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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.

Local area

Out and Out: November happenings

Mark your calendars for November now...

Birds of a Feather The annual dinner/dance social for GLBTs and friends is this Saturday night (Nov. 3) at the Port of Stockton's Klamath ferry boat. The party starts at 5:00 PM and it's \$55/person. The ticket deadline has passed, but one never knows what last-minute magic can be worked. Late planners can reach organizer, George Miranda, at gmiranda1@juno.com.

Lesbian Social Group The group is gathering again this Saturday night (Nov. 3) at the Stanislaus PRIDE Center, 823 15th St. in Modesto. Bring your favorite "fall flavors" food dish, and dish with the girls. Starts at 7:00 PM.

Coronation Weekend is Nov. 9 - 11. Details coming next week. [Visit the O.E.S.C.I. online.](#)

Birdcage Monthly alternative social for GLBTs is Nov. 11th at [Bacchus](#). 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Seattle, Washington

Residents: Attacks a sign of changing times

The SPC's learning of the group, [Watchmen on the Walls](#), active here in the Central Valley, directed our attention to gay hating groups and persons. Concerned about hate, we feel more education and information is needed.

Good news on the issue came in September, when the [Matthew Shepard Hate Crimes Prevention Act](#)

SPC & YOU!

Volunteers: the heart of our community center

At the SPC, we love our volunteers. We continue to look for volunteers to staff the Center's drop-in hours, Wednesdays through Saturdays, 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Like other GLBT community centers nationwide, the SPC's paid staff is hired to do necessary administrative work. The SPC's part time Center Coordinator, Desiree Holden (pictured), was **not** hired to staff drop-in hours. Paying for a greeter and host of drop-in hours for our Center, ongoing, isn't they most efficient use of our limited available funding.

Enter volunteers... Don't let the doors to the Center be closed during drop-in hours (sadly, at times, it happens). Drop-in hours are *for* the community, and they need to be run *by* the community too, if we are to keep them. Email our volunteer coordinator, Tery Powers at getinvolved@stanpride.org if you can help staff the Center during drop-in hours.

United States

Victory Fund off-year record: 71 endorsements

The [Victory Fund's \(VF\)](#) backing of 71 candidates in 2007 has set a record as most endorsed by the group in a year without federal contests. The organization "provides strategic, technical and financial support to openly LGBT candidates and their campaigns".

One endorsed candidate, Joel Burns for City

was attached to a Defense Appropriations Bill, and passed by a 60-vote Senate majority; a companion bill passed the House. But prospects of the bill becoming law are dim; Bush threatens to veto the legislation.

Meanwhile, a spate of seven anti-gay attacks since June is causing concern among many in Seattle, often considered one of the most friendly places for GLBTs in the country. Some worry the city's Capitol Hill neighborhood, site of five of the incidents, is becoming less gay-friendly as more straight nightclubs open there.

[Alarming attacks in gay-friendly Seattle...](#)

Council in Fort Worth, Texas, is increasingly becoming the focus of VF's efforts now. That's because current Councilman Chuck Silcox recently said Republicans should support candidate Chris Turner for the seat because he belongs to their party and he's straight.

The nonpartisan election features Turner, a Republican political consultant, and openly gay Joel Burns, a real estate agent and city zoning commissioner. The Fort Worth Star-Telegram calls Silcox's comment, "[Foot in mouth](#)".

[The Washington Blade profiles seven of VF's "races to watch" seen as winnable...](#)

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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