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Voice Your Support: Make the Call!

Please take less than a minute (literally!) to make a phone call (completely automated) to the Governor's office in support of Marriage Equality and the recent CA Supreme Court ruling. Again, it's an automated system, so it's easy and painless! Just the push of a few buttons.



Unfortunately and not surprisingly, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is receiving large numbers of phone calls from the supporters of "Limits on Marriage" (The constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage in California) about his comment to a group of Log Cabin Republicans that he would not support a constitutional amendment. We don't want him to go back on his word. He also must hear from supporters and other progressives as well.

To voice your support of the Supreme Court's decision on Marriage Equality:

- 1) Call 1-916-445-2841
- 2) Wait until you are instructed to press 1 for English, then: press 1, 5, 1, 1
(1=English / 5=opinion / 1=court / 1=support)
- 3) Hang up and forward this email on to all the supporters you know!



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Event Highlights

June 1-28 - [Fellow Travelers: Liberation Portraits by Mark Thompson](#), Deva Cafe, Modesto, CA

The number is very busy during the day, it may take several calls, but please don't give up!

GLBT Historical Photo Exhibit - Opens June 1**National photo exhibit honors Modesto native and gay culture**

Fellow Travelers: Liberation Portraits by Mark Thompson, opens June 1st at Deva Café in downtown Modesto.



The exhibit, on a national tour, includes 14 large-format black and white, historic portraits of gay liberation pioneers. The exhibit is sponsored by The Stanislaus PRIDE Center is sponsoring the exhibit with curatorial advice from the Modesto Art Museum.

Fellow Travelers: Liberation Portraits by Mark Thompson

June 1st - 28th, 2008 at Deva Cafe, 1206 J Street, Modesto, CA

Monday - Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Opening reception: Friday, June 6, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

The exhibit includes Modesto native James Broughton. Broughton was born in Modesto in 1912 and is remembered for being the father of the West Coast avant-garde film movement.

The exhibit's national tour started in San Francisco last year. Before coming to Modesto, it will make stops in Los Angeles, New York, Salt Lake City, Philadelphia, and Portland.

New PFLAG Group in Oakdale

(excerpts from the Oakdale Leader - Wednesday, May 7, 2008 by Teresa Hammond)

A new PFLAG support group has begun meeting the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at the Golden Oaks Conference room of the Oak Valley Medical Building



June 6 - Fellow Travelers: Opening Reception, 7pm, Deva Cafe, Modesto, CA

June 6 - [Valley Ministries PRIDE Dance](#), Stockton, CA

June 14 - Out in the Mother Lode Pride Picnic in Angels Camp, CA

September 27 - [Stanislaus PRIDE Day 2008](#), Graceada Park, Modesto, CA



located at 1425 West "H" Street in Oakdale, CA. The group will be facilitated by Michael McKibban, Oakdale High School chemistry teacher, with the assistance of his wife, retired pediatric nurse, Maureen.

McKibban is currently the student advisor of the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) at Oakdale High School. This group was formed three years ago, when he and another school instructor were approached by a group of students. Currently the on-campus group has an average of 15 members.

The ultimate goal is to create a support group within the community, working through GLBT issues.

Similar to the on-campus GSA, the new PFLAG group is not specifically for GLBT persons, but welcomes family, friends, and allies as well.

"Tolerance doesn't mean endorsement,. McKibban said, "and I am hopeful that Oakdale will be supportive of the families through PFLAG."

For questions and information regarding Oakdale's PFLAG, e-mail pflagoakdale@dishmail.net.

New Weekend DJ on B93

Moon Trent, local gay musician and Pride 2007 performer, is the new weekend DJ on B93! If you live in the Modesto area, tune in each weekend (sat & sun) from 10am-3pm. If you don't live in the area, you can listen on-line at www.b931.com.



"Modesto music pioneer and activist Moon Trent is Mexican-American singer and songwriter who lives with his partner and creative associate David Cole. He also manages [timmi-kat ReCoRDS](#), an indie micro-label dedicated to releasing music from mostly obscure and mostly queer artists. On Quilt - The Moon Trent collection 1991-2007 he serves up an anthology of some of his past solo and band work with eclectic disco bumpers and whimsical tunes guaranteed to tickle the most jaded. My picks: "Easy Disco," "They Don't Know," "Rocky Mountain High," "All The Way," "What Shall I Do?," "Crossfire Hero," "Behind The Wall" and "Special Sound." - By DJ Puss

Puss San Francisco Bay Times June 31, 2007

Check out his new album "Quilt", available on itunes. It's reached number 15 on [OutVoice's GLBT Top 40 Chart](#).

More about Moon Trent:
www.myspace.com/moontrent

Pride Dance in Stockton on June 6

PRIDE DANCE
Friday, June 6, 2008
6pm - 11pm (Stockton,
CA)

*Hosted by Valley
Ministries, MCC*

Come join Valley
Ministries for fun, food
and fellowship in
celebrating the Pride of our People, Kids,
Family and Friends.



Dance the night away while enjoying fresh
hors d'oeuvres.

Get your tickets early in order to beat the
rush. The ticket prices
are \$10 a person or \$15 a couple.

For more information call 209-464-5244 or
visit our web site at
www.valleyministries.com

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
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