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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.

Stanislaus County

Chorale groups return "Home for the Holidays"

The popular [San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus](#) and [San Francisco Gay & Lesbian Chorus](#) are once again returning to Modesto for **Home for the Holidays**, a chorale event that benefits [Stanislaus County Assistance Project \(SCAP\)](#).



The always entertaining show is all-ages appropriate, and this year will be held on [World AIDS Day](#), December 1st, at the Downey High School auditorium in Modesto. The show begins at 6:30 PM, but come early to bid on an array of silent auction items in the lobby area.

General admission tickets are \$25 for adults, and \$10 for children under 12. Sponsor tickets start at \$50, and include an invitation to a reception with the choir following the concert.

Advance tickets can be purchased by calling the SCAP office at 572-2437. Tickets are also available at the door the night of the event.

United States

Pastor calls on conservatives to buy Microsoft shares to topple gay rights rule

Gay rights foe Rev.



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Gift wrap or get gifts wrapped at Barnes & Noble this holiday season, and help the SPC

For a third year, the SPC is providing gift wrapping services at the Barnes & Noble bookstore on McHenry Avenue this holiday season. We're looking for volunteers to fill the following shifts to wrap-for-tips, with proceeds benefitting the Center:



- Friday, November 23rd, 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM
- Friday, November 23rd, 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
- Sunday, December 2nd, 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM
- Sunday, December 2nd, 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
- Friday, December 21st, 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM
- Sunday, December 23rd, 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

If you can help with any shift, please contact SPC volunteer coordinator, Tery Powers, at getinvolved@stanpride.org. If you are shopping for books as gifts this season, do so when the SPC is wrapping, and get your items wrapped by SPC volunteers! (And don't forget to tip!)

International

Speaking of Microsoft...Singapore bans, then unbans, one of their games over lesbian scene

Last week, Singapore banned



Ken Hutcherson is calling on religious conservatives to buy stock in Microsoft (ticker: MSFT) so they can force a shareholders vote on the company's policy that provides equality for gay workers.

Hutcherson, whose megachurch is a stone's throw from Microsoft headquarters in Redmond, Washington, caused a stir at the company's recent annual meeting, demanding the world's biggest computer company abandon its LGBT worker policy.

Microsoft's directors urged shareholders to reject the attempt, and the issue failed to get enough support for a vote, but Hutcherson is undeterred.

[Microsoft is only the first company to be targeted by Hutcherson \(365gay.com\)...](#)

the Microsoft Xbox video game, Mass Effect, because it contains a sex scene between a woman and a female alien. The city-state's censors called the scene "lesbian intimacy."

Microsoft said the company respected Singapore's decision to ban the game, which launched globally on November 20th.

Just a day after announcing the ban, Singapore lifted it, gave the game an M18 rating instead, and cited Mass Effect's "highly anticipated" launch as the reason for reversal of decision.

Mass Effect has not been banned in any other country, even temporarily.

[The reversal story from Singapore's daily paper, The Straits Times...](#)

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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