage). One entry per person. Info at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center and Strictly for the Birds in Old Town Eureka, www.arcatamarshfriends.org (click on Education link, then Student Bird Art Contest) or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Sue Leskiw, 5440 Cummings Road, Eureka 95503. Deadline: March 31.

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

Saturday, March 7: Community Tree Planting! Join the Jacoby Land Trust in planting trees 9 am - noon at the Kokte Reserve, 2182 Old Arcata Road in Bayside. All ages welcome. Snacks provided. Info: 822-0900 or jclandtrust@yahoo.com.

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Saturday and Sunday, March 28 and 29: Free Volunteer Training Workshop at Arcata Marsh, a training session for those interested in volunteering at the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary. Experts will teach attendees about birds, plants, wetlands, invertebrates, history, wastewater treatment process, and how to lead tours via lectures and field trips. Pre-registration required. Info: 826-2359.

Friends of the Arcata Marsh Launches Website. Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) announces that it has launched its website at www.arcatamarshfriends.org. The site contains information about FOAM's educational and community outreach efforts, volunteer opportunities, publications, a membership form, and calendar of events. In the future, a photo gallery of Arcata Marsh photos and back issues of the organization's quarterly newsletter, UPWIND, will be posted.

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

Friday and Saturday, March 6 and 7: 2009 Social Justice Summit, "Art for Social Change! Discovering the art in your activism; discovering the activism in your art!" Sponsored by HSU's MultiCultural Center. Info: 826-3369.

Every Tuesday, 3:30 to 7:30 pm: Tax Help! Free tax assistance from the VITA volunteers is available at the library every Tuesday. For low to moderate income people filing basic tax forms. Call 269-2016 ahead of time for an appointment, or email riches@rcaa.org. They will tell you what to bring to your appointment.

MEETINGS

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.

TALK SHOWS, COMMENTARY, & MEDIA SPECIALS

Regularly scheduled programs are now listed in the insert. Special programs or specific guests will be listed here.

"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.

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. Info: 445-0813 or www.keet.org.

Access Humboldt (Channels 8, 10, 11 & 12, public access TV, was ACAT, was APEG, was HCMC). For program schedule, submission policies and program request forms, go to www.accesshumboldt.net. To receive a weekly email with updates, call or email. Info: 476-1651 or julie@accesshumboldt.net.



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Newsletter, **Feb. 24, '09**. Vol. 15, Number 4. Published semi-monthly on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays; **next Mar. 10, '09**. For calendar items PO Box 385, Arcata 95518 or e-mail to hopecoalition@igc.org. **Next deadline. Mar. 5, '09**. Write or e-mail for sample newsletter. Newsletter volunteers: Dave Keniston, Mara Segal, Mayer Segal, Michael Welch, Paloma Orinoco. Web site: www.hopecoalition.org.

"Chaotic Action is Preferable to Orderly Inaction"—Will Rogers

Department of Peace One of Top 10 Ideas for Change Sent to Obama Administration

"**Appoint a Secretary of Peace in a Department of Peace**" was one of the nation's top 10 "Ideas for Change" presented to the Obama Administration by Change.org last month during an event at the National Press Club. This call for systems and structures to proactively address the root causes of violence earned nearly 15,000 votes, ultimately placing second out of a total of more than 7,000 ideas submitted throughout Change.org's multi-week competition.

"This outpouring of support for a U.S. Department of Peace and Nonviolence sends a clear message to the President that people want the reduction and prevention of violence in the U.S. and abroad to be a strategic national policy objective," said Lynn McMullen, Exec. Director of The Peace Alliance, a national nonpartisan organization supporting the grassroots U.S. Department of Peace Campaign. "We have been working hard to empower ordinary citizens to get their voices heard in government, and we're grateful to Change.org for providing such a vibrant opportunity for their input."

The Department of Peace secured its spot in the Top 10 due to the online activism of hundreds of committed youth and adult volunteers who helped inspire support from Yoko Ono, Congressman Dennis Kucinich, musician Jack Johnson, and a wide variety of peace advocacy organizations.

When created, the Department will be headed by a Cabinet-level Secretary of Peace appointed by the President (with the advice and consent of the Senate), and will focus on expanding the nation's capacity to resolve conflict nonviolently, prevent violence by addressing its root causes, and promote justice and democratic principles to expand human rights.

Domestically, the Department will research, propose and facilitate practical, field-tested solutions to reduce and prevent violence. It will provide additional financial and institutional heft to strengthen and complement our current approach to violence, focusing on prevention through multi-layered strategies including increased funding for local programs already proven effective at reducing and preventing violence. A Peace Academy, on par with the military service academies, will provide highly trained personnel for domestic or international nonviolent conflict resolution.

Internationally, the Department will research and analyze foreign policy and recommend to the President ways to address the root causes of war. The Department will also provide expert advice to the President on nonviolent means of diffusing or dealing with international crises.

"We look forward to the support of Change.org in continuing to build this important campaign," noted McMullen. "With this added backing we are another step closer to making the Department of Peace a reality."

Supporters are invited to **The Peace Alliance's National Conference March 20-23, 2009** in Washington, DC. After a weekend of training and education on citizenship and effective violence-reduction and prevention strategies, participants will lobby their Members of Congress to support of the Department of Peace legislation. Registration is now open on The Peace Alliance's website, www.thepeacealliance.org.

About The Peace Alliance

The Peace Alliance is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization whose mission is to empower civic activism for a culture of peace. The bill, HR 808 in the 110th Congress, was co-sponsored by 69 members of the U.S. House of Representatives in the 110th Congress, including the original sponsor. It is awaiting reintroduction in the 111th.

For more information on HR 808 and the campaign to create a U.S. Department of Peace and Nonviolence, please visit www.thepeacealliance.org

- - - 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.

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

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. 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; 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.

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.

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.

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. 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.