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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.

#### Stanislaus PRIDE Center

*Transgender group announces new meeting times, and a Thanksgiving TransGathering*

The SPC's Transgender Peer Support Group is run by and for locals in the community who identify as such. The group recently changed its regular monthly meeting dates to the **second and fourth**

**Wednesdays** of the month at 7:30 PM at the Stanislaus PRIDE Center, 823 15th Street in Modesto.

In addition, the group is hosting a Thanksgiving meal for transgender persons in the area at a home in Stockton. The gathering will take place beginning at 5:00 PM the night of Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 22nd. To attend the Thanksgiving gathering, and for more information about the group, email Katherine Teixeira at [tgsupport@stanpride.org](mailto:tgsupport@stanpride.org).



#### Washington, DC

*ENDA passes House, is headed to Senate*

After a five hour debate on Wednesday, November 7th, the House of Representatives



#### Northern California

*The Youth Empowerment Summit (YES) is back!*

The Youth Empowerment Summit (YES), hosted by the Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) Network, will be held December 8, 2007 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Everett Middle School. A youth-only dance will follow immediately, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.



YES is a FREE conference for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender (GLBT) and allied youth. YES is structured to focus on giving youth organizers the tools to combat homophobia and transphobia in schools.

For more information, contact Marco Castro-Bojorquez by email at [marco@gsanetwork.org](mailto:marco@gsanetwork.org), or by phone at (415) 552-4229.

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#### The Universe

*Should a "Porn God" be allowed to compete for Mr. Gay?*

Argentina announced that their mega-porn star **Jorge Schmeda** will represent them in



passed the [Employment Non-Discrimination Act \(ENDA\)](#) by a margin of 235 - 185. Voting was along party lines for the most part, and it was an ENDA that didn't include protections for transgender workers.

As it reads now, ENDA makes it illegal for employers to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in hiring, firing, promotions and pay.

Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA) says he'll now introduce a version of ENDA during the current congressional season. The White House has warned that a presidential veto will ultimately kill the bill, claiming the that ENDA might be unconstitutional.

[More info about ENDA . . .](#)

this year's Mr. Gay competition.

Since gay porn is often looked on in a negative light in America can we look upon their participants in the same way we view ours? Remember Modesto's son **Grant Ermis**?

If there is nothing wrong with porn or or with rewarding and promoting beauty, should it be used as a means to conquer gay stereotypes? Doesn't that seem like an injustice to the other men involved?

Is Mr. Gay truly trying to break down gay stereotypes, or is this going to compromise the competition?

["See" the rest of the story here and you decide...](#)

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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