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### e-PRIDE weekly

e-Pw brings you a glimpse of events near and far, from around your neighborhood to around our world. Current events, arts and entertainment information is sent to our constituents, friends and supporters; it's another service of the Stanislaus PRIDE Center.

#### United States

*October is GLBT History Month*

Leonard Bernstein, one of the greatest American composers who wrote the scores to classic shows like "West Side Story" and "Candide," is the first of thirty-one gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) icons featured throughout October. Each day, a new icon's video, biography and bibliography becomes available at [glbthistorymonth.com](http://glbthistorymonth.com), a project of the [Equality Forum](#).

At the end of each week, you can participate in a weekly GLBT History Challenge, and the final "Rainbow Challenge" at the end of the month to win prizes!

#### [Brush up on your GLBT history online...](#)

#### Sacramento & Washington State

*This international hate group is meeting now...*

A furious anti-gay movement in Latvia marked by huge rallies in the capital city of Riga, has spilled over into the United States. This weekend it lands in [Lynwood, Washington \(click here for more...\)](#).

Russian and Ukrainian-speaking Christian fundamentalists, mostly immigrants from the former Soviet Union, have formed a ferocious anti-gay movement in the western United States. It's called **The Watchmen on the Walls**, according to the [Southern Poverty Law Center's \(SPLC\)](#) current *Intelligence Report*.

Hitting even closer to home here in the Central Valley was the Sacramento gay bashing-to-death

#### Stanislaus PRIDE Day 2008

*Stanislaus PRIDE Day volunteer kick-off party!*

Attention **leaders and volunteers** who want a spectacular and memorable PRIDE 2008:

Join us Sunday afternoon for food, wine and networking, and learn how you can be a part of Stanislaus PRIDE Day 2008! This is an opportunity to work with others in a safe and respectful environment, with a common goal of making this the best experience possible for all.

The volunteer kick-off party is this Sunday, October 21st, at the home of Desiree Holden, 1513 W. Roseburg Avenue in Modesto, from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. See you there!

#### [Highlights from PRIDE 2007 are online...](#)

#### Modesto and neighboring cities

*Shouldn't our cities file an amicus brief?*

In thirty **amicus briefs** submitted late September to the California Supreme Court, scores of religious, civil rights, and child advocacy organizations, along with numerous California municipal governments, bar associations, and leading legal scholars, urged the court to put an end to state laws that deny same-sex couples the protections of marriage.

**Equality California** has the list of over **FOUR HUNDRED** organizations (including the Stanislaus PRIDE Center), cities, counties, legislators and professors, which filed amicus briefs on behalf of the appellant-plaintiffs in the same-marriage case currently pending before the seven member California Supreme Court to date.

of 26 year old [Satender Singh](#) on July 1st. His assailants sucker-punched him in the head. He fell to the ground, unconscious and bleeding. Suffering a brain hemorrhage, hospital tests confirmed that he was clinically brain dead. The incident was the result of anti-gay Slavic extremism, and things could get worse. [A multi-faith memorial will be held in Sacramento this weekend.](#)

Organizations as diverse as "[Jews on First](#)" and the "[Organization of Chinese Americans](#)" have rallied for Singh and against the Watchmen. An item on this went up Monday at stanpride.org.

**[Witness the hate; YOU be the judge...](#)**

The **Supreme Court** is expected to hear oral arguments early next year in the lawsuit attempting to make California the first state outside Massachusetts to sanction same-sex marriage.

**No** valley cities have filed a brief (including Sacramento). **None** of our elected representatives have filed a brief. Isn't it time?

**[Why this case should matter to you...](#)**

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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