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OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

SEPTEMBER 29th - OCTOBER - 13th

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The " Gandhi, King, Ikeda: A Legacy of Building Peace" Exhibit

UC Merced hosts peace exhibition honoring Gandhi, King, Ikeda Public tribute ceremony to include remarks by Merced mayor, CSU Stanislaus president

MERCED - The "Gandhi, King, Ikeda: A Legacy of Building Peace" exhibit will be on display at the University of California, Merced, from Saturday, Sept. 29 through Saturday, Oct. 13. A public tribute ceremony will take place from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, at the university's Kolligian Library.

The exhibit features photographs, quotations and biographical information about Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr. and Daisaku Ikeda, three men from different cultures who devoted their lives to building peace in their communities despite adversity. It was developed in 2001 under the direction of Lawrence E. Carter Sr., dean of Morehouse College's Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel.

Having fought selflessly in their respective times, each leader has left an enduring legacy, illuminating the path to nonviolence, human rights and peace.

"I conceptualized the exhibition with the hope that by examining the lives of these great individuals, viewers would be inspired to create value in the context of their own daily lives through the application of the ideals of peace and nonviolence," Carter said.

Gandhi and King are household names, but Ikeda, an international Buddhist leader, isn' t well known in the San Joaquin Valley. He is the president of Soka Gakkai International, a nonprofit Buddhist organization with members in 190 countries and territories worldwide that promotes peace, culture and education. Ikeda was chosen by Carter to be part of the exhibit because of his contributions to world peace.

The exhibit will be on display on the first floor of UC Merced's Kolligian Library, 5200 N. Lake Road. Library hours are from 8 a.m. to midnight Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 10 p.m. Sunday.

Tuesday's tribute ceremony will feature opening remarks by Chancellor Steve Kang. The keynote address will be delivered by California State University, Stanislaus, President Hamid Shirvani, who supports Soka Gakkai International. Also in attendance will be Merced Mayor Ellie Wooten; Michelle Allison, president of Merced's NAACP chapter; and a representative from the office of Congressman Dennis Cardoza, D-Atwater. During the ceremony, UC Merced's Desi Student Association will pay tribute to Gandhi. FLO, a student a capella singing group, will pay tribute to King.

Public parking is available at the campus' Lake Lot on Scholars Lane. Parking permits are \$1 for every two hours and available at bright-yellow dispensers on campus.

The Punkin Patch opens Saturday, September 29th and will be open daily through October 31st, from 10am to dusk.

We are located at the end of North Franklin Rd. where it meets Ladino behind Castle Park.

<u>click here for details</u>

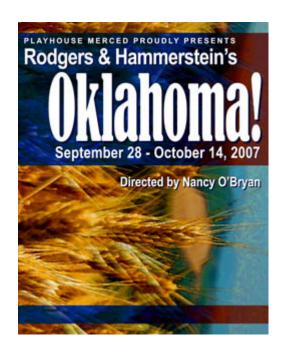
September 28 - October 14, 2007, Mainstage

PLAYHOUSE MERCED presents

OKLAHOMA

Directed by Playhouse Merced Administrative Director Nancy O'Bryan,
Oklahoma features
Sonoma actor Allyson Wren as Laurey,
and UC Merced student H.D. Southerland as Curly.

Play Times	Oct 4 7:30pm	Oct 11 7:30pm
Sept 28	Oct 5	Oct 12
7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm
Sept 29	Oct 6	Oct 13
7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm
Sept 30	Oct 7	Oct 14
2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm



For more information contact the Playhouse at 209-725-TKTS (8587

OCTOBER 12th

The Greater
Merced Kiwanis
Club needs your
help to save the train
at Kiddieland (it
needs replacement
of the tracks). Please
attend our

Save the Train BBQ

on Friday, Oct. 12 at 6PM at Kiddieland in Applegate Park. Tickets \$35. Contact Doug Fluetsch at 722-1541

Henry Miller Wild West Weekend

Polish up your boots, shine your spurs, dust off your mocassins, etc...... October 12, 13 and 14 will be the closing of our 100 year Anniversary in Los Banos. The Los Banos Chamber of Commerce is presenting the "Henry Miller Wild West Weekend". We will host the California State Championship for Cowboy Fast Draw. There are over 100 entrants. Come and test your "6 shooter" skills in the "Celebrity Shoot Out" (You could win a prize) or shoot in our Gunslinger Alley and find out just how fast you really are!!

Listen to Singer/Songwriter Terry Brown and watch Hilda Machado, famous trick roper on our outdoor stage. Terry Brown has writen many songs for some of our best country western singers and Hilda has performed in music

videos such as "Shoe Shine Boy" with Johnny Cash! We will have Cow Pie Bingo and a Cowboy Up contest. There will be Souvenier Booths and Food Booths, pony rides for the kids, cowboy skits, a stage coach and maybe a covered wagon. We will have Buffalo Soldiers, Vagueros.

Cowboys, Indians.....

Oh yeah, don't forget to visit our famous "Red Garter Saloon" with our cute little saloon girls, bar tenders and gaming tables. The Deleware Diva will be entertaining with songs from the past. We will have Cowboy Karoke on Friday night and much more. Don't forget the Saturday Night Social. We will raffle off a "6 shooter" and an "Uncirculated Coin" valued at \$195.00. There will be many other raffle prizes, too! We will eat "Cowboy Tri Tip" and have some fabulous berry pies and cobblers for desert. Tickets are \$25.00 and won't be sold at

the door. There are only 400 tickets being sold, so if you need a ticket or two or three, just let me know. I still have a few for sale. (209)-509-6399. Sunday, you won't want to miss! I can't tell you why, but you won't want to miss anything!!!!!!

Cost for admittance will be \$2.00 per person or 5.00 per family. Come in costume if you can, just leave your guns at home. This will be second only to the county fair, bigger than the Gilroy Garlic Festival and won't even compare to the Renissance Fair. We will have television and radio coverage from all over. Find out more about our Wild West Weekend at www.henrymillerwildwestweekend.com Saddle up your horses (or put gas in your car) and ride on down to the Henry Miller Wild West Weekend. Meet you at High Noon at Gunslinger Alley. Don't be late!



Wine, Food and Raffle!

October 18th - 7:00am to 8:30am

Merced County Food Bank's 1st Annual Silent Auction Breakfast

Pancake Breakfast and Auction will be held at CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER 650 E Olive Ave, Merced, CA 95340 Price: \$12.00

Contact the FOOD BANK for ticket information at (209) 726-3663 (FOOD) or (209) 201-8185 - Lissette Maunakea - Executive Director

THE FOOD BANK will be collecting non-perishable food at front entrance

HELP STOP HUNGER IN MERCED COUNTY

Open Cockpit Day

On Saturday, October 20, 2007, the Castle Air Museum located at 5050 Santa Fe Dr., Atwater, will be celebrating a Fall Open Cockpit Day. This open house was originally scheduled for September 22nd, but had to be postponed due to inclement weather. We will be opening several of the 49 aircraft on display at the Museum. Among those that will be open are the B-52, B-17, SR-71, KC-97 and KC-135. Also on display is the "Century Series" of jet fighters, an F-4 and F-14. The museum is world renown, and since it's beginnings in 1979 has been recognized for the wonderful collection of restored military aircraft.

The museum's restoration crew is currently working on an F-15 Eagle and an A-4M Skyhawk. These will soon join the others on the grounds.

Festivities at the Open Cockpit Day will include helicopter rides, antique cars, children's events, and much more. In addition to driving to the museum, pilots may fly into Castle Airport and catch a courtesy bus at Gemini Flight Support to be transported to the museum. Former pilots of the SR-71 will be available for discussions, and many of the volunteers will be on the grounds to talk with visitors regarding these airplanes which are part of their history as well as that of the country's history.

A variety of food will be available, from the world famous "Bomber Burgers" in the museum's café, to bar-b-que on the grounds. This is a fun day for the whole community and one which is very important to the museum. Admission fees are: Adults \$12; Seniors \$10; Youth 12-17 - \$10; Kids 6-11- \$6.00; Kids 5&under are Free; and Active Duty Military with ID - Free.

To obtain more information on this and upcoming events for 2007, please visit the Castle Air Museum website at www.castleairmuseum.org or call (209) 723-2178 or 723-2182. You may also contact the museum via email at castleairmuseum@clearwire.net.



20TH ANNUAL CIOPPINO DINNER & AUCTION

Mark your calendar! The Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce is proud to host its 20th Annual Cioppino Dinner and Auction on Friday October 26th at St. Patrick's Hall on Yosemite Avenue. The Chamber needs your support once again in order to make this event an even larger success. We are planning to hold a silent and live auction as well as a 50/50 Raffle with all you can eat cioppino and steak.

We would really appreciate your donations of product, service or cash to help this event be a success. We want to see all of you at the event and we have some special opportunities for your company to sponsor.

Tickets are as follows:

Platinum Sponsor - \$800.00

Includes: 8 table tickets to the event, your name or company's name on the table, special centerpiece for you to take home, ½ page advertisement in the dinner program, ¼ page advertisement in the Chamber's Business Journal, 8 complimentary drinks and special auction check out.

Gold Sponsor - \$600.00

Includes: 8 table tickets to the event, your name or company's name on the table, special centerpiece for you to take home, a business card size advertisement in the dinner program, a line listing in the Merced Sun Star's Chamber Page, 8 complimentary drinks and special auction check out.

Individual Dinner Tickets - \$50.00 each

Table reservations and dinner sponsorship opportunities can be made by calling the Chamber at 209-384-7092.

Atwater Police Activities League & Challenger Learning Center present:

Murder at the Museum Mystery Dinner

on October 27, 2007. 6-7 pm Social Hour, 7-9pm Open Buffet, Location-Castle Science & Tech. Center. Tickets are \$35.00 each. The event will feature a silent auction and coordinators are looking for giveaways. For tickets or to donate an auction item, call 357-6385.

NOVEMBER 1st

Chamber and MCEDCO Host 2007 Manufacturing Summit

The Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce and MCEDCO are again coordinating a special information summit to address issues and concerns of area manufacturing businesses. The event is co-sponsored by the Corporation for Manufacturing Excellence (Manex), a strategic partner of MCEDCO who offers services to assist manufacturing operations in northern California. This year event marks the third occasion of the summit.

The event will commence with an overview of the state of manufacturing in California and a review of the importance of manufacturing to the local economy. Participants will also learn of new legislation and the impact of heightened security of plant operations and product testing. Other topics will examine strategic planning and financing options to facilitate new investment. The morning sessions will conclude with an update on the status of the conditionally approved Regional Enterprise Zone of Merced County. The new EZ encompasses nearly every business within the cities and county of Merced. Participating businesses may realize thousands of dollars in tax savings and improve their net bottom line, but the operation of the EZ requires the direct financial support of the beneficiaries and overall business community.

The summit will convene at the Merced County Fairgrounds in the Home Arts Building on November 1st, 2007 from 7:30 am until 1:00 pm. Tickets for the event are \$35.00 and may be obtained from MCEDCO or the Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce. Space is limited and registration is required. For further information please contact Heather Donahue at (209) 723-3889 or email hdonahue@mcedco.com.

MCEDCO 470 W. Main St. Suite #7 Merced, CA 95340

The organizers gratefully acknowledge the support of:

The Corporation for Manufacturing Excellence (Manex) City of Atwater City of Los Banos City of Merced Pacific Gas and Electric Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce 360 Yosemite Ave. Suite #100 Merced, CA 95340



NOVEMBER 3rd

Unity Fest at UC Merced

UnityFest Aims to Draw Thousands to Merced Healthy House, Community Partnership Alliance, and UC Merced's Office of Student Life Sponsor Celebration of Our Community and Its Cultures: November 3 at UC Merced Campus

Widely recognized for its leadership in services to our diverse ethnic and cultural groups in Merced County and the Central Valley, Healthy House is collaborating with the Community Partnership Alliance and the UC Merced Office of Student Life to co-sponsor UnityFest. This first of a kind, university-community festival aims to raise awareness of and celebrate the wonderfully diverse cultures of our community through a full day of performances, cultural cuisine, music, educational discussion and presentations, and kid-friendly activities. UnityFest aims to have something for everyone. Along with multicultural festivities and fun, UnityFest aims to draw over 2,000 people to the UC Merced campus, many of whom will be visiting the campus for the first time. The event will be free to the public, will have free parking, and free transportation from downtown Merced to the university campus. The Community Partnership Alliance will involve over 50 nonprofit community agencies with information booths to UnityFest, UC Merced's Office of Student Life is engaging dozens of student clubs, faculty and staff in the event. Business and civic sponsorship for UnityFest will fund and support cultural and language services in Merced County.



UnityFest is a fantastic way to enjoy the fun and cultural wealth of our community!

Performers and Food Vendors Welcome.

www.UnityFest.us

WHEN: Saturday, November 3, 2007, 11 am to 5 pm WHERE: UC Merced Campus, 5200 N. Lake Rd, Me

Innovative Seed LLC, in collaboration with the Los Angeles Minority Business Center (MBOC) and Z-Tech USA, cordially invite you to participate in an International Trade Tour to China – Nov. 6 to 14, 2007!

Join us for a 9-day visit to the important commercial cities of Shanghai, Jiaxing, Suzhou, Hangzhou and Beijing, as we meet with key Chinese business leaders and government officials to seek-out and explore greater business and commerce opportunities between Chinese multi-national corporations and the vibrant companies and industries of California's Central Valley.

On this Trade Tour you will have a balanced schedule of incredible, cultural sightseeing in between the work at hand, that includes: attending business networking and matching events, a pre-tour consultation, receiving business exposure to a dynamic, new market, locating local supply sources and visiting Chinese factories, learning first-hand about OEM contract manufacturing, and exploring distribution and wholesale channels and import and export opportunities.

And, if the agenda were not exciting enough, your tour also includes participation in the Jiaxing International Trade Conference, where you will meet and network directly with local government and business representatives.

Enjoy fantastic accommodations in an all-inclusive Trade Tour package, focused on promoting and stimulating trade and commerce between our two great regions. An incredible Trade Tour with so much opportunity for only \$1,950 per person! So, come join us as space is limited! Full payment due and tickets issued on September 8, 2007.

For additional information or inquires, please contact us at (209) 356-1173 or (415) 216-3730.

Rock Da Block

event will be Saturday November 17th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will be at Merced Housing Authority it is located at 405 U St. All resource service is welcome; volunteers are still needed. For more information, please call Deanne Ruelas at (209) 777-7272 or Sam Rangel (209) 230-0131. Distinguished Outreach Services is a non-profit organization. Our goal is to build community relationships by assessing the needs of designated neighborhoods and bringing together the necessary resources for effective reach. The event we will be giving a FULL Thanksgiving Dinner. If your company could assist with any of the Donation needed as follows: Turkeys, can food items such as corn, carrots, green beans, yams, gravy, dry food items rice, beans, corn bread mix, stuffing, dry box of mash potato if you can help with any of above items, D.O.S would greatly appreciate any and all assistance. Distinguished Outreach Services would like to Thank-You in advance for your time and support.

For more information on this event, you can also call me at (209) 383-2275 (days) or (209) 230-0131 (evenings). Sam Rangel (Founder of D.O. S).

Thank you for your help in spreading the word to those in need and those who can help!

For more information contact the group sponsoring the event or go to www.mymerced.com.

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