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e-Pw brings you a glimpse of events near and far, from around your neighborhood to around our world. Current events, arts and entertainment information is sent to our constituents, friends and supporters; it's another service of the Stanislaus PRIDE Center.

Modesto

Out and Out: December happenings

Get into the holiday spirit at the **Lesbian Social Group's** monthly food and fun night at the [Stanislaus PRIDE Center](#), 823 15th St, Modesto, this Saturday, December 1st at 7:00 p.m. The potluck theme is "your favorite dish at this time of year". It's free, and attendees are welcome to bring a \$5.00+ item for a gift exchange. It's for lesbians only, and new attendees are always welcome.



SCAP's annual "**Home for the Holidays**" fundraiser, featuring the SF Gay Men's Chorus, and the SF Gay & Lesbian Chorus is Saturday, December 1st at Downey H.S. in Modesto. A silent auction starts at 5:30 p.m. and the show is at 6:30 p.m. \$25 adults. \$10 kids 12-under.

Mardi Gras New Year's Eve Party A fundraiser for our friends at the [San Joaquin Pride Center](#) will be held at the SJ Valley Ranger's Clubhouse, 1290 Shaw Road, in Stockton. Starts at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 31st. \$15/person or \$25/couple. \$5 kids 12-under. Call (209) 951-9150 for more.

SPC & YOU!

At the Stanislaus PRIDE Center, free HIV testing on World AIDS Day, this Saturday, December 1

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SPC receives \$4,000 contribution from Modesto's E&J Gallo Winery

Helping us work toward a fundraising goal of \$25,000 through our annual *Jump Start* campaign is Modesto's **E&J Gallo Winery**, which recently made a \$4,000 contribution to the Stanislaus PRIDE Center.



The SPC's annual appeal went out on Nov. 19. Donations to help the Center operate allow us to provide current and new programs, resources and services to the community.

The Center is used for no-cost counseling for GLBT persons that cannot obtain full cost services, a twice-a-month transgender support group, small group socials, housing of a 1,500+ volume library, and public drop-in hours.

If you did not receive the SPC's recent Nov. 19 mailing, contact Desiree Holden at coordinator@stanpride.org, to be added to the "classic" mail list. If you did, please join E&J Gallo Winery and others in the community in making a tax-deductible donation to the SPC.

United States

A cause for shopping or shopping for a cause?



The occasion is [World AIDS Day](#). The service is confidential, rapid results HIV testing. The recipient of the free service is you.



A Stanislaus County Department of Public Health worker will be providing **free and confidential HIV testing** at the Stanislaus PRIDE Center, 823 15th Street, in downtown Modesto, this **Saturday, December 1st**, coinciding with World AIDS Day.

The service will be conducted in a private office at the Center from **4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** that afternoon. Clients can expect results in about twenty (20) minutes, as the service utilizes a new technology, yielding rapid results.

Also, on three separate upcoming Thursdays, an outreach worker from the Department of Public Health will be at the Center to talk with clients, provide information, and answer questions about HIV. Those Thursdays are **December 6th, January 10, and January 24**. No on-site testing will be provided by the County on those days, but if needed, testing referrals will be made.

For more information, contact Desiree Holden at coordinator@stanpride.org.

The [Human Rights Campaign \(HRC\)](#), the nation's largest GLBT civil rights organization, last week released its 2008 "Buying for Equality" guide ([which you can download by clicking here](#)). The guide lists hundreds of popular American brands ranked on their company's GLBT inclusiveness.

This year, the HRC has taken on Wal-Mart most visibly, for the company's refusal to offer domestic partner benefits to its gay and lesbian workers. The HRC is recommending that GLBTs, family and friends, shop at its chief rival, Target, until the policy is changed.

That announcement, which was covered in a high profile [USA Today](#) article, prompted the vehemently anti-gay group, [American Family Association \(AFA\)](#), to send out an "action alert" to its three million+ members nationwide.

In the emailed alert, the AFA challenged what it calls the HRC's "boycott" of Wal-Mart to a "buycott" of the mega-store chain. The AFA suggested to the USA Today reporter covering the story to look at Wal-Mart's sales at the end of December to see who won. The reporter didn't mention the AFA in the article though.

[Locally, businesses in the SPC's PRIDE Pages self-identify as GLBT friendly...](#)

The SPC facility is open Wednesday through Saturday from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM.

The mission of the Stanislaus PRIDE Center is to provide resources to strengthen and support gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons in Stanislaus and surrounding counties."

The SPC has three areas of focus: Culture and Community; Education and Information; Health and Wellness. PRIDE stands for "People Respecting Individuality, Diversity and Education".

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