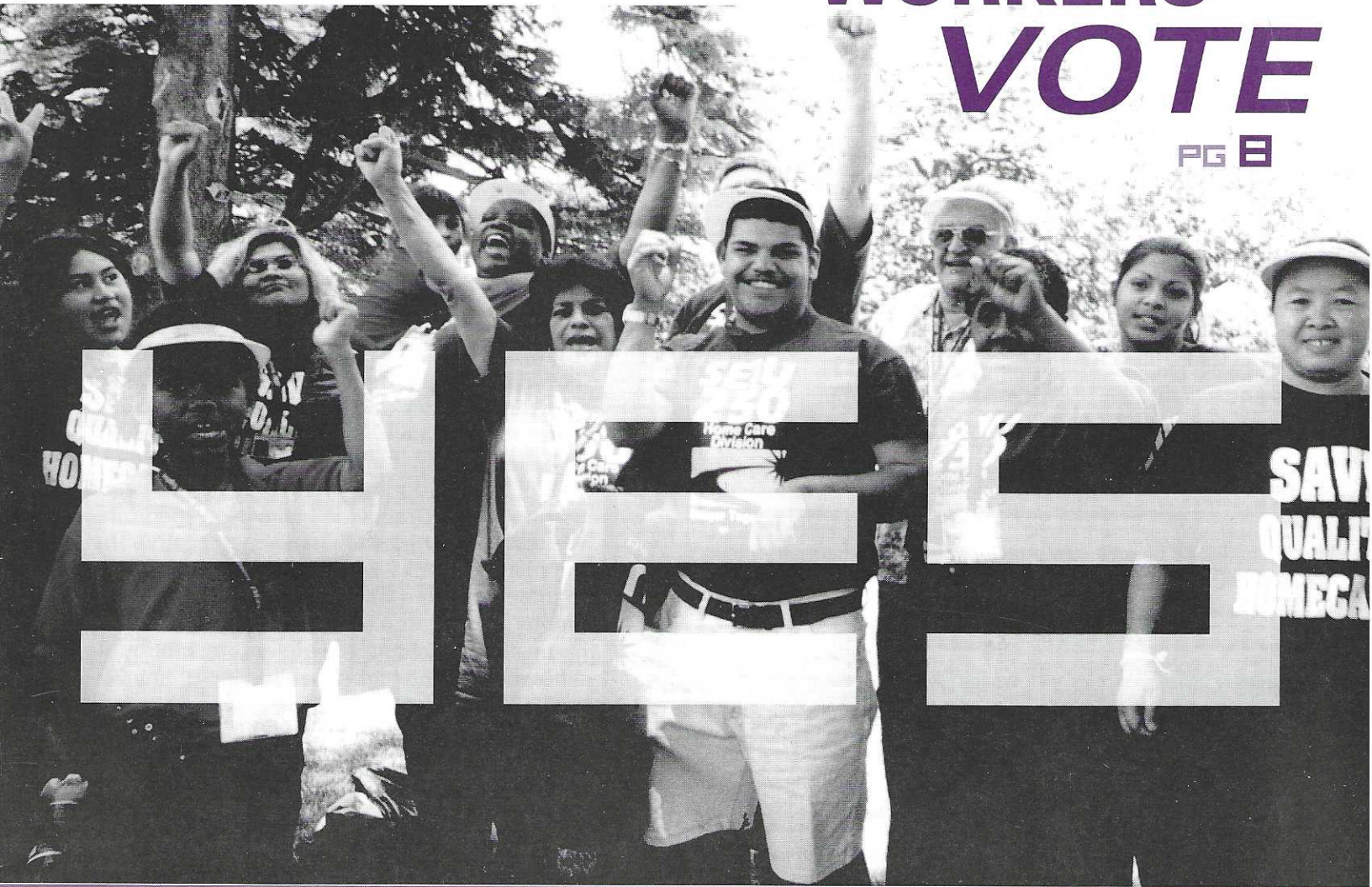


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## DIALOGUE FOR PEACE

> Richard Stone

Judaism, Christianity, Islam, the "religions of the book," all believe in one God. If there is only one, must it not be the same God? And this God is described repeatedly as a God of mercy, peace and love. So why has there been incessant war between adherents of these groups? Is violence in the name of religion a universal error of human understanding that we need to evolve beyond? Jim Compton-Schmidt (a Mennonite peace activist), Ghassan Abulghanam (president of the Fresno branch of the American-Arab Anti-discrimination Committee), Richard Stone (Jewish, program director of the Fresno Center for Nonviolence) and Jim Grant (Catholic TV host, KNXT) have entered into preliminary conversation on these and related questions, including a program aired in early June on channel 49's "Grapevine" television magazine. We convened with the shared perspective that the historical mission of each religion must be re-interpreted to meet the realizations and conditions of contemporary life. We are in agreement that teaching nonviolent resolution to differences is the highest obligation of any 21st century religion. We are inviting members of the public who share these understandings to join us for "Bridges to Peace: Jews, Christians, Muslims in Conversation" on July 11th at 7 p.m. at the Fresno Mosque (2111 E. Shaw, across from CSUF).

**This is NOT a debate, it is an occasion to state clearly our beliefs and fears, and begin a process of establishing trust. If you have questions, you can contact us at the following numbers:**  
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# SAROYAN LIVES! NOW WHAT?

> Tom Moradian

SAROYAN

WILLIAM SAROYAN WAS A KIND MAN WHO LOVED FIGS AND CHILDREN, BUT HE WAS ALSO CONTROVERSIAL IN WAYS MORE ATTRACTIVE NOW THAN WHEN HIS AUDIENCE WAS MUCH LARGER. PERHAPS BECAUSE OF THE WARMTH AND HUMOR OF HIS STORIES,

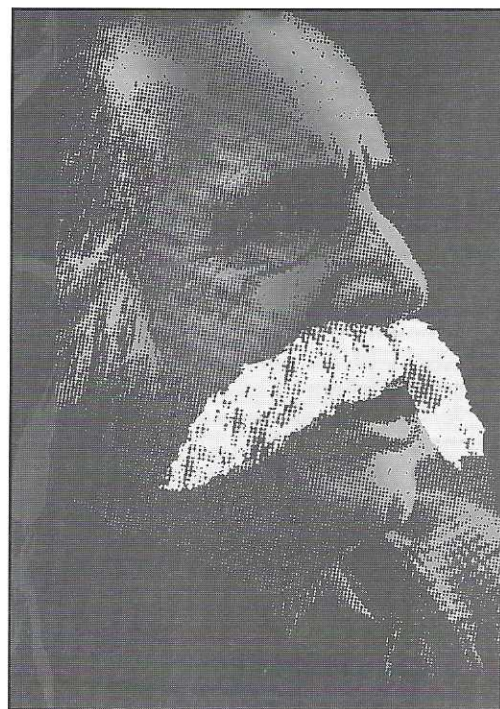
we ignore the role he plays in the greatest anti-war novel of our time. In 1940 Saroyan won the Pulitzer Prize for the play *The Time of Your Life*, and refused it. The work was reward enough, he said. He also refused a thousand dollars and a case of whiskey if one of the play's characters ordered Scotch instead of Bourbon. He's a Bourbon drinker, he explained.

He was most strident in his refusal to pay income tax. More than once I heard him bellow "It's not their goddamn money, it's mine!" Years of uninspired writing paid his debt, but his reputation suffered permanently.

Saroyan tried to avoid WW II; he didn't believe in it, as though it would go away. He was drafted into the army to write instructional films, the most famous one about how to load boxcars. He took months to create a one-page script that read: "Boxcars are very easy to load." This did not please his superiors, who sent him on trips all over the country researching boxcar-loading. Months later he produced another script: "Boxcars are very difficult to load." After he twice called in sick, a squad of MPs carried him to a mental ward where he was accused of pretending to be crazy. He protested that pretending to be crazy is a sure sign of craziness.

He was whisked off to London where he developed an uncanny ability to discern which officers to salute on the street. The tip-off, he said, was the look on the face not

the uniform. He claimed this was his greatest achievement of the war. He rejected his promotion to private first class and did not place the stripe on his uniform until threatened with court martial. Saroyan's dark comment on the military is the novel *The Adventures of Wesley Jackson*. As he wrote the novel, he kept a journal from which Lawrence Lee and Barry Gifford quote him on war: "I enjoy no part of it, I cherish no part of it, I loathe all of it and always will. . . . There are better reasons for being human than inhumanity. (Saroyan 118) I picked up Joseph Heller's anti-war novel *Catch-22* in Saroyan's Paris apartment, where I lived a few months. The title means a double-bind: John Yossarian cannot quit WW II by pleading insanity, because wishing to quit the war proves he's sane. As a bombardier Yossarian routinely dropped loads of bombs into the sea off the Italian coast, far from the targets, and the people, he'd been ordered to destroy. Then he'd yell "Turn back! Turn back!" before Nazi fighters could kill him. The war for Yossarian a vast conspiracy to cause his death. It made no difference which side he was on, he knew, because war and all in it are insane. This became clear when his fellow fliers rented themselves and their planes to the Germans, who were short on planes but long on unusually good sausage. They bombed and then strafed their own airfield. The bombing was generally accepted as good business, but the machine-gunning



was considered, by some, excessive.

I was so immersed in Paris that only gradually did I realize that Saroyan inspired Heller to create Yossarian. Later I tinkered with their names and saw this more clearly. So far as I know, Heller, who died in 1999, never acknowledged his debt to Fresno's greatest person. Of course my critical sense may be off due to the affection I feel for this great but difficult man. Perhaps it's best to read *Catch-22* and much Saroyan and judge for yourself. He's in our libraries, happy to be read instead of celebrated.

Just before he died in Fresno in 1981, Saroyan asked, "Now what?" You can find him, still loathing war's inhumanity, at the sane heart of *Catch-22*.

**"Good people are good because they've come to wisdom through failure. We get very little wisdom from success, you know."**

*William Saroyan*



# WAY OF PEACE AWARDS

## 10TH ANNUAL

> Richard Stone

FRESNO CENTER FOR NON-VIOLENCE



AT OUR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN JUNE, WE PRESENTED OUR 10TH ANNUAL WAY OF PEACE AWARDS TO THE FOLLOWING WELL-DESERVING HONOREES:

### DALLAS Blanchard

For over 20 years of peace activism embracing such causes as nuclear disarmament, environmental protection, de-militarization, homelessness and police brutality. Dallas-a courageous free spirit in this bastion of conservatism-currently is a leading light with Food Not Bombs, Needle Exchange and the Fresno County Green Party Central Council.

### Rev. Bryan JESSUP

Involved with a legion of religious, social and humanitarian issues impacting Fresnoans through his ministry at the Unitarian Universalist Church. Bryan currently is co-chair of the Interfaith Alliance, and is an Honorary Board Member of our Center.

### JOAN Poss

Another activist whose work in Fresno spans decades. Joan is currently most visible as a leader of FRESCAMP, the pesticide watchdog organization, and as one of the plaintiffs in the legal action brought on by the GAP demonstrations at Fashion Fair (i.e. she was one of those arrested there). She also serves on the Fresno County Green Party Central Council, and the Board of the YMCA, and is a long-time member of WILPF.

### Vincent LAVERY

A tireless advocate of justice and equality, especially for at-risk youth. Vincent is best known for bringing "children in the cross-fire" from Northern Ireland and Lebanon for summers in the U.S.; and for his media work in print, TV and radio. He is the Center's Secretary, and a founding member of Peace Fresno.



Ghassan AbulGhanan skillfully hosted the Center's 10th Anniversary celebration

*Our 2nd Annual Youth Awards were presented to:*

### Jeremy HOFFER

Since his post-collegiate return to Fresno, he has become a wonderful spirit organizing and motivating his peers. His involvements include being lead organizer for the last two Earth Day Celebrations; doing media work with the Green Party, KFCF and the Community Alliance; working with Sun Mt., the Bicycle Coalition, and the Fresno Community Gardens Network. He is equally appreciated for his socially conscious music with the band WADAMA.

### GABRIELLE Kirkland

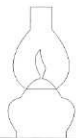
As a student at CSUF and as a journalism intern, she has followed peace & justice issues by preference. In the past year she has stepped forward as president of United Students Against Sweatshops, helping organize the campaigns against GAP and Taco Bell. Gabrielle also serves as host for WILPF's edition of Stir It Up. At the anniversary, special awards were also given to the American-Arab Anti-discrimination committee and Peace Fresno for their post-911 work demonstrating the power of the Way of Peace even in the face of rampant militarism.

**CONGRATULATIONS HONOREES!**

**FOR THE RECORD:** The Center is used for meetings by several organizations whose work-and commitment to nonviolence- has been judged by our Board to be consistent with our purposes. For the sake of clarity, we'd like to state that the Center makes efforts to communicate our particular understanding of nonviolence to groups who use our premises. However, we understand that they are independent organizations which we do not, and do not seek to, control. Should any of our "tenant groups" perform an action that is deemed to be contrary to our mission, we have the prerogative to deny them further access to the Center.

**If anyone in the community believes that breeches of nonviolence have occurred, we would appreciate their informing us of the questionable actions. We would also request the person bringing a concern to participate in our discussions to determine the facts and implications of the situation in question.**





## THE WELCH REPORT A LETTER TO PRESIDENT BUSH FROM P.S.R.

> Jack H. Welch, M.D.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

"We write to you as physicians and health professionals deeply engaged in caring for our fellow human beings. We are profoundly concerned about the recent pronouncements and policies of your Administration regarding nuclear weapons, and are particularly disturbed by your unilateral threats to use nuclear weapons against sovereign nations. According to the International Court of Justice, this is both morally indefensible and legally impermissible.

"We also strongly oppose policies enunciated in your Administration's recent Nuclear Posture Review, which envision the possible testing, production and use of nuclear weapons throughout the 21st Century." (This stance clearly flouts long-standing US legal obligations under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty [1968] to eliminate nuclear weapons, and can only stimulate the proliferation of these weapons, which in turn will increase the ability of terrorists to obtain nuclear devices.)

"We are especially troubled since numerous authoritative medical studies have indicated that a nuclear war would threaten human survival and that even a single nuclear explosion would overwhelm medical facilities and cause unacceptable mass casualties in any city on Earth... Nuclear weapons are the ultimate vehicle of indiscriminate violence, and they must be abolished.

"Instead of relying on the false security of new kinds and new uses for nuclear weapons, we call upon you as President of the US to take the lead in world nuclear disarmament efforts. We advocate in the strongest possible terms that you and the US government not lead our nation and the world into an era in which the use of these ultimate weapons of mass destruction is made more likely."

*(Signed by the President and the Executive Director of Physicians for Social Responsibility)*



### A NUCLEAR TERRORISM SCENARIO

Expected casualties from a 12.5 kiloton nuclear explosion (about size of Hiroshima bomb) at ground level in New York City have been projected as follows: the blast and thermal effects would kill 72,000 immediately, and direct radiation would cause 44,000 cases of radiation sickness of which 10,000 would be fatal. Radiation from fallout would kill another 200,000. 1,000 hospital beds would be destroyed in the blast, and 8,700 more rendered useless by radiation exposure. Remaining medical services would quickly be overwhelmed, emphasizing that the only response to such an incurable disaster is prevention. (P.S.R. Reports spring 2002)

### THE NUCLEAR POSTURE REVIEW

The Nuclear Posture Review (NPR), a periodic review of US nuclear weapons policy, lists countries "against which the US should be prepared to use nuclear weapons in a first strike, including Iraq, Iran, N. Korea, Libya, Syria, China and even Russia." The Pentagon would also like to develop and test a new class of "more usable" nuclear weapons, e.g., the "bunker buster," for use in regional conflicts.

"This NPR views nuclear weapons as just another weapon available to US forces in conventional conflicts, not solely as a deterrent force." The plans outlined in the current NPR "will reduce, not enhance, US security and could bring nuclear war out of the theoretical realm into reality." (Source: P.S.R. Security Program Update May (2002))

**ACTION:** Tell our members of Congress we oppose funding for new nuclear weapons and for enhanced test site readiness (Nevada Test Site).



# PEACE FRESNO!

## WHO are THESE PEOPLE?

> Steven Bayne and Erin Zimmers

When we were asked to supply Peace Fresno's monthly supplement to Community Alliance, there was little hesitation fluttering about our breasts: but of course we would share our thoughts and impressions of this much maligned city, as some dear friends from the coast

stated with anything but endearment: the "arm pit" of California. You see, previous to our moving here, we had been occupying the verdant, undulating hills of upstate New York where apple orchards and corn fields are disturbed only by vast areas of forested acreage, where the sinuous path of the Hudson river offers inspiration to Pete Seeger, and to the gentle residents of that fertile valley a seasonal catch of shad and striped bass. With this in mind, our friends, family members, and the odd stranger one meets while relaxing in a Gilroy jacuzzi, thought it somewhat perplexing that we should choose, of all the conceivable localities which comprise this great nation of ours, this unusually asthmatic region of Central California. At the time, I thought it peculiar that such a question was posed so frequently, and by such a dynamic chorus of voices, but now we understand! And so, our indulgent readers, uncross your legs, exhale that last breath of salubrious Fresno air, and give us two minutes of your day to peruse - and possibly send to the refuse - this respectfully submitted article.

At this point, you, our ever-patient reader, might ask, "Who are these people, and how did they hear about Peace Fresno?" The answer to this question rests on the struggles of those enduring listeners who, after significant trials and tribulations of epic proportion, fought the greedy and corrupt ways of certain individuals trying to expropriate, for an altogether abhorrent use, the beneficent airwaves of KPFA. It is quite safe to say that without the vitality of the aforementioned station, and its local affiliate, KFCF, we would not have heard about the fine work being done in the name of peace and justice by the members of Peace Fresno. Since attending our first meeting in March 2002, we have had the privilege to work side by side with some of the bravest members of our fine community. Risking ridicule and scorn from other less enlightened minds - including one local radio personality who referred to those on the corner of Blackstone and Shaw as "terrorists" - we have undertaken, but were not limited to, the following proactive activities:

**DRAFTING** a resolution outlining eight steps which the Israeli government and the Palestinian Authority would be wise to consider if peace is to blossom in the land of milk and honey ([www.PetitionOnline.com/peace/fre](http://www.PetitionOnline.com/peace/fre)).

**STAFFING** a booth at the Gay Pride Festival, which served to inform people of Peace Fresno's purpose, as well as to collect signatures for the resolution mentioned above.

**HANGING** thousands of door-knob hangers opposing the Bush clan's current foreign policy as part of a state-wide campaign sponsored by PeaceAction of California.

**VOLUNTEERING** to plan and host the June 22nd event celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Fresno Center for Nonviolence.

**RAISING** awareness weekly through events held on the corner of Blackstone and Shaw.

We, as an organization, have so much work to do. The pressing needs felt by all of us today, ask us to respond; and since despondency is not an option, we must act. Through the simplicity of mindful, nonviolent protest, and purposeful resistance to the bellicose rhetoric discharging from some of the more vacuous minds inhabiting Washington, we can respond to an inner call that, if left unacknowledged, has the potential to destroy one's conscience and innate sense of justice. Thankfully, that action can take many forms: from the simple statement of sending an email to your local or national representative, to the still greater effort of planning and organizing in order to actualize our democratic values imbedded in the words our founding fathers, and more importantly, in the steady rhythm of a compassionate heart that recognizes a brother and a sister in the eyes of an Afgan, an Israeli, a Palestinian, or a Hmong.

**Please come to the next meeting of Peace Fresno at the Center for Nonviolence held every Tuesday at 7:00pm and share your vision, and your will to bring that vision to fruition.**



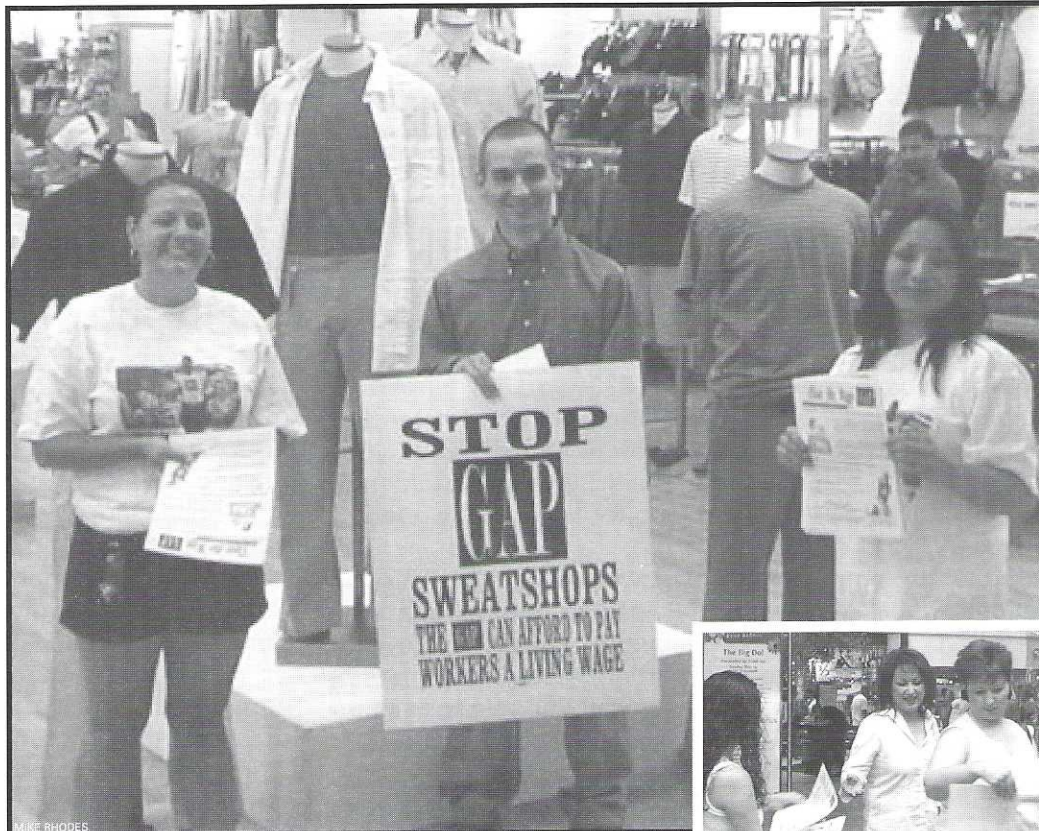
# LOCAL YOUTH HEAT UP GAP/ANTI-SWEATSHOP DEMONSTRATION

> Mike Rhodes

The state can't give you free speech, and the state can't take it away. You're born with it, like your eyes, like your ears. Freedom is something you assume, then you wait for someone to try to take it away. THE DEGREE TO WHICH YOU RESIST IS THE DEGREE TO WHICH YOU ARE FREE." Utah Phillips

The best way to describe June's anti-sweatshop/Gap demonstration is that it was a three ring circus. Ring number one featured the usual rally on Shaw Avenue with about a dozen people holding STOP GAP SWEATSHOP signs and lots of cars honking their support for this message. Ring two was the United Students Against Sweatshops table in the Fashion Fair mall where they handed out 100's of fliers to shoppers. They were located near the food court where they were warmly received by people walking by. The third and probably most interesting ring in this three ring circus was the Gap itself.

Three young activists entered the Gap store with fliers and signs condemning the use of sweatshop labor. The store manager was quick to tell them to leave and told them they were calling the police. However, Gap management DID NOT say that they were going to arrest the protesters if they did not leave. In May, when only one protester entered the store, the manager threatened him with arrest. This time, the Gap prepared themselves for the protest by bringing in lots of extra employees. There must have been 15 people working in the store. One of them would follow the protesters around and would stand in front of them whenever I would take a picture. Other employees would follow customers around after they received a flier and explain to them that the Gap did not



exploit women and children in sweatshops.

After handing out fliers to all of the customers in the store the students moved to the front entrance and handed out fliers to everyone entering. Potential customers were reluctant to come in and soon the store became pretty deserted except for the large number of clerks milling about.

The Gap manager begged Fashion Fair security to do something about the protesters but she was told that there was nothing they could do as long as they were in her store. Fashion Fair's position is that if the protesters go into the common area of the mall and conduct a protest, they would be told to leave. The protesters inside the Gap store remained for as long as they wanted and vowed to return again until Gap stopped using sweatshop labor.

Anti-sweatshop protests take place at Gap/Fashion Fair on the first Saturday of every month from 12 Noon - 1 PM. The July 6 demonstration is being hosted by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

**Saturday, July 6  
12 Noon - 1 PM**

**Protest Gap's use of sweatshops. Demonstration will gather at Fashion Fair (Shaw Avenue and Angus Street at the north end of the shopping center). Defend Free Speech! Protest Gap's exploitation of workers! Attend this important rally in defense of Workers Rights and Free Speech. Call (559) 233-3978 for more information. For background information about this struggle: [www.fresnoalliance.com/home/GAP.htm](http://www.fresnoalliance.com/home/GAP.htm), [www.sunmt.org/gaparchives.html](http://www.sunmt.org/gaparchives.html)**



# HOME HEALTH CARE WORKERS UNITE and WIN

> Scott Moore

WITH A RESOUNDING 92 PERCENT IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, THE THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO COMPRISE FRESNO COUNTY'S HOME HEALTH CARE WORKERS VOTED TO UNITE FOR A LIVING WAGE, COVERAGE FOR HEALTH INSURANCE, AND ADEQUATE TRAINING. WHEN THE LAST VOTES WERE COUNTED

June 10th, it was revealed that 2,820 workers agreed to grant bargaining power to SEIU 250, the union chapter that has spent more than two years laboring to organize the oft-neglected group. "This is great," said SEIU activist Juanita Foremen, "We have worked so long for this. It feels good to finally win."

Frequently, home health care workers are loved ones of patients who need 'round the clock (or nearly 'round the clock) assistance to undertake activities that most able-bodied people take for granted, i.e., eating, bathing, taking vital medications. These workers are typically unable to take on other jobs due to the near-complete level of commitment required to care for their charges. Under the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program, these loved ones have been able to rake in a whopping \$6.44 per hour, with a 283-hour cap per patient.

Until 1999, home health care workers in California were regarded as "independent contractors," meaning they were outside the reach of union organization. However, Assembly Bill 1682 required the establishment of an Employer of Record for the workers, which has since resulted in the formations of Public Authorities to serve as employer. This

opens up the possibility for unions like SEIU to begin the Herculean task of contacting and organizing this disparate group of individuals.

One of the major obstacles in reaching the care providers is the lack

of a work site to reach large groups of workers at a single time. This means that a great deal of time has to be spent making individual phone calls and in-person visits.

Convincing the providers to support a movement for better conditions, however, was no great feat, as the astonishing vote to unionize showed. Now, the several-months-long task of bargaining with the county looms on the near horizon.

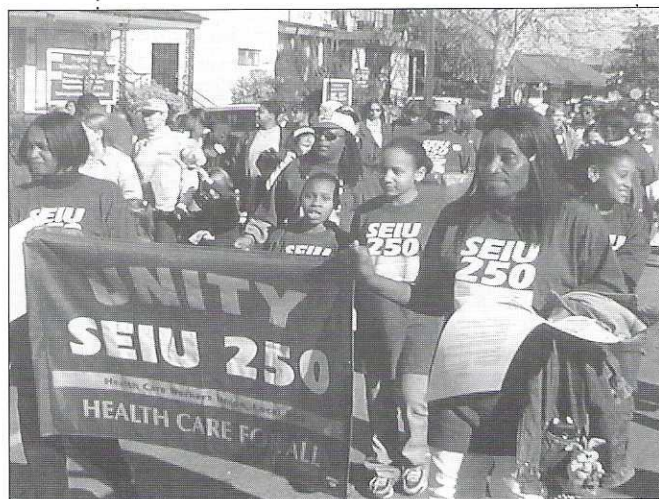
By listening to the needs of its now-members, the union has compiled a number of improvements needed to lift the workers out of the poverty conditions they are currently living under.

Toward the top of the list is the institution of a living wage for those working in the IHSS program. Though the IHSS is a county program and the workers get their paychecks from the state, the wages are actually paid by a combination of federal, state, and county money. The federal government is presently willing to match funds up to double minimum wage, but California will only match funds up to \$8.50 an hour. SEIU is trying to get the state to honor its promise to raise that amount to \$9.50 this year.

Also a main concern is an affordable benefits package. Spending every waking hour caring for someone who is tragically ill while suffering an untended, debilitating ailment is the sad reality for many involved in the IHSS program. Last autumn, Elena Larios spoke with me about her situation. She is caring for her mother, who has severe Alzheimer's and diabetes, but is also afflicted with an internal hernia, a painful stomach condition made worse by the stress of her situation. Elena has no health insurance under IHSS.

The union will also be pushing for improved training, including CPR, needle stick training, and back injury prevention, to more adequately equip the workers to do their job more safely. Further, they will be seeking a better registry for matching providers and consumers.

Though it may seem like a common sense issue, SEIU 250 will be fighting to secure a more standard method of delivering checks to the workers. As it currently stands, the state has about a two-week window after the hours are sent in to mail out the checks. Unfortunately, car payments, utility bills and rent are not nearly as flexible.



Homecare workers join in MLK march





Workers and SEIU staff turn in 5,000 union cards

The dark cloud hovering over the workers' celebration is the current budget crisis in the state of California. Governor Davis recently released his budget plan for the year – with drastic cuts in health care and human services programs. He has also called for the near-doubling of car registration fees, which will affect working class families almost exclusively, as a way of smoothing out the impending \$24 billion deficit. This would see the average cost of car registration jump from \$64 to \$148. Politically, this is not a popular idea.

"Raising the license fees is not very popular with voters, which makes sense, because after giving everyone a big break, now you take it back," Assemblyman Dario Frommer, D-Los Angeles, told the San Francisco Chronicle.

"We want to look for something that's not regressive on working families who really can't afford to pay anymore," Frommer continued.

Moderate Democrats in the Assembly, the SEIU, and several other lobbying groups (including the AARP) have a different idea. Instead of further punishing working families, why not tax the richest two percent of the state's population?

The plan is this: raise the state income tax of anyone with a yearly income of more than \$130,000 (or married couples with a combined income of \$260,000) to 10 percent, and anyone making \$260,000 per year (or married couples with a combined income of \$520,000) would pay 11 percent.

SEIU's plan would use the revenue from the top brackets for a fund to be used for public works when the state lands back on its feet.

Raising the income tax bracket for the rich beyond the current 9.3 percent level is not unheard of. Reagan did it in 1967 and 1971, and Pete Wilson did the same in 1991. Yes, both were Republican governors.

The "tax the rich" idea has been proposed in the state senate by Senate President Pro Tem John Burton, D-San Francisco. Under his bill, once the state is back in the black, the 10 percent bracket would apply only to those making \$176,000 per year.

The practical difference between the two plans? Well, besides allowing hard working families to keep their money, the plan would bring in \$3.1 billion compared to the \$1.2 billion Davis' plan would save.

According to SEIU documents, the wealthiest two percent of Californians would pay 95 percent of the revenue. Someone making more than a million dollars per year would pay a few thousand (which, incidentally, is deductible from federal taxes), a sum likely to go unmissed. In fact,



**"After all these years of hard work and suffering I am so glad that we have a chance to be treated fairly," said Amparo Garcia. "I take care of a quadriplegic, but I have never had health-care for myself or been able to give my kids what they need. Now I have hope."**

with expected federal tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans, even the few thousand dollars they may spend will be offset by tens of thousands pouring in from "breaks." (By 2006, federal income for the top bracket will fall to 35 percent, which is a huge chunk of savings for the millionaires no matter how one looks at it.)

Now the task remains to convince state legislators that taxing the rich is not only a politically expedient decision to make, but also a decision that will afford a large group of Californians a life with health care and adequate wages.

Many of the state's Republicans have already voiced their objections to the plan, claiming it will only serve to drive the fabulously wealthy out of California and into tax-free states like Nevada. Reagan-worship apparently stops when it threatens campaign contributions.

While the numbers make a convincing argument, the SEIU is relying on its strongest asset to make its case: the individuals affected by the budget proposal. This is a continuation of the union's years-long practice of letting the workers themselves do the lobbying before the lawmakers. This is likely one of the direct causes of the many victories home health care workers have earned recently.



Toni Landin and Grace Gomes count ballots



# A SOLUTION TO DOWNTOWN'S HOMELESS?

> Mike Rhodes

Can they do that? Can the Fresno Police department arrest someone for the crime of being poor? Apparently they can!

The drama unfolding in downtown Fresno started after the new baseball stadium was built and has intensified since the city announced its plans to revitalize the area. Homeless people are being harassed and arrested when they enter downtown. They are told by the police that if they stay on the other side (west) of the railroad tracks they will not be arrested. What is that about? Out of sight, out of mind?

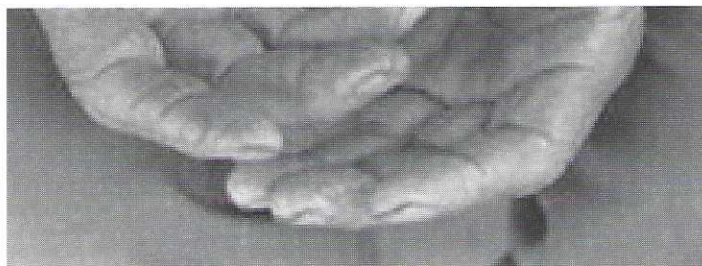
I personally witnessed an incident in which a bicycle officer verbally assaulted a homeless person in the alley behind my print shop. The homeless man was called a "worthless piece of shit," repeatedly told to "get a job," and that he "stinks." The officer was unprofessional, demeaning, and appeared to be provoking an incident that would lead to the man's arrest. A citizen's complaint has been filed with the Fresno Police Department and we are waiting to hear how Police Chief Dyer will use this incident to confront and condemn the culture within the downtown police force that would allow such an incident to happen.

Attacking the poor and arresting the homeless is no way for our great city to address this serious social problem. You can't just try to hide poverty and homelessness by moving the problem to less desirable areas of the city. What happens when re-development moves to the west side of the railroad tracks? Will the homeless be moved further south? Are plans being developed to move them to the toxic waste dump in Calwa?

Come on Fresno! We can do better than that. Let us address the root causes of poverty in this community and treat the poor with dignity and respect. We need more jobs, a living wage for all workers, and universal health care. Not a police state that arrests its citizens for the crime of being poor.

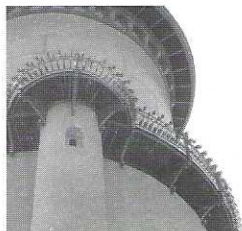


Poor? Go to jail.



## A VOICE FOR RESPONSIBLE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

> Bruce Morris



The community spoke with 60 voices in opposition to the destruction of the Fulton Mall. The Fresno City Council sitting as the Redevelopment Agency heard the voices and voted 6 to 1 for the Mall and against the \$50,000 Environmental Impact Report. Staff information steered the consultant in the direction of traffic where feet now tread.

The Downtown Fresno Coalition is preparing a plan of action for the Fresno City Council. The proposal will recommend that the City follow established guidelines in the 1986 Central Area Community Plan to enhance the Fulton Mall.

The consultant was heading, perhaps blindly in the wrong direction. One that would have supported a minority view that the Fulton Mall is now passe and needs to be turned back into a street. Councilmember Tom Boyajian is very interested in hearing from the community. The new COUNCILWOMAN for the downtown area will be Gloria Morales or Cynthia Sterling. Contact them or your council member about your ideas to enhance the Fulton Mall as an integral part of the Downtown Central Business District.



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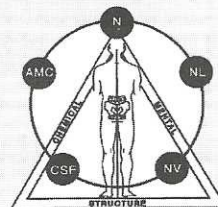
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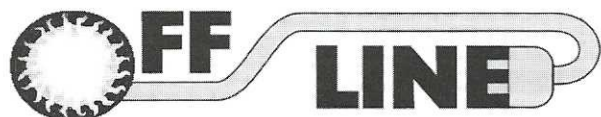
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# PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

## Monday, July 1

7 PM > Elizabeth Plourde, author of "Hysterectomy & Ovary Removal: What ALL Women Need to Know," will speak at the next Fresno National Organization for Women (NOW) meeting at Hart's Haven Bookstore, 950 Van Ness (south of Olive). She will also be signing her book for those who attend. If you have questions please call the NOW message phone 559-252-7569.

## Tuesday, July 2

6 PM > The San Joaquin Valley Coalition for Immigrant Rights meets the first Tuesday of every month at 328 N. Fresno Street. For more information call (559) 498-6033 or email SJVCoalition@aol.com

## Wednesday, July 3

3:30 PM > Stir it Up on KFCF 88.1 FM with your host Pam Whalen from the Community Alliance.

## Wednesday, July 3

7 PM > The Fresno County Democratic Central Committee meeting every First Wednesday's of the Month at the State Building conference room. For more information call 495-0606 or 439-8140.

## Thursday, July 4

9 AM - 12 Noon > The Interfaith Alliance 4th of July Diversity Celebration Brunch, will be held at O'Neill Park which is located on the north side of Barstow, east of Cedar (on the CSUF campus). There will be food, various kinds of entertainment from many of our diverse groups of people, singing of patriotic songs and an opportunity for all of us to stand proudly among the wonderful assortment of our earth's family of people. Don't miss it! \$3.00 Adult, \$2.00 Child, \$10.00 total amount charged for a family.

## Friday, July 5

5 PM > Tune in for the new Youth Show on KFCF 88.1 FM - ACT UP radio with your hosts Jeremy Hofer and Tony Nocella.

## Saturday, July 6

9:30 AM > Kennedy Club of the San Joaquin Valley are held each 1st Saturday of the month at Denny's Restaurant at Abby and Divisadero. The public is invited to a discussion about the November 5th election: David LapPere (21st C.D.), Richard Martinez, Jr. (29th A.D.), Cynthia Sterling and Gloria Moralez (City Council District #3). There will be a question and answer segment. Details: (559) 439-8140. Breakfast begins at 9 AM with a business meeting at 9:30 a.m. with the "Candidates Forum" at 10 AM. home.att.net/~barbarapyle/kennedy/kennedy.htm

## Saturday, July 6

12 Noon - 1 PM > Protest The Gap's use of sweatshops. Demonstration will gather at Fashion Fair (Shaw Avenue and Angus Street at the north end of the shopping center). Defend Free Speech! Protest The Gap's exploitation of workers! Attend this important rally in defense of Workers Rights and Free Speech. Call (559) 233-3978 for more information. For background information about this struggle: www.fresnoalliance.com/home/GAP.htm, www.sunmt.org/gaparchives.html

## Monday, July 8

7:30 PM > Monthly meeting of the Fresno Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides (FresCAMP). For more information email FresCAMP@yahoo.com or call (559) 439-0280 or (559) 227-6134.

## Tuesday, July 9

6 PM > Potluck 7 PM > Presentation. Pastors for Peace Caravan to Cuba will be at The Fresno Center for Nonviolence, 985 N Van Ness. For more information call (559) 237-3223.

## Wednesday, July 10

3:30 PM > Fresno Center For Nonviolence radio show on KFCF, 88.1 FM. Vincent Lavery hosts the FCNV radio show on the second Wednesday of each month.

## Thursday, July 11

7 PM > "Bridges to Peace: Jew, Christian, Muslim in Conversation" at the Fresno Mosque, 2111 E. Shaw, across from CSUF. Members of the public from all religious backgrounds invited. This is NOT a debate - it is an occasion to state our beliefs and fears and begin a process of establishing trust. For information contact Ghassan 313-7379; Jim C. 237-4749; Jim G. 488-7444; or Richard 266-2559.

## Thursday, July 11

7:00 PM > Fresno County Green Party Council Meeting at the Fresno Center for Nonviolence, 985 N Van Ness Ave (S. of Olive). The Fresno County Green Party invites you to its regular monthly County Council meeting. The four pillars of the international Green movement are Social Justice, Grassroots Democracy, Nonviolence, and Ecological Wisdom. Call 265-3647 for details or go to www.greens.org/cal/fresno

## Friday, July 12

5 PM, 7:30 PM, and 10 PM > Film showings Fresno Filmworks presents DOGTOWN AND Z-BOYS. Filmworks invites skateboarders and surfers of all ages to see this delightful documentary about the origins of this clattery sport. This film, and all Fresno Filmworks films through November 2002, will be shown at the Tower Theater (Wishon and Olive Avenue). For more information call 227-8183 or email jkp21@csufresno.edu

## Saturday, July 13

The City of Fresno Human Relations Commission will present an Asian cultural Festival. This is the second in a series of three festivals that will feature Art, Music, Dance, and Food. Still to come is the Afro/Latino Festival on August 10. The festival will be held downtown at the Fresno Galleria - Kern & M Street to Van Ness. For more information call 498-1646.

## Saturday, July 13

Joaquin Murieta Celebration at Arte Americas 1630 Van Ness Ave. For more information call 266-2623, email info@arteamerica.com or visit their web site at www.arteamerica.com

## Saturday, July 13

9:30 AM > Fresno Center for Nonviolence monthly meeting at 985 N. Van Ness. For more information about the Fresno Center for Nonviolence, see their web page at: www.fresnoalliance.com/centerfornonviolence or call 559-23PEACE (559-237-3223).

## Monday, July 15

Deadline for submissions to the August 2002 issue of the Community Alliance Newsletter. Send calendar items and articles to AllianceEditor@attbi.com

## Tuesday, July 16

7 PM > Challenging Corporate Power, Asserting the People's Rights. A ten week study group using excellent materials furnished by the WILPF committee on Abolishing Corporate Personhood will be starting at the Unitarian/Universalist Church, 4144 North Millbrook (just South of Ashlan on the East side of the street). They will be organizing the time of the groups, handing out materials, selecting group leaders, etc. If you can't make the meeting but are interested in participating call Diane Scott (222-6135).

## Tuesday, July 16

7:00 PM > Stonewall Democrats will hold their regular monthly meeting at the Express Lounge, 3075 N. Maroa (just south of Shields). Contact Jay Hubbell at (559) 292-4905 e-mail hubbell@online.no, or visit the website www.mangen.com/stonewall/

## Wednesday, July 17

3:30 PM > STIR IT UP on KFCF 88.1 FM featuring the 'Green Scene' hosted by the Fresno County Green Party. This program focuses on Green values, including ecological wisdom, social justice and grass roots democracy.

## Wednesday, July 17

6 PM > Central California Criminal Justice Committee meets at the Sarah McCardle room of the downtown library. Council member Castillo is refusing to meet with representatives from the group regarding the police oversight issue. Please call him on this, especially if you are in his district

## Thursday, July 18

7:30 - 9:30 AM > Community Health Care Roundtable at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3973 N. Cedar Avenue, Fresno. Continental breakfast provided. No cost. Call 485-1416 for program information. Reservations not required.

## Thursday, July 18

6 - 8 PM > Fresno County Bicycle Coalition - monthly meetings (every third Thursday). Are you on your bike, commuting or recreating around Fresno but don't get no respect out on the dirty streets? Wish we had more bike lanes and parking in town? Wish it were safer to bike around town with your family? Come join the newly formed bike coalition. We are at the point where we need ideas and energy for new projects and directions. NEW MEETING LOCATION: Cafe Mia, 608 E. Weldon - Across from Fresno High (Corner of Weldon and Van Ness Ave).



# CALENDAR

## Thursday, July 18

7:30PM > Death Penalty Focus regular meeting at the Fresno Center for Nonviolence, 985 N Van Ness. For more information contact Maria Telesco at: (559) 255-9492 maria.telesco@worldnet.att.net

## Friday, July 19

5:00 PM > "It's a Queer Thang" on KFCF 88.1 FM. Hosted by Jeff Robinson, this program discusses Gay and Lesbian issues.

## Saturday, July 20

9 AM > Start up for West Fresno Democratic Club at Denny's-Abby and Divididero. For more information call Barbara at 291-6024

## Saturday, July 20

9 PM > WADDAMA @ the Starline, 831 E Fern Ave. Positive reggae-worldbeat-funk fusion. For more information - 485-7517 or www.waddama.com

## July 21 - September 8

The Buffalo Soldiers exhibit honoring the contributions of African American soldiers who fought in the United States Army during the period of the Civil War. At the African American museum.

## Tuesday, July 23

11 AM - 7 PM > workshop. 7 PM > Music. The Green Anarchy Tour come to Fresno. This is an attempt to bridge the gap between the punk movement, the revolutionary anarchist movement, the ecological movement, and the prisoners of war that have been incarcerated for their involvement in the struggles listed above. The workshop will be 11-7 at the Center for Nonviolence with music at 7:00 PM > at the Big Red Church!! For more information www.greenanarchy.org/tour/

## Wednesday, June 24

3:30 PM > "Stir It Up" WILPF-style with your host Gabrielle Kirkland on KFCF 88.1 FM.

## Thursday July 25

9 PM > REGGAE! Direct From Jamaica...Prezident Brown and the Orkestra of Judah at Club Fred, Fresno, Ca. Show will be over by 12:30am! \$12. For more information call 559 226 9280.

## Friday, July 26

3:30 PM > Clearing the Air: Transportation, Land Use & Air Quality in the Central San Joaquin Valley on KFCF 88.1 FM with your host Kevin Hall from the Sierra Club.

## Friday, July 26

5 PM > Street Heat on KFCF 88.1 FM with your hosts Pam Whalen and Mike Rhodes featuring Labor and Community activists.

## Monday, July 29

6:30 PM > Community Alliance for a Fair Economy (C.A.F.E.) meeting at 985 N Van Ness. For more information call (559) 445-0876 or email vmfout1@sierratel.com

## Saturday, August 3

9:30 PM -1:30 PM > WORLD WALK FOR BREASTFEEDING Whole Foods Market "If a multinational company developed a product that was a nutritionally balanced and delicious food, a wonder drug that both prevented and treated disease, cost almost nothing to produce and could be delivered in quantities controlled by the consumers' needs, the very announcement of their find would send their shares rocketing to the top of the stock market." - - The Politics of Breastfeeding by Gabrielle Palmer.

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES/PROGRAMS

### Every Sunday

Volunteer with Food Not Bombs. They meet (every Sunday, rain or shine) at the Big Red Church on Echo Avenue at 1:30pm. They have a great kitchen with stainless steel counters and everything. At about 2:45 we drive the meal downtown to the Courthouse on Van Ness Avenue. The meal is served in recycled plastic bowls on the right side of the main entrance to the Courthouse, at the Statue of Martin Luther King Jr. Our meal lasts from 3:00 to 4:00pm. www.angelfire.com/ca6/fnb

### Monday - Friday

9 AM Democracy Now! on radio KFCF 88.1 FM. Amy Goodman, award-winning veteran

journalist, appropriately subtitles this show "The Exception to the Rulers" as the program covers news of the nation and world from a progressive viewpoint, with focus on the history and economics of workers, women and people of color around the world.

### Every Tuesday

7 PM Peace Fresno Committee weekly anti-war meeting at the Fresno Center for Nonviolence at 985 N Van Ness. If you want to help stop Bush's endless war against the world - come to this meeting! For an up to the minute listing of all Peace actions in the Fresno area call the Fresno Center for Nonviolence at 559-23PEACE (559-237-3223). www.fresnoalliance.com /peacefresno

### Every Tuesday and Thursday

7-9 PM The St. Benedict Catholic Worker serves a meal to the homeless, working poor, and visitors and released inmates in front of Fresno County Jail (corner of Fresno and M streets) each Tuesday and Thursday night from 6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve the meals. Please call Liza Apper at 559-229-6410 for additional information.

### Every Wednesday

12 Noon WOMEN IN BLACK - Silent Vigil at the Fresno County Courthouse-Entrance. Show your support for PEACE and for negotiated settlements of US current military actions! Meet downtown at the Fresno courthouse, from 12-1:00 PM and stand silently, advocating PEACE. For more info: 278-7140 or 225-2850.

### Every Wednesday

3:30 PM Stir it Up radio show on KFCF 88.1 FM. This show is hosted by a different progressive community group each week of the month. Listen for the community calendar, interviews with community activists and more.

### Every Wednesday

7:00 PM Nuestro Foro" on KFCF 88.1 FM. A public affairs program in Spanish providing news and information to the Valley's Latino population.

### Every Thursday

5:30 PM STUDENT ACTION FRONT (the peace activist coalition of youth and students in Fresno, CA) meets at the Center for Nonviolence, 985 N Van Ness. For more information call 215-1423 or visit their web site at www.geocities.com/nocellat/ studentactionfront.html

### Every Friday

1 - 3 PM Radio Grito is on the air (in Spanish) bringing you Community Radio at its finest. Listen on KBIF 900 AM as Proyecto Campesino brings you news and information about our valley. Call ins are welcome. Have something you want people to know about? Call them up and be a guest. For more information call (559) 733-4844.

### Every Friday

4:30 PM A demonstration for peace will gather at Shaw and Blackstone every Friday until the crisis is over. For an up to the minute listing of all Peace actions in the Fresno area call the Fresno Center for Nonviolence at 559-23PEACE (559-237-3223) and press \*3. For more information about Peace Fresno email them at peacefresno@oddpst.com or visit www.fresnoalliance.com/peacefresno

### Every Friday

4:30 - 5:30 PM A demonstration for peace will gather at the NW corner of Walnut and Mooney in Visalia every Friday until the crisis is over. Bring signs for peace and smiles. For more information contact Denise at 636-0514.

### Every 3rd Friday

7:30 P.M. Baha'i lecture series, 'Essential Prerequisites For Peace: Promoting Justice, Unity, Equality Of Women & Men, And Preventing Racism'. LOCATION: the Baha'i Center, 2240 N. Angus Street, Fresno, (1st. block south of Clinton, between Fresno and First streets). FOR MORE INFORMATION, call John Cook at (559) 434-6500 or 824-2030, or call the Baha'i Center at 237-4862. www.fresnobaha'i.org

### Every Saturday

1-2 PM Food Not Bombs feeds the hungry near the Olive Avenue entrance to Roeding Park. The new location for cooking on Saturday is Wesley United Methodist Church, 1343 East Barstow Ave., between First and Cedar starting at 9AM. They are always in need of servers at the park. For more information call 266-5305 or 452-0277 (ask for Dallas). Visit their web site at: www.fresnoalliance.com/FNB



## ALTERNATIVE FILM FESTIVAL AT TEATRO MEXICO

After a successful first screening of Mexican film "La Ley De Herodes", CINE DEL VALLE 2002 (The Central Valley Latino and Latin American Film Festival) will continue this summer's festival by showing two films on Sunday, July 7th. The films "**Serafin**" (Mexico) and "**Fuga de cerebros**" (Brain Drain) (Argentina) will be shown in Downtown Fresno's Teatro Mexico. TEATRO MEXICO 944 Van Ness Ave Fresno, CA

2:00 pm — "**Serafin**." (In Spanish, no subtitles). This children's animated movie, based on the Saturday-morning television show, is about Pepe, a boy who has to rely on his friends and his guardian angel, Serafin, to help him overcome the evil of his enemy, Lucio, in order to save the life of his friend. Tickets by donation: Children under 13, \$1.00/Adults, \$4.00. Doors open at 2:00 pm, movie begins at 2:30 with an intermission.

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm — INTER-MOVIE COFFEE HOUR  
A community coffee hour will be held from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at Kern Street Coffee Shop (2134 Kern St), which will be offering discounted Ibarra Chocolate Mocas. Come listen to music, browse the sale of books, t-shirts, CDs, posters and gifts from Latin America.

6:00 pm — "**Fuga de Cerebros**" (Brain Drain) (In Spanish with English subtitles) "Fideo and Panta are two teenage friends who dream of leaving Argentina's streets and traveling to the United States. Rambling between good and evil, rock and tango, this is an action film about life in Argentina's underworld. Moving between haunting love scenes beneath starry skies and police chases, watch out, while these two might plan to steal your car radio, they will definitely steal your heart."

Tickets by donation: Adults, \$6.00. Doors open at 6:00 the film starts at 6:30 pm with a brief intermission for raffles and free drawings. For more information contact Califaxarte at: califaxarte@mexica.net . 3014 E. McKinley #105, Fresno, CA.

## NEW LINEUP SET FOR FRESNO FILMWORKS AT THE Tower

Fresno Filmworks proudly presents our latest film offerings at the Tower Theater. On July 12th, the Sundance documentary winner **Dogtown and Z-Boys** which tells the story of the early history of skateboarding, narrated by Sean Penn will be given three special showings: 5pm, 7:30pm, and 11pm. Rock 104 will be on hand right before the first screening to play host and give away prizes. On-air promotional events will also tie into the event. Should only skate board enthusiasts come to the movie? That's not what the reviewers are saying.

Filmworks has also achieved a major coup with **Monsoon Wedding**, our August offering. Jim Piper has called this a "big, fat, juicy film" and everyone who's seen it is raving. We're all very excited, so get your tickets early for August 9th when we go back to our usual 5pm and 8pm showings. On September 13th, we have **13 Conversations About One Thing**, described as a cross between Woody Allen's Crimes and Misdemeanors and a Todd Solondz film. It stars Matthew McConaughey, John Turturro and Alan Arkin ("Clear talk but cloudy destinies among working-class New Yorkers").

Tickets available at THE MOVIES, and FIG GARDEN BOOKS. Also, tickets can be purchased at the Tower Box Office in advance (with a \$1 surcharge for cash and a \$2.50 fee for credit cards). If you are interested in volunteering to help with any aspect of show business (read Fresno Filmworks operations) please contact Dianne Hanzlicek at 226-1528, or if you want to be on the Clips mailing list, contact Jim Piper at 227-8183. Any donations can be made to the Fresno Arts Council at P.O. Box 4555, Fresno, CA. 93744. Show your support for independent and alternative film in Fresno!

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## WOMENS' INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE for PEACE and FREEDOM

### **Saturday, July 6**

Noon to 1pm > Gap Protest, WILPF is the organizer this month. Members are encouraged to stand for a living wage for Gap workers. Location: Shaw Avenue & Angus Street. Contact Joan Poss at 221-6134.

### **Wednesday, July 16**

7:00pm > Corporate Power Study Groups Organizational Meeting, contact Diane Scott at 222-6135. Location: Unitarian Universalist Church. (See article below)

### **Saturday, August 3rd**

9am to 3pm > Annual Retreat & Potluck. Women from WILPF are invited to join together to plan our coming year. 3747 Circle Drive West, Fresno. (See article below)

### **Every Wednesday**

Noon to 1pm > Women In Black, stand in silence for world peace. Location: Fresno Courthouse Archway. Call Jan at 225-2850 for more information. (See article below)

### **New Officers Elected for the 2002-03 Year**

These brave and gifted women are Coordinator-Vickie Fouts, Co-Secretaries-Jan Slagter & Zay Guffy-Bill, Treasurer-Lauralee Crain Carbone, Membership-Julie Young, Literature-Laura Fultz, Legislative-Ellie Bluestein, Telephone Tree-Nora DeWitt, Publicity-Desi Cortez. Added as Board Members-At-Large are Ingrid Carmean, Camille Russell, Jean Kennedy, Joan Poss and Carol Bequette.

Our branch still has three openings for the offices of co-coordinator, program chair, historian and newsletter editor. Contact Joan Poss at 227-6134 if you are interested in joining the board.

### **Fresno Branch Annual Retreat**

As citizens we must take action to make change and provide alternatives for peace, democracy and difference. Our actions are most important in this time of war, attacks on personal freedoms, and expansion of corporate power. So on August 3rd from 9am to 3pm, WILPF Fresno is setting plans for programming, meeting dates, and locations. Right now, we have committed to bring the Mime Troupe to Fresno again. So, please, bring your ideas and commitment to be part of this movement. Carol is opening up her home (3747 Circle Drive West) for this potluck event. Contact her at 229-9661.

### **Corporate Power Study Groups Organizing!**

WILPF and the Unitarian Universalist Church are organizing Corporate Power Study Groups. The course is comprised of 10 sessions. This first session will provide a the opportunity for the group members to meet each other, find out about the design and content of the course, agree upon discussion and facilitation guidelines, work out logistical details and conduct an initial discussion. The objectives of study groups are to frame learning and discussion in ways that focus on the root cause of corporate and state oppression and to direct efforts for change in law and culture toward those public officials and public bodies that must take the authority to place economic institutions and all corporate entities under the control of self-governing people.

These study groups represent an opportunity to create intentional laboratories to experience and practice democracy. This session focuses on the process the group chooses to use in its discussions. Democracy is a word we use daily in the United States, but many of us have not had the opportunity or motivation to think deeply

about what it means to be a self-governing people. The study groups provide us with an opportunity to challenge ourselves to notice and explore content and process during discussions. Optimal group size is 6-10 people to ensure enough viewpoints for lively discussion and adequate opportunity for everyone to participate. So take time out to join groups forming on July 16th at 7pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church. Contact Dianne Scott at 222-6135 for more information.

### **Women In Black**

Women In Black is continuing every Wednesday from noon to 1pm in the Fresno County Courthouse archway. Numbers have been dwindling the past few weeks and we need you to help us make a stand for peace. The members have found this action amazingly empowering. So dress in black and join other like-thinking peace activists and embrace the power of silence.

### **Peace, Democracy and Dignity Directory**

We are taking on the ambitious project of creating a directory of locally-owned businesses and union labor shops in Fresno County. Our mission is to support living wage campaigns and to bring an end to corporate power. Each and everyone of us chooses where to spend our money and this directory will help us all spend more effectively. Those interested in this project should contact Desi at 449-0677 or email: [desicortez@csufresno.edu](mailto:desicortez@csufresno.edu).

### **Recipes, Recipes, Recipes!**

Another generation is cooking. Your best recipes and, maybe, a story associated with them are requested for our new cookbook. These will make great gifts for holiday season. The deadline for submittals is September 1. Send them to Zay Guffy-Bill at [zaygb@earthlink.net](mailto:zaygb@earthlink.net), 708 E. Beverly Way, Fresno 93704, or call her at 227-2133.

### **Membership Directory**

It's time to update our membership directory. We need your changes of address and email addresses by October 1st so that we can have it available for the Peace Community Craft Faire in early December. Send your information to Julie Young at [jandj84@aol.com](mailto:jandj84@aol.com) or 12395 E. Paul, Clovis 93611.

If you're a WILPF member, we encourage you to submit any information you have and want to share with other members, call or email Desi at 559.449.0677 or [desicortez@csufresno.edu](mailto:desicortez@csufresno.edu).

#### **I WANT TO JOIN WILPF:**

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# LOCAL WEB SITES OF INTEREST:

See the CA extended Peace and Social Justice calendar:  
[www.fresnoalliance.com/home/calendar.htm](http://www.fresnoalliance.com/home/calendar.htm)

The Fresno Center for Nonviolence video lending library:  
[www.fresnoalliance.com/centerfornonviolence/video.htm](http://www.fresnoalliance.com/centerfornonviolence/video.htm)

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[www.geocities.com/nocellat/studentactionfront.html](http://www.geocities.com/nocellat/studentactionfront.html)

Local radical youth:  
[www.geocities.com/nocellat/safissues](http://www.geocities.com/nocellat/safissues)

Musical group Waddama:  
[www.fresnoreggae.com/Waddama](http://www.fresnoreggae.com/Waddama)

Fresno bike=revolution:  
[www.geocities.com/fresnobikes](http://www.geocities.com/fresnobikes)

Fresno County Bicycle Coalition:  
[www.geocities.com/fresnocobike/FresnoCoBicycleCoalition.html](http://www.geocities.com/fresnocobike/FresnoCoBicycleCoalition.html)

Fresno Reggae:  
[www.fresnoreggae.com](http://www.fresnoreggae.com)

Fresno chapter of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC):  
[www.adcfresno.org/links.htm](http://www.adcfresno.org/links.htm)

Fresno Metro Ministry is an ecumenical and interfaith non-profit engaged in community problem-solving, advocacy and community organizing around several primary community issues. See their web site at:  
[www.fresnometmin.org](http://www.fresnometmin.org)

Tehipite Chapter of the Sierra Club:  
[www.tehipite.sierraclub.org](http://www.tehipite.sierraclub.org)

Central California Legal Services:  
[www.centralcallegal.org](http://www.centralcallegal.org)

A directory of ethnic media in the Central Valley:  
[www.ncmonline.com](http://www.ncmonline.com)

Food Not Bombs is an international network of volunteers who serve free hot vegetarian food to low income people, and offer political support:  
[www.fresnoalliance.com/FNB](http://www.fresnoalliance.com/FNB)

The Industrial Workers of the World, the famous 1910-11 Free Speech fight in Fresno, and more:  
[www.fresnoalliance.com/IWW](http://www.fresnoalliance.com/IWW)

Fresno REEL Pride 2002...the 13th International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival at the Tower Theater in Fresno:  
[www.reelpride.com](http://www.reelpride.com)

Tower District link:  
[www.towerdistrictnews.com](http://www.towerdistrictnews.com)

Planned Parenthood in Fresno:  
[www.ppmarmonte.org](http://www.ppmarmonte.org)

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Fresno:  
[www.uufresno.org](http://www.uufresno.org)

The Kennedy Club of the San Joaquin Valley:  
[home.att.net/~barbarapyle/kennedy/kennedy.htm](http://home.att.net/~barbarapyle/kennedy/kennedy.htm)

The Fresno Democratic Party:  
[www.fresnodemocrats.com](http://www.fresnodemocrats.com)

Fresno Stonewall Democrats:  
[www.mangen.com/stonewall](http://www.mangen.com/stonewall)

The Fresno County Green Party:  
[www.cagreens.org/fresno](http://www.cagreens.org/fresno)

Patrick Young's Wheelchair Project :  
[www.WheelchairProject.org](http://www.WheelchairProject.org)

Agustin Lira & musical group Alma provides music for the movement:  
[www.home.earthlink.net/~almas2](http://www.home.earthlink.net/~almas2)

Fresno Folklore Society:  
[home.pacbell.net/ckjohns](http://home.pacbell.net/ckjohns)

Fresno's Fine & Folk Arts Journal:  
[www.lineonline.org](http://www.lineonline.org)

Arte Americas:  
[www.arteamericas.org](http://www.arteamericas.org)

Frente Indigena Oaxaqueno Binacional:  
[www.laneta.apc.org/fiob](http://www.laneta.apc.org/fiob)

Fresno/Telpaneca Sister City Association (Nicaragua):  
[www.geocities.com/Heartland/Lake/1441/index.htm](http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Lake/1441/index.htm)

Radio Bilingue:  
[www.radiobilingue.org](http://www.radiobilingue.org)

KFCF 88.1 FM:  
[www.kfcf.org](http://www.kfcf.org)

Fresno Area Substitute Teachers Association (FASTA):  
[www.geocities.com/athens/oracle/4802/index.htm](http://www.geocities.com/athens/oracle/4802/index.htm)

United Farm Workers of America:  
[www.ufw.org/](http://www.ufw.org/)

# CENTRAL VALLEY PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CENTERS:

The Peace & Justice Network of San Joaquin County (PJN) is a local grassroots group in Stockton:  
[www.pjnsjc.org/](http://www.pjnsjc.org/)

Modesto Peace and Life Center:  
[ainet.com/connections/](http://ainet.com/connections/)

Sacramento Progressive Calendar on the Web: [www.sacleft.org/](http://www.sacleft.org/)



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