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April 10, 2008

e-Pw brings you a glimpse of events near and far, from around your neighborhood to around our world.

"Live, Love, Laugh" Pride '08 Comedy Night on May 17

Save the Date!

Saturday, May 17th
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at
the State Theater in
downtown Modesto



A trio of comedians - headliner Karen Ripley - joined by Dana Cory, and Nick Leonard - will take to the stage for a night of queer comedy as part of a series of Pride '08 celebrations this year.

General admission tickets are \$20.00, and VIP tickets are \$30.00. A VIP after-party immediately following the show will take place at the Queen Bean Coffee House, where comedy-goers can meet and mingle with the performers. For tickets call (209) 527-4697 or visit www.thestate.org.

Witnessing the wit of Karen Ripley, Dana Cory, and Nick Leonard makes a funny way of supporting the Stanislaus PRIDE Center! **Our very own Sondra St. James is the evening's hostess.**

The May 17th comedy night is the second of a series of four community-wide happenings celebrating Pride '08 in Stanislaus County. A Spring Fling dance party got the year of activities started off with more than 200 in attendance. Following the Comedy Night, the Stanislaus PRIDE Center brings the Fellow Travelers GLBT historical photo exhibit (in partnership with the [Modesto Art Museum](#)) to Cafe Deva during the month of June.



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Finally, the area's third pride celebration will take place on **September 27th at Graceada Park in Modesto: Stanislaus PRIDE Day 2008.**

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Day of Silence - April 25, 2008

What is the Day of Silence?

The [Day of Silence](#), a project of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), is a student-led day of action when concerned students, from middle school to college, take some form of a vow of silence to bring attention to the name-calling, bullying and harassment -- in effect, the silencing -- experienced by LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) students and their allies.



This year's event will be held in memory of Lawrence King, a California 8th-grader who was shot and killed Feb. 12 by a classmate because of his sexual orientation and gender expression. Hundreds of thousands of students will come together on April 25 to encourage schools and classmates to address the problem of anti-LGBT behavior.

Join the Modesto Junior College United Rainbow Alliance for a Day of Silence Action Event and Celebration

April 25, 2008
 10am - 4pm
 Modesto Junior College
 East Campus Quad

To participate please contact Alliance President Liya (Shem) at Mjc_ura@yahoo.com.

United Rainbow Alliance is the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning - Straight alliance at Modesto Junior College. We serve as a support network for individuals who are at all stages of their "coming out" experience. We offer a wide range of services for the students of MJC who are looking for a support network and unsure where to

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SPC Volunteers - A Special Thanks!

The Stanislaus PRIDE Center would like to thank our team of fabulous volunteers who helped us move to our new location: **Cliff T, Manuel, John W, Bret, Alvaro, Jo, Grace, Anessa, Tery, & Becky.**



Please come visit us! We are located in the lower level of the Great Valley Center at **201 Needham Street, near five-points in downtown Modesto.**

We recommend using the side entrance on Elmwood Avenue. We have a sign posted with our own doorbell. Please ring and a Volunteer will assist you. If you enter the building through main entrance on Needham Street, go down the stairs immediately to your left and follow the signs.

Our hours of operation are Wednesday through Saturday from 3-7pm.

If you have any questions please call 209-338-0855.

Take Action - Help Defeat Anti-Gay Ballot Initiative!

Well-funded, anti-gay organizations have hit the ground in California with hundreds of paid signature gatherers.

The opposition is gathering signatures on a constitutional amendment that will limit marriage to one man and one woman. If they are successful at gathering 700,000 valid signatures, this measure will be on the ballot in November and could ultimately write discrimination permanently into California's



constitution and negatively impact GLBT Californians for generations to come.

"With the Supreme Court poised to rule on whether gay and lesbian couples can marry in California, there's never been another moment quite like this one with so much hanging in the balance. We need everyone who cares about marriage, justice and LGBT equality to be out there now so we can avoid a ballot measure in November." - *Kate Kendell, Executive Director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights.*

"We are an empowered people. We are out there, in the field, hitting the streets, talking to people, standing up for our rights, witnessing for our cause with our bodies and spirit. We need you to join us." - *Beth Holden, Community Activist and Marriage Equality Stanislaus Chapter Leader*

A message from Equality for All:

We are in the fight of our lives and urgently need every person reading this to volunteer for just one day over the next two weeks.

With your help, we can stop the ballot initiative that would change the state constitution to prohibit marriage for same-sex couples for generations.

[Please join our **Rapid Response Teams** TODAY!](#)

We can't let up now and we need your help more than ever in these last critical weekends.

Proponents of this amendment will stop at nothing to get it qualified and are using misleading information to get people to sign on to their petition. We need you to help tell the truth about what this amendment means for millions of California families.

This ballot initiative would change the state constitution to prohibit marriage for same-sex couples for generations. Please join our [Rapid Response Teams](#) and we will contact you within 24 hours to sign up for one of the shifts listed below.

If you don't live in one of these areas, please drive to the closest office. Bring your friends and work as a team!

April 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th

Sacramento:

10:00 am - 3:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Fresno:

10:00 am - 2:00 pm and 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

We can have the proponents of this discriminatory and destructive amendment on the run. But we simply don't have enough people on the ground in key areas, which is why your help is critical right now.

Please sign up today to help - we don't have much time and we need you now!

Sincerely,

The Equality For All Volunteer Team

Sweet Honey in the Rock Coming to Modesto

SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK

Grammy® Award-winning A Cappella Ensemble

At The Gallo Center for The Arts!

SUNDAY, April 20, 3pm
\$18 - \$35



With ASL Interpretation on Stage

This group requested that this event be marketed to the GLBT community, and especially the Deaf community in Stanislaus County.

Steeped in the sacred music of the Black church as well as songs of human rights and equity struggles, Sweet Honey is the collective voice of five African American women who are joined by a sign language interpreter. The a cappella ensemble features intricate rhythms and soulful harmonies that encompass many musical styles, including Blues, spirituals, gospel hymns, rap, reggae, African chants, hip hop, ancient lullabies, and jazz improvisation. Sweet Honey's vocals invite audiences to think about who we are in this world and how we treat others on our precious planet.

Tickets available through the internet, by phone or at the ticket office www.galloarts.org (209) 338-2100

Ticket Office Hours: M-F, 10am-6pm, Saturday 10am-4pm & 2 hours before show times.
The Gallo Center for the Arts is located in downtown Modesto, corner of 10th & I Streets: 1000 I Street, Modesto 95354

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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