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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.

Local and national

Fact: Youth perceived to be GLBT are more likely to commit suicide than youth that are not

We could "what if" ourselves for a long time on any number of topics. That question, however, has been put to thought provoking use through [The Trevor Project's](#) new online campaign, "[Don't Erase Your Queer Future](#)".

The campaign highlights GLBT achievement with quotations and portraits of prominent queer historical figures and asks the question, "What if these extraordinarily talented people had committed suicide?" All of their successes and contributions would have been lost.

If YOU are concerned about the state of GLBT youth in our community, please join the SPC for a facilitator-led discussion on the subject, as part of a nationwide launch of [Matthew's Place](#), on Friday, October 12th at 6:00 PM at the SPC, 823 15th Street, in downtown Modesto. For more information on that, contact Tery Powers at getinvolved@stanpride.org.

San Joaquin Valley

Attention residents of the San Joaquin Valley (that's likely to be YOU!)...

All adults (age 18+) living in California's Inland Empire region (Riverside and San Bernardino counties) and **the San Joaquin Valley (from Bakersfield to Stockton)** are invited to take the 2007 California Cultural Survey.

The survey is sponsored by [The James Irvine](#)

Stanislaus and surrounding counties

Out and Out: Birdcage and Birds of a Feather

The Birdcage, a monthly alternative social for GLBTs happens at Bacchus Food & Spirits, 1200 "I" Street, Modesto, this Sunday, October 14th, from 5:00 to 9:00 PM. There is no cost to attend The Birdcage, but drinks are on you, and it's ages 21+ only.

Separately, tickets for **Birds of a Feather** (BOAF), the annual gala for GLBTs and friends in the Central Valley are due by this weekend! Tickets are \$55/person, and include a catered dinner, music and dancing. Birds of a Feather is set for Saturday, November 3rd at the Port of Stockton's Klamath Ferry Boat.

Birds of a Feather organizer, George Miranda, is looking for a few good people to volunteer the night of BOAF. He's also trying to secure quality items for an auction at the affair. Net proceeds from the auction will benefit the Stanislaus PRIDE Center. George can be reached at gmiranda1@juno.com.

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Mouse click trick: buy this book, help the SPC

Beginning today, National Coming Out Day (October 11th), and running through the end of the month, YOU can purchase Rainbow Legends publishing company's new release, "Dragonfly Stories", and help the SPC while doing it.

"Dragonfly Stories" is a collection of over twenty personal stories from and about the LGBTQ

[Foundation](#), one of California's largest supporters of arts and culture. Your answers will help the foundation understand how it can better support arts and culture in your area.

At the end of the survey, which takes about 10 minutes, you may enter a drawing to win a cash prize of \$500. A winner will be notified by October 31, 2007.

[Make your voice be heard by taking the 2007 California Cultural Survey now...](#)

community. The wide range of stories deal with love, faith, coming out, raising a family, living with HIV, hate crime victims and survivors, transgender concerns, PFLAG and activism.

Now through the end of October, 40% of your purchase of "Dragonfly Stories" can go to the SPC by buying the book at Rainbow Legends online. Just select the [Stanislaus PRIDE Center](#) as the recipient of funds from your purchase.

[Buy the book at Rainbow Legends online...](#)

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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