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

Pride '08 Commences with "Spring Fling" April 5th

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 5th, 2008, from 5:00 p.m. to midnight** for a 'Spring Fling' at Eagle's Hall in **Modesto**. This event is Hosted by the [Stanislaus PRIDE Day 2008 Committee](#) and [OWL Empire of Stanislaus County, Inc.](#)



The event is open to ages 18-up only. Tickets are available at the door, and are \$15.00 per person.

The dance party features a Dating Game hosted by "Sondra St. James", a popular drag queen from Stockton with a cult-like following. She's sassy, saucy and she tells it like it is...

The evening's DJ, Diane Pena of Kustom Stars Mobile DJ Service, is a favorite amongst attendees of past Bay Area Community of Women (BACW) dances, as she provided music for such events for many years. Diane is retiring from her full time job in April to turn her DJ hobby into a full time career.

The 'Spring Fling' is the first of a series of year-long pride activities in the greater Modesto area. May 17th will feature a comedy night with Karen Ripley (a favorite of LOGO TV viewers) at the State Theatre, followed by the Fellow Travelers GLBT historical photo exhibit (in



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April 5 - [Spring Fling Dance, Modesto, CA](#)

April 19th - [OESCI Baron Event](#)

May 17th - Pride 2008

partnership with the Modesto Art Museum) in June at Cafe Deva, and then the area's third pride celebration on September 27th at Graceada Park in Modesto: Stanislaus PRIDE Day 2008.

For more information visit www.spcpride.org

SPC Moving Update

This weekend SPC is moving into our new office space in the lower level of the Great Valley Center **at 201 Needham Street, located near five-points in downtown Modesto.**



This week we will be closed for drop-ins while our Volunteers are busy packing up. If you have a movie or book to return you may stop by the Center to drop it off.

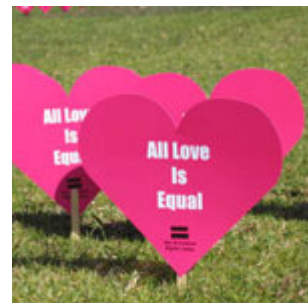
We will be open for business as usual next Wednesday, April 2 at 3:00 pm in our new location.

While we transition there may be a brief disruption in our phone and internet services as we get established. **If you have any questions** or in case of emergency please contact Desiree Holden, Center Coordinator, by phone at 209-491-3657 or by email coordinator@stanpride.org.

If you are interested in helping us move this weekend please contact Tery Powers, Volunteer Coordinator, by email at getinvolved@stanpride.org.

Critical Week to Stop Anti-Gay Initiative

MEUSA (Marriage Equality USA) needs help with more volunteers for next weekends shifts for the Equality For All campaign, which is working to stop the anti-gay petition which would put an initiative constitutional amendment on the CA ballot in November 2008.



This initiative is unfair, and would permanently bar gay and lesbian couples from the Freedom to Marry

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in the state of CA.

We have shifts at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in Fresno, CA on Saturday and Sunday which need to be filled.

Several MEUSA chapter leaders, and former chapter leaders are driving down to Fresno for this one. This is going to be the make or break weekend.

The radical anti-gay groups are now well aware of our presence and how we have been effectively slowing down petition gathering all over California. **We need to stop it where it hurts them, in Fresno.**

We especially need more people over the age of 30, and more straight people. **Contact Beth Holden (209-575-2771)** to arrange for carpooling or to donate for gas money, because it's really really expensive to drive to Fresno and back 3 times a week.

We **must** stop this petition!

Modesto Magic redefines the phrase "Hits Like A Girl "

The women's professional football team the Modesto Magic is ready to kick off their season Saturday, April 19, 2008 at Waterford High School at 7pm against the Arizona Wildfire. Recently, during a meet and greet the Modesto Bee interviewed one of the owners and a few players of the Modesto Magic.



[Get a sneak peak of what they have to say and what's to come](#)

For information, visit www.modestomagic.net or email Stormy@modestomagic.net or Vanessa@modestomagic.net

The NWFA will kick off it's 8th season in April 2008. For additional information on the National Women's Football Association, please visit WomensFootballCentral.com or call (615) 860-4084.

Family Fun & Fairytales at PRIDE 2008

\$\$ HELP! \$\$

The drag entertainment at Stanislaus PRIDE Day 2008 is guaranteed to be entertaining & family oriented

But we need your support to make it happen!



We are planning a "FAIRYTALE FANTASY THEME"

Where children, family, and friends will get to meet, greet, and take pictures with their favorite fairytale characters

**Come out every Sunday night @
THE Brave
Bull-ette Drag Show
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ANYTHING IS APPRECIATED AND WILL GO A LONG WAY

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Stanislaus Pride Day 2008**

"Live. Love. Be Free."
September 27, 2008

<http://www.spcpride.org>

LOGO Airs Celebrity PSA Response to Lawrence King Murder

Gay cable channel [LOGO](#), along with sibling MTV Networks outlets, has begun airing a PSA featuring Janet Jackson, Andre 3000 and Darryl Stephens of "Noah's Arc" to bring attention to the alleged hate-crime murder of 15-year-old Lawrence King.



[Read more and view the clip](#)

LOGO launched the PSA in response to the brutal murder of Lawrence King, a 15-year-old Oxnard, California boy who was shot at point blank range February 12th. King was allegedly shot by 14-year-old fellow student Brandon McInerney, who is being charged with a hate crime.

King, who died days after the shooting, had previously revealed to other students that he was gay and had worn makeup and feminine clothing just days before he was shot. The epidemic of hate crimes against the LGBT community continues, as evidenced by the murder of 17-year-old Simmie Williams in Florida just days after the King murder.

"One more murder, one more life lost, one more attempt to provoke fear and one more reason hate crimes must end. We hope this PSA will help inspire more people to join the fight against hate crimes," said Brian Graden, President, MTV Networks Music Group Entertainment; and President, Logo.

Logo will make the spot available - as well as a shortened 30-second version - to Logo's sister brands across MTV Networks as well as other networks that wish to air the spot. MTV Networks has a long history of educating about hate crimes including the production and airing of numerous PSAs as well as an event on January 10, 2001, when MTV replaced 18 hours of programming with nothing but the names and stories of hate crime victims.

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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