

NEW ART INSPIRED BY CULTURAL HISTORY COMING TO WEST FRESNO

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The West Fresno Center campus introduced a new ceramic tile sculpture to its water feature area on Sept. 3. Built by Fresno City College faculty artists and student workers, the mural will honor West Fresno history while adding a splash of color onto the new campus.

The project team involved with the mural hosted three events leading up to the artwork's official presentation, allowing the public to provide feedback on the design before final decisions were made.

The finished artwork is set to stand where all eyes on and off campus can see it.

Its vibrant clay tiles will take the form of a quilt, drawing inspiration from distinct cultures in West Fresno. The referenced textile and craft traditions include Yokut basket weaving, embroidery,



DISPLAYS IN FRONT OF THE WEST FRESNO CENTER WATER FEATURE ON SEPT. 3 DESCRIBE THE PROCESS AND INSPIRATIONS FOR THE ARTWORKS TO BE INSTALLED. PHOTO BY WYATT BIBLE.

Hmong paj ntaub, quilting, Mexican papel picao and Chinese blue and white pottery.

The project also highlighted Fresno's historical issues with redlining which has had profound consequences to the West Fresno area.

The center of the piece will include a sculptural relief, a visual artform that gives the impression of sculpted pieces being raised from a solid background of the same material.

The relief will be based on a photograph of women from the Second Baptist Church Missionary Society. The image depicts members of the church holding a handmade quilt and dates back to 1910 according to the Fresno Historical Society Archives.

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OVER 100 PROTESTERS GATHER TO KEEP "CHARLIE KIRK OUT OF VISALIA"

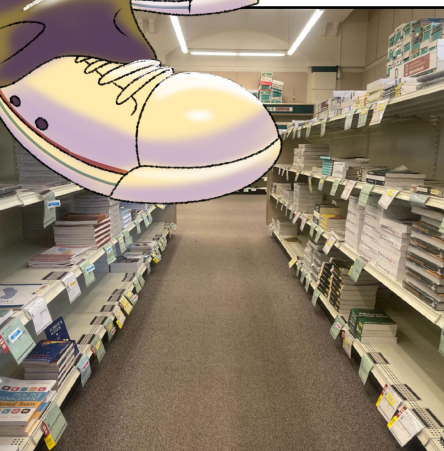


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ONE PROTESTER (RIGHT) HOLDS A SIGN THAT READS "CHARLIE KIRK OUT OF VISALIA!!!" AS OTHER PROTESTERS CROSS THE INTERSECTION OF CALDWELL AND AKERS TO VOICE THEIR FRUSTRATION AGAINST CHARLIE KIRK'S APPEARANCE AT THE VISALIA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH IN VISALIA ON SEPT. 2. PHOTO BY GAVIN RULAND.

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Over 100 protesters from Visalia and the greater Central Valley stood outside the Visalia First Assembly of God Church on Sept. 2 to protest Turning Point USA President Charlie Kirk's arrival during the Tulare-Kings Resources for Life (TKRL) Advancing the Mission event.

The protest lasted from 5:30-8:30 p.m., but it was cut short due to safety concerns and police interference. No one was seriously injured or harmed during the protest.

TKRL is a local anti-abortion organization and the protest was largely based on abortion rights advocacy. Protest organizer Yocelyn, who chose to only be identified by their first name, was especially concerned for the minors attending Kirk's keynote and Q&A.

Charlie Kirk is a popular conservative activist, media personality and founder of the nonprofit organization Turning Point USA, which advocates for conservative values among college and high school campuses. Kirk has long been a controversial figure, known for his strict views on abortion and Christianity within schooling.

"As we know, Charlie Kirk is very much against abortion but he also spreads very heavy misinformation, and we want to make sure that they [minors attending] know that there's accurate facts out there

for them and accurate healthcare for them and abortion should be a decision that anyone can make," Yocelyn said.

Police presence was heavy during the protest, particularly around 6:30 p.m. as attendees of the Advancing the Mission event began to park outside the Visalia First Assembly of God Church. Protester and Visalia Quaker Andrew Glazier counted 21 police cars in the area, not including police motorcycles and three unidentified drones that flew over the scene for hours.

"I can't see any of these people [protesters] being violent," Glazier said. "Why would you have so much security? That in and of itself is almost provocative, it's almost like daring someone to do something stupid. It's ridiculous to me, it's a waste of public funds."

When The Rampage approached the Visalia First Assembly of God Church for photographs and potential interviews, a group of Visalia police officers turned us away, saying "there were certain media allowed and you are definitely not it."

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