



### In This Issue

January 10, 2008

LGBTQIA Student  
Conference -  
Register Now!

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

Spring Fling Dance  
- Save the Date

## "It takes a Rainbow" - LGBTQIA Student Conference on Feb. 9

New GLBTQ Youth  
Group

News: Policy Shift  
for Gays in the  
Military?

[Register now](#) for "It Takes A Rainbow: Bridging the Mountains to the Bay", University of the Pacific's first Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, and Ally (LGBTQIA) conference on February 9, 2008.



Quick Links  
[SPC Home](#)  
[Calendar](#)  
[GLBT News](#)  
[Services](#)  
[About Us](#)  
[Get Involved](#)

A full day of outstanding speakers, programs, entertainment and community!

College and university students from around Northern California are welcome to attend. The conference planning committee has been working for months to plan an awesome conference with outstanding speakers, programs and events that will bring us together as a community.



A list of confirmed sessions and presenters is available on the [conference website](#).

Following the conference, [out comedian ANT](#) will perform, with a dance to follow.

[Register Now!](#)

Registration is \$25 before January 22<sup>nd</sup>, and \$30 after. ANT Tickets for non-conference attendees are \$25, students attending the conference get in for free.

UOP's goal in hosting this conference is to bring all students, staff and faculty from different institutions in Northern California together and provide opportunities to learn from one another, challenge the status quo, develop strong friendships, network, and most importantly, learn how to be active leaders within their colleges,

universities, and communities at large.

The Stanislaus PRIDE Center will be co-presenting at one of the conference sessions with a representative from the San Joaquin PRIDE Center in Stockton.

**Event Information**

Date: Saturday, February 9, 2008

Time: 7:30am - Midnight

Location: University of the Pacific

Event URL: <http://web.pacific.edu/x19689.xml>

## Spring Fling Dance on April 5 in Modesto

"Live, Love, and Be Free" is the theme of an upcoming Spring Fling Dance hosted by the Stanislaus PRIDE Day Committee and Owl Empire of Stanislaus County, Inc.



Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 5, 2008, 7pm to Midnight, at the Eagles Hall in Modesto, CA. Tickets will be available for purchase soon.

Special Events include a Singles Meet & Greet and Dating Game hosted by Cliff Tatum.

Please check [www.spcpride.org](http://www.spcpride.org) for more details.

DATE: Saturday, April 5, 2008

TIME: 7pm to Midnight

LOCATION: Eagles Hall (Modesto, CA)

This event is hosted by the Stanislaus PRIDE Day Committee and Owl Empire of Stanislaus County, Inc.

**New GLBT Youth Group, Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesdays of every month**

**GAY LESBIAN BISEXUAL TRANS QUESTIONING**  
**TEEN SUPPORT GROUP**  
 (14-19 YEARS OLD)

First Meeting -- Wednesday, January 9th, 2008

**2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAYS  
 OF EVERY MONTH**

Allies welcome **7-9PM**  
 Food & music  
 Safe, friendly & confidential environment  
 Come for the hell of it and have fun!

Call (209) 524-1169 for more info

**COLLEGE AVE.  
 CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
 (this is a secular, non-religious group)  
 1341 COLLEGE AVE  
 MODESTO, 95350  
 CORNER OF ORANGEBURD & COLLEGE

STAN PRIDE Queen Mab's (209)544-1896

(Click on image to download flyer)

For more information contact program managers, Ed and Elizabeth Plata by phone at 209-524-1169 or 209-818-2378 or by email at [modteens@stanpride.org](mailto:modteens@stanpride.org).

### 3rd Annual PFLAG Cabaret Night - Jan. 15 in Modesto

(A fund raising night of FUN for Modesto PFLAG)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, FROM 7-10 P.M.**  
**SAVE THE DATE !**  
**\$5.00 per person, and under age 12 free.**



**RIGHT NOW**, we are searching for folks willing to share poetry, songs, drama, piano, jokes, skits and other fun stuff.

Please call Alice Miller 526-8812 to be included, or to suggest a performer.

ALSO, there will be lots of things for sale as well as silent

auction items to bid on.

**RIGHT NOW**, we are collecting items: please consider donating handmade goodies, white elephants, extra items from your cupboard, wine, gift certificates, unwanted gifts, any treasure that you don't want could be a delight for someone else !Also baskets, and good old cash !

Please call Alice Miller 526-8812  
or Patrick Pokorny 404-0538

## Gays in the Military: Policy may be shifting

Army Sgt. Darren Manzella has acknowledged his sexual orientation in national media interviews and at a Washington news conference, without serious retribution so far from the military.



Sgt. Manzella, having returned recently from Iraq, and now on holiday leave, will return to active duty at the end of the month. It remains to be seen how the army will respond to his situation upon his return.

The "don't ask, don't tell" policy prohibits active-duty service members from openly acknowledging whether they are gay or lesbian.

[Read the full article . . .](#)

### Sharp Drop in Gays Discharged From Military Tied to War Need

The number of homosexuals discharged from the U.S. military under the "don't ask, don't tell" policy dropped significantly in 2006, according to Pentagon figures released in March 2007 -- continuing a sharp decline since the Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts began and leading critics to charge that the military is retaining gay men and lesbians because it needs them in a time of war.

[Read the full article . . .](#)

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".

SPC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. All contributions are tax deductible.  
Federal tax ID 20-2676088.

[Forward email](#)

✉ **SafeUnsubscribe®**

This email was sent to info@stanpride.org, by [info@stanpride.org](mailto:info@stanpride.org)  
[Update Profile/Email Address](#) | Instant removal with [SafeUnsubscribe™](#) | [Privacy Policy](#).

Email Marketing by



SPC | 823 15th Street | Modesto | CA | 95354