



# News & Views



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Things kick off this spring over two consecutive Saturday nights at  
The State Theatre with the third

**Modesto Gay & Lesbian Film Festival, "MoFest!3"**



Fresh, cutting-edge, GLBT-themed films will be screened at the historic house  
of cinema in downtown Modesto on

**Saturday, March 31st and Saturday, April 7th**

Doors open each evening for a no-host reception in the lobby of the  
theatre at 6:15 PM and film screening begin at 7:00 PM.

Tickets are \$10/person per night.

Attendees must be 18 or older.

Tickets can be purchased through The State's ticketing office at  
1307 J Street in Modesto,  
by calling (209) 527-4697,  
or by visiting [www.thestate.org](http://www.thestate.org).

See film trailers at [www.modestofilmfestival.com](http://www.modestofilmfestival.com)

Read the PFLAG Modesto press release at [www.pflagmodesto.org](http://www.pflagmodesto.org)

**MoFest!3 is a program of PFLAG Modesto.**

## Dates to Remember

### Meeting days

1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Every month

**7 pm Support**

**8 pm Program**

**April 3**

Join us to hear **Arthur Evans**, one of the '60's founders of the New York City Gay-Lesbian movement. He later moved to San Francisco in the '70's where he continues his work for the GLBT community. More on other side.

Would you like to see your dues make even more of a difference in our community? We need **YOUR** skills and ideas for fundraising. Sign up to join our Fundraising Committee. Contact Norman Rostad at 523-8687 or [nlr2@comcast.net](mailto:nlr2@comcast.net).

### New place and date!

**April 15**

## Birdcage

Is an informal, monthly social gathering for GLBTs, allies and friends. Join the group at

**Bacchus**

**1200 "I" Street, downtown  
5-9 PM**

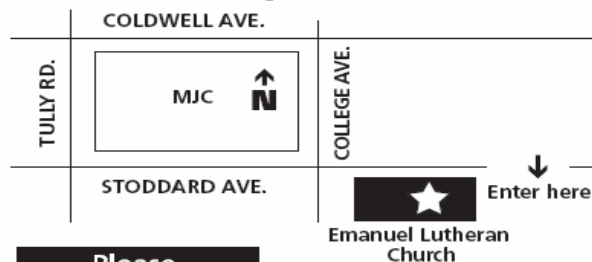
Want to be on the Birdcage e-mail list? Contact **Patrick Pokorny** at **404-0538** or [ndskills1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ndskills1@sbcglobal.net)



**PFLAG Mission Statement:** PFLAG promotes the health and well being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons through: **support**, to cope with an adverse society; **education**, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and **advocacy**, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights. Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.

Have news to share or an item of interest? Want to receive the PFLAG Modesto newsletter electronically? Contact Marilyn Mettler at [klizard@sprynet.com](mailto:klizard@sprynet.com), leave a message on the helpline at 527-0776 or drop a line to P.O. Box 4311, Modesto,95352-4311.

### Location Map:



— Please —  
**No Smoking on  
Church property**

**April 17**  
**PFLAG Bingo**

## Coming soon: The Not-so-Newlywed-Game! June 19, 2007

How well do you know your spouse, partner, significant-other, wife, husband, boyfriend, or girlfriend?

Your chance to find out is coming soon!

Registration is open at every PFLAG Modesto meeting, event or Bingo night until June 19, when the 4 randomly selected couples will be announced. Open to long or short-term committed gay, lesbian or straight couples, this game is a take-off on the TV game-show, "The Newlywed Game".

There will be prizes, fun and laughs aplenty!

**SIGN UP SOON!**

### Visit these other websites:

**HeartStrong:** [heartstrong.org](http://heartstrong.org)

**Lambda Legal:** [lambdalegal.org](http://lambdalegal.org)

**Liberty Action Network**, a GLBT advocacy group for the Central Valley: [libertyaction.com](http://libertyaction.com)

**Owl Empire of Stanislaus County, Inc. (OESCI):** [oesci.org](http://oesci.org)

**PFLAG National:** [pflag.org](http://pflag.org) -Check out the new Story Center with stories from real members who share their experiences of love, grief, fear, eventual understanding, and love of PFLAG.

**Stanislaus Community Assistance Project (SCAP):** [scap4.org](http://scap4.org)

**Stanislaus PRIDE Center:** [stanpride.org](http://stanpride.org) (check out the calendar of activities and events for our area)

The SPC has a bulletin board to post "want ads" and has computers available for your use in job searching, resume work, etc.

Come on down...823 15th Street, across from the library.

Visit a local open and accepting spiritual organization:

**College Avenue Congregational Church** - 1341 College Ave., Modesto: [cacc-ucc.org/menu](http://cacc-ucc.org/menu)

**Emanuel Lutheran Church** - 324 College Ave., Modesto: [emanuellutheran.org](http://emanuellutheran.org)

**Extended Hand Ministries** - meets at the Tiki on Sundays, 932 McHenry Ave., Modesto, 577-9969

**First United Methodist Church** - 850 16th Street, Modesto: [fumcmodesto.org](http://fumcmodesto.org)

**Unitarian Universalist Church** - 2172 Kiernan Ave., Modesto: [stanuu.org](http://stanuu.org)

**Unity Church of Modesto** - 2467 Veneman Ave., Modesto: [unityofmodesto.com](http://unityofmodesto.com)

## Lesbian Social Group - April 4

Lesbians of all ages and backgrounds will begin meeting at the Stanislaus PRIDE Center the first Wednesday of each month from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The purpose of the group's formation is to provide an opportunity for lesbians to connect, talk, build community, have fun, share, and show PRIDE within the community. The **Lesbian Social Group** will have its first gathering Wednesday, April 4th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the SPC, 823 15th St, downtown Modesto. For more information on the group; email [volunteer@stanpride.org](mailto:volunteer@stanpride.org) or call (209) 338-0855.

## Same-Sex Parents & Their Children Social Group

The **Same-Sex Parents & Their Children Social Group** will begin gathering the second and fourth Saturdays of each month from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Stanislaus PRIDE Center, 823 15th St. in downtown Modesto. The first gathering is Saturday, April 14th and will be an opportunity for parents and children to meet, socialize and come together as a community. The SPC's volunteer staff has more information on the group; email [volunteer@stanpride.org](mailto:volunteer@stanpride.org) or call (209) 338-0855.

## Arthur Evans - Speaks April 3rd

Arthur Evans is a major architect of the modern gay-liberation movement, as reflected in both his activism and his writings. He helped create the Gay Activists Alliance in New York City in 1969, following the famous Stonewall Riot of that year. The group completely transformed the gay movement across the country. Later, he created the Faery Circle of San Francisco, which explored the spiritual aspects of gay identity. He was active in the Bay Area Gay Liberation which paved the way for the rise of openly gay supervisor Harvey Milk. He also became an early activist in ACT-UP. Over the years he has been arrested nine times in actions of peaceful civil disobedience on behalf of civil rights for gay people. He has written and published extensively on gay history, politics, and philosophy. His most recent book, "Critique of Patriarchal Reason", is a comprehensive overview of Western philosophy, showing how it has been influenced by homophobic and sexist presuppositions, and arguing for a redefinition and renewal of modern philosophy with more inclusive visions. For the past 32 years, he has lived on the corner of Haight and Ashbury in San Francisco, and is active in groups aimed at improving the livability and safety of the neighborhood. He was recently commended by both the mayor and the board of supervisors for his ongoing articles reporting on the city's political affairs.