DAILY CALENDAR
(Multiple Day and Ongoing Events are at end of posting)

Friday, January 8th
Fresno Filmworks presents the family drama “James White” at the historic Tower Theatre, at 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. Winner of an Audience Award at both the 2015 Sundance and AFI film festivals, the film tells the story of 20-something James White, a native New Yorker who is on the verge of a breakdown as he attempts to care for his dying mother and to see past his coddled upper middle-class life. As his mother deteriorates and the pressure on James builds, his volatile behavior puts him at risk of losing those who need him the most. This raw, fragile and intimate family story, the directorial debut from filmmaker Josh Mond, stars an ensemble cast that includes Christopher Abbott in a breakout and Independent Spirit Award-nominated performance as James. With Cynthia Nixon, Scott Mescudi, and Ron Livingston. Advance tickets cost $10 general and $8 for students and seniors, and they can be purchased by check or cash at the Tower Theatre box office, 815 E. Olive Ave. Visit FresnoFilmworks.org for tickets and details.

Friday, January 8th
The Reedley Peace Center presents Farousz Radnejad on the topic “Women in Islam.” The event takes place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 1208 L Street, Reedley, in the Fellowship Hall at Reedley’s First Mennonite Church. For more information, call Don Friesen at (559) 638-3091 or e-mail dfriesen0@gmail.com. The event is free, open to the public, and accessible to the handicapped.

Saturday, January 9th
The Uprooting Racism Project presents the film “Cracking the Codes: The System of Racial Inequity” with discussion at the African American Historical & Cultural Museum, 1857 Fulton St. (upstairs). This film asks America to talk about the causes and consequences of systemic inequity. Designed for dialogue, the film works to disentangle internal beliefs, attitudes and pre-judgments within, and it builds skills to address the structural drivers of social and economic inequities. Cracking the Codes supports institutions and communities to deepen and shift the framing of racial disparities. The current conversation is not only shallow, but actually harmful. We continue to primarily focus on individuals, when institutional and structural inequities are the bigger problem. The event is from 1-3:30 p.m. and is free & open to the public. To RSVP or for more info contact Vickie Fouts at socialjustice@sti.net or (559) 658-8260.

Saturday, January 9th
There will be an Earth Day, Fresno Volunteer Recruitment event at the Ted C. Wills Center, 770 N. San Pablo Ave., Fresno, from 3-4 p.m. Earth Day Fresno is now being administered as a program under the nonprofit aegis of the Fresno Center for
Nonviolence. Earth Day organizers are seeking to double community participation in Fresno’s annual Earth Day celebration, which will take place April 23 in 2016 at Radio Park (First & Clinton). Valley residents are encouraged to come to the Ted C. Wills Community Center January 9 to learn how they can contribute to this exciting event. Earth Day organizers wish to speak with individuals and organizations that are making a difference in our community. The theme for Earth Day 2016 is “Creating a Climate for Change.” The emphasis on change is born out of the Earth Day Fresno mission, which is to “inspire people to make changes in their daily lives to improve the health of our valley and planet.” Organizers are hoping the Earth Day celebration this April will fully represent the numerous environmental changes undertaken by caring agencies, businesses, organizations and individuals. Earth Day Fresno wants to showcase their collective achievements. All are welcome to attend the volunteer recruiting event on January 9. Parents are encouraged to bring their school-aged children. Businesses, schools and organizations are encouraged to send representatives. Come be a part of Earth Day Fresno 2016! Together we will make Earth Day 2016 an exceptional Valley event. For more information, call the Fresno Center for Nonviolence at 237-3223.

Saturday, January 9th
The Central Valley Progressive Political Action Committee (CVPPAC) will hold a holiday party (potluck) at 5 p.m. at Howard and Chris Watkins’ home at 1785 West Dovewood in Fresno. Come and get to know your fellow CVPPAC members, meet Emilio Huerta (Dolores Huerta's son) who is running for Congress and join the discussion on how we are going to elect progressives to political office, right here in Fresno. United Farm Worker co-founder Dolores Huerta told CVPPAC president Pam Whalen last night that she will be at our holiday party/potluck this Saturday. For more information, contact Pam Whalen at 559-994-9390 or pamwhalen@comcast.net.

Saturday, January 9th
The West Side Theater in Newman, CA, presents the 2016 Nor-Cal Cosies competition. Modesto Convention Corporation is hosting a unique contest that has only been done once before. They are taking some of the ideas and models from the event that took place in Chicago and turning it into a proud Central Valley event with more moving parts, a comprehensive judging system, and giving focus to the small businesses in the area. The event is the Cosies and is to be held at the Westside Theater in Newman California. This semi-formal event will include a special red carpet presentation on Main Street prior to the event. All cosplayers are welcome to enter for a fee of $5. Entry information can be found via the Facebook page norcal.cosies@Facebook.com. Voting will be done by fan voting on Facebook. The top 3 in each category will be voted on by all in attendance the night of the awards. Tickets for all seats are $25. The West Side Theatre is located at 1331 Main Street in Newman. For more information, call 209-862-4490, e-mail info@westsidetheatre.org, or go to www.westsidetheatre.org.

Saturday, January 9th
The Betty Rodriguez Regional Library Grand Opening takes place from 1:00 - 4:00 pm at 3040 N. Cedar Avenue, Fresno. Named in honor of longtime community volunteer and Library supporter Betty Rodriguez, this facility is situated at 3040 N. Cedar Ave.,
Fresno, on the southeast corner of Shields and Cedar avenues. There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony with numerous dignitaries in attendance, along with fun activities and live performances for all ages. The Betty Rodriguez Regional Library replaces the Cedar Clinton Branch Library and has twice the floor space of its predecessor. Along with the usual assortment of books, CDs, DVDs and other traditional materials, there will be an Innovation Lab with a 3D printer; special rooms for studying and community events; and an Early Learning Center for children. This Library signals the beginning of a new era in local library service. For more information on library branches, hours and services, please visit the Library online at www.fresnolibrary.org or call (559) 600-7323 (READ).

Sunday, January 10th
Come celebrate the 20th anniversary of Food Not Bombs Fresno with a Fundraising Party featuring Blake Jones and the Trike Shop, Kevin Hill Blowout, Department Store, and visual art by Maureen Duffy. There is a $10 sliding fee donation requested, and doors open at 5:30 with music and a potluck beginning at 6 p.m. Full Circle Brewery is located at 620 F Street in Fresno’s historic Chinatown.

Tuesday, January 12th
The Central Valley Justice Coalition presents a screening of the film, “Hidden in Plain Sight,” from 6-8 p.m. at Valley West Christian Center, 101 W. Adell St. in Madera. The public screening features interviews with multiple survivors of sex trafficking. Dinner will be served. Hosted by Madera County Department of Social Services and Rotary Club. For more information, call (559) 675-7841 or e-mail amanda.cook@co.madera.ca.us.

Friday, January 15th
A day-long training to help educators and others support Native American families whose children have special needs is coming to Fresno Pacific University. The Native American Cultural Competency Conference will be Friday, January 15, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in BC Lounge on the main FPU campus, 1717 S. Chestnut Ave., Fresno. The event is presented by the Native American Parent Technical Assistance Center (NAPTAC) in collaboration with Exceptional Parents Unlimited (EPU) and hosted by the FPU Special Education Division. This is the first time this training has been offered in California. Admission is $85 through January 8, 2016. Refreshments and lunch are provided. Register at http://naccc.eventbrite.com. For more information, contact Laura Tekunoff at 559-453-5559 or laura.tekunoff@fresno.edu. The goal of the workshop is to train educators, counselors, school psychologists, social workers, medical professionals and others to provide effective, culturally responsive services to Native American families of children and youth with disabilities. Instruction will be provided by Judy Wiley, Apache, of NAPTAC. Guests will include Central Valley tribal leaders.

Friday, January 15th
The Reedley Peace Center presents Layla, president of Palestinian Freedom Project, on the topic “The Israeli Occupation and My Recent Experiences.” The event takes place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 1208 L Street, Reedley, in the Fellowship Hall at
Reedley’s First Mennonite Church. For more information, call Don Friesen at (559) 638-3091 or e-mail dfriesen0@gmail.com. The event is free, open to the public, and accessible to the handicapped.

**Saturday, January 16**th
For the month of January 2016, Gallery 25 and Fig Tree Gallery will collaborate to offer a concurrent exhibit and memorial for Mary Maughelli who passed away on October 25, 2015. Mary Maughelli was a founding member of Gallery 25, long time member of Fig Tree Gallery and held a 35-year professorship of Art at California State University, Fresno. Both galleries will host a memorial reception with Mary’s family attending on Saturday, January 16 from 1-4 pm. Fig Tree Gallery is located at 644 Van Ness Ave. Fresno, and Gallery 25 is located at 660 Van Ness Ave. Fresno. For more information call Gallery 25 at 264-4092, or go to gallery25.org.

**Tuesday, January 19**th
The Central Valley Justice Coalition presents a discussion with keynote speaker Carissa Phelps, attorney, advocate, and survivor of sex trafficking, from 6pm – 8pm at Valley West Christian Center, 101 West Adell Street, Madera. Dinner will be served. This event is hosted by Madera County Department of Social Services and Rotary Club. For more information, call (559) 675-7841 or e-mail amanda.cook@co.madera.ca.us.

**Wednesday, January 20**th
The Tehipite Chapter Sierra Club General Meeting and Movie Night will screen "Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time." Considered by many to be the father of the wilderness system, wildlife management, and the science of ecological restoration, Leopold is the author of "A Sand County Almanac." This film explores his personal journey and reveals how his ideas resonate with people across the entire American landscape. The meeting and screening are from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and the event is free and open to the general public. It takes place at University of California Center, 550 E. Shaw Avenue, Fresno (between First and Fresno Street). For more information, go to sierraclub.org/tehipite.

**Friday, January 22**nd
The Reedley Peace Center presents Rev. Dr. Iva Carruthers on the topic “Remembering and Renewing King’s Dream for Peace: Black Lives Matter.” The event takes place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 1208 L Street, Reedley, in the Fellowship Hall at Reedley’s First Mennonite Church. For more information, call Don Friesen at (559) 638-3091 or e-mail dfriesen0@gmail.com. The event is free, open to the public, and accessible to the handicapped.

**Saturday, January 23**nd
The West Side Theater in Newman, CA, presents Sourdough Slim’s Wild and Wooly Revue, featuring Sourdough Slim, Robert Armstrong, and Faux Renwah. Tickets are $20 General Admission, $23 Reserved Section seating, and half price for all students. Hold on to your seats and get ready for a rollicking evening of outrageous humor and
song. This seasonal extravaganza features popular Gold Country old time music makers, Sourdough Slim & The Saddle Pals, Faux Renwah, and Robert Armstrong. This is a once-a-year opportunity to catch all these artists in a show together. Thrill to the mind-boggling yodeling of the infamous Sourdough Slim. Delight in the harmonious Western melodies of The Saddle Pals. Catch the wise-cracking Cactus Bob, lovely bass-thumping Prairie Flower and Michael P. Kennedy as they revel in Old Time Music nirvana with their Faux Renwah band. Be amazed by the world champion musical saw and string instrument wizardry of Robert Armstrong. The West Side Theatre is located at 1331 Main Street in Newman. For more information, call 209-862-4490, e-mail info@westsidetheatre.org, or go to www.westsidetheatre.org.

Sunday, January 24th
The Unitarian Universalist Church will be screening the documentary film “Pay 2 Play” at 7 p.m. This is an entertaining documentary about the corrupt role of money in politics! The screening is co-sponsored by Move to Amend. The UU Church is located at 2672 E Alluvial (between Chestnut and Willow), and is wheelchair accessible. The screening is free and open to the public. For more information, call 559-291-1590 or go to profilesplus at sbcglobal.net.

Tuesday, January 26th
The Central Valley Justice Coalition presents an expert panel discussion to develop an action plan to combat sex trafficking in Madera County. The event is from 6pm – 8pm at the Valley West Christian Center 101 West Adell Street, Madera. Dinner will be served. Hosted by Madera County Department of Social Services and Rotary Club. For more information, call (559) 675-7841 or e-mail amanda.cook@co.madera.ca.us.

Tuesday, January 26th
The Central Valley Justice Coalition presents a class on Human Trafficking 101, an introduction and overview of the issue of Human Trafficking. Topics include Current trends in our city, Red Flags and Resources, and Myths and Misconceptions. The class takes place from 7pm – 9pm at 1400 E Saginaw Way, Fresno, in the Breakout Room on the SouthEast Side of the Sanctuary. Park in the large, main parking lot and walk toward the main sanctuary building the door is on the SE corner. The cost for registration is $20.00 until 1-24-16; $25 after 1-25-15. Registration is required. Please register by emailing info@cvjusticecoalition.com with HT101 in the subject line.

Friday, January 29th
The Reedley Peace Center presents John Swenning on the topic “Reedley Peacebuilding Initiative in Kings Canyon Unified School District.” The event takes place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 1208 L Street, Reedley, in the Fellowship Hall at Reedley’s First Mennonite Church. For more information, call Don Friesen at (559) 638-3091 or e-mail dfriesen0@gmail.com. The event is free, open to the public, and accessible to the handicapped.

Saturday, January 30th
The West Side Theatre in Newman, CA, presents The Refugees, a Tom Petty tribute. Tickets are $15 General Admission, $18 Reserved Section seating, and half price for all students. The Refugees have been entertaining Bay Area crowds since 2007, bringing the music of Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers to local stages with a stunning level of realism. Voted the top tribute band in the S.F. Bay Area in 2009, their extensive song catalog includes all of Petty’s hits with the Heartbreakers as well as his solo work and other side projects like The Traveling Wilburys and Mudcrutch. Recreating all the signature guitar solos and rich vocal harmonies down to the smallest detail, The Refugees can make even die-hard Petty fans feel like they are at another Tom Petty concert. The West Side Theatre is located at 1331 Main Street in Newman, CA. For more information, call 209-862-4490, e-mail info@westsidetheatre.org, or go to www.westsidetheatre.org.

Friday, February 5th
The Reedley Peace Center presents Michael Delollis on the topic “Psychotherapy, a Spiritual Journey.” The event takes place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 1208 L Street, Reedley, in the Fellowship Hall at Reedley’s First Mennonite Church. For more information, call Don Friesen at (559) 638-3091 or e-mail dfriesen0@gmail.com. The event is free, open to the public, and accessible to the handicapped.

Friday, February 5th
The public is invited to join Peter McDonald, dean of Fresno State’s Library Services, and the Discovering Kristin Saleri committee, for the Gala Donors Opening Dinner with the artist’s family celebrating the work of Kristin Saleri — a pioneering 20th century artist of Armenian heritage who lived in Istanbul, and a preview of the exhibition that will be at Fresno State’s Madden Library from February 6th through May 31st. (For more information on the exhibition, see the “Multiple Day” section below.) The Opening Dinner takes place at 6 p.m. Tickets for the three-course catered dinner are $100. For more information or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Marcie Morrison at 559-278-7177.

Saturday, February 6th and Sunday, February 7th
Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno all-breed dog shows and obedience trials takes place at the Big Fresno Fairgrounds, 1121 S. Chance Ave., Fresno. Two all-breed dog shows and obedience trials will be held at the Big Fresno Fairgrounds. There will be about 700 dogs entered each day. Admission is free with a small parking donation. Vendors will be selling items for dogs and their owners. This is a great event for the entire family. Please leave your family pets at home. For more information contact Barbara at (559) 840-2299.

Friday, February 12th
The Reedley Peace Center presents Kelly Mitchinson who will speak about The Central Valley Justice Coalition. The event takes place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 1208 L Street, Reedley, in the Fellowship Hall at Reedley’s First Mennonite Church. For more
Wednesday, February 17th
National Career Fairs is sponsoring a Fresno Career Fair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Doubletree Inn Convention Center, 2233 Ventura in Downtown Fresno. There will be hundreds of job opportunities and multiple interview opportunities. Meet employers face to face and apply for a job at the event. For more information, call (877) 561-5627 or go to nationalcareerfairs.com.

Friday, February 19th
The Reedley Peace Center presents Paul Gilmore, professor of History at Fresno City College, on the topic “the History of California's Infrastructure.” The event takes place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 1208 L Street, Reedley, in the Fellowship Hall at Reedley’s First Mennonite Church. For more information, call Don Friesen at (559) 638-3091 or e-mail dfriesen0@gmail.com. The event is free, open to the public, and accessible to the handicapped.

Saturday, April 23rd
Save the date for Earth Day, 2016, which will take place at Radio Park (First & Clinton). For more information, call the Fresno Center for Nonviolence at 237-3223.

Friday, May 6th
“Save the Date” for the Central Valley Cancer Survivorship Conference to be held Friday, May 6, 2016. The conference will be held at Valley Children’s Hospital. Registration and breakfast will begin at 9:00 am and conclusion time has yet to be determined (in the past it has been 2pm). This free event is for all adult cancer survivors 18 years and older. Parking is also free. Family members, friends, health care providers and supporters are welcome to attend. For more information, call the Sisterhood of Survivors at (559) 439-2183.

MULTIPLE DAY EVENTS:
Throughout 2015
Due to the overwhelming success of their 2013 and 2014 Film Series’, Warnors is proud to announce the continuation of their Classic Film program for 2015. All of the 2015 Classic Films will be shown on the Warnors Theatre BIG screen on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Doors open at 6:00pm followed by the film at 7:00pm. The Classic Film Series is most people only opportunity to take a step back in time, and see classic films on the BIG screen in an authentic 1928 Movie Palace. These films allow for everyone to get involved; whether it is by attending the film, dressing up in a costume that goes with the theme of the film, volunteering, or through sponsorship. If you would like more information on getting involved or reporting on the story, please contact Michelle Swift.
through email at michelles@warnors.org or contact the office at (559)264-2848. Thanks to their sponsors, Warnors is able to provide FREE tickets for their Classic Films to school districts, and various youth organizations; such as the Boys and Girls Club. This allows for the youth to be able to attend the film, to learn about the history of film, and be able to experience the different social norms of the film’s period in history. If you know a group of students that would benefit from attending Classic Films at Warnors, or you are interested in being a sponsor, contact Michelle Swift for more information. The doors to the theatre will open at 6:00pm with a pipe organ concert from Dick Cencibaugh. To add to the festivities, if participants dress in an outfit that goes with the theme or characters in the film they can receive free admission to the film. This is a great way for everyone to get involved and make it a fun experience. Folks may purchase tickets at the Warnors Box Office or at the door the evening of the film, when the doors open at 6:00pm. Tickets are $5 for individuals, and children under 12 are FREE! If you would like further information or to see the movie schedule for 2015 please visit their website at www.warnors.org or call the office at (559)264-2848.

**Tuesday, September 22nd through Tuesday, January 12th, 2016**
The Fresno County Department of Public Health has scheduled influenza vaccination clinics for the 2015-16 flu season at multiple locations throughout the county. The cost of each flu vaccination will be $6.00. Medi-Cal for children and Medicare Part B will also be accepted. The 2015-16 flu vaccine is designed to protect against the viruses that are most likely to cause disease this flu season. In accordance with federal and state guidelines, it is recommended that each person six months of age and older should be vaccinated each year. Vaccination is the best protection against the flu and its potential complications. Vaccine also helps prevent spreading the flu virus person-to-person. It takes about 2 weeks for protection to develop after the vaccination, and protection lasts several months to a year. For children 8 years and younger, if this is their first flu shot they should receive two shots this season separated by 4 weeks. For dates, times, and locations of the Department of Public Health flu vaccination clinics for Fresno County residents, please visit www.fcdph.org/flu or call the Immunization Information Line at 1-888-993-3003.

**Thursday, November 12th through Sunday, January 10th**
Good Company Players’ presents the award-winning musical, “A Christmas Story, The Musical,” at Roger Rocka’s Dinner Theater. It’s everybody’s favorite Christmas Story, kicked up a notch with wonderful music, and as delightful as ever! Set in Indiana in 1940, this crowd-pleasing musical follows young Ralphie Parker and his quest for the Holy Grail of Christmas gifts – an Official Red Ryder carbine-action 200-shot Range Model air rifle with a compass in the stock and a thing that tells time. Rebuffed at every turn, Ralphie plots numerous schemes to acquire the coveted BB gun. You’ll find all your favorite scenes from the iconic movie: the tongue stuck to the flagpole, the leg lamp, Scut Farkus the bully, the bunny suit, and “You’ll shoot your eye out!” with the added spectacle that only a musical can create. The delightfully versatile score ranges from gentle ballads to show-stopping production numbers. Be a part of your favorite
show at Christmas time--this one is not to be missed! The show takes place at Roger Rocka’s Dinner Theater, 1226 N. Wishon, at Olive and Wishon in The Tower District. Performances are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Friday & Saturday at 8:00 p.m., & Sunday matinee at 2:00 p.m. On Thursdays, a buffet is served beginning at 5:30 p.m., with a Pre-Show featuring Good Company Players’ Junior Company at 7:00 and the performance at 7:30 p.m. On Fridays & Saturdays, dinner is served beginning at 5:30 p.m., with the Pre-Show at 7:30 p.m. and the performance at 8:00 p.m. For the Sunday matinees, a brunch buffet is served beginning at 11 a.m., with the Pre-Show at 1 p.m. and the performance at 1:30 p.m. And on Sunday evenings, a buffet is served beginning at 5:00 p.m., with the Pre-Show at 7:00 p.m. and the performance at 7:30 p.m. The cost for Thursdays & Sundays Buffet & Show is $50.00 per person; Show Only - $30.00. The cost for Friday & Saturday Served Meal & Show is $55.00; Special drinks & dessert packages available. Groups of 16 or more are eligible for discounts. For tickets and more information, call 266-9494 or 800-371-4747; or go online to www.rogerrockas.com.

Saturday, January 2nd through Sunday, February 21st
Good Company Players’ rollicking production of “Moonlight and Magnolias” opens the 2016 Season at GCP’s 2nd Space Theatre on January 2nd, 2016. It is 1939 and Hollywood is abuzz. Producer David O. Selznick has stopped filming his new epic, “Gone With The Wind” and everyone wants to know why. While Selznick fends off the film’s stars, gossip columnists and his famous father-in-law, he frantically comes to grips with the fact that the script stinks and the director hasn’t a clue. He pulls director Victor Fleming off the set of The Wizard of Oz and sends a car for ace script doctor (and possibly the only person in America who has not read Gone With The Wind), Ben Hecht. Selznick locks himself and the other two in his office for five maniacal days with nothing to eat but bananas and peanuts. Based on historical events, Moonlight And Magnolias is written as farce but touches on serious issues of race, greed, and ego. The resulting play is “at once a hyperventilating slapstick comedy, and impassioned love song and a blazing critique of Hollywood…” (Chicago Sun Times). Show times are · Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays & Saturdays at 8:00 p.m., & Sunday matinees at 2:00 p.m. The cost is $20 general admission; $17 for students/seniors/military; $12 student rush. For more information, call 559-266-0660/800-371-4747, or buy tickets online at 2ndspace theatre.com. 2nd Space Theatre is located at 928 E. Olive in the Tower District.

Friday, January 22nd through Sunday, May 1st
The Fresno Art Museum opens its WINTER/SPRING EXHIBITION SERIES with six new exhibitions including a selection of objects from the Permanent Collection on January 22, 2016. These include:

- Frida Kahlo: Through the Lens of Nickolas Muray
- Anne Scheid: BODY/LAND III
- Sonia Romero: Printmaker
- Richard G. Freitas: Promise Land
- RAD Fresno State Women
- Mexican Folk Art from the Permanent Collection
The Fresno Art Museum is located at 2233 North First Street, at Clinton & First, next to Radio Park. For more information, call 559-441-4221, or go to their website, www.fresnoartmuseum.org.

Wednesday, January 27th through Wednesday, February 24th
Merced County Supervisor John Pedrozo has set the dates for the 11th annual town hall meetings throughout District One. Town hall meetings are informal public forums where everyone in the community is invited to attend, voice their opinions and hear responses from County/public representatives regarding subjects of interest or emerging issues. All four meetings are at 6:30 p.m. The first is on Wednesday, January 27th at Le Grand Legion Hall, 12560 Le Grand Road, Le Grand. The second is Wednesday, February 3rd at the Planada Community Center, 9167 E. Stanford Avenue, Planada. The third is on Wednesday, February 17th at Tenaya Middle School (Multipurpose Room), 760 W. 8th Street, Merced, and the fourth is Wednesday, February 24th at Livingston City Council Chambers, 1416 “C” Street, Livingston. Supervisor Pedrozo has coordinated the participation of several Merced County department heads that will be on hand to answer questions or respond to concerns raised by the public. Representatives of Congressman Jim Costa, State Senator Anthony Cannella and Assemblyman Adam Gray will be invited to hear concerns relating to District One residents. This is a great opportunity to learn about important matters in the community and for public representatives to hear from those in attendance. For more information on these town hall forums, please contact Grethel Croasdale at 209-385-7366.

Saturday, February 6th through Tuesday, May 31st
The Henry Madden Library at Fresno State will present a retrospective exhibition of artwork by Kristin Saleri — a pioneering 20th century artist of Armenian heritage who lived in Istanbul — in the Leon S. Peters Ellipse Gallery and Pete P. Peters Balcony gallery. Despite the challenges presented by her gender and ethnicity, she secured her place as a member of the founding generation of modern art in Turkey. Saleri, who trained in Paris, was influenced stylistically by Impressionism and used art to convey a message of modern feminism. Her work is filled with images evoking her love of the vast Anatolian landscape and its people — from women in traditional village dances to Bosporus fishermen to laborers in booming post-World War II factories. Stylistically, Saleri’s work presents a blend of Eastern mysticism and Western Impressionism. Her folkloric themes range from Christian images to whirling dervishes, and from Mother Earth to the Tree of Life. Her message was one of inclusivity, expressing her deep appreciation for the range of diversity in nature and humanity. The exhibition is curated by Fresno natives Joyce Kierejczyk and Carol Tikijian, who also curated a spring exhibition at the Fresno Art Museum of works by artists of Armenian descent in commemoration of the centennial of the Armenian genocide. The artworks exhibited are on loan from members of Saleri’s family who reside in Houston. For more information on the artist, visit www.kristinsaleri.com. For more information on the exhibition, visit www.library.fresnostate.edu or contact Cindy Wathen at 559-278-1680 (office), 559-593-3604 (cell) or ciwathen@csufresno.edu.
ONGOING

Every Day
Occupy Fresno is at Fresno’s Courthouse Park (on the south end, off Tulare between Van Ness and M Street). They hold a General Assembly every day at 6 p.m. and there have been arrests every day, shortly after midnight. For more information, go to http://occupyfresnoca.com/

Every Tuesday
Starting 8/27/13, the Islamic Cultural Center of Fresno will be holding classes on the Quran focusing on pronunciation and memorization. The classes are free (donations appreciated) and start at 7 p.m. If interested please contact Rebecca by e-mail to Rebecca.alhaider@gmail.com. No registration is needed.

Every Tuesday through Thursday
The Fresno County Department of Public Health offers free confidential rapid HIV testing at the Fresno County Department of Public Health building at 1221 Fulton Mall, Specialty Clinic Area, First Floor, from 8:30 am – 11:00 am and 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm. For more information, contact Jena Adams, Supervising Communicable Disease Specialist, at (559) 600-3434.

Every Wednesday through the 2014 school year
New Horizons Music provides adults a fun entry or reentry into music making! Whether you were in school band or orchestra, would like to learn a new instrument, or have only dreamed of playing, New Horizons offers a welcoming environment that offers you the chance to participate and progress at your own rate. Rehearsals are going on each Wednesday starting at 5:30 p.m. for string instruments and 6:30 p.m. for band instruments. Groups perform at least two concerts each school year. All meetings are at the Bullard High School Band Room, 5445 N. Palm, Fresno. For more information, contact Craig Erker at craig.erker@gmail.com or Archie Rader at 559-273-8309.

Every Wednesday and Friday
Patricia Wells Solorzano and Agustin Lira, founders of El Teatro Campesino), have formed a theatrical group with Fresno youth that will raise awareness of the problems negatively affecting the health of boys and young men of color, such as drugs, gangs, obesity, teen pregnancy, high numbers of youth incarcerated or expelled from schools, unemployment and poverty. The Theater for Boys and young Men of Color will be composed of youth ages 16-28 who will be trained in acting to the extent that they will be capable of performing before general audiences. The participants will be engaged in the creation of skits, one-act plays and in the development of a one and a half hour theatrical production with music to be performed toward the end of this year long project. Along with theater, musical presentations will also take place performed by the participants who will also receive musical training. This project will be taking place at The Cecil C. Hinton Community Center, 2385 South Fairview Ave., 93706, on Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Gwen Morris at (559) 412-7118.
Every Friday
California Employment Development Dept. invites you to attend the Resume Preparation Assistance program with one on one assistance provided to all job seekers with CalJOBS registration, creating a strong and effective resume, obtaining job leads and referrals, information on training and education opportunities and other helpful resources. The workshops are every Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fresno EDD office at 2555 S. Elm. No appointments are necessary. Bring a valid ID and social security card. For more information, call (559) 445-6747.

Every Saturday
There is a medical clinic for the homeless, actively injecting drug users and prostitutes every Saturday from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. or until the last patient is served. You can find them near Hughes and Olive Ave. The clinic is staffed by Dr. Marc Lasher and volunteers. Financial donations are accepted. For more information, call 266-0444.

Every Saturday
Food Not Bombs feeds the hungry from 1 - 2 p.m. near the Olive Ave entrance to Roeding Park. If you would like to help them prepare the meal, they meet every Saturday at Wesley United Methodist Church (1343 E. Barstow) at 10am. For more information email fresnofnb@hotmail.com or visit the official FNB website, foodnotbombs.net.

Most Saturdays
Most Saturdays there is a Fresno Free Bicycle Repair Clinic from 1 - 3 p.m. near the Olive Ave entrance to Roeding Park, beside Food Not Bombs. Donations of bicycle parts, inner tubes, and blinky lights are welcome. Volunteers are needed to help with minor repairs. For more info and to arrange donations, e-mail: garza.reyes@live.com.

1st Saturday of each month:
The South Valley Peace Center holds a demonstration for peace at Mooney and Walnut in Visalia, from 1-2 p.m. For more information visit southvalleypeacecenter.org.

2nd Saturday of each month:
Divorce Options Workshops are offered on the second Saturday of every month by Central Valley Collaborative Law Affiliates. This program provides information about the divorce process and the options available to anyone considering divorce. Each workshop is presented by an interdisciplinary team of legal, financial and mental health professionals on the second Saturday of each month at the Fresno Ramada Inn, 324 East Shaw Avenue, Fresno, California from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It is offered at NO CHARGE to attendees as a public service of Central Valley Collaborative Law Affiliates. Pre-registration is recommended due to limited seating. Further information and pre-registration may be obtained at divorcefresno.eventbrite.com, or contact John McDaniel at (559) 226-4420.

Every Sunday
Food Not Bombs serves free food at Courthouse Park to anyone who is hungry. They start cooking at 1 PM and serve the food at 3 PM (meet at the Tulare side of the park). For more information go to [http://cafefresno.org](http://cafefresno.org).

**First Wednesday of each month:**
A Women in Black Silent Vigil takes place from noon to 1 p.m. at the Fresno County Courthouse, 1100 Van Ness Ave. Show your support for peace and negotiated settlements of current U.S. military actions. Stand silently and advocate for peace. For more information, call 559-278-7140 or 559-225-2850. This vigil takes place the 1st Wednesday of each month.

**Every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month:**
A new Toastmasters club in Exeter meets twice a month. More info can be found on our site as well: [http://exeter.toastmastersclubs.org](http://exeter.toastmastersclubs.org), or send an e-mail to officers-4405971@toastmastersclubs.org.

The “**Goodie Bag Project**” is collecting small toiletry items brought home from hotels and vacations to provide gifts for women incarcerated in Central Valley Women’s Prisons. This is a collaborative effort of the CCWF Inmate Family Council, the Fresno Center for Nonviolence, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fresno Social Justice Committee, and the United Methodist Church of Merced. They are seeking sample/travel size bath gels, body soap, lotions, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, small combs and pocket sized packages of tissues (no food, candy, edibles, drinkables, mouthwash or anything containing alcohol). They are also collecting all kinds of greeting cards, wooden pencils and clear, colorless pens, as well as paper scratch pads and picture postcards. Items may be dropped off at the Center for Nonviolence, 1584 N. Van Ness Ave., south of McKinley, during open hours, M - F, 11 AM - 3 PM. Checks can be made out to “FCNV Prison Ministry - Goodie Bags,” and mailed to the Center at the above address, or dropped off in person. Receipts will be given. All donations are tax-deductible. For additional information or to see if an item is allowable under prison rules, call Maria Teleseco at 559-255-9492. Please remember all items must be SMALL.

**Volunteers Needed:** Collective for Arts, Freedom, and Ecology (CAFE) Fresno, whose mission is to provide a safe space for all people and provide programs and events that provide enrichment and information to Fresno and the Central Valley, is looking for volunteers, especially for Food Not Bombs, an organization that provides a nutritious meal to anybody that would like and need one. Food Not Bombs is in dire need of physical and financial help, and will accept anything that might go to waste that is still useful. This includes but is not limited to: clothing, toys, tools, and furniture. All of these items will be redistributed to others that need them. Food Not Bombs meets on Sundays at CAFE Infoshop (935 F. Street in Fresno) at noon sharp, to chop and cook until 3. At 3 p.m., they serve at the courthouse park. For more information call Vanessa at (559) 485-3937 or e-mail vanpadilla@gmail.com.

**Host an International High School Exchange Student**
High school students from around the world come to the US to spend a year or a semester in American schools. Your family can learn about Germany, China, Finland, Italy, or another country by hosting a student. International Experience is a non-profit that helps you connect with an exchange student hoping to study abroad and invites you to share your home with a student who will become a part of your family. Students in the International Experience program must meet strict guidelines and complete multiple screenings in their home countries. During their stay they are covered by their own health insurance and provide their own spending money. These students want to come to the US to practice English and learn about our culture. As a host family, you simply provide a bed, family meals and invite your student to participate in your family’s traditions and introduce them to our American culture. To learn more about the opening your heart and home to an exchange student contact International Experience at 888-266-29 21. or visit ie-usa.com.

Every Thursday:
On Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m. guitarist and singer/songwriter Steve Ono is hosting the Smugglers Open Mic Night. The Smuggler’s lounge is like a large living room with a small PA set up in the corner. Listening will be encouraged. Musicians, singers and spoken word are all welcome. The content must be family friendly. Each guest artist will be playing 2 to 3 songs depending on the number of participants. Minors are allowed when accompanied by a responsible adult. Steve will play back up guitar or read sheet music (lead sheets preferred) for the artists on request. Steve Ono has been playing and teaching guitar in the Fresno/Clovis area for more than 35 years with hundreds of former students. The Smuggler’s at the Park Inn is a full service restaurant with a full bar. There is a two drink minimum. Dinner is available. The restaurant is located at 3787 North Blackstone Avenue in Fresno. For information, call (559) 230-8450

Ongoing:
The AMVETS Call of Duty Endowment Career Centers provide FREE career training and employment assistance to veterans, active duty service members, National Guard, and Reserve members and spouses. For additional information please call 877-726-8387, once again that is 877-726-8387.

Fresno County Public Library is recruiting skilled volunteers to assist teens and parents fill out applications for college and financial aid. When schools are closed, rural students throughout the county often find it difficult to access materials and computers that can help with this milestone in a student’s life. The Fresno County Public Library not only provides a safe and welcoming environment for these students and families, but also has the needed technology and print materials to help them navigate the college and career path. Those with Spanish language skills are encouraged to apply. By becoming a College Prep Coach, volunteers will dedicate a few hours each week to help families unfamiliar with the task of completing important applications. "All students must have direct access to materials and technology to succeed in life,” says County Librarian Laurel Prysiazny. “By staffing several rural branches with trained volunteers, the Library’s College Prep Program will assist students and families with
laying the groundwork for making college a reality.” If you would like to help a teen go
to college visit http://www.fresnolibrary.org and click on the volunteer banner, or call
Elizabeth Finkle at (559) 600-9230.