

Lack Of Funding Greatly Affecting Tucson AIDS Community

Tucson, AZ— Men, women and children living with HIV and AIDS in Southern Arizona have recently been dealt a blow to their health services and medication regimen. Federal funding through the Ryan White Program Part B as well as the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) has fallen short and not able to adequately cover all the services and medications previously provided. While the numbers of new HIV infections locally have gone up and more people are living with the disease than ever before, funding has stayed the same and not increased to meet the need. The shortfalls have resulted in drastic program cuts, including mental health services, dental services and medications covered by ADAP.

Organizations and agencies in Pima County receiving funds through the Ryan White Program Part B include: Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), El Rio Special Immunology Associates, University of Arizona Ryan White Program and COPE Behavioral Services. Working together with a dedicated group of Tucsonans living with HIV and AIDS, they have met recently to address the changes and concerns facing them and developed plans to respond to the growing crisis. The ad-hoc AIDS advocacy team is encouraging those living with HIV/AIDS to share their feelings and experiences in the form of a personal letter, explaining how these cuts and changes have and will affect their quality of life. Caregivers, family members and others whose lives are touched by HIV/AIDS are also invited to participate. The team is requesting all letters be received by Friday, August 7th. To submit a letter, drop off at any organization where HIV services are received or send to:

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Once collected, the letters will be shared in meetings between HIV-positive Tucsonans and the elected officials representing Southern Arizona. It is hoped that this grassroots advocacy plan will help underscore the crucial need for additional funds now and in the future for people in Pima County living with HIV and AIDS.

Pima County received just over \$2 million for Ryan White Part B services in fiscal year 2007-08. Since 1991, the Pima County HIV/AIDS CARE Consortium has been responsible for the administration of these services. The annual allocation of funds is guided by a community needs assessment process and by recommendations from an independent advisory committee made up of people living with HIV/AIDS, community members, and service providers. Programs and agencies receiving Ryan White Part B funds in Pima County collaborate with one another to offer a continuum of essential services to people living with HIV and AIDS, such as primary medical care, case management, medications assistance, mental health services, dental care, in-home services, and substance abuse. Primary care services are available to people who are HIV-positive and uninsured or underinsured. The Consortium is a special project of The Community Foundation for Southern Arizona (CFSA) which serves as the fiscal agent for Part B funds awarded to Pima County through the Arizona Department of Health Services.

California G/L Marriage Backers Weigh Ballot Date

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (Observer Update) - Nearly nine months after California voters banned same-sex marriage in the state, Gay marriage supporters are ready to ask them to overturn Proposition 8. They're just not sure when to ask: In November 2010 or November 2012, reported sfgate.com.

Choosing a date involves more than sifting through the polling, community meetings and consultants' reports that have filled the time since last fall's election with soul-searching and finger-pointing among supporters, culminating in a meeting of the movement's leaders Saturday in San Bernardino.

Generating enthusiasm for a grassroots campaign will also be a heart-based decision, one that has split same-sex couples even in Kern County, where 75 percent of voters backed Prop. 8. Bakersfield resident Jade Haley wants an initiative in 2010. Her partner Alee Gamino thinks that's too soon. Gamino's Catholic mother still refers to Haley as "she" and has no contact with them as a couple, who are raising Gamino's teenage daughter from a previous relationship.

On Sundays, Gamino, 34, goes to church twice. She attends a Catholic service solo with her mom in the morning and goes to a Metropolitan Community Church with her partner in the evening. "The churches have thousands and thousands of people ready to go against us," said Gamino. She looked at 70 people who came to a Unitarian Universalist Church on Thursday to talk about the movement's next step. "All we have is what's in this room."

Still, Gamino was among only a dozen people at the Bakersfield meeting called by Marriage Equality USA who supported waiting until 2012. The sentiment for a vote next year echoed one at a similar gathering in San Francisco, while gatherings in liberal bastions such as Oakland and Berkeley leaned toward 2012.

"The reaction was really mixed," said Pam Brown, Marriage Equality USA's political director, who compiled information from the organization's "Get Engaged" tour of 40 California cities over the past several weeks. "A lot of people who wanted to wait until 2012 wanted to see what the plan was first before they committed."

A nonbinding straw poll of leaders gathered in San Bernardino to plan the movement's next step found that 93 people voted to go in 2010, 49 in 2012 and 20 were undecided. Organizers expect to officially decide when to return to the ballot in a couple of weeks. If they decide on November 2010, the deadline to have ballot language submitted to the attorney general is Sept. 25.

This month, several groups of same-sex marriage supporters said not enough has been done to address the faults of last year's campaign in time to mount a winning drive next year. Three

groups representing people of color said supporters must reach out more to African Americans and Latinos. Political consultants solicited by Equality California wondered whether at least \$40 million could be raised or enough supporters recruited for what would be a lighter turnout next year than 2008's presidential election.

The Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club of San Francisco, the nation's oldest LGBT Democratic club, said a 2010 measure "would require a rush that could cause our community to take shortcuts, miss important messages and fail to make critical connections. If we set the vote for 2010, we essentially need to net 1,000 voters per day, a theoretically achievable but extraordinarily ambitious goal."

Whatever decision is made, Prop. 8 defenders will be ready. Ken Mettler, who led support for the ban in Kern County, said ties between the measure's supporters have only strengthened since last fall. People who hadn't connected much in the past - evangelical Christians and Mormons, Latinos and white conservatives - have remained connected on issues such as the anti-tax Tea Party. David Stepp agreed that same-sex marriage is a "firewall issue" for many conservatives in the area. Over the past 16 years, the Venezuelan-born evangelical Christian pastor built his Iglesia Hispana from scratch into a congregation that fills a converted six-screen multiplex on Bakersfield's east side. "If this would become OK, then why not marriage between three people?" said Stepp, who has a weekly radio show on a Spanish-language station.

If same-sex marriage supporters try to win hearts in California's agricultural heartland by appealing to their neighbors with personal stories, "that's the only way it could work," said Pete Baker, an evangelical pastor at a Bakersfield church whose members include Latinos, African Americans and whites. "But even then, what people say to someone's face is different than what they do at the ballot box." Same-sex marriage backers don't expect Kern County to back same-sex marriage by 2010 or 2012 - but they want to win 2 percent more voters to their side - or 63 people a week. Whitney Weddell, one of Kern County's anti-Prop. 8 organizers, paused when asked if that would be doable. "That," she said, "is a very good question."

Federal Probe Sought In Bar Raid

FORT WORTH, TX (Observer Update) - The Fort Worth City Council has requested a federal investigation into the raid at a Gay bar last month that left one man hospitalized with a serious head injury, reports The Dallas Morning News.

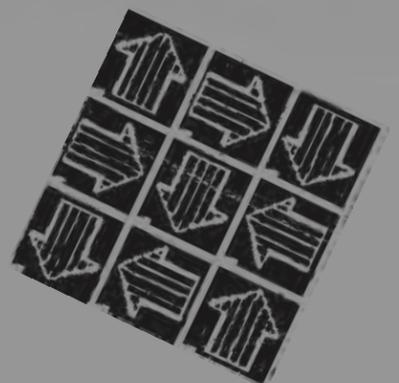
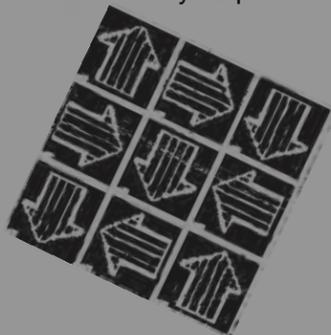
Under the rare request, the U.S. Attorneys Office in Dallas would conduct its own interviews and possibly subpoena reluctant witnesses, going beyond its current agreement to review investigations being conducted by Fort Worth police and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, advocate.com. The U.S. Attorneys Office had no immediate comment on whether it would honor the latest request.

Police and TABC agents raided the Rainbow Lounge on June 28, the 40th anniversary of the Stonewall riots.

Following the request, Fort Worth officials released personnel records on five of the seven police officers involved in the raid. The records

showed that at least one of the officers, Jason R. Ricks, 32, has a history of misconduct, according to the Morning News.

In one incident, Ricks was arrested in July 2006 on an assault charge for punching a bus driver in the face after he had been drinking while off duty. The charges were dropped, but one of Ricks's supervisors noted that the officer showed a pattern of immaturity and poor judgment. It was recommended that he be suspended indefinitely, but the police chief serving at the time issued a 16-day suspension.



UPDATE

Have A Ball At 'TIHAN Night At The Tucson Toros' And Help People Living With HIV/AIDS In Tucson

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Join TIHAN for a night at the Tucson Toros baseball game on Tuesday, August 11. This benefit supports the work of the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) and its services for people living with HIV/AIDS. Since 1994, TIHAN has provided support services free of charge for people living with HIV and the purpose of this event is to enjoy a Toros game and support the work of TIHAN. The benefit takes place at the Tucson Toros game against the St. George Roadrunners on Tuesday, August 11.

With the generous sponsorship of The Law Offices of Laura Schoenfeld, tickets for this special benefit game can be purchased in advance from TIHAN for only \$4 each. This game takes place on the Toros' special "Two for Tuesdays," which means if you buy one hotdog, soda, or bag of chips at the game, you get one of the same items for free. We ask you to gather a group of friends and family members to spend an August evening enjoying the great American summer pastime which also benefits one of your favorite charities-TIHAN.

The game is scheduled to start at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at Hi Corbett Stadium at Reid Park. This is a child and family-friendly event for people of all ages. Tickets are available now by calling (520) 299-6647 (credit card orders can be taken by phone).

As the number of people living with HIV increases and public funding for them decreases, there is a growing need for TIHAN's services, including our free monthly lunch program, emergency assistance for bills or memorial expenses, CareTeam support, and care packages of toiletry and household items not covered by food stamps for people living with HIV/AIDS.

The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) is a coalition of individuals and faith communities committed to an informed, compassionate response to HIV/AIDS: preventing the spread of HIV infection, providing

compassionate care for those infected and affected, and catalyzing the religious community to provide an informed and compassionate response to the AIDS crisis. For more information about TIHAN, visit tihan.org.

Reveille Update

By Jeffrey Bracker, President - Board of Directors, Reveille

Dear Reveille Supporters,

I don't need to tell you about the impact these difficult economic times are having on the arts and nonprofit organizations here in Tucson. In the recent weeks you have no doubt received pleas for help from more than a few local GLBT non-profits. Sadly, Reveille is no different as we find ourselves in the same financial bind as most groups in Tucson. We desperately need your help.

In one month Reveille Men's Chorus will begin our 15th year of changing lives through music in Southern Arizona. As a performance ensemble Reveille has always been dedicated to musical excellence while promoting human rights, diversity and a world free of AIDS. We have partnered with local groups such as SAAF, TIHAN and Wingspan to assist in their efforts in battling HIV. We perform at AIDS Walk, TIHAN's Musical Potpourri, the Annual Wingspan Dinner and various other fundraisers throughout the year. Reveille also performs at local churches, synagogues, schools and senior citizen centers throughout Southern Arizona to entertain and to promote a positive image of our LGBT community. Reveille has performed in Mexico (on 5 separate occasions) and Brazil to help raise funds for local HIV/AIDS support groups. We traveled at our own expense, and funds raised for our performances stayed with the local groups that organized the concerts. We have always felt that music can be a powerful medium to affect change but we are now in danger of having to shut our doors.

I cannot put it in simpler terms, due to a decrease in donations this year we are faced for the first time without having the funds to begin our new season. We are grateful to all those who recently donated funds at our most recent performance in June. That money has enabled us to survive the summer months. But unless we receive the money necessary to begin our 2009-2010 season the singing may have to stop. To make a donation:

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reveillemenschorus.org and go to the "Make a Donation" link to donate online by credit card. Donations can be one-time, monthly, or other recurring basis. Mail your tax deductible check to Reveille Men's Chorus, 300 E. University Blvd., #142, Tucson, AZ 85705 or call the Reveille phone at (520) 304-1758 to make a credit card donation.

Your support will enable the men of Reveille to continue to raise our voices in song and lend our hands and our hearts to all of those in our community for whom we help with our music.

Audition Call For 'Laramie Project' August 17 - 18

GREEN VALLEY (Observer Update) - Auditions for The Laramie Project will be held at 6:30 p.m. on August 17-18, at the Community Performing Arts Center rehearsal hall, 1250 W. Continental Road in Green Valley. Performance dates are October 7-10.

A compelling docudrama, The Laramie Project tells of how the people of Laramie, Wyoming, reacted to the shock and stress of the Matthew Shepard beating death. The play covers the year from his death to the trial of two young Laramie men. Told in the words of individual Laramie residents, a number of points of view are expressed. We are looking for actors of all ages and orientations. Each member of the cast will play multiple roles - there are over 75 Laramie residents portrayed in the show. The cast will have 4 women and 8 men.

Scripts are now available for review. Call D.D. Jay (520)777-4478 [The Santa Cruz Shoestring Players, santacruzshoestringplayers.com/](http://www.santacruzshoestringplayers.com/) is a non-profit community theatre and we welcome all who wants to participate - there are always many things to do. Rehearsals and performances will be at the Community Performing Arts Center in Green Valley, 1250 W Continental Rd. Note from DD: anyone interested is encouraged to come to auditions. You need not be an experienced actor - experience won't be held against you however.

Wingspan Will Honor Award Winners In The Fall

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Although Wingspan's Annual Dinner and Community Celebration has been cancelled this year, the Godat, Hall, and Community Ally Awards will still be presented this year in the fall. Watch this site or subscribe to the eNews to be the first to know details of the new fall community event. The nomination period for the Godat Award ended on July 10. Thank you, everyone who submitted a nomination.

The Godat Award, named after the first recipient, Ken Godat, was inaugurated in 1998 as a way to recognize annually one person who has made outstanding long-term contributions to Southern Arizona's LGBT community. It is the most prestigious award and highest honor and has been traditionally granted at the Wingspan Annual Benefit Dinner. Past Godat Award winners include: Ken Godat (1998), Jean Baker (1999), Colette Barajas (2000), Ana "Bertie" Lozano (2001), Bob Ellis (2002), Alexander John Goodrum (2003), Alan Storm (2004), Mae Krueger (2005), Craig Snow (2006), Noel Matkin (2008). No award in 2007.

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Wingspan Update

By Cynthia Garcia, the Board President of Wingspan

It is with much gratitude that I write to thank you today.

Since we announced Wingspan's next steps to counter the current economic downturn, you have turned out with grit and passion. (If you didn't get a chance to read about the changes at Wingspan, click here to read, An Open Letter to the Community from July 17.)

On Saturday, dozens of you helped pack Wingspan for the move across the street. On Sunday we began the transition to the EON Youth Lounge building. Late in the afternoon, Jason and I swept the last bits of debris upstairs at the old building. Tuesday EON Lounge opened as usual to welcome youth into a safe and welcoming space. Thanks to all of the volunteers, staff, and board that made this move possible.

The Wingspan CyberCenter, library and meeting room will remain closed in its new location for the rest of this week and weekend. Staff has been very busy unpacking and reorganizing. Wingspan's Community Center will re-open Monday, July 27, at 11 am for all ages in its new location 426 E. 7th Street, across from the old Community Center.

Our community has also been stepping forward with burgeoning financial support. Since the day we made the announcement last Friday, about \$1,000 a day has been donated online through www.wingspan.org. Thank you. Every donation matters to ensuring the future of Wingspan. But we have only begun!

Many of you have also stepped forward to volunteer your time and considerable talents. Our community spirit, creativity, and determination have been stirred. And the momentum is building. Thank you for this outpouring of support that you have shown for your community center. We are in the process of identifying some new volun-

teer positions and will post those on the website in the coming weeks.

It's going to continue to take all of us to see Wingspan through this transition. We need to raise our goal of \$125,000 by October 31 and 1,000 new donors who give \$25 or more per month. This amount will help us cover staff salaries, remain current on payments, ensure program delivery, and to build a sustainable foundation to further Wingspan's mission.

Grants alone do not pay for all the costs of running a community-based organization and its programs. Wingspan, like many small non-profits that have a total budget of less than \$1 million, cannot sustain big swings in cash flow. Delays and decreases in funding have contributed to our current dire cash position.

The board evaluated several options to address both operating cash flow and future stability. We cannot continue to operate "paycheck to paycheck". It is not acceptable to this community, nor to the most vulnerable we serve. Our community expects Wingspan to be there from one week to the next. The recent changes at Wingspan AND your financial commitment will help get us there.

The community outpouring on behalf of Wingspan this past week is inspiring. I believe that together we can reach our goals and sustain Wingspan and its programs.
Cynthia Garcia

For Wingspan to even continue, in its new capacity and location, a total of \$125,000 will need to be raised by October 31, 2009 - the end of their fiscal year to go on into the next fiscal year and new decade. This would mean a total of 1,000 new donors willing to donate \$25 monthly to Tucson and Southern Arizona's LGBT Community Center, to continue the work that has been going on since 1988. To donate go online to wingspan.org.

'Legalize Gay' T-Shirts Attacked At Store

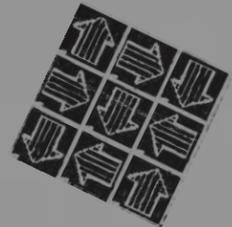


SILVER SPRING, MD (Observer Update) - Vandals in the Washington, D.C., area attacked a display of pro-Gay T-shirts at an American Apparel store and telephoned a follow-up threat to another store, reports the Washington City Paper. Glass was shattered around 5 a.m. at the Silver Spring, Md., store location, but nothing was stolen, according to the manager. T-shirts against Proposition 8, California's anti-marriage equality measure, were displayed on the opposite side of the glass.

store temporarily removed its front window display in the meantime.

American Apparel issued a statement against the attack and threat, saying, "Not only are they not going to prevent us from speaking out on an issue that is important to this company and our employees, but we'll continue to run 'Legalize Gay' advertisements in papers across D.C.-Metro area. We'll also send 'Legalize Gay' T-shirts to any group in Washington, D.C., that is fighting for gay rights and will help support any protest or rally for the cause."

Later, the American Apparel store in Georgetown received a call from an irate man, asking whether he had reached the Silver Spring location. Told he had not, he mentioned the "offensive" T-shirts with the "Legalize Gay" slogan in the window, and he threatened that he and his friends would break the window unless the shirts were removed. The Silver Spring



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Sailor Charged In Provost Murder



Seaman August Provost

SAN DIEGO, CA (Observer Update) - Navy officials have charged a petty officer with murder and a series of other crimes in connection with the death of Seaman August Provost at California's Camp Pendleton on June 30, reports the North County Times .

suggested that sexual orientation may have motivated the murder, but Navy officials say they had no knowledge of Provost's sexual orientation or indications of any ties with Campos. The murder is not being investigated as a hate crime, reported advocate.com.

Jonathan Campos, a gas system technician, allegedly shot Provost in a guard shack, then tried to burn it along with Provost's body. Provost was on duty at the time, and Campos allegedly was attempting to break into a secure area and set fire to a hovercraft. Provost was out to his friends and family, and his family had

According to family members, Provost, 29, had recently told them he was being harassed. Navy officials said Provost never reported any problems. Campos, 32, is being held at the Miramar Marine Corps Air Station, where he awaits a hearing that will determine whether there is sufficient evidence to warrant a trial.

Man Who Assaulted Lesbian Gets Sentence Delayed

SAN DIEGO, CA (Observer Update) - A judge granted a sentencing delay to a man who assaulted a Lesbian musician while she hugged her girlfriend, reported 365Gay.com. The lawyer for Vinzen Matthew Williams, 21, sought the delay so that his client could undergo a psychological evaluation. "I need more time to complete a proper statement in mitigation," wrote attorney Paul Rodriguez in a motion filed with the court on behalf of his client.

evaluation in her sentencing. Rhythm Turner, 25, was sent to the hospital on May 14 with two facial fractures, one on her nose and the other under her eye socket, after Williams punched her in the face. Turner, a singer and guitarist, later made a Youtube video in which she explained the assault and revealed that Williams made several slurs against Lesbians during the attack.

Judge Kathleen Lewis allowed for the delay, which lasts until September 10, so that she could consider the

Williams could be sent to prison for a maximum of four years, though the District Attorney's office agreed not to oppose a one year sentence with probation.

Calif. Teen Faces Trial In Gay Classmate's Killing; Tried As An Adult

VENTURA, CA A Southern California junior high school student has been ordered to stand trial in the fatal shooting of a Gay classmate, reported 365Gay.com.

that the shooting was premeditated and has added the special circumstance allegation that McInerney was lying in wait.

Ventura County Superior Court Judge Ken Riley said that there was enough evidence to try 15-year-old Brandon McInerney for the February 2008 shooting death of Larry King, also 15. McInerney will be tried as an adult. Riley says he agrees with prosecutors

Authorities say McInerney shot Larry twice in the head during a computer lab at E.O. Green Junior High School in Oxnard. McInerney has pleaded not guilty to murder and a hate crime. He faces 53 years to life in prison if convicted.

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Resolution Upholds El Paso Discrimination Ban

EL PASO, TX (Observer Update) - The city of El Paso won't tolerate discrimination against anyone, including Gays and Lesbians, reported the El Paso Times. That's the message from a resolution that the City Council passed unanimously Tuesday. It reaffirms the city's commitment to "acceptance, tolerance and diversity." The resolution was necessary after a confrontation between five Gay men and security guards at a Chico's Tacos restaurant June 29. City Council members said. Police were called, and an officer initially tried to charge the Gay men with "homosexual conduct," using an outdated law that had been struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court.

saying that tolerance is just a "euphemism for encouraging sodomy." Strong urged the council not to vote on the resolution and instead to schedule a hearing so the public could comment.

East-Valley Rep. Eddie Holguin Jr. said tolerance is the American way. "I think people need to be tolerant of all views," he said. "That's what makes this country unique." South-West Rep. Beto O'Rourke said the resolution was needed to counteract the negative image that some people might have of El Paso after the Chico's incident. "I think Representative Ortega's resolution clears up the record on that," O'Rourke said. Ortega's resolution cites El Paso's rich history of standing up for civil rights. In 1962, then-city Alderman Bert Williams pushed through an ordinance that made El Paso the first city in the former Confederacy to prohibit racial discrimination in hotels, motels, restaurants and theaters. Williams later became mayor. In 2003, the city passed an ordinance that bans the refusal of service or accommodation on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion or national origin. The resolution read, "The city of El Paso firmly rejects acts of discrimination, intolerance and bigotry."

"In 40 years, we'll look back on this that this is the right thing to do," said Eastridge/Mid-Valley Rep. Steve Ortega, who sponsored the resolution. "This is the civil-rights issue of our time." City Manager Joyce Wilson told the council that the Police Department has made a commitment to provide more training to its officers so they can respond better to situations like the one at Chico's.

Ortega said it's important for elected officials to respond to discrimination and to voice their support for accepting different people and lifestyles. One audience member, Bob Strong, spoke against the resolution,

Three Cities Compete For Gay Games

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - With just two months left before final voting takes place in Cologne, Germany, decision day is drawing near for three U.S. cities vying to be host city of the 2014 Gay Games, advocate.com reported. Boston, Cleveland, and Washington, D.C., are all contenders for the event, which draws an estimated 12,000 athletes from 70 countries.

voting was expected to narrow finalists down to three cities, but as Miami dropped on its own, a second and final vote will be held September 29 in the host city for the 2010 games - Cologne, Germany. The Gay Games will also see increased participation from countries fairly new to the 26-year-old event. "We are seeing more and more Eastern European countries participating, including former communist bloc countries like Croatia, Czech Republic, Russia, and Poland," Stevens said. Representatives from Mozambique, Congo, and Botswana were also present for the Games' annual meeting. "It's really tough," Stevens said, referencing the lives of Gay athletes from such oppressive parts of the world. "They have to fight for every single thing." But there's more outreach that needs to be done in other parts of the world. "We have quite a bit of outreach in the Philippines, a little bit in Sri Lanka, and with China what we get are e-mail correspondence," Stevens said.

"The Gay Games offers an incredible experience for our community and friends and family," says Kelly Stevens, officer of communication for the Federation of Gay Games, who first began volunteering for the games three years ago. "The bid is a lot of work, but it's also a lot of revenue." The bid is a rigorous process, including a 100-point scorecard, which rates the cities on venue checks, sports and cultural events, civic support, financial support, and contingency plans, to name a few criteria.

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Nadler Details DOMA Repeal

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (Observer Update) - Rep. Jerrold Nadler has told the Bay Area Reporter that the Defense of Marriage Act repeal bill will only recognize mar-



Rep. Jerrold Nadler

ried same-sex couples, not those in a civil union or domestic partnership. But the proposed DOMA legislation will be a wholesale repeal of the act.

cording to Nadler, his bill would repeal both sections.

But even with the repeal of Section 2, legal scholars say the bill would not require hostile states to recognize same-sex marriages for state-law purposes.

"While repealing the 'full faith and credit' portions of the Defense of Marriage Act is very important for a number of reasons, it will not have the dramatic and far-reaching effect of 'imposing' same-sex marriage upon other states, as many on both sides of the debate often assume," writes Tobias Wolff, a professor of constitutional law at the University of Pennsylvania.

Nadler said "the time for dumping DOMA is long overdue" but added that he did not know what type of support the legislation would garner. "We have to see what reaction we get. It won't pass this year."

Nadler expects to introduce the bill either this week or after lawmakers return from their August recess.

"It will not include domestic partnerships or civil unions. It is going to be just marriage," said Nadler, who will be the lead sponsor of the bill and chairs the House Judiciary Committee's subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, advocate.com reported.

Section 2 of DOMA allows states to disregard same-sex marriages that have been legally performed in other states, and Section 3 prohibits the federal government from recognizing same-sex marriages. Ac-

Around The Gay Globe

Police in Copenhagen are investigating as a possible hate crime an attack on three men that followed the opening-night ceremony of the Outgames. Two men, ages 28 and 33, were taken into custody after witnesses reportedly heard them scream "homo pig" before attacking three attendees of the Outgames opening ceremonies as they left Copenhagen's town hall. The victims - from England, Sweden, and Norway - were treated at a local hospital for injuries and have since been released. A spokesperson for the Copenhagen Police Department said the two suspects, who both have criminal records, are believed to have been intoxicated at the time of the attack. They are expected to remain in custody for the remainder of the nine-day Outgames event. Outgames organizers say security has been beefed up in the wake of the attack.

A Lesbian couple has made plans to wed in Canada to try and see if their marriage will be recognized in their home country of Russia. Irina Fedotova-Fet and Irina Shepitko first applied for a marriage license in May but were eventually denied. "We're a couple of girls who have been together for a long time, who live together. We've been together five years," said Fedotova-Fet. "We're a family - our relationship is in every way a marriage, just like all those heterosexual couples. We have a joint household, a life together, vacations, everything. We're a family, but the right to marry has been taken away from us."

Russia has a family code - established in the early 1990s - that does not grant civil unions or any equivalent to Gay couples but does not explicitly prohibit foreign marriages of same-sex couples. The couple is trying to see if they can use this loophole to their advantage. "Somebody has to start it sometime. We are the first real couple to fight for same-sex marriage to be recognized," Fedotova-Fet said. "We hope that we can set a precedent, and that more and more people will follow our

example." Russia decriminalized homosexuality only in 1993 and its Gay pride parades are usually met with large opposition. Anticipating that their marriage will not be recognized, Fedotova-Fet and Shepitko have hired a lawyer from France to bring their case to the European Court of Human Rights.

After the death of her partner, a 64-year-old Lesbian in Israel has been granted a widow's pension by the Israeli government. The action follows a lawsuit brought by the widow, Ella Bar-lian, and argued by New Family, a national advocacy group that works for family rights. Bar-lian's partner, Roberta Saltonick, died in September, Bar-lian applied for a national insurance widow's pension. Her request was rejected on the grounds that she and Saltonick were not spouses - Bar-lian and Saltonick were together 22 years. With the assistance of New Family, Bar-lian filed an appeal and won. "We will not rest until legislation is enacted giving the rights of all types of families in Israel equal status," said Irit Rosenblum, executive director of New Family.

The United Nations granted official status to a Gay and Lesbian organization from Brazil, allowing it to participate in U.N. meetings ranging from health to human rights. The victory for the Brazilian Association of Gays, Lesbians and Transsexuals marks the third consecutive year the U.N. Economic and Social Council has overturned a decision by a 19-country committee blocking Gay groups from participating in the global body's debates. Swedish and Spanish groups were accredited as recognized non-governmental organizations in 2007 and 2008, breaking years of resistance from some governments. At one U.N. debate in 2003, Pakistan's ambassador even suggested use of the term "sexual disorientation." One of the U.N. council's main powers is granting consultative status to organizations so that they can participate in formal U.N. meetings. More than 3,000 groups already have such rights.

POLITICS 2009

by Mark R. Kerr

Federal Legislative Update

On Thursday, July 23, the U.S. Senate, by a vote of 87-7 has approved S. 1390, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

S. 1390, as previously reported, includes an amendment with the language from the Matthew Shepard Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which gives the Justice Department the power to investigate and prosecute bias-motivated violence by providing the department with jurisdiction over crimes of violence where the perpetrator has selected the victim because of the person's actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability.

S.1390 will now go to a conference committee with the House - appointed by the House of Representatives and Senate to resolve disagreements on a particular bill and is usually composed of the senior Members of the standing committees of each House that originally considered the legislation.

This will happen because on April 29 of this year, the U.S. House of Representatives passed their version of the Matthew Shepard Act, H.R. 1913, known as the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act, by a vote of 249-175...

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) announced that the Senate Armed Services Committee is agreeing to hold a Senate hearing on the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy in the Armed Forces this fall.

"This policy is wrong for our national security and wrong for the moral foundation upon which our country was founded," Senator Gillibrand said in a press release. "I thank [Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman [Carl] Levin (D-MI) for agreeing to hold this important hearing. Numerous military leaders are telling us that the times have changed. 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' is an unfair, outdated measure that violates the civil rights of some of our bravest, most heroic men and women. By repealing this policy, we will increase America's strength - both militarily and morally."

Nearly 13,000 service members have been discharged for their sexual orientation since 1993, when the policy was first instituted. The Government Accountability Office estimates that the policy cost the Armed Forces approximately \$95.4 million in recruiting costs and \$95.1 million for training replacements for the 9,488 troops that were discharged from 1994 through 2003.

According to a Gallup Poll from May of this year, 69 percent of Americans favor military service by openly Gay men and Lesbians.

So what's the problem then?

As of this issue of the Observer, H.R. 1283 is the only proposed legislation introduced in the 111th Congress to repeal the 16-year-old policy. Former U.S. House Member Ellen Tauscher, D-CA, was the initial sponsor and lead for the measure and since Tauscher has been appointed a position with the Obama Administration, Democratic Pennsylvania Congressman and former Iraq War veteran, Patrick Murphy, took up the lead on H.R. 1283.

U.S. Representative Murphy has launched a national, multi-city campaign to push for a repeal of the

"Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. Murphy and the other repeal advocates will tour the country, holding press conferences and town hall-style meetings, through September.

A total of 164 Members of the U.S. House of Representatives has cosponsored H.R. 1283 which was referred to the House Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

No version of this bill has been introduced in the U.S. Senate, as of press time.

Senator Gillibrand had stated previously her intent to offer an amendment to the Defense Authorization bill, S. 1390 to put a moratorium on discharges based on "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" for eighteen months but didn't, citing the U.S. Senate's need 60 votes to do anything, any more policy of cloture. Super majority, who needs that?

Also, hearings on the issue are being held by the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee, chaired by Michigan Democrat Carl Levin, which is admirable despite the fact no bill, no companion measure to H.R. 1283 has been introduced and yet where there is a bill, H.R. 1283, no hearings have been held or the legislation considered by either the House Armed Services Committee, chaired by U.S. Representative Ike Skelton (house.gov/skelton), D-MO or the House Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel, where H.R. 1283 was assigned by Skelton and chaired by U.S. Representative Susan Davis (house.gov/susandavis), D-CA.

Defense Department Secretary Robert Gates, reported on previous occasions in various news outlets, has been looking into ways to implement a stop loss measure in regard to "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," or even delaying the discharge procedures.

Former Secretary of State, Colin Powell has called for a review of the policy as well as many former officers with the Military Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Sam Nunn, then a Senator from Georgia who was one of the elected officials in Congress who drafted "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" has called for hearings on the issue.

One would think that with the public, purportedly behind repealing a policy that has cost the nation in more ways than it can afford, especially during these times, that action to repeal this 16-year-old law would be swift, direct and forthright, so hard can this be then?

Informing The Community



HBO Ranks Highest In Third Annual GLAAD Network Responsibility Index

LOS ANGELES, CA (Observer Update) - The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) released its third annual Network Responsibility Index, a report that maps the quantity, quality and diversity of images of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) people on television. Primetime programming on the five broadcast networks was evaluated as well as original primetime programming on 10 of the highest-rated cable networks.

HBO scored the highest rating of the 15 networks evaluated with LGBT characters on shows including True Blood, The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency and Entourage that reflect the ethnic and racial diversity of the LGBT community. Of HBO's 14 original series, 10 included LGBT content and 42 percent of the network's total programming hours included LGBT representation.

"This year programming was not only inclusive of LGBT people, but networks like HBO are beginning to reflect the broad diversity within our community," said Rashad Robinson, Senior Director of Media Programs at GLAAD. "With upcoming fall programming and new storylines there is a tremendous opportunity for networks to share the stories of all members of our community including Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender people as well as LGBT people of color, all groups which continue to be underrepresented across all networks."

GLAAD reviewed a total of 4,901 hours of primetime programming for inclusion of LGBT characters or issues on the five major networks (ABC, CBS, The CW, Fox and NBC) from June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009. GLAAD also examined 1,212.5 hours of original primetime programming on 10 highly-rated cable networks. Each hour was reviewed for on-screen LGBT representations. Based on the quantity, overall quality and diversity of these representations, a rating was assigned by GLAAD's Entertainment Media Program to each network: Excellent, Good, Adequate, or Failing.

Additional findings from the GLAAD Network Responsibility Index:

Good

- HBO and Showtime received grades of Good, with HBO

leading with 42 percent of programming hours featuring LGBT representations.

- ABC, with shows including Brothers & Sisters, Grey's Anatomy and Ugly Betty, again received the highest ranking of the five broadcast networks, earning a Good grade with 24 percent of their primetime programming hours including LGBT representations.

- The CW also received a grade of Good, with 20 percent of their primetime programming hours including LGBT representations.

Adequate

- While Fox received an Adequate, rising from last place and a Failing grade in 2008; 11 percent of its programming hours were LGBT-inclusive, yet some of those hours included problematic content.

- Among cable networks evaluated, TNT showed the largest growth, jumping from one percent of LGBT inclusive primetime programming hours last year to 19 percent. FX posted the sharpest decline, dropping 32 percent over the previous season. Both were graded

Failing

- NBC and CBS received Failing grades, for their 8 and 5 percent, respectively, of programming hours with LGBT images. CBS moved down from third place in last year's GLAAD Network Responsibility Index to last among the five major broadcast networks.

- A&E, Sci Fi and TBS received grades of Failing.

"Television shows that weave our stories into the fabric of the series present richer, more accurate representations and are the kinds of images that help Americans understand and embrace their LGBT family members, friends and neighbors in a more meaningful way," said Robinson.

The third annual GLAAD Network Responsibility Index was delivered to programming executives at the 15 graded networks, and GLAAD's Entertainment Media Program will continue discussions with them to advocate for improvements in the quality, quantity and diversity of their LGBT representations.

Deb Price: NAACP And Gays Can Work Together



WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Detroit News columnist Deb Price says the NAACP may be a key ally in the LGBT community's fight for equality, reported advocate.com. In her column, "Gays Need NAACP in Fight Against Bias," Price argues that the 100-year-old organization "could play an amazing role in the fight to free black Gay men and lesbians from the pain of discrimination." The opinion piece was written as a response to President Barack Obama's speech at the NAACP centennial celebration, where he encouraged unity between LGBT people and racial minorities as a way to "eradicate prejudice, bigotry, and discrimination."

Obama included LGBT rights in his detailed speech, which was especially significant for Gay and Lesbian African-Americans, many of whom fear coming out of the closet because they may be rejected by their families and communities. "The pain of discrimination is still felt in America," he said. "By African-American women paid less for doing the same work as colleagues of a different color and a different gender. By Latinos made to feel unwelcome in their own country. By Muslim Americans viewed with suspicion simply because they kneel down to pray to their God. By our Gay brothers and sisters, still taunted, still attacked, still denied their rights."

Discrimination cannot stand – not on account of color or gender; how you worship or who you love. Prejudice has no place in the United States of America."

Jason Bartlett, one of two openly Gay black legislators and the deputy director of the National Black Justice Coalition, says that Obama's message is very significant. "LGBT issues still are seen as different, and that supporting them is supporting white LGBT people rather than black LGBT people," Bartlett says. "That is why the president's wording was so important. The phrase 'brother and sister' has a special cultural meaning. We need the NAACP out there saying, 'LGBT rights are civil rights,' and saying it because we who are LGBT and black are part of the black family."

While some civil rights leaders such as NAACP chairman Julian Bond have supported full equality for Gays, "the NAACP as an organization has yet to throw its full weight into the push for Gay equality," Price says. She believes that full support from an organization as powerful as the NAACP is paramount in the fight for Gay rights. The NAACP has touted its fight to end anti Gay hate crimes and discrimination in employment, marriage, and schools through the organization's LGBT Equality Task Force.

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Anti LGBT Professor Cancels On Law School



Prof. Thio-Li-ann

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - A visiting law professor scheduled to teach at NYU law school this fall has canceled, citing the uproar over her anti Gay views, reports Agence France-Presse. Thio Li-ann of the National University of Singapore was invited to teach courses on Asian human rights law and constitutionalism at NYU law school, but some members of the campus community balked when they discovered statements she made against homosexuality.

calling on the law school to condemn the views, although the group stopped short of asking the school to retract its invitation, instead calling for "dialogue" with Dr. Thio. More than 800 campus members signed a petition against Thio.

Richard Revesz, dean of NYU law school, issued a statement saying that Thio informed him that the controversy prompted her to cancel. "She explained that she was disappointed by what she called the atmosphere of hostility by some members of our community towards her views and by the low enrollments in her classes," said Revesz. Dean Revesz said that he and his colleagues were not aware of Thio's antiGay views at the time they extended the invitation, although he added that such knowledge would not have factored into their decision.

Dr. Thio, a distinguished academic and former nominated member of parliament, fought the repeal of a law in Singapore that punished adults for consensual Gay sex. In a 2007 speech, she compared anal sex to "shoving a straw up your nose to drink." NYU OutLaw, the campus group for LGBT students, had issued a statement

Doctor Who Co-Authored First AIDS Report Dies



Dr. Joel Weisman

LOS ANGELES, CA (Observer Update) - Dr. Joel Weisman, who co-wrote the first report on AIDS in 1981, has died. He was 66. Weisman died Saturday (July 25) at his Los Angeles home, reported 365Gay.com.

referred two of the patients to an immunologist at the University of California, Los Angeles. Weisman, along with UCLA immunologist Dr. Martin Gottlieb, wrote a brief report of what they learned.

His domestic partner, Bill Hutton, said Weisman had heart disease and was ill for several months. Weisman was a private physician in 1980 when he saw three Gay patients who had symptoms of what would become known as AIDS. Weisman

Their paper appeared on June 5, 1981, in Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It was the first report on AIDS in the medical literature.

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T.R. Knight: Why He Really Left Grey's



Actor T. R. Knight

LOS ANGELES, CA (Observer Update) - Was it tension between Grey's Anatomy creator Shonda Rhimes and T.R. Knight that led to the out actor leaving the show? Frustration over the way his character was being written? Lingered bad blood over "Isaiahgate," which led to Knight, in a way, being forced out of the closet? Try a combination of the three.

In an interview with the New York Daily News, Knight says tensions between he and Rhimes began immediately after Isaiah Washington flung that now-infamous anti Gay slur on the set a few years back. Knight says it took Rhimes three months to condemn Washington, a situation the actor found "frustrating." He also claims Rhimes was one of the people who urged him not to come out of the closet as a result of the incident - something she denied in an interview with Entertainment Weekly. But the straw that broke the camel's back, it would appear, is frustration over the show's writing, particularly for Knight's character.

"My five-year experience proved to me that I could not trust any answer that was given [about his

character, George]," Knight said. In the last season, he says George evolved into someone he didn't understand or even respect (the character slept with his best friend, Izzie - played by Katherine Heigl - while he was married to Sara Ramirez's character, Callie). Knight was also taken aback by his character's sudden lack of screen time. "It didn't seem like an ebb to me," he says. "No other series regular's character had ever disappeared like mine did this past season." The actor also says you can forget about seeing George in any flashbacks or guest appearances. The offer was put on the table, and he refused, opting to walk away from a \$14 million paycheck and return to the stage - first in a Los Angeles production of Parade and, next year, on Broadway in Lend Me a Tenor.

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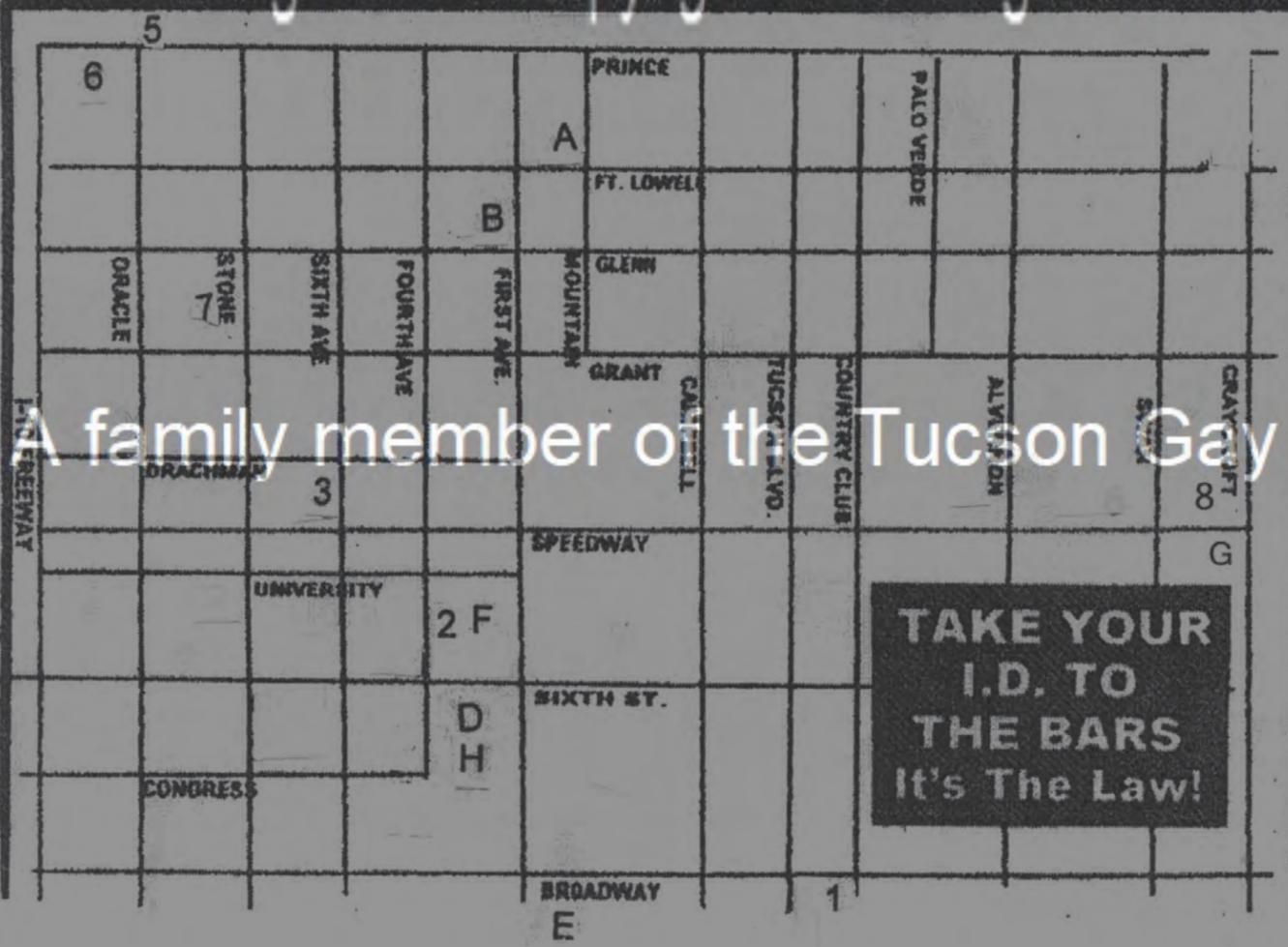
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Around The Nation

G/L Partnership Foes Turn In Referendum Signatures

OLYMPIA, WA (Observer Update) - Opponents of a measure that passed the Legislature this year giving same-sex domestic partners all the rights of married people turned in signatures to the secretary of state's office in attempt to overturn the new law through a citizen referendum, reported seattlepi.com. Referendum 71 needs 120,577 valid voter signatures to qualify for the fall ballot. Supporters say they turned in about 138,000 signatures.

Election officials suggest submitting about 150,000 signatures to offset any invalid signatures. Dave Ammons, spokesman for the secretary of state's office, said usually about 18 percent of signatures checked turn out to be invalid. He said that R-71 backers were cutting it very close. "They're definitely running on fumes, in terms of trying to get their pad," Ammons said.

The process of counting and verifying the signatures could go until the last week of August. If R-71 proponents don't have enough signatures, the domestic partnership expansion will immediately take effect. If the measure does qualify, voters will be asked to either approve or reject the new law. A "yes" vote on the referendum would be to sustain the measure; a "no" vote would overturn the law.

Anti-LGBT Groups Sue Over Wisconsin DP's

MADISON, WI (Observer Update) - Marriage equality foes have sued the state of Wisconsin to block a "sneaky" domestic-partnership registry scheduled to come into effect next month. In a lawsuit filed directly to the state's supreme court, conservative groups led by Wisconsin Family Action slammed the domestic-partnership provisions as a direct violation of a 2006 amendment approved by voters that bans marriage or civil unions for same-sex couples, the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel reports.

"Elected officials should never pass laws that violate the will of Wisconsin voters who legitimately amended the state constitution in a fair election," Wisconsin Family Action president Julaine Appling said in a statement. "This new domestic-partnership scheme is a sneaky assault on marriage from those who are determined to redefine marriage in Wisconsin." Under the domestic-partner provisions, gay and lesbian couples would receive 43 of the more than 200 rights conferred by marriage in the state, including hospital visitation and end-of-life care decisions.

The Alliance Defense Fund, an Arizona-based conservative legal action group currently defending Proposition 8 in a high-profile federal lawsuit, represents Wisconsin Family Action in the case. In May, the Wisconsin state supreme court agreed to hear arguments on the legality of the ballot language of the amendment approved by voters.

Boy Harassed At 4-H Summer Camp For Being Gay

WHEELING, WVA (Observer Update) - A mother from Jackson County, West Virginia, filed a police report after her 15-year-old son was harassed for an hour and a half at a summer 4-H camp because he is Gay, 365Gay.com reported.

"He was unconscionable, he was, he could barely speak," said Valera White, the boy's mother. The case will be difficult for police, as West Virginia does not include sexual orientation in their hate crimes law. This is not the first time that the family has had to endure harassment because of the boy's sexual orientation. According to White, simple tasks such as going to the grocery store are difficult because of taunting, and going to the movies is no longer an option.

During the harassment at camp, the victim said that counselors were sitting out on the cabin's porch. It is not known why the counselors did not check on the campers during the time period in which the attack occurred. Though a spokeswoman for 4-H said the two boys were sent home, White and her son claim there were three people involved. Other campers were also present during the attack but kept quiet for fear of being targeted as well.

S. F. Asks To Join Prop. 8 Lawsuit

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (Observer Update) - The city of San Francisco has asked a judge for permission to intervene in the federal lawsuit against Prop. 8, the California ban on same-sex marriage, reports the San Francisco Chronicle. The motion to intervene follows a similar request from LGBT rights groups, advocate.com reported.

Two weeks ago, Chad Griffin, president of the American Foundation for Equal Rights, which filed and is funding the federal lawsuit, accused three LGBT groups seeking to intervene of trying to sabotage the effort. The plaintiffs - the American Foundation for Equal Rights and two same-sex couples who wish to marry - are being represented by high-profile attorneys Ted Olson and David Boies, and have the sole right to direct the case at this time.

In its filing, San Francisco said it would add "a unique local government perspective" and extensive LGBT rights experience to the case, if allowed to intervene, according to the San Francisco Chronicle. The city pledged to cooperate with the attorneys for the plaintiffs. Chief U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker scheduled a hearing on San Francisco's motion to intervene for August 19. A hearing is still expected on the earlier motion to intervene filed by the National Center for Lesbian Rights, Lambda Legal, and the American Civil Liberties Union.

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Another GLBT Community Center May Close

SAN JOSE, CA (Observer Update) - The Billy DeFrank LGBT Community Center announced that unless it could raise \$50,000 by Sept. 1, it will close.

Executive Director Paul Wysocki said they have run out of funding at the center, which, after cutbacks, operates at an annual budget of \$310,000. "Our government funding has ended, and in today's economy, we can't count on corporate support," read a weekly newsletter e-mailed to supporters. "Our current income from memberships and events no longer meets even the most basic level of Center operations." The DeFrank center has support systems for youth and seniors, as well as an HIV/AIDS testing program. The center is looking to the community to help them stay afloat.

"Our donor base has never been focused on and truly developed," current board President Anne Hansen said. "We're on a 45-day campaign to get 1,000 new members to donate \$20 a month. The economy is bad, but I think this can be done."

St. Paul Approves Of Domestic Partnerships

ST. PAUL, MN (Observer Update) - As of Wednesday (July 22), Gay and Lesbian couples in St. Paul, Minnesota, can get domestic partnerships. The state capital joined two other cities in that state in approving a resolution that allowed for domestic partnerships.

"Equality is equality is equality," St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman said during a brief ceremony Wednesday evening at the Camp nightclub. "You can't have equality for some and not for others." Gay and Lesbian couples can now purchase certificates for \$20 that make their partnership somewhat legal, though it is unclear if the certificate will allow for things such as health benefits can be extended to the couples by the state.

"I think it's a really good symbolic St. Paul gesture. That's as far as it goes," said C.J. Griffiths, 25, of St. Paul.

Maine Court Upholds IBM Heir's Adoption Of Lover

PORTLAND, ME (Observer Update) - Maine's highest court has given a legal victory to a woman who stands to stake a claim to a share of one of America's premier business fortunes thanks to her adoption by her Lesbian partner.

The Maine Supreme Judicial Court overturned a 2008 lower court decision that annulled the adoption. At issue was whether it was legal for a judge to allow Olive Watson to adopt Patricia Spado in 1991 in Knox County, where the longtime partners spent several weeks each summer on North Haven. Watson was the daughter of the late Thomas Watson Jr., who built IBM into a computer giant.

The relationship ended a year after the adoption. Thomas Watson's heirs challenged the adoption in court in 2005. Lawyers say the case now moves to a Connecticut probate court to determine if Spado is entitled to any of the family trust.

British Police Arrest Homophobic Soccer Taunter

LONDON, UK (Observer Update) - British police have arrested a soccer fan suspected of shouting racist and homophobic remarks at star player Sol Campbell. The arrest of the 28-year-old man came after police released photos of 16 fans who

allegedly directed the invective at the defender for England's Portsmouth team on September 28, Agence France-Presse reports. According to the 1991 Football Offences Act, soccer fans can be fined and barred from stadiums for chanting "indecent or racist" songs, though until now perpetrators have rarely been prosecuted. A police officer on the day of the match in question managed to capture the suspects on camera.

"Our inquiry is aimed at identifying and putting before the court those individuals who engaged in unacceptable behavior at this public event," Hampshire police superintendent Neil Sherrington told AFP. "We want to send a clear message that abuse of this kind will not be tolerated and that we are taking robust action."

"There is no place for [abuse] in football," a spokesman for the Portsmouth team, Gary Double, told AFP. "That is the view of most people in the game and most fans." Campbell previously played for London's Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspurs teams, reported by provoke.com.

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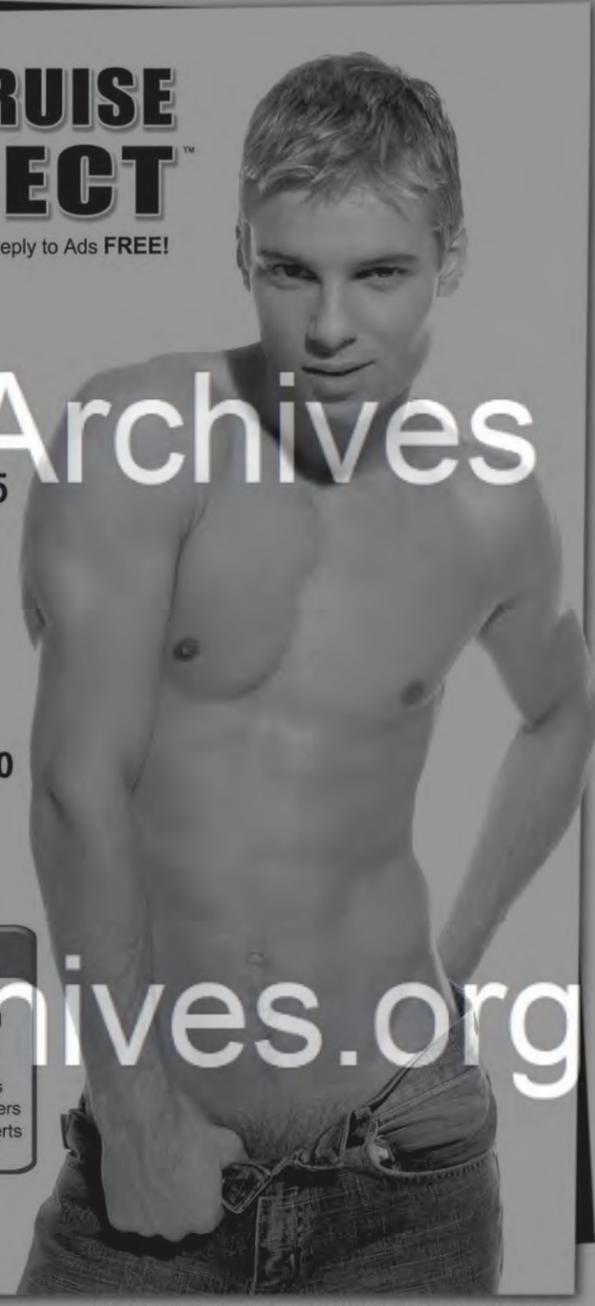
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LOS ANGELES, CA (Observer Update) - E. Lynn Harris, the African-American, openly gay author, died while on a West Coast book tour. He was 54, reported 365Gay.com.

He was on tour for his most recent book, Basketball Jones, about the Gay lover of an NBA star. Harris grew up in Little Rock and attended the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, where he continued to teach courses through last fall. He self-published his first book, Invisible Life, after failing to find a publisher. He sold it himself at black-owned bookstores and beauty salons until Anchor Books published it as a trade paperback in 1994.

Harris wrote 11 books, with four million copies of his work in print. His writing also appeared in Essence, the Washington Post Sunday Magazine, and Sports Illustrated. His novel If This World Were Mine was nominated for a NAACP Image Award and won the James Baldwin Award for Literary Excellence. Abide with Me was also nominated for a NAACP Image Award. His anthology Freedom in this Village won the Lambda Literary Award in 2005. Over the past three years, he has also been named to Ebony's "Most Intriguing Blacks" list, Out Magazine's "Out 100?" list, New York Magazine's "Gay Power 101?" list, and Savoy's "100 Leaders and Heroes in Black America" list.

Brazilian Ex-Cop Questioned In Gay Serial Killings

SAO PAULO, Brazil (Observer Update) - Brazilian police say a retired officer has been detained in connection with the murders of 13 Gay men in a low-income suburb of Sao Paulo, 365Gay.com reported. Authorities say retired state police Sgt. Jairo Francisco Franco was taken into custody after a witness identified him as the killer of a Gay man on August 19.

Police inspector Paulo Fortunato says Franco is suspected of acting alone in all of the 13 killings. The murders took place between February 2007 and August 2008 at Paturis Park, a favorite meeting point for Gay men.

Fortunato says the suspect, who worked as a private security guard in a supermarket, denies the charges. He says Franco does not yet have a lawyer. "We have a credible witness who says he saw Franco pump 12 bullets into a black Gay man inside the park," Fortunato said in a telephone interview. A second witness said Franco visited the park frequently, "apparently cruising for Gay men and victims," Fortunato said. Police have dubbed the killer of the 13 men as the "rainbow maniac," a reference to the Gay-pride symbol. "We are convinced he is the rainbow maniac we have been looking for," Fortunato said.

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GLSEN - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th Street. 743-4800.

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MEN'S KINK DISCUSSION GROUP (Open to all who identify as male and are 18 or older) meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at Desert Dominion, 3843 E. 37th Street, Tucson, AZ. (Map available at www.desertdominion.org) For those who are kinky or just curious. No fee, contributions are appreciated, but not required.

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VENTURE-N - Open 10am-2am. Patio Bar open 3pm. Beer Bust \$2.25/pitcher, 3-7pm. Burger BBQ, 5-7pm, \$3 proceeds to Petwatch (Helping HIVAIDS clients with their Veterinary bills).

WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am. Peter's Build Your Own Bloody Mary Bar 11am-2pm. Happy Hour 11am-8pm (excluding special events). Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-8pm. Back Pocket Patio Bar 2pm-2am. Beer Bust 2pm-7pm. Karaoke with Michael D 9pm-close. Drag Bingo every other Sunday 8-9pm. Check our Ad for Special Events or Parties

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THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Happy Hour 3-8. EDAN...Exotic dancer appreciation night. DJ spins Hip Hop & R&B and all request dance. \$5.25 drink specials.

COLORS - Colors is closed on Mondays.
COYOTE MOON PUB - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 p.m. \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Bucket o' Beer - \$10 Domestic, \$12 Imports and microbrews (4 beers to a bucket, for 2 or more people, Some brands excluded). Texas Hold-Em Poker at 6 & 8:30 p.m. No cash involved - Play for points & Prizes

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm \$2 Well or Domestic Beer. 8pm-close \$5 Scratch Long Island Varieties. 9pm-close DJ Hurricane with "All Request Music".

VENTURE-N - Open 9am-2am. SKYY Martinis \$3 ea., 4-8pm.

WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am. Happy Hour 11am-8pm (excl spec events) Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-10pm Back Pocket Patio Bar 8pm-close. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm-close.

YARD DOG - Open 11am. Beer Bust 3-7pm.

TUESDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Happy Hour 3-8. PHAT Tuesday's 50 cent Pabst cans 9pm-close Come play our Wii gaming system. Beer Pong Tournament w/cash prizes starts 9pm.

COLORS - Open 4-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7 \$3.75 Skyy cocktails, \$3.00 Domestic and well and ½ price appetizers 4-6. Full menu served until 10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8. \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Pitcher Special \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.00 lg. Pitcher (excluding Blue Moon & Dos XX Amber). Girlz Nite Out. Girlz pay only .75 for well liquors or domestic drafts 8-10pm. Ladies only Texas Hold 'Em Poker 6 p.m.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm. \$2 Well or Domestic Beer. 8pm-close "2'sDay" - \$2 Well or Domestic Beer. DJ Q 9pm-close.

and DJ Craig Carter playing Retro Music 70's, 80's and 90's 9pm-close.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am-2am. Dart Tournament, 7pm \$3 entry fee/Pot Match.

WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am. Happy Hour 11am-8pm (excl spec events). Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-10pm. Back Pocket Patio Bar open 8pm-close, Caribbean Party Night with Woody's own Specialty Mojitos, Caprioscas and Martinis with Tucson's Hottest Bartenders.

YARD DOG - Open 11am-2am. Beer Bust 3-7pm.

WEDNESDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. 5-9 Wild Wednesdays \$1 Hump Day Drinks DJ Hill. College Night. 18 to party - 21 to drink. \$7 Cover 18+ No Cover 21+. DJ Spins Hip Hop, R&B Top 40 remix dance.

COLORS - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.75 Skyy cocktails, \$3.00 Domestic and well and ½ price appetizers 4-6. Full menu served until 10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open 3pm. Happy Hour All Day \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Pitchers. Karaoke with Ynot Entertainment at 9pm.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, \$2 Well or Domestic. "Diva-Licious" show w/Bunny FuFu. 11pm - -close "Reverse Happy Hour". DJ Q Inside & DJ Mike Lopez playing 80s music on the Patio.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am-2am. Beer Bust, 8pm-11pm \$2.50/Pitcher.

WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am. Happy Hour 11am-8pm excl. special events). Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-10pm. Back Pocket Bar open 8pm-close. Service Industry Employee Special All Day Long - \$1 off all drinks except schnapps and draft. Different Themed Underwear Party 9pm-close with \$1.00 off for those who participate (excl. Schnapps and Draft). Retro 80s & 90s Dance with DJ Clint 9 til close..

YARD DOG - Open 11am-2am. Beer Bust 3-7pm.

THURSDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. 5-9 \$3 glasses of wine. Y-NOT Karaoke starts @9:00pm to close. 2-4-1 starts 10;pm.

COLORS - Open 4pm-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.75 Skyy cocktails, \$3.00 Domestic and Well and ½ price appetizers 4-6pm. Full menu served until 10. Nightly dinner specials..

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg.. Pitcher. Boyz Nite Out - boys pay only .75 for well liquors or domestic drafts 8-10pm. Bicardi Thursdays - \$3.00 Bicardi Rum - all flavors.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, \$2 Well or Domestic. 10pm-close "Boyz Nite Out" w/ Bartenders in their underwear. DJ Hurricane spinning Top 40 & DJ Mike Lopez on the patio. \$1.75 Long Island, \$1.50 Tequila Shots, \$3 Dkyy Cape Gods and \$4 Skyy Cosmos.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am-2am..

WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am; Happy Hour 11am-8pm (excl Spec Events); Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-10pm. Back Pocket Patio Bar open 8pm-close. Cheap Party Day **FREE POOL**, \$1.00 PBR Longnecks, \$2.00 Tecate Longnecks. Techno and Top 40 Dance with DJ Jeff 9pm - close..

YARD DOG - Open 11am-2am. Beer Bust 3-7pm..

FRIDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Flirt Friday with Happy Hour extended to 9 p.m. and munchies. DJ Hill & guest DJs.

COLORS - Open 4pm-midnight. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.75 Skyy cocktails, \$3.00 Domestic and Well and ½ price appetizers. 4-6 pm. Dinner served until 10pm. Finlandia martinis \$5.50 open to close! . "Guys & Dolls" drag show hosted by Lucinda Holliday at 10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. \$3.50 Sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Pitcher. \$2.75 All Mexican Beers and Dos XX Amber. Dance lessons at 7pm \$5 per person, Country Dancing 8:30 p.m. to close with DJ Pat.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, \$2 Well or Domestic. 9pm -close DJ Hurricane inside. 10pm-close DJ Mike Lopez with "I'm a Sexy Bitch Night" on the patio.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am-2am. Patio Bar Open 7pm-2m Cuervo Margaritas \$3 ea., 4-8pm.

WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am; Happy Hour 11am-8pm (excl spec events). Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-11pm Back Pocket Patio Bar open 5pm-close. Enjoy the Live Blues/Motown/Soul sounds of Simon Crown 6-9 p.m.; Request your favorite Music Dance Night with DJ Clint 9pm-close. Monthly Birthday Party every 2nd Friday Night of the month. YARD DOG - Open 11am-2am. Beer Bust 3-7pm. Patio Bar Opens 8pm

SATURDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm - 2am. LATINLICIOUS . \$3 Cuervo, \$2 Bud Lights all night. DJ Kool-A

COLORS - Open 4pm-10pm, Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.75 Skyy cocktails, \$3.00 Domestic and Well, ½ price appetizers 4-6. Full menu served until 10. Nightly dinner specials.

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open at 2pm. Happy Hour 2-8pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Plus check out the bartenders choice of shot specials. \$5.00 cheeseburger & fries. \$3.00 Cuervo and \$4.75 Jager Bombs. Check our calendar for the Saturday Night Special Entertainment.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, \$2 Well or Domestic. 5-8pm Karaoke on the patio \$1Draft Pints. 9pm "Saturday Starrlett's" w/Bunny FuFu & Janee Starr. After the show, DJ Q spinning inside & 10pm-close, DJ Mike Lopez with the "Party on the Patio".

VENTURE-N - Open 9am-2am. Patio Bar open 7pm-2am. Beer Bust \$2.25/Pitcher. 3-7pm.

WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am; Happy Hour 10am-8pm (excl spec events); Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-11pm. Back Pocket Patio Bar open 5pm-close. Techno and Top 40 Dance with DJ Jeff 9pm til close. Check our ad for Twice-A-Month Special Events or Themed Parties.

YARD DOG - Open 8am-2am. Patio Bar Opens 8pm.

New Russia Treason Law Could Be Used Against GLBTs

MOSCOW, Russia (Observer Update) - Russian LGBT rights groups are concerned they could be arrested under a proposed treason law likely to gain easy passage in Parliament, 365 Gay.com reported. The new law drafted by Prime Minister Vladimir Putin's Cabinet would allow authorities to label any government critic a traitor - a move that leading human rights activists condemned Wednesday as a chilling reminder of the times under Soviet dictator Josef Stalin.

The draft extends the definition of treason from breaching Russia's external security to damaging the nation's constitutional order, sovereignty or territorial integrity. That would essentially let authorities interpret any act against the interests of the state as treason - a crime prosecutable by up to 20 years in prison.

Prominent rights activists said passage of the bill would catapult Russia's justice system back to the times of Stalin's purges.

BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

Friday, July 31

THE BIZ - Neiphi Rock Band Playing Live at 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 1

COYOTE MOON PUB - Ellas de Noche 9:30 p.m.

WOODY'S - A special fundraiser for Roscoe's Softball Tam. Meet the team - Jell-o shots, drink specials and body shots. Special show starring Phaedra, Ajia Simone, Deora LeBlanc, Chane Jordan and Ann Rexia. Guaranteed Hot time!

Friday, August 7

THE BIZ - Hardcore Hotness

Saturday, August 8

COYOTE MOON PUB - TMI at 9:00 P.M.

YARD DOG SALOON - Big Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) Carnival and Beer Bust today from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. Hot Dogs, Corn Dogs, Chili Dogs and more. Balloon Pops, Black Jack, Bingo, Sexy Dice Game, Nail in the Bottle, Bean Bag Toss, Hold-Em Poker, Corn Hole - - Don't you miss it!

Friday, August 14

THE BIZ - Pole Nasty

Friday, August 28

THE BIZ - Battle for DJ begins tonight. Any interested DJs contact DJ Hill @ 318-4838



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GLBTs Disproportionately Light Up

CHAPEL HILL, NC (Observer Update) - Nearly 40% of Gay women smoke, compared to 18% of their heterosexual counterparts, according to new figures from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, reported advocate.com.

The findings, published in the August issue of the journal Tobacco Control, reviewed 42 studies of tobacco use among LGBT people conducted between 1987 and 2007. The study also found that 33% of Gay men smoke compared to 24% of straight men. Lead author Joseph Lee attributed the difference to the success of the tobacco industry's LGBT-targeted marketing as well as "time spent in smoky social venues and stress from discrimination."

The paper calls for further study into LGBT health and interventions addressing smoking among sexual minorities, such as the National LGBT Tobacco Control Network, which works to counter tobacco marketing and addiction.

A man who doesn't advertise is like one who winks in the dark: he knows he's doing it, but nobody else does.

A family member of the Tucson Gay Museum

CALL TO ACTION

Tucson Observer Archives

Attention! Pima Co. HIV/AIDS Community:

Federal funding for ADAP and Ryan White Part B has been cut

If YOU receive services from SAAF, El Rio/SIA, COPE, or UMC

If YOU receive prescriptions through ADAP

YOU WILL BE AFFECTED

WHAT YOU CAN DO - By FRIDAY AUGUST 7

Write letters with your concerns to elected officials

Describe how your life has been affected

Address letter Dear Senator, Congressman/Congresswoman, etc

Date the letter

Request a meeting

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If YOU would like to be part of group meetings with your elected officials please contact Ruth Hillman @ 520-326-1042

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