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April 24, 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

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. Finally, the area's third pride celebration will take



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place on **September 27th at Graceada Park in Modesto: Stanislaus PRIDE Day 2008.**

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GLBT Community Needs Assessment

The Stanislaus PRIDE Center is working with graduate students from CSU Stanislaus to conduct needs assessments for the GLBT community in Stanislaus and surrounding counties. The surveys are anonymous.



The information you provide will help SPC develop programs and services that better serve the interests of the local GLBT Community. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

LGBTQ Community Needs Assessment for Stanislaus and Surrounding Counties

This survey contains 29 questions and is designed for the entire LGBTQ community and allies. It will take no more than 10-15 minutes of your time.

[Take the Survey](#)

Lesbian Networking Questionnaire

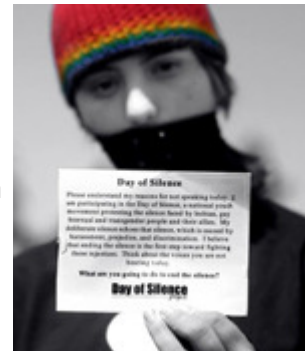
This survey contains 9 questions and contains questions designed for the Lesbian community. It will take no more than 5-10 minutes of your time.

[Take the Survey](#)

National Day of Silence - Local Events

Join local the local GSA Network in promoting social justice and equality for all people.

April 24th - "Outspoken" a play presented by the Youth Aware Theatre Company from San Francisco



Event Highlights

April 24 - [GSA Presents "Outspoken" Play](#)

April 25 - [Day of Silence](#)

April 25 - [Day of Silence "Make Some Noise" Rally](#)

May 17th - [Pride '08 Comedy Night](#)

September 27 - [Stanislaus PRIDE Day 2008](#)



Please join us for a community performance of OutSpoken, presented in association with the Gay Straight Alliance Network. Don't miss the opportunity to preview this innovative play for teens before it once again tours northern California middle and high schools in the spring of 2009. It's also an opportunity to learn about all of our YouthAware diversity and schools safety plays offered throughout the school year.

Post-show Q&A with cast and director immediately following the performance.

April 25th - Day of Silence and Make Some Noise Rally

Both events will be held at the King-Kennedy Memorial Center @ 6:30 both evenings.

King-Kennedy Memorial Center
601 N. Martin Luther King Drive
Modesto, CA

Admission to the play is \$2.00 for students \$5.00 for adults

Make Some Noise Rally is FREE

Did You Sign the Anti-Gay Petition? Are You Sure?

Were you tricked or bullied into signing the anti-gay petition "Limits on Marriage"?

There is an opportunity to have your signature removed from the petition before it becomes PUBLIC RECORD. That's right, unlike voting booths, there is no secrecy in regards to petitions.



AND, there are several documented cases of Paid Signature Gatherers and/or their bosses transferring signatures over from one petition to another. YIKES!

Have you signed any petitions recently? You may want to check to make sure your name has not been fraudulently transferred over to the anti-gay

petition.

Immediately contact the Stanislaus County Clerk Recorder's Office, before it's too late to remove your name!!!

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-Beth Holden, Volunteer Co-Chapter Leader Marriage Equality USA - Stanislaus

[Backers of Calif. marriage ban say issue will be on ballot](#)

Protect Marriage, a coalition of religious groups in California, claims to have gathered more than 1.1 million signatures to get a constitutional marriage ban on the state ballot in November. The state requires 694,354 signatures, or 8% of the votes cast in the most recent governor's race, to qualify a ballot question. Seth Kilbourn, political director of Equality California, said he is "confident" the measure will be defeated "when and if" it goes before voters. [San Francisco Chronicle/Associated Press](#) (4/21)

GLBT Peer Support Group

Just a reminder. The GLBT peer support group is going well. If you are an adult individual who identifies with the GLBT community and would like to share your experiences with those of other GLBT adults, please come join us.



The group meets on Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Stanislaus Pride Center, located at 201 Needham St., Modesto, CA. The Pride Center recently moved to this address, for directions visit www.stanpride.org/contact.php

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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