



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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No Thanks, No Giving

Excerpted from Natalie Wilson's blogs (see web addresses at end of editorial, page 4)

For most people I know, Thanksgiving is about spending time with friends and family, being thankful for loved ones, for having the day off work, and, of course, about stuffing oneself silly.

Alas, while attending the recent National Women's Studies Association conference in Denver, I was reminded of the importance of remembering the true history behind the day when I saw someone in attendance wearing this shirt, which reads "Genocide—Poverty—Hunger / No Thanks / No Giving! / What are you Celebrating? / Give Thanks Everyday."

The story most of us know is of the day in 1621 when Pilgrims and Native Americans supposedly shared in a harvest feast. For what really happened at this time, I defer to Dr. Tingba Apitda. He notes that,

"According to a single-paragraph account in the writings of one Pilgrim, a harvest feast did take place in Plymouth in 1621, probably in mid-October, but the Indians who attended were not even invited. Though it later became known as "Thanksgiving," the Pilgrims never called it that. And amidst the imagery of a picnic of interracial harmony is some of the most terrifying bloodshed in New World history.

The Pilgrim crop had failed miserably that year, but the agricultural expertise of the Indians had produced twenty acres of corn, without which the Pilgrims would have surely perished. The Indians often brought food to the Pilgrims, who came from England ridiculously unprepared to survive and hence relied almost exclusively on handouts from the overly generous Indians—thus making the Pilgrims the western hemisphere's first class of welfare recipients. The Pilgrims invited the Indian sachem Massasoit to their feast, and it was Massasoit, engaging in the tribal tradition of equal sharing, who then invited ninety or more of his Indian brothers and sisters—to the annoyance of the 50 or so ungrateful Europeans. No turkey, cranberry sauce, or pumpkin pie was served; they likely ate duck or geese and the venison from the 5 deer brought by Massasoit. In fact, most, if not all, of the food was most likely brought and prepared by the Indians, whose 10,000-year familiarity with the cuisine of the region had kept the whites alive up to that point."

The fact that the hospitality, the sense of community and inter-humanity is what kept the whites alive is lost in the stories we learn in the US education system. So too is the savagery of the Pilgrims—yes, the Pilgrims were the savage ones, not the indigenous peoples. As Apitda notes, "Any Indian who came within the vicinity of the Pilgrim settlement was subject to robbery, enslavement, or even murder." Yes, gotta love those happy, God-fearing Pilgrims.

This brings me to another myth—that Pilgrims and Puritans (P/P) were God-worshipping people who merely sought religious freedom (rather than power, land, and wealth). In fact, as Mitchel Cohen points out, these peoples who supposedly only desired to worship how they saw fit, used their religion to justify the persecution, enslavement, and murder of indigenous peoples. And, they were not amiss in the persecution of their own either—the gender and class stratifications meant that there was a P/P elite and an oppressed P/P underclass.

Speaking of persecution and murder brings me to the 2nd "1st Thanksgiving"—the one of 1637 that occurred near the Mystic River and involved the slaughter of at least 700 Pequot Indians. This is the real 1st Thanksgiving—the one that was named as such by the leader of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

As Mitchel Cohen relates (emphasis mine):

"Thanksgiving, in reality, was the beginning of the longest war in the U.S.—the extermination of the Indigenous peoples. Thanksgiving day was first proclaimed by the governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1637, not to offer thanks for the Indians saving the Pilgrims—that's yet another re-write of the actual history—but **to commemorate the massacre of 700 indigenous men, women, and children** who were celebrating their annual Green Corn Dance in their own house.

Gathered at this place, they were attacked by mercenaries, English, and Dutch. The Pequots were ordered from the building and as they came forth they were killed with guns, swords, cannons, and torches. The rest were burned alive in the building. The very next day the **governor proclaimed a holiday and feast to "give thanks" for the massacre. For the next 100 years a governor would ordain a day to honor a bloody victory, thanking god the "battle" had been won.** [See *Where White Men Fear To Tread*, by Russell Means, 1995; and *Facing West: The Metaphysics of Indian Hating and Empire Building*, by R. Drinnon, 1990.]

This 2nd Thanksgiving is the day which was actually recognized as such by the rulers of the time—and what they were giving thanks for was their massacre of indigenous peoples! Yet, in our sweetened version, we learn of the day in 1621. And, even this version is bent so far from truth as to be fiction—there was no turkey, no happy exchange, no "sharing" between Pilgrims and Indigenous Peoples. Rather, Indigenous Peoples GAVE, Pilgrims TOOK.

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ENTERTAINMENT, CELEBRATIONS, & CULTURE

- Friday, November 26: Buy Nothing Day**, an informal day of protest against consumerism observed by social activists, traditionally observed on the day after Thanksgiving, one of the 10 busiest shopping days of the year.
- Friday and Saturday, November 26 and 27: The Blue Ox Craftsman's Days: Living History and Artisan Faire** featuring traditional artisans from around the area as they set up shop, display their wares, and interact with the public. Blue Ox Millworks, 1 X St, Eureka. Info: 444-3437 or www.blueoxmill.com.
- Sunday, November 28: Senior Sunday at the Morris Graves.** Enjoy a Museum Tour with trained docents to learn about the Museum's history, permanent collection, and current exhibitions while sipping tea and meeting new friends! Free. 2 pm at the Morris Graves Museum, 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278.
- Monday, November 29 through Wednesday, December 15: HSU Music Dept. Free Studio Recitals and Senior Recitals**, representing a variety of instruments and talents. Info: 826-3456 or www.humboldt.edu/music/events/calendar.php.
- Tuesday, November 30 through Tuesday, December 14: "The Musicians of Bremen,"** Dell'Arte's 30th annual free holiday show. Bring a non-perishable food donation. The show will be performed at a variety of free venues around the county. Ticket locations and other info: 668-5663 or www.dellarte.com.
- Thursday, December 3: First Thursday Film Series: "The Calling,"** A behind-the-scenes look at young Americans—Christian, Jewish, Catholic, and Muslim—preparing to become America's next generation of religious leaders. Free admission. 6 - 7:30 pm at the Morris Graves Museum, 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278 or www.humboldtarts.org.
- Friday, December 3: HSU Music Dept. Symphonic Band** at 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$7, \$3. Info: 826-3456.
- Saturday, December 4: Giant ArMack Rummage and Bake Sale.** Clothes, books, housewares, specialty items and more. This sale benefits the Arcata - McKinleyville High School Orchestra. 8 am - 3 pm at the Arcata High Multi-purpose Room.
- Saturday, December 4: 21st Annual Candlelight Walk Through the Ancient Forest** at Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park. the event starts with snacks at the Visitor Center at 6 pm, followed by a walk to the campfire area and local storytelling. Info: North Coast Redwood Interpretive Association at 488-2169 or 465-2144.
- Sunday, December 5: Community Chanukah Celebration** with music by Chubritza, dancing, latkes, sing-a-long, dreidl games, artisan craft and bake sales. 4 - 8 pm at the Bayside Grange. \$10, \$5, \$25 for a family. Info: 444-2846 or www.tbe-eureka.org.
- Friday, December 10: HSU Symphony, Humboldt Chorale, & University Singers at 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$7, \$3. Info: 826-3456.
- Friday, December 10: Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir's Holiday Music Concert.** Holiday favorites with special guests McKinleyville Community Choir. 7 pm at the Arcata Presbyterian Church, 11th and G St. \$7, \$5. Info: www.arcatainterfaithgospelchoir.com or 822-4444.
- Saturday, December 11: Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir's Holiday Music Concert.** Holiday favorites with special guests McKinleyville Community Choir. 7 - 9 pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Eureka, 819 15th St. \$7. Info: 822-4444 or www.arcatainterfaithgospelchoir.com.
- Sunday, December 12:** HSU Symphony, Humboldt Chorale, & University Singers at 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$7, \$3. Info: 826-3456.
- Wednesdays, December 15 and 22: Bookmobile in Trinidad**, in the Trinidad Museum parking lot, from 1 - 4 pm. Request library books ahead of time, either online or by telephone, or browse the Bookmobile's traveling collection at www.humlib.org. Info: 269-1910.

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, December 4: KEET's Kids Club at the Morris Graves Museum of Art.** Short stories and art activities geared to youth 2 - 8 years old. Every family takes home a free book. December's book is "All About Light" Free. Noon to 2 pm. Info: 442-0278.
- Wednesday, December 8: Share A Story " Let it Snow,"** 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, December 11: Second Saturday Family Arts Day: "Holiday Cheer"** Activities for youth and families, including performances of Holiday Hula with Tatiana and Eureka Junior League Cheer, 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. Info: 442-0278.
- Sunday, December 12: Second Sunday Afternoon Dance: Tap, Jazz, and Lyrical dance with Julie Geary & Company.** Free dance performances from local dance companies. 2 - 4 pm at the Morris Graves Museum, 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278.
- Wednesdays, December 15 and 22: Bookmobile in Trinidad**, in the Trinidad Museum parking lot, from 1 - 4 pm. Request library books ahead of time, either online or by telephone, or browse the Bookmobile's traveling collection at www.humlib.org. Info: 269-1910.
- Wednesday, December 15: Family Literacy Night:** Storyteller Nancy McQuillan, specializing in humorous mountain tales, participation stories, and tales with a "twist". Free. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910.
- Thursday, December 16: Share A Story " Let it Snow,"** 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.

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

Thursday, November 25: 11th Annual Friends Of The Arcata Marsh Thanksgiving Morning Walk. Art Barab will lead a 90-minute meander around the marsh beginning at 10 am. Meet on the porch of the Interpretive Center on South G St. Info:826-2359.

Saturday, December 4: Animal Tracking & Observation Family Nature Exploration at Ma-le'I Dunes. Hunt for animal tracks with tracker Kim Cabrera, make animal track casts and check out wetland invertebrates and birds at the salt marsh. turn onto Young Lane in Manila and follow the signs down the dirt road past the Gun Club to the Refuge property. Info: 444-1397 or www.friendsofthedunes.org.

Saturday, December 18: Winter Wonderland at Lanphere Dunes. Join naturalist (and Friends of the Dunes Executive Director) Carol Vander Meer for a holiday winter wonderland walk at the beautiful Lanphere Dunes unit of the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Meet at 10 am at the Pacific Union School Parking lot. Dress for the weather and be prepared to walk up and down in sand. Info: 444-1397 or www.friendsofthedunes.org.

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.

HOLIDAY CRAFTS FAIRS

Saturday, November 27: Trinidad Holiday Artisans Festival at the Adorni Center, 10 am - 5 pm (4 pm Sunday). Entertainment, food, children's activities. Free. Info: 442.8413 or www.inkpeople.org.

Saturday, December 4: 9th Annual UIHS Winter Arts and Crafts Fair. Arts and crafts from local American Indian artists. 10 am - 5 pm at Potawat Village in Arcata. Hot food and beverages available. Info: 825-5000.

Friday - Sunday, December 3 - 5: Humboldt Artisans Crafts and Music Festival at Redwood Acres. Live entertainment, tree sale, refreshments. \$2 or toy donation. Info and hours: 444-8817.

Saturday and Sunday, December 11 and 12: Holiday Craft Market at the Arcata Community Center. Live music performances. Refreshments available. 10 am - 5 pm (4 pm Sunday). \$1 donation to youth scholarship fund. Info: 822-7091.

WORKSHOPS AND MISCELLANEOUS

Saturday, December 4: Household Hazardous Waste Collection. Maximum load limits for residents are 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste. The cost for disposal is a flat fee of \$5. 9 am - 2 pm at the Hawthorne Street Transfer Station, 1059 W. Hawthorne Street, Eureka. Info: 441-2005.

MEETINGS

Thursday, December 2: Humboldt County Human Rights Commission at 5 pm in Conference Room A in the County Courthouse. Anyone with interest in or concerns about human rights in Humboldt County is encouraged to attend. Members of the public are invited. Info: 668-4095.

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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It is the sweetened 1621 version that President Lincoln harkened back to when declaring the day a national holiday. As Glen Ford notes, "Lincoln surveyed a broken nation, and attempted nation-rebuilding, based on the purest white myth. The same year that he issued the Emancipation Proclamation, he renewed the national commitment to a white manifest destiny that began at Plymouth Rock."

This "white manifest destiny" is yet another piece of the imperial puzzle that we sweep under the rug. What all too often goes unspoken in the historical renderings of this time is race—the fact that we are talking about not merely Pilgrims or Puritans, but about WHITES, and a white supremacist ideology sought to enslave and/or eradicate all peoples of color. The "white man's burden" as analyzed infamously by Rudyard Kipling was not only a project of India and Africa, but also of the US—even though when "colonialism" is studied, the colonization of the US is often left unexamined. According to most curriculum, the US was not colonized, but settled (even though—hint hint—they called them colonies!).

Another bit of historical amnesia is the linkage between the genocide of indigenous peoples and slavery. As Dan Brook pointed out in his 2002 Counterpunch piece "Celebrating Genocide," "1619 marks the first year that human beings were brutally "imported" from Africa to become slaves in America, if they happened to survive the cruel capture and horrific Atlantic crossing." And anyone who knows the true history of Columbus knows he attempted to enslave indigenous peoples from the get go. Each of these atrocities was precipitated by the same thing: greed. Each was justified by the same ideology: white supremacy. Each translated into a CAPITALIST system shaped by racism, sexism, classism, and heterosexism.

Thus, with Thanksgiving, as Brook argues, what we are in effect giving thanks is "for being the invader, the exploiter, the dominator, the greedy, the gluttonous, the colonizer, the thief, indeed the genocidaire..." We are giving thanks for what bell hooks terms "white supremacist capitalist patriarchy."

Read more of this well written and researched blog piece at:

<http://tinyurl.com/ProfWhatIf>
<http://tinyurl.com/MsMagThanks>

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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.