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- Written by Operation Rescue
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Sent: Thursday, July 08, 2010 1:34 PM
To: Ambrozic, Jane [AG]
Subject: FW: Iowa Attorney General skirts duties

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Has the front office seen this email going around? I assume you have, but thought I better be sure. I'm more concerned with how this person got access to state employee (U of I) email addresses.

From: mail@ratepoint.com [mailto:mail@ratepoint.com] **On Behalf Of** Troy Newman
Sent: Wednesday, July 07, 2010 4:06 PM
To: dianne-smith@uiowa.edu
Subject: Iowa Attorney General skirts duties

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The "missing" complaint leads to possibilities that A.G. Tom Miller is attempting to skirt his duties due to a relationship that he has with a Planned Parenthood abortionist, Linda Railsback.

Bob Brammer, a spokesperson for the A.G.'s office, suggested in an interview with the Des Moines Register that Miller will likely not pursue a criminal investigation and will leave the matter up to the Iowa Board of Medicine, which has so far failed to act on Operation Rescue's initial complaint.

In addition, Brammer said that the issue would lie outside of his jurisdiction.

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Operation Rescue has seen this same scenario in A.G.'s failing to pursue criminal investigations before. Spurred on through research done by Operation Rescue, much political corruption in Kansas was purged after allegations surfaced that the Kansas Board of Healing Arts was conducting illegal activity. In the same scenario, the Kansas Attorney General was forced to resign.

Iowa is the first state where Planned Parenthood has administered these dangerous telemed abortions. Action must be taken now to ensure that the dangerous procedure and dangerous drug

do not spread to harm more women. Tom Miller has so far skirted his duties.

Contact Attorney General Tom Miller and ask him to investigate Planned Parenthood for their remote-controlled telemed abortion pill scheme.

Voice: 515-281-5164

Email: webteam@ag.state.ia.us

Please feel free to call me at (316) 683-6790 ext. 111 if I can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Troy Newman

President, Operation Rescue

For more information concerning Planned Parenthood's push-button abortion scheme, see Operation Rescue's full report and original press release.

<http://www.operationrescue.org/archives/special-report-telemed-abortions-endanger-women-and-drive-up-insurance-costs/>

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From: Weeg, Theresa [AG]
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2010 10:21 AM
To: Tabor, Eric [AG]; Hugg, John [AG]; Griebel, Pam [AG]; Ambrozic, Jane [AG]; Phillips, Donna [AG]; Anderson, Marti [AG]
Cc: Greenwood, Geoff [AG]
Subject: RE: Public Records Request - Planned Parenthood

There will be emails between BOM and me, and between me and others in our office, about Board of Medicine's pending investigation. All those are confidential under Section 272C.6(4), and there is the privilege issue as well.

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Sent: Friday, July 09, 2010 10:08 AM
To: Tabor, Eric [AG]
Subject: FW: request

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Sent: Monday, June 28, 2010 11:47 AM
To: 'Geoff'; Greenwood, Geoff; Ambrozic, Jane [AG]
Subject: FW: Criminal Complaint Against Telemed Abortions Filed With Iowa Attorney General

See the link below that says, "Read the Complaint Narrative"

From: Brammer, Robert [AG]
Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2010 4:51 PM
To: 'Leys, Tony'
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From: Cheryl Sullenger <cherylsullenger@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, 24 Jun 2010 10:29:22 -0700

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Read the Complaint Narrative http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1103511679304&s=0&e=001sTsfJ1vfWIX4swv8Uqy9ioT2INDUVic5-IzkTAS-THCYoNvuMFXKoCE0OuQ7OrDg1Y7w4IVToE64Ahukk8qrAUd9WhMcBVIimgF10UQLGI1ImBgBij7RpXtJ9C1SbtdyWGKy5r-ssLpCP0VvOG0ttX2Ysw_SPVXHajy3p9fIc6Q=>

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Ambrozic, Jane [AG]

From: michelle locher [melakester@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2008 5:27 PM
To: Ambrozic, Jane [AG]
Subject: Please investigate Planned Parenthood Fraud in Iowa

Dear Attorney General Tom Miller,

It has come to my attention that an audit was conducted of Planned Parenthood of San Diego & Riverside Counties. The audit found that this Planned Parenthood affiliate (one of the nine affiliates in California) overcharged Medi-Cal \$5,213,645.92 in an audit period of one year.

It is evident that Planned Parenthood has a history of fraud and I am concerned that Planned Parenthood may be engaging in fraudulent activity in Iowa.

I respectfully ask you to investigate Planned Parenthood's billing practices in Iowa.

Sincerely,
michelle locher
E-mail: melakester@aol.com
Phone: 3196889556

Tabor, Eric [AG]

From: Anderson, Marti [AG]
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 12:11 PM
To: Tabor, Eric [AG]
Subject: Planned Parenthood

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The information from Donna regarding the FY05 grant for \$7,000 to Planned Parenthood is:

All FY2005 files were destroyed in this latest batch of files up for destruction as the required time period had elapsed. This would include the hard copy program and fiscal files for Planned Parenthood for the VSS Program.

I have the general information that is listed in GrantsAssistant and about 5 emails from that time period. I am also doing a general search on my computer to make sure I don't have any other information or discussion items on file. I will put together and email the information to you.

I will send the information from Donna when I receive it.

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Cc: Greenwood, Geoff [AG]
Subject: Public Records Request - Planned Parenthood

Below is a public records request for documents regarding Planned Parenthood from 2008 to the present. John Hugg will run email searches for "Planned Parenthood" on the following email accounts:

Pam Griebel
Theresa Weeg
Eric Tabor
AG Tom Miller
Jane Ambrozic
Marti Anderson
Donna Philips
Bob Brammer

If we should search other accounts, please let me know.

Marti - Can you pull together any other records relating to grants or contracts relating to Planned Parenthood?

Thanks. Eric

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Sent: Friday, July 09, 2010 10:08 AM
To: Tabor, Eric [AG]
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Subject: request

July 8, 2010

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Very truly yours,

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Milton Village, MA 02187-0037

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Sent: Wednesday, July 07, 2010 4:06 PM
To: dianne-smith@uiowa.edu
Subject: Iowa Attorney General skirts duties

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The "missing" complaint leads to possibilities that A.G. Tom Miller is attempting to skirt his duties due to a relationship that he has with a Planned Parenthood abortionist, Linda Railsback.

Bob Brammer, a spokesperson for the A.G.'s office, suggested in an interview with the Des Moines Register that Miller will likely not pursue a criminal investigation and will leave the matter up to the Iowa Board of Medicine, which has so far failed to act on Operation Rescue's initial complaint.

In addition, Brammer said that the issue would lie outside of his jurisdiction.

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Operation Rescue has seen this same scenario in A.G.'s failing to pursue criminal investigations before. Spurred on through research done by Operation Rescue, much political corruption in Kansas was purged after allegations surfaced that the Kansas Board of Healing Arts was conducting illegal activity. In the same scenario, the Kansas Attorney General was forced to resign.

Iowa is the first state where Planned Parenthood has administered these dangerous telemed abortions. Action must be taken now to ensure that the dangerous procedure and dangerous drug do not spread to harm more women. Tom Miller has so far skirted his duties.

Contact Attorney General Tom Miller and ask him to investigate Planned Parenthood for their remote-controlled telemed abortion pill scheme.

Voice: 515-281-5164
Email: webteam@ag.state.ia.us

Please feel free to call me at (316) 683-6790 ext. 111 if I can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Troy Newman

President, Operation Rescue

<http://www.operationrescue.org/archives/special-report-telemed-abortion-killers-endanger-women-and-drive-up-insurance-costs/>

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To: Tabor, Eric [AG]; Ormiston, Tam [AG]
Subject: FW: FYI 2

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My \$0.02 worth.

From: Miller, Thomas H [AG]
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2010 4:18 PM
To: Weeg, Theresa [AG]; Thompson, Jeffrey [AG]; Pottorff, Julie [AG]; Griebel, Pam [AG]; Greenwood, Geoff [AG]
Cc: Bussanmas, Julie; Anderson, Marti [AG]
Subject: RE: FYI 2

Yes, please copy Marti Anderson, as well.

I agree with Jeff T, that we need to respond – not only because these are false statements, but also because they potentially put Dr. Railsback in jeopardy of violence (even if she were an abortionist, which she is not and has never been).

-THM

From: Weeg, Theresa [AG]
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2010 4:11 PM
To: Thompson, Jeffrey [AG]; Miller, Thomas H [AG]; Pottorff, Julie [AG]; Griebel, Pam [AG]; Greenwood, Geoff [AG]
Cc: Bussanmas, Julie
Subject: FW: FYI 2

Do you want me to forward these on to all of you as they arrive, as I anticipate this is not the end of the articles? Will include Geoff on this as well.

From: Bardin, Russell [IBM]
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2010 3:54 PM

To: Bowden, Mark [IBM]; Nebel, Kent [IBM]; Olds, John [IBM]; Weeg, Theresa [AG]; Bussanmas, Julie
Subject: FYI 2

Iowa Attorney General Attempts to Pass the Buck On Illegal Abortion Complaint

- Written by Operation Rescue
- Posted June 25, 2010 at 12:03 pm

Des Moines, Iowa -- A reporter has told Operation Rescue that the Iowa Attorney General's office is making several excuses for not pursuing a criminal complaint filed against Planned Parenthood over their telemed abortion scheme even though no one in the office had yet read the complaint.

Des Moines Register reporter Tony Leys engaged in an e-mail exchange with Troy Newman and Cheryl Sullenger Thursday evening when he asked for reaction to comments made by an unnamed representative in the Attorney General's office. The current Attorney General is Tom Miller, a pro-abortion Democrat who is up for re-election in November.

"The Iowa attorney general's office is pointing out to me that they generally wouldn't decide on criminal charges in such matters. It would be up to the county attorney," said Leys in an e-mail to Sullenger.

Ley also indicated to Newman that no one in the Attorney General's office had yet read the complaint, yet the representative thought that the Iowa Board of Medicine should first decide if law had been violated before their office became involved.

"It sounds like the fix is in. The Attorney General already making excuses for why he will not investigate possible illegal abortions by Planned Parenthood and is passing the buck onto others without having even read the complaint," said Newman. "This smacks of political corruption and cronyism. I have to wonder how close of a relationship Miller has with Planned Parenthood."

"Because Planned Parenthood's telemed abortion scheme involves remotely dispensing dangerous abortion drugs at the push of a button in as many as twelve Iowa counties, it was only logical to file our complaint with the Attorney General's office since he would be the only one to have jurisdiction in all of the locations involved," said Sullenger. "There is a jurisdictional question since the licensed physician never leaves Polk County, yet distributes abortion drugs to remote counties over 100 miles away. In which county is the crime committed, the county where the button is pushed or the county where the drugs are actually dispensed? Filing with the AG solves the obvious jurisdictional problems.

"As for waiting until the Iowa Medical Board acts, it is irresponsible for the state's 'top cop' to continue to allow women to be placed at risk while they delay law enforcement on the outcome of an investigation of a Board that very likely operates under different burdens of proof."

In many other states, the medical boards usually act in response to evidence gathered in criminal complaints.

For example, in California, the Board of Osteopathy revoked the license of abortionist Laurence Reich only after his conviction on two counts of sexual assault on his patients. In Kansas, the Attorney General's office charged and tried abortionist George Tiller before the Board of Healing Arts even made their intentions to discipline him public. In Nebraska, abortionist LeRoy Carhart is simultaneously under investigation by the Department of Health and the Attorney General's office based on complaints filed by Operation Rescue.

"There is more than enough precedent for the Iowa Attorney General to investigate illegal abortions in his state, with or without the direction of the Iowa Medical Board," said Newman. "It is troubling that he would so flippantly blow off such a serious matter when the lives and health of women are at stake without ever having laid eyes on the complaint. It makes me wonder what he is trying to hide."

Contact Attorney General Tom Miller and ask him to investigate Planned Parenthood for their remote-controlled telemed abortion pill scheme.

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Subject: FW: Planned Parenthood complaint

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To: Weeg, Theresa [AG]; Miller, Thomas H [AG]; Pottorff, Julie [AG]; Griebel, Pam [AG]; Ambrozic, Jane [AG]
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This is the same one that circulated last week. I still think we should discuss our plan for addressing this issue and consider a written response to OR.

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• Written by Operation Rescue

• Posted July 6, 2010 at 12:02 pm

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Jane, et al,

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From: Brammer, Robert [AG]
Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2010 5:03 PM
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Tony

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Eleven of the 18 Iowa Senate Republicans voted against SF 2357 when the upper chamber approved it on February 25, and a twelfth Republican joined them when the Senate considered an amended version on March 11. Roll calls can be found in pdf files for the Senate Journal on those dates. Senate Minority Leader Paul McKinley and third-district Congressional candidate Brad Zaun were among the Republicans who voted no.

The March 10 Iowa House debate on SF 2357 exposed even more disturbing aspects of Republican "family values." House Republicans voted *unanimously* to inject the same-sex marriage debate into this unrelated bill.

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Then they *unanimously* supported language to give abuse victims access to self-defense courses, as if that's the real solution to the domestic violence problem.

Then more than half the Republican caucus voted against the final bill.

The gory details can be found here; highlights are after the jump.

My own State Representative Chris Hagenow got the ball rolling for Republicans with this amendment to define "spouse" for the purposes of this bill as "a spouse of a marriage that is valid pursuant to chapter 595 [of the Iowa Code]." That's the chapter that defined marriage as between one man and one woman. Democratic State Representative Rick Olson pointed out that the Iowa Supreme Court struck down this provision last year. House Speaker Pat Murphy agreed with Olson's point of order, ruling Hagenow's amendment not germane. Hagenow then tried to suspend the House rules in order to get a vote on his amendment (in so doing get the chamber on record regarding the definition of marriage). His motion to suspend the rules failed on a 53-41 vote. Every Republican present voted for Hagenow's motion, joined by only one Democrat, Dolores Mertz. (Yes, I am glad she is retiring this year.)

Speaking to Jason Clayworth of the Des Moines Register,

Hagenow, after the vote, said his intention was to push the legislature to address the issue rather than deny same-sex couples protection from domestic abuse. Same-sex couples would still be protected from being assaulted, he said.

"I think it was just an attempt to reaffirm that" Iowa law "is still on the books and the legislature has still neglected to address the issue," Hagenow said.

Under the bill, an assault is between separated spouses or people divorced from each other and not residing together at the time of the assault. Hagenow's amendment would have defined spouse under the section of law the Iowa Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional.

Domestic assaults carry greater penalties than many other assault charges, which is why the definition is important. Victim advocates have noted that, occasionally, unmarried people in relationships involved in physical disputes are charged under lesser charges.

Hagenow's explanation taught me two things: first, he and all of his House Republican colleagues need a remedial lesson on the judicial review concept. I wonder if Hagenow also thinks Washington, DC's gun control law is "still on the books" even though the U.S. Supreme Court struck most of it down in 2008. Sorry, no: a law loses legal force once the Supreme Court has found it to be unconstitutional.

Second, Hagenow and his fellow House Republicans are so eager to score political points on the marriage issue that they would be willing to let same-sex abusers be charged with lesser crimes than domestic assaults. Sounds to me like they advocate "special rights" for same-sex domestic abusers!

After Hagenow's effort failed, Republican State Representative Matt Windschitl stepped up with an amendment to replace the whole text of the bill with provisions that would give abuse victims the opportunity to take self-defense courses. A new "Domestic abuse assault fund" would pay for the courses. To sweeten the deal for eligible victims, Windschitl's amendment would let them acquire certificates showing that they had completed the self-defense courses. They could use the certificates to apply for sales tax refunds on "purchases [of] self-defense items and firearms made by the participant within ninety days from the issuance of the certificate."

This amendment merits adding Windschitl to any list of the most clueless Iowa legislators. News flash: abusers try to control their victims' lives. I doubt any person convicted of a domestic violence crime would allow a partner to take self-defense classes. I also doubt that victims who are trying to escape their abusers will find it easy to attend a series of self-defense classes. Not that there's anything wrong with learning to defend yourself, but what do you think would make victims feel safer:

knowing guns would be taken away from the person they sought a restraining order against, or knowing they could complete a series of classes and then apply for a sales tax refund on a gun of their own?

Incidentally, Windschitl's family owns a gun shop. No wonder he's all for victims buying their own guns. Clayworth reported that Windschitl's amendment evoked "emotional opposition":

Domestic abusers and sex offenders are among the most difficult to reform, said Ray Zirkelbach, D-Monteicello who teaches inmates in Iowa's prison system. He told his peers it was sad that Windschitl's amendment was even being considered.

"These are little, little people and, no, they should not have their Second Amendment rights to have their damn guns back," Zirkelbach said about domestic abusers.

The Iowa House deferred consideration of Windschitl's amendment until later in the day. Meanwhile, State Representative Jodi Tymeson offered an amendment imposing new penalties on some people whose actions cause another person to lose guns and ammunition:

Except as provided in paragraph "c", a person
1 13 who knowingly provides false or misleading information
1 14 in order to procure a protective order referred to
1 15 in this subsection shall, in addition to any other
1 16 penalty, be guilty of harassment pursuant to section
1 17 708.7.
1 18 c. A person who knowingly provides false or
1 19 misleading information in order to procure a protective
1 20 order referred to in this subsection that results in
1 21 the deprivation of a firearm, offensive weapon, or
1 22 ammunition necessary for the person who is the subject
1 23 of the protective order to maintain the person's
1 24 livelihood and the person providing such false or
1 25 misleading information could have reasonably foreseen
1 26 the loss of the other person's livelihood shall,
1 27 in addition to any other penalty, be guilty of a
1 28 fraudulent practice in the first degree as defined in
1 29 section 714.9.>

When the Iowa Senate considered this bill, Republican Dave Hartsuch offered a similar amendment. Republicans seem to think that frivolous attempts to obtain protective orders are a bigger problem than domestic abusers owning guns. Has any Iowan been killed by someone who wrongfully obtained a protective order?

All Republicans who were present voted for Tymeson's amendment, but it failed because the 52 Democrats present all voted against it.

"Most clueless" contender Duane Alons then offered an amendment to give domestic abusers their gun rights back one year after they completed any prison term or parole sentence, or one year after any no contact order expired. That amendment also failed, but 43 of the 44 House Republicans voted for it. (Linda Miller was the only Republican to vote against this amendment, and Kerry Burt was the only Democrat to support it.)

The last amendment considered before the final vote on passage was Windschitl's self-defense class

proposal. This time he offered it in addition to the rest of the bill, rather than in place of the restrictions on gun ownership. Still, it failed on a party-line vote.

In the final vote, 19 House Republicans joined all of the Democrats to pass SF 2357. Yet the majority of the GOP caucus (25 members) voted against this bill. The roll call can be found in the House Journal for March 10. House Minority Leader Kraig Paulsen was one of the no voters.

Who were Iowa Republicans representing when they voted against this bill, or voted for it only after trying to gut it with Windschitl's amendment? The lobbyist declarations for SF 2357 show broad support, including various law enforcement groups, public entities, and organizations representing social workers and domestic violence victims. Even the National Rifle Association was registered "undecided" on the bill. However, lobbyists for Iowa Gun Owners and Iowa Sportsman Members registered against the bill.

Republicans would rather let domestic abusers keep their guns and ammunition than address an important threat to public safety. Remember, domestic abuse-related murders make up a significant percentage of murders in Iowa, and a large share of those domestic abuse-related murders are carried out with firearms. Next time Republicans claim to be tough on crime, ask them why their party cares more about abusers' gun rights than about protecting the objects of their abuse as well as bystanders.

UPDATE: It's worth noting that there are plenty of pro-gun Democrats in the Iowa House and Senate. *Every one of them* saw the wisdom behind SF 2357. Only in the Republican Party do politicians believe that abusers' gun rights are more important than protecting victims.

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Democratic and Republican Co-chairs Join the Cause

Today, One Iowa announces the formation of a broad coalition of groups opposed to a constitutional amendment to deny civil marriage equality to gay and lesbian couples. The 71 Iowa groups have a combined membership of nearly 150,000 Iowans and include labor, civil rights, and faith groups.

"Iowans believe in treating their neighbors with respect. That's why a growing chorus of Iowans are speaking up to say discrimination has no place in the Iowa Constitution," said One Iowa Executive Director Carolyn Jenison.

The announcement comes in advance of Sunday's Equality: Red Blue Purple campaign kick-off and the beginning of the 2010 Iowa legislative session on Monday.

Opponents of equality have pledged push for an amendment to the Iowa Constitution during this legislative session. An amendment would have to pass in two consecutive legislative sessions before being put on the ballot.

EQUALITY: RED BLUE PURPLE CAMPAIGN LAUNCH* January 10, 2010 Des Moines Social Club 1408 Locust St., Des Moines Doors open 2 p.m., program begins at 3 p.m.

*Speakers to include representatives from coalition organizations and select co-chairs

Republican Co-Chairs Joy Corning, Former Lt. Governor
Christine Hensley, Member of Des Moines City Council
Matt Walsh, Member of Council Bluffs City Council
Mike Simonson, Republican Activist
Ted Coppock, Republican Activist

Democratic Co-Chairs Christie Vilsack, Former First Lady of Iowa
Sally Pederson, Former Lt. Governor of Iowa
Mike Gronstal, Iowa Senate Majority Leader
Pat Murphy, Speaker of the Iowa House
Marcia Nichols, AFSCME Political Director

Quotes from coalition representatives:

MARCIA NICHOLS AFSCME IOWA

"AFSCME opposes attempts to amend the constitution and take away protections from Iowans. Let's not pit neighbor against neighbor at a time when we should work together to bring jobs back to Iowa and strengthen the economy."

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"Civil marriage equality strengthens our communities and recognizes the intrinsic value of every individual. As an organization that brings together people of faith and goodwill, we oppose attempts to divide our communities and deny protections to committed gay and lesbian couples."

RUDY SIMMS DES MOINES HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

"Iowa is a great place to live because of its history of protecting equal rights. Since when is equality subject to the ballot box? It's not okay to write discrimination into the constitution."

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"Putting the rights of others up for a vote is unconscionable. Women know firsthand the struggle for equality and that's why we stand up strongly against attempts to take away the freedom to marry."

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Simpson College LGBTQ
A Sioux City PFLAG
Southeast Iowa Rainbow Pride
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Founded in 2005, One Iowa is the state's largest LGBT advocacy organization, working for full equality for LGBT Iowans. More information can be found at <http://www.oneiowa.org>

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Dear Team,

Planned Parenthood is running ads that make it sound like they are dealing with a state tax issue when they talk about how much Iowa is not doing (compared to surrounding states) to reduce unwanted pregnancies. I think these ads are very misleading, especially during an election year. I don't know if Planned Parenthood is a "not for profit" but they function like a for-profit and this is a very questionable advertising campaign. It sounds like they want the government to promote abortions to save money like our neighbor states.

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Attachments: Jill June & Tom Miller.JPG

Just fyi, ET.
[probably nothing for us to do with the photo, I'm guessing.]

Congratulations to YOU for getting this bill into LAW!

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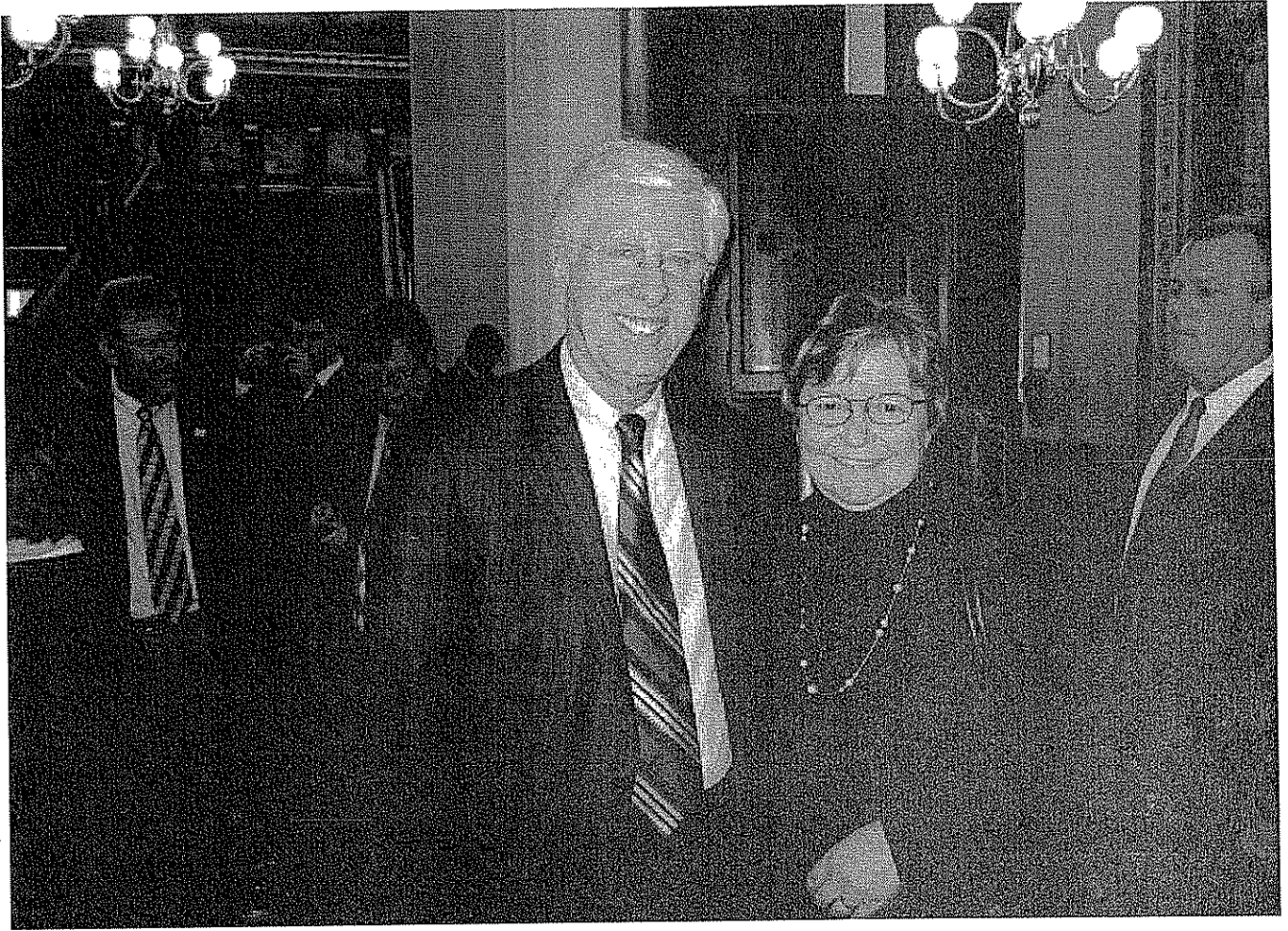
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Take care,

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To: Weeg, Theresa [AG]; Thompson, Jeffrey [AG]; Pottorff, Julie [AG]; Griebel, Pam [AG]; Greenwood, Geoff [AG]
Cc: Bussanmas, Julie; Anderson, Marti [AG]
Subject: RE: FYI 2

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Yes, please copy Marti Anderson, as well.

I agree with Jeff T, that we need to respond – not only because these are false statements, but also because they potentially put Dr. Railsback in jeopardy of violence (even if she were an abortionist, which she is not and has never been).

-THM

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This is the same one that circulated last week. I still think we should discuss our plan for addressing this issue and consider a written response to OR.

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Will AG's Conflict of Interest Prevent Charges Against Planned Parenthood?

- Written by Operation Rescue
- Posted July 6, 2010 at 12:02 pm

Des Moines, IA — Connections between the office of Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller and a Planned Parenthood abortionist raise questions about whether a complaint filed against the abortion giant will get fair consideration.

Operation Rescue's Cheryl Sullenger was contacted last week by Jane Ambrozic, a representative of the Iowa Attorney General's office, who indicated that the AG's office was unable to locate the complaint concerning the remote controlled distribution of dangerous abortion pills, known as telemed abortions. Sullenger provided Ambrozic a copy of the delivery confirmation letter that showed the complaint was received at the State House on June 24, 2010, along with the signature of the staffer who received the complaint. She also sent Ambrozic a digital copy of the complaint. Ambrozic acknowledged receipt of the files and that she was able to open them.

"There really is no excuse for the Attorney General's dismissive attitude toward this complaint, now that we know that it has been received by his

representative," said Operation Rescue President Troy Newman. "While we hope that the Attorney General's office will properly look into this complaint, connections between Tom Miller's administration and Planned Parenthood of the Heartland that have recently surfaced are troubling. It certainly would not be the first time we have had to deal with corruption in a State Attorney General's office."

According to Attorney General Miller's official [web site](#), Dr. Linda Railsback, an 13 year employee of Planned Parenthood of the Heartland (formerly Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa), sits on his Crime Victim Assistance Board. In addition, the [2005 Iowa Attorney General's Annual Report](#) lists on page 37 a \$7,000 disbursement of funds to Planned Parenthood. That money was funneled through the Iowa Attorney General's office from the Federal Stop Violence Against Women program (VAWA).

"We find it ironic that a Planned Parenthood abortionist would be involved in a 'violence against women' board considering the violent means by which pre-born babies are aborted and the negative impact that abortion has on women, including increasing their risks for [suicide](#) and [substance abuse](#). And that's not to mention the frequent incidents of [coerced and forced abortions](#) that sidewalk counselors across the nation witness every day, which makes Planned Parenthood America's chief exploiter of women. Railsback's involvement with the A.G.'s office really shows a lack of good judgment on the part of Attorney General Miller," said Newman.

"The connections between Miller's office and Planned Parenthood represent a conflict of interest. Not only is Miller affiliated with a long-time Planned Parenthood abortionist, but he also has distributed thousands of tax dollars directly to Planned Parenthood's coffers. Can Miller set aside his pro-abortion ideology and his professional and personal relationships with Planned Parenthood long enough to enforce Iowa laws without prejudice or bias? That remains to be seen."

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To: Brammer, Robert [AG]
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Bob,

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Tony

From: Brammer, Robert [AG] [mailto:rbrammer@ag.state.ia.us]
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Cc: Bussanmas, Julie; Anderson, Marti [AG]
Subject: RE: FYI 2

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Yes, please copy Marti Anderson, as well.

I agree with Jeff T, that we need to respond – not only because these are false statements, but also because they potentially put Dr. Railsback in jeopardy of violence (even if she were an abortionist, which she is not and has never been).

-THM

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To: Adams, Heather [AG]
Subject: FW: PPVI PAC reception

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Tuesday, May 4

Historic Sheuerman House

1605 Woodland Ave, Des Moines (Across the street from Hoyt Sherman Place)

5-7pm (Ms. Huffington will attend from 5-6pm.)

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From: apclaypool@aol.com
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2010 11:25 PM
To: apclaypool@aol.com
Subject: PPVI PAC reception

I'm looking forward to meeting Adriana Huffington at the Planned Parenthood Voters of Iowa PAC reception on May 4. We are depending on this event to raise funds we need to have a big impact on the 2010 elections. Please attend and be a part of this exciting campaign!

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To: Tabor, Eric [AG]; Ormiston, Tam [AG]; Thompson, Jeffrey [AG]; Pottorff, Julie [AG]; Weeg, Theresa [AG]; Greenwood, Geoff [AG]; Brauch, William [AG]; Anderson, Marti [AG]
Subject: FW: Iowa Attorney General skirts duties
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FYI, this is Marti's clarification about the \$7K grant and Dr. Railsback.

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Sent: Thursday, July 08, 2010 3:35 PM
To: Miller, Thomas H [AG]
Cc: Greenwood, Geoff; 'rlsbck48@earthlink.net'; Anderson, Marti [AG]; Melohn, Janelle [AG]; Phillips, Donna [AG]
Subject: Iowa Attorney General skirts duties

I am replying to the email story below my signature by Operation Rescue. The facts are very simple.

The Susan Knapp Health Center of Planned Parenthood received one \$7,000 CVAD funding award in 2005. The funds were used to coordinate improvement of forensic medical sexual abuse examinations in the Des Moines area. A team of Sexual Abuse Nurse Examiners (SANEs) were recruited and trained and a clinic room was designed especially for the forensic exams.

The 2005 award was the only award to the Susan Knapp Health Center of Planned Parenthood. They took the lead with Polk County Crisis and Advocacy Services to establish the SANE Team and the Polk County Sexual Abuse Response Team (SART). This work entailed coordination with all Des Moines area hospitals and law enforcement agencies. Coordination of the established teams is now done by Polk County Crisis and Advocacy Services.

The Susan Knapp Health Center is a Planned Parenthood facility. However, surgical elective termination of pregnancy is not performed at the center. Linda Railsback was appointed to the Board in July 2007. She is a obstetrician and gynecologist. Dr. Railsback does not and has never performed elective termination of pregnancy.

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From: mail@ratepoint.com [mailto:mail@ratepoint.com] **On Behalf Of** Troy Newman
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Dear Iowan:

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Several weeks ago, Operation Rescue filed a formal complaint with the Iowa Attorney General's office asking for a criminal investigation of the "telemed abortion," a remote-controlled push-button Internet abortion pill scheme operated by Planned Parenthood of the Heartland (formerly Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa).

Operation Rescue was contacted by Jane Ambrozic, a representative of the Iowa Attorney General's office, who indicated that the A.G.'s office was unable to locate the complaint concerning the remote controlled distribution of dangerous abortion pills.

Cheryl Sullenger, the senior policy advisor for Operation Rescue, provided Ambrozic a copy of the delivery confirmation letter that showed the complaint was received at the State House on June 24, 2010, along with the signature of the staffer who received the complaint. She also sent Ambrozic a digital copy of the complaint. Ambrozic acknowledged receipt of the files and that she was able to open them.

The "missing" complaint leads to possibilities that A.G. Tom Miller is attempting to skirt his duties due to a relationship that he has with a Planned Parenthood abortionist, Linda Railsback.

Bob Brammer, a spokesperson for the A.G.'s office, suggested in an interview with the Des Moines Register that Miller will likely not pursue a criminal investigation and will leave the matter up to the Iowa Board of Medicine, which has so far failed to act on Operation Rescue's initial complaint.

In addition, Brammer said that the issue would lie outside of his jurisdiction.

"There really is no excuse for the Attorney General's dismissive attitude toward this complaint, now that we know that it has been received by his representative," said Operation Rescue President Troy Newman. "While we hope that the Attorney General's office will properly look into this complaint, connections between Tom Miller's administration and Planned Parenthood of the Heartland that have recently surfaced are troubling. It certainly would not be the first time we have had to deal with corruption in a State Attorney General's office."

According to Attorney General Miller's official web site, Dr. Linda Railsback, a 13-year employee of Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, sits on his Crime Victim Assistance Board. In addition, the 2005 Iowa Attorney General's Annual Report lists on page 37 a \$7,000 disbursement of funds to Planned Parenthood. That money was funneled through the Iowa Attorney General's office from the Federal Stop Violence Against Women program (VAWA).

"We find it ironic that a Planned Parenthood abortionist would be involved in a 'violence against women' board considering the violent means by which pre-born babies are aborted and the negative impact that abortion has on women, including increasing their risks for suicide and substance abuse. And that's not to mention the frequent incidents of coerced and forced abortions that sidewalk counselors across the nation witness every day, which makes Planned Parenthood America's chief exploiter of women. Railsback's involvement with the A.G.'s office really shows a lack of good judgment on the part of Attorney General Miller," said Newman.

Operation Rescue has seen this same scenario in A.G.'s failing to pursue criminal investigations before. Spurred on through research done by Operation Rescue, much political corruption in Kansas was purged after allegations surfaced that the Kansas Board of Healing Arts was conducting illegal activity. In the same scenario, the Kansas Attorney General was forced to resign.

Iowa is the first state where Planned Parenthood has administered these dangerous telemed abortions. Action must be taken now to ensure that the dangerous procedure and dangerous drug do not spread to harm more women. Tom Miller has so far skirted his duties.

Contact Attorney General Tom Miller and ask him to investigate Planned Parenthood for their remote-controlled telemed abortion pill scheme.

Voice: 515-281-5164
Email: webteam@ag.state.ia.us

Please feel free to call me at (316) 683-6790 ext. 111 if I can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Troy Newman

President, Operation Rescue

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Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 11:14 AM
To: Anderson, Marti [AG]; 'Anne Seymour'
Subject: RE: Now, why can't we get Hillary to support VOCA?

Since she's not on the appropriations committee, my hunch is she just votes with the party on the appropriations bills, which do not get separate VOCA votes. But she's never signed on to any of the VOCA letters sent to Appropriations (though even though her NY colleague Schumer does).

We will need all the help we can get for the Senate to increase the VOCA cap in the FY 2008 CJS bill (S. 1745) which the Senate will probably take up in the Fall and that keeps the VOCA cap at \$625 million. Don't know right now if there will be a VOCA amendment on the floor; but also will need support to get the conference bill to raise the cap.

steve

From: Anderson, Marti [AG] [mailto:MANDERS@ag.state.ia.us]
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2007 10:59 AM
To: Anne Seymour
Cc: Steve Derene
Subject: RE: Now, why can't we get Hillary to support VOCA?

Isn't she supportive? I have talked with her about VOCA. One issue she was unaware of was that when the cap is kept the same, VOCA Assistance diminishes because it is last on the list of distribution. I explained to her that Comp payments have a different formula and change and that big chunks can be taken off the top for DOJ purposes. Is there a way I can research her votes on this to bring it to her attention?

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- Marcia Rogers of Cedar Rapids, Linn County; President of Management Resource Group

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Women who balk about supporting Hillary often harbor fears that she can't win. Gloria Feldt says this hurts the goal of gender neutrality in politics and she exhorts women to collect their courage and overcome anxieties that are often about ourselves. Story begins after promos.

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COMMENTARY

Hillary Gives Women a Mirror of Our Own Fears

*By Gloria Feldt
WeNews commentator*

Editor's Note: The following is a commentary. The opinions expressed are those of the author and not necessarily the views of Women's Enews.

(WOMENSENEWS)--Forty-some women listened intently last week in the cream and burgundy living room of inveterate Democratic fundraiser Sally Minard's Manhattan brownstone, as campaign advisor Ann Lewis described why Hillary Clinton, if she is to make history by becoming the first woman president of the U.S., needs them, and thousands more like them, to be her "ambassadors." Thousands of women speaking one-to-one and to small gatherings, writing letters to the editor and

turning their e-mail lists into potent viral marketing networks are essential to a successful campaign.

"It's up to the women," Lewis said.

As announced yesterday, Clinton is making a major appeal to women during women's history month, and for good reason.

Personal validation by trusted friends was crucial to Clinton's first U.S. Senate race in 2000, when she needed to convince wary New Yorkers that she wasn't a celebrity with an enormous carpetbag but a serious, smart, hardworking candidate who empathized with her constituents' needs and would bring home the bacon. Judging by her 2-1 reelection in 2006, she won over even skeptical conservative upstate voters quite nicely.

But can our first viable female presidential candidate president replicate those strategies nationwide? Will Clinton's seemingly natural base--women--lift her to victory in her party's nomination, let alone the general election? Shouldn't women support Hillary in the same way support from African Americans is beginning to sway toward Barak Obama?

Why, 135 years after suffragist Victoria Woodhull became the first female candidate for president, must we still ask whether women will seize this moment to create gender equality in America's top leadership?

Sure, some women oppose Clinton's political philosophy: Democrats often disagree with her position on Iraq, for example; Republicans are often allergic to her belief that government can and should solve problems. These are legitimate differences. But we've seen time after time that the deciding factors in elections are perceptions of a candidate's personality and how she or he might affect us personally.

'Not Ready for One of Us' Fear

Some of women's resistance to Clinton is rooted not in ideology but in four fear-based factors which Hillary and her ambassadors must defeat if she is to become president:

First there's fear of the readiness test.

Donna Brazile, Al Gore's presidential campaign manager and now political consultant, observes that despite much progress, oppressed groups still tend to assume the rest of society "isn't ready for one of us." That's why more whites than blacks say America is ready for a black president and more men than women say America is ready for a woman president.

In our diverse nation, how will we "get ready" for a woman, or an African American or Latino or Mormon, if they don't run?

'I Love Hillary BUT'

Second is the "I love Hillary BUT" factor. But she carries Bill's baggage. But she's polarizing. The demographic of women most like Clinton is the one that voices the most reservations. While 59 percent of women view Clinton favorably, according to a Washington Post-ABC News poll conducted last July, her stronghold is among 18-to-35-year-old women, a whopping 73 percent of whom view her favorably.

The older women are the generation who fought for the laws and social climate that make a viable Hillary Clinton candidacy possible. Many say she's a great senator, forgetting how she overcame the same "buts" in 2000, yet are dead set against her run for president. These women worry that if Clinton loses, they lose—that it will set back their accomplishments for women; they are clearly wary of that risk.

Young women are not immune to this fear. At the Ambassadors meeting, a professor described students who like Clinton very much but are afraid she can't win and "they fear losing." The professor was advised to take her students for pizza and walk them through data illustrating Clinton's electability. For a woman not to run at this historic moment presents a far bigger risk to everything these women hold dear.

Media Fears

Next, there's the fear instilled by media maulings. The national media tends to trash any leading candidate. Still, women are singled out for criticism if they appear too "feminine" on one hand or too tough on the other.

I call this the Maureen Dowd effect. In a stunning display of sexist language, The New York Times columnist last December called a tiff between Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Rep. Jane Harman a "catfight." About Clinton, Dowd wrote that as first lady she "showed off a long parade of unflattering outfits and unnervingly changing hairdos" and that when Clinton "expressed outrage about Iraq," she "ended up sounding like a mother whose teen-age son has not cleaned up his room."

There will inevitably be vicious "Swift boating" too. It's instinctive to back away from attacks. But it's more constructive to get angry and call out the media's misdeeds.

Fear of Identification with Imperfection

Fourth is the Arianna Huffington paradox.

Huffington criticizes Hillary for doing what every politician who ever got elected does; crafting positions that attract a broad spectrum of voters. Huffington characterizes this as being inauthentic and she has a point. It's similar to how Rudy Giuliani, the Republican front runner, is trying to assure the Republican Right he really hates abortion and didn't mean it when he appeared in drag.

Paradoxically, though, Huffington reserves her fiercest vitriol for the candidate of her own gender and her own party. Perhaps the author of "Fearless" fears being defined by a female leader she doesn't like more than throwing the election to men with whom she agrees even less.

Activist Sherrye Henry identified a "deep divide" in her 1994 book by that name between the equality women say they want and how they vote. Does this divide still exist? Are women our own worst enemy, as those who would like us to be claim?

The first female president will probably not be perfect in every way. Figure the odds of any president of either gender meeting that standard.

It is, as Ann Lewis said, up to the women.

America ranks 67th in percentage of female congress members, behind Pakistan, Liberia, and Mexico. Women are heads of state in countries as disparate as Liberia, Chile, and Germany, and their numbers are increasing globally.

Only when we have gender equality will we have the luxury of gender-neutrality in our political choices. American women should get a grip, get over their fears and get together to create the tipping point for women seeking high public office.

Because in the end, our fear is not about Hillary Clinton. It's about ourselves.

Gloria Feldt is co-author of "Send Yourself Roses . . . and Other Thoughts on Life, Love, and Leading Roles" (Springboard 2008). Formerly president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, she writes and speaks on women's lives from where the personal and political meet. She is a Women's eNews 21 Leader for the 21st century 2007.

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Subject: Application for Assistant Attorney General - REFERENCES UPDATE

Hello Ms. Pottorff and Ms. Griebel,

I am writing to update my reference information for my application for the position of assistant attorney general. One of my references, Milo Vukelich, has left Rockwell Collins and I am in the process of obtaining his updated contact information. I will forward this on to you once I receive it.

In his place, please accept the following reference:

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Thank you!

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Subject: FW: Dangerous push-button abortions occurring in Iowa

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Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2010 2:43 PM
To: Katie Bahl
Cc: Nebel, Kent [IBM]; Bowden, Mark [IBM]
Subject: RE: Dangerous push-button abortions occurring in Iowa

Katie, I presume this is or will become part of an evaluation of telemedicine generally. Unfortunately, rural Iowa is suffering from a lack of access to health care of all kinds. A lot of people can't "see" a doctor. If telemedicine becomes a way to address this problem in general, the question then becomes: is there a professional or legal basis for excluding certain services.

I can certainly find out where the Iowa Board of Medicine is at on these matters, and have copied the IBM executive director and legal counsel on this e-mail.

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Subject: Dangerous push-button abortions occurring in Iowa

This is scary!! Can you push that the Iowa Medical Board to ban telmed abortion??

Thanks! Katie

From: mail@ratepoint.com [mailto:mail@ratepoint.com] **On Behalf Of** Troy Newman
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June 14, 2010

Dear Iowan:

Image removed by sender. An abortion procedure currently being implemented in several Planned Parenthood clinics across Iowa has the potential to drastically increase the health risks for women obtaining abortions. It involves dispensing the dangerous abortion drug RU 486, also known as mifepristone, over a teleconferencing hook up.

We are contacting you because we believe that this new procedure is not only dangerous to women, but we also believe the procedure is illegal. Iowa law requires that only licensed physicians perform abortions, and this procedure is being performed without licensed physicians present. ***In order to serve the best interests of Iowa and her citizens, we urge you to request that the Iowa Medical Board ban this dangerous procedure. We also urge you to contact your legislatures and express to them your discontent with the dangerous, and likely illegal, procedure.***

Click below to find the legislature who serves the area you live in.

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The dangerous procedure, currently being referred to as the "telemed abortion," seeks to replace actual physician care with electronic equipment, which would eradicate the concept of patient-doctor relationship. (See Operation Rescue's original article, detailing the full scheme <http://www.operationrescue.org/archives/special-report-telemed-abortions-endanger-women-and-drive-up-insurance-costs/>).

"Telemed" is short for the term telemedicine, whereby medical consults occur with the aid of

electronic communications. It is used legitimately in the medical field to lower the cost of consultations with specialists and to exchange medical information between physicians electronically.

However, it was never meant to be used as a replacement for the personal, hands-on examination by a physician. In fact, only a hands-on examination can detect certain risk factors that may disqualify a woman from being able to safely take the abortion pill.

Abortion doctors in Iowa have been using the telemed abortion system since July, 2008. A licensed physician, who may be hundreds of miles away, visits briefly with the woman via two-way teleconferencing. At the end of the conference call, the licensed physician pushes a button and a "cash drawer" containing the drugs pops open at the faraway clinic. The woman takes part of the medication and is sent home with instructions to take the rest of the pills on her own.

The patient is never physically examined by a licensed physician, whose only contact with her is the brief teleconference. After the teleconference is terminated, she never sees the licensed physician again.

The risks associated with the abortion pill are multifold:

- **Increased risk of sepsis, a life-threatening infection of the blood stream.** If not caught early enough, complications can cause sepsis, which can result in the death of the patient. Without a licensed physician or even an emergency room within 100 miles of some of the Iowa clinics, the lack of access to a licensed physician places women's lives at grave risk.
- **Increased risk of death or injury due to misuse of abortion pills.** Since the abortion doctors will not be physically present, there is an increased risk that the pills could be misused/taken incorrectly. There have been 8 deaths and over 1,100 serious complications reported from the use of the RU 486 abortion pill.

- o FDA protocols require that all doses of the medication be taken in the presence of a licensed physician. Planned Parenthood is currently violating this protocol.

- o FDA protocols only allow the use of RU 486 through the 49th day of pregnancy. Planned Parenthood is unsafely prescribing it through the 63rd day of pregnancy.

Several groups of people with risk factors were left out of the drug trials in the US. It may not be safe for women with these risk factors to safely take the abortion pill. Assistants and nurses may not be able to determine if a patient suffers from many of these factors, which makes the absence of a licensed physician all the more hazardous.

The following groups of people were not tested in the US trial for RU 486:

- Women under the age of 18
- Women over the age of 35 who were heavy smokers
- Women with the following conditions:

- o asthma
- o glaucoma
- o mitral stenosis
- o arterial hypotension
- o sickle cell anemia
- o history of severe liver, respiratory or renal disease
- o thromboembolism
- o insulin-dependent diabetes
- o cardiovascular disease
- o hypertension
- o blood pressure over 140/90mmHg
- o anemia
- o possible pelvic inflammatory disease

Women belonging to these groups are at increased risk of suffering complications associated with RU 486 because the drug trials did not determine if RU 486 would be safe for them. The telemed abortion process is more likely to allow women with dangerous conditions to take the abortion pill, even though it may not be safe for them to do so.

Telemed abortions reduce the fiscal cost incurred by abortion clinics, yet Planned Parenthood charges insurance companies over 2 ½ times the national average cost for medical abortions. This overbilling only serves to profit Planned Parenthood while raising health care costs to everyone else. It is unfair to expect all lowans to foot the bill for inflated abortion charges.

It is time for Iowa to step up and protect women by demanding that the Iowa Board of Medicine bring an end to the Planned Parenthood's telemed abortion scheme. Women deserve better than dangerous push-button abortions. They deserve a real doctor-patient relationship. Please do all you can to take action to ban this dangerous *in absentia* abortion practice.

Please feel free to contact me at (316) 683-6790 ext. 111 if I can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Troy Newman

President, Operation Rescue

See Operation Rescue's full report and original press release on the telemed scheme.

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I am not familiar with any of this. We need to discuss. Mark

Note the final graph about the Iowa Board of Medicine.

Report: Telemed Abortions Using Dangerous Drug Hurt Woman, Up Insurance Costs

by Steven Ertelt
LifeNews.com Editor
March 29, 2010

Washington, DC (LifeNews.com) -- A new reported issued by a national pro-life group takes on the growing practice of "telemed abortions" -- which see abortion practitioners instruct women on using the dangerous abortion drug by video conference instead of assisting them in an in-person, on-site visit.

The practice involves the dangerous RU 486, or mifepristone, abortion drug that has killed at least 13 women worldwide and injured 1,100 in the U.S, alone as of 2006 FDA figures.

Operation Rescue released the report on telemed abortions, which it calls "a disturbing new trend in the abortion industry that could be endangering the lives and health of thousands of women."

The group also says the practice "is bilking insurance companies out of grossly inflated fees."

The pro-life organization engaged in an undercover investigation of the "telemed abortion" scheme operated by Planned Parenthood of the Heartland in Iowa.

Women visit the abortion facility for a drug-induced abortion and they visit with an off-site abortion practitioner who appears on a computer monitor and explains the medical abortion procedure to them before issuing a prescription for the abortion drug.

Abortion advocates talk about abortions as something "between a woman and her doctor" but the abortion practitioner never gives the woman an medical examination or even sees her in person and never sees the woman again after the abortion drug is issued.

Although required by Iowa law, the abortion business is detailing to women how abortions are done without the presence or examination of a licensed physician.

"The telemed abortion presents risks to women's lives and health that are completely unacceptable," said Operation Rescue president Troy Newman.

"The lack of access to a licensed physician throughout this risky and painful abortion process is

shocking, and likely illegal. Money obviously means more to Planned Parenthood than the lives and safety of women," he told LifeNews.com today.

Operation Rescue also revealed Planned Parenthood is charging insurance companies \$1,000 for this drug-induced abortion even though the overhead costs for the abortion is lower with the abortion practitioner off site.

This overbilling effectively drives up the cost of health insurance for everyone, Newman contends.

"Planned Parenthood of the Heartland is making a killing on medical abortions," he said. "Planned Parenthood is gouging insurance companies twice the price of their cash abortions. That's how they can afford to keep their smaller clinics running."

"And if taxpayers are forced to fund these abortions, there's no telling how much they will charge, because government funding is a blank check," he added.

Operation Rescue attempted to contact the Iowa Board of Medicine for a comment on the legality and safety of telemed abortions, but numerous phone calls were not returned.

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State Investigating Dangerous Telemed Abortions at Planned Parenthood Centers

by **Steven Ertelt**
LifeNews.com Editor
May 4, 2010

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Des Moines, IA (LifeNews.com) -- The state of Iowa has announced it has begun an investigation into the new "telemed" process Planned Parenthood is using to dispense abortion drugs. The process has abortion practitioners instruct women on using the dangerous abortion drug by video conference instead of assisting them in person.

The practice involves the dangerous RU 486, or mifepristone, abortion drug that has killed at least 13 women worldwide and injured 1,100 in the U.S, alone as of 2006 FDA figures.

As LifeNews.com, has reported, Operation Rescue officials have exposed the new process practice, which it says is putting women's health at risk and involves the potential bilking of insurance companies.

Last month, the pro-life group filed formal complaints with the Medical Board of Iowa asking for an investigation into the process and asking officials to stop allowing abortions without a licensed physician on site and discipline those involved. <http://www.lifenews.com/state4977.html>

Today, OR announced the Iowa Medical Board is now investigating the "care and treatment" practices of abortion practitioner Susan Haskell and Planned Parenthood of the Heartland.

At least a dozen small Planned Parenthood offices in Iowa were administering the dangerous abortion drug without the mother seeing a doctor in person. Instead, Haskell briefly addresses abortion patients from a teleconferencing hook up from her office in Des Moines. After explaining the medical abortion process, a button is pushed and an electronic drawer opens that contains the drugs.

"We believe that this practice is illegal and violates Iowa law that requires that a licensed physician perform abortions in that state, and increases the serious dangers to the public," OR president Troy Newman told LifeNews.com Tuesday morning.

"The abortion pill has a failure rate of 7-20% depending on how it is administered, but with no licensed physician in sight, women are left in a condition that is considered life-threatening," he

added.

Newman is also concerned because his group discovered that Planned Parenthood deviates from the FDA protocols in both dosage and number of recommended office visits.

The pro-life group also discovered that Planned Parenthood charges insurance companies \$1,000 for the abortion drug procedure -- twice the cost of the abortion and something Newman says will drive up insurance prices for all consumers.

"Planned Parenthood has come up with a dangerous scheme to peddle abortion pills to women without the cost of transporting a licensed physician to each clinic. Without enough abortionists to staff all of their clinics, this 'telemed' scheme is the goose that laid the golden egg for them," Newman said. "Never mind that it is a serious danger to women and to the economics of this country, especially if it expands nationally."

"We pray that the Iowa Board of Medicine will bring this outrageous abortion abuse to an end," he concluded.

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Subject: planned parenthood

This is the article I'd read that I was trying to remember last week, fyi...

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/05/30/business/30telemed.html>

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Authorities review Planned Parenthood 'tele-med' procedures

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By Bob Unruh
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Iowa authorities have launched an investigation into a "scheme" by Planned Parenthood, the nation's abortion industry leader, to "peddle abortions" by setting up computer-link visits for patients instead of allowing them to meet with the doctor ordering the abortion chemicals for them.

Operation Rescue, a front-line pro-life organization that at one point purchased a building so that an abortionist tenant could not continue work, said it has been notified by Iowa authorities about the investigation.

Operation Rescue Senior Policy Adviser Cheryl Sullenger had filed a complaint over the procedure, prompting the Iowa Medical Board's confirmation that it is looking into the "care and treatment" practices of abortionist Susan Haskell.

The complaint had raised several concerns, including the fact that Iowa law allows only a licensed physician to do abortions, the Planned Parenthood of the Heartland procedure fell short of FDA-approved protocols for doctor's visits, no physician was present for the administration of abortion drugs and insurance companies apparently were overbilled.

Operation Rescue President Troy Newman said the complaint was filed to protect women "from this outrageous and dangerous abortion scheme."

The organization documented in a recording Planned Parenthood's explanation of its set-up.

"The physician doesn't actually come," the abortion company worker explains. "The physician who prescribes you the medication would be on a computer screen. You'll be on a computer screen. You

can see each other and communicate. They're just not physically there.

"You would press a button that's on the screen, and a little box would open up with the medication in it."

"The telemed abortion presents risks to women's lives and health that are completely unacceptable," said Newman. "The lack of access to a licensed physician throughout this risky and painful abortion process is shocking and likely illegal. Money obviously means more to Planned Parenthood than the lives and safety of women."

Sullenger's report on the issue explained the "telemedicine" procedures are "used legitimately in the medical field to lower the cost of consultations with specialists and exchange medical information between physicians electronically."

"However, telemedicine, or care *in absentia*, was never meant as a replacement for the personal, hands-on examination by a physician," she said.

Operation Rescue discovered a dozen small Planned Parenthood offices around Iowa were handing out the dangerous abortion drug RU 486 (Mifepristone) and companion drug Methotrexate even though the patients never had been examined personally by a physician.

"We believe that this practice is illegal and violates Iowa law that requires that a licensed physician perform abortions in that state, and increases the serious dangers to the public," Newman said.

Newman's organization also found Planned Parenthood deviates from FDA protocols for the dosage and number of office visits, and insurance companies are billed \$1,000 for the process – twice what cash patients must pay.

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Operation Rescue cited the eight abortion deaths and more than 1,100 serious complications that have resulted in the U.S. alone from the use of Mifepristone.

Planned Parenthood did not respond to a WND request for comment.

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June 2, 2010

Dear Board Staff Member:

<http://operationrescue.org/images/pilldrawer2.jpg> An abortion procedure currently being implemented in several Planned Parenthood clinics across Iowa has the potential to drastically increase the health risks for women obtaining abortions. It involves dispensing the dangerous abortion drug RU 486, also known as mifepristone, over a teleconferencing hook up.

We are contacting you because we believe that this new procedure is not only dangerous to women, but we also believe the procedure to be illegal because Iowa law requires that only licensed physicians perform abortions. ***In order to serve the best interests of Iowa and her citizens, the Iowa Board of Medicine should ban this dangerous procedure and/or legislatures should be instructed to draft new legislation to halt the practice of this dangerous practice.***

The procedure, currently being referred to as the "telemed abortion," seeks to replace actual physician care with electronic equipment, which would eradicate the concept of patient-doctor relationship. (See Operation Rescue's original article, detailing the full scheme <http://www.operationrescue.org/archives/special-report-telemed-abortion-endanger-women-and-drive-up-insurance-costs/>).

"Telemed" is short for the term telemedicine, whereby medical consults occur with the aid of electronic communications. It is used legitimately in the medical field to lower the cost of consultations with specialists and to exchange medical information between physicians electronically. However, it was never meant to be used as a replacement for the personal, hands-on examination by a physician. In fact, only a hands-on examination can detect certain risk factors that may disqualify a woman from being able to safely take the abortion pill.

Abortion doctors in Iowa have been using the telemed abortion system since July, 2008. A licensed physician, who may be hundreds of miles away, visits briefly with the woman via two-way teleconferencing. At the end of the conference call, the licensed physician pushes a button and a "cash drawer" containing the drugs pops open at the faraway clinic. The woman takes part of the

medication and is sent home with instructions to take the rest of the pills on her own.

The patient is never physically examined by a licensed physician, whose only contact with her is the brief teleconference. After the teleconference is terminated, she never sees the licensed physician again.

The risks associated with the abortion pill are multifold:

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- <!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]--> **Increased risk of sepsis, a life-threatening infection of the blood stream.** If not caught early enough, complications can cause sepsis, which can result in the death of the patient. Without a licensed physician or even an emergency room within 100 miles of some of the Iowa clinics, the lack of access to a licensed physician places women's lives at grave risk.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]--> **Increased risk of death or injury due to misuse of abortion pills.** Since the abortion doctors will not be physically present, there is an increased risk that the pills could be misused/taken incorrectly. There have been 8 deaths and over 1,100 serious complications reported from the use of the RU 486 abortion pill.

<!--[if !supportLists]--> o <!--[endif]--> FDA protocols require that all doses of the medication be taken in the presence of a licensed physician. Planned Parenthood is currently violating this protocol.

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Several groups of people with risk factors were left out of the drug trials in the US. It may not be safe for women with these risk factors to safely take the abortion pill. Assistants and nurses may not be able to determine if a patient suffers from many of these factors, which makes the absence of a licensed physician all the more hazardous.

The following groups of people were not tested in the US trial for RU-486:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]--> Women under the age of 18
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- <!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]--> Women with the following conditions:
 - o asthma
 - o glaucoma
 - o mitral stenosis
 - o arterial hypotension
 - o sickle cell anemia
 - o history of severe liver, respiratory or renal disease
 - o thromboembolism
 - o insulin-dependent diabetes
 - o cardiovascular disease
 - o hypertension

- o blood pressure over 140/90mmHg
- o anemia
- o possible pelvic inflammatory disease

Women belonging to these groups are at increased risk of suffering complications associated with RU-486 because the drug trials did not determine if RU 486 would be safe for them. The telemed abortion process is more likely to allow women with dangerous conditions to take the abortion pill, even though it may not be safe for them to do so.

Telemed abortions reduce the fiscal cost incurred by abortion clinics, yet Planned Parenthood charges insurance companies over 2 ½ times the national average cost for medical abortions. This overbilling only serves to profit Planned Parenthood while raising health care costs to everyone else. It is unfair to expect all Iowans to foot the bill for inflated abortion charges.

It is time for Iowa to step up and protect women by demanding that the Iowa Board of Medicine bring an end to the Planned Parenthood's telemed abortion scheme. Women deserve better than dangerous push-button abortions. They deserve a real doctor-patient relationship. Please do all you can to take action to ban this dangerous *in absentia* abortion practice.

Please feel free to contact me at (316) 683-6790 ext. 111 if I can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Troy Newman

President, Operation Rescue

See Operation Rescue's full report and original press release on the telemed scheme.

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Criminal Complaint Against Telemed Abortions Filed with Iowa Attorney General

Operation Rescue also asks Iowa Medical Board to broaden their investigation.

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DES MOINES, Iowa, June 24 / Christian Newswire <<http://www.christiannewswire.com/>> -- Operation Rescue has filed a formal complaint with the Iowa Attorney General's office asking for a criminal investigation of a remote-controlled push-button Internet abortion pill scheme operated by Planned Parenthood of the Heartland known as "telemed abortion."

"We believe that telemed abortions are illegal for several reasons and may rise to the threshold of criminal negligence," said Operation Rescue President Troy Newman. "Planned Parenthood's scheme to deny women personal access to licensed physicians is a prescription for disaster."

In addition to Planned Parenthood of the Heartland (PPH), the complaint names abortionists Thomas William Ross and Susan Haskell, both osteopaths who are employed with PPH and are known to participate in the telemed abortion scheme.

The complaint centers on five major areas of concern regarding telemed abortions:

1. Violation of the Iowa law requiring that only licensed physicians perform abortions.
2. PPH's remote dispensing practice for abortion drugs RU486 and misoprostol so ignores FDA protocols that they are intentionally endangering the lives of women.
3. Criminal negligence and consumer protection laws may have been violated since evidence shows that Planned Parenthood intentionally exceeds manufacturer warnings and safety limits, and misrepresents to patients the actual failure rate of the medical abortion process.
4. Consumer protection violations regarding insurance company overbilling.
5. Patient abandonment since the licensed physician only speaks with the patient for a brief time over an Internet teleconferencing hookup, and never interacts with the patient again even in the case of emergency.

Operation Rescue has also filed a supplemental information packet with the Iowa Board of Medicine as an amendment to their complaint, along with a request to expand their investigation to include abortionist Thomas Ross.

Operation Rescue uncovered the Iowa telemed abortion scheme during an undercover investigation of abortion clinics throughout the U.S. It published a special report describing the remote controlled

abortion process then followed up with a formal complaint <http://www.operationrescue.org/archives/telemed-abortions-under-investigation-in-iowa/> to the Iowa Medical Board. The IMB notified Operation Rescue in April that the complaint was placed with an investigator.

In interviews, Planned Parenthood officials indicated that the group had plans to expand telemed abortions to every Planned Parenthood clinic by 2015 beginning with two clinics associated with Planned Parenthood of East Central Iowa. Public outcry against the dangerous push-button abortion process caused PPECI to backtrack from their original statements.

[Read the Complaint Narrative <http://operationrescue.org/pdfs/AG%20complaint%20narrative.pdf>](http://operationrescue.org/pdfs/AG%20complaint%20narrative.pdf)

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Iowa Attorney General Attempts to Pass the Buck On Illegal Abortion Complaint

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Des Moines, Iowa – A reporter has told Operation Rescue that the Iowa Attorney General's office is making several excuses for not pursuing a criminal complaint filed against Planned Parenthood over their telemed abortion scheme even though no one in the office had yet read the complaint.

Des Moines Register reporter Tony Leys engaged in an e-mail exchange with Troy Newman and Cheryl Sullenger Thursday evening when he asked for reaction to comments made by an unnamed representative in the Attorney General's office. The current Attorney General is Tom Miller, a pro-abortion Democrat who is up for re-election in November.

"The Iowa attorney general's office is pointing out to me that they generally wouldn't decide on criminal charges in such matters. It would be up to the county attorney," said Leys in an e-mail to Sullenger.

Ley also indicated to Newman that no one in the Attorney General's office had yet read the complaint, yet the representative thought that the Iowa Board of Medicine should first decide if law had been violated before their office became involved.

"It sounds like the fix is in. The Attorney General already making excuses for why he will not investigate possible illegal abortions by Planned Parenthood and is passing the buck onto others without having even read the complaint," said Newman. "This smacks of political corruption and cronyism. I have to wonder how close of a relationship Miller has with Planned Parenthood."

"Because Planned Parenthood's telemed abortion scheme involves remotely dispensing dangerous abortion drugs at the push of a button in as many as twelve Iowa counties, it was only logical to file our complaint with the Attorney General's office since he would be the only one to have jurisdiction in all of the locations involved," said Sullenger. "There is a jurisdictional question since the licensed physician never leaves Polk County, yet distributes abortion drugs to remote counties over 100 miles away. In which county is the crime committed, the county where the button is pushed or the county where the drugs are actually dispensed? Filing with the AG solves the obvious jurisdictional problems.

"As for waiting until the Iowa Medical Board acts, it is irresponsible for the state's 'top cop' to continue to allow women to be placed at risk while they delay law enforcement on the outcome of an investigation of a Board that very likely operates under different burdens of proof."

In many other states, the medical boards usually act in response to evidence gathered in criminal complaints.

For example, in California, the Board of Osteopathy revoked the license of abortionist Laurence Reich only after his conviction on two counts of sexual assault on his patients. In Kansas, the Attorney General's office charged and tried abortionist George Tiller before the Board of Healing Arts even made their intentions to discipline him public. In Nebraska, abortionist LeRoy Carhart is simultaneously under investigation by the Department of Health and the Attorney General's office based on complaints filed by Operation Rescue.

"There is more than enough precedent for the Iowa Attorney General to investigate illegal abortions in his state, with or without the direction of the Iowa Medical Board," said Newman. "It is troubling that he would so flippantly blow off such a serious matter when the lives and health of women are at stake without ever having laid eyes on the complaint. It makes me wonder what he is trying to hide."

Contact Attorney General Tom Miller and ask him to investigate Planned Parenthood for their remote-controlled telemed abortion pill scheme.

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"There really is no excuse for the Attorney General's dismissive attitude toward this complaint, now that we know that it has been received by his representative," said Operation Rescue President Troy Newman. "While we hope that the Attorney General's office will properly look into this complaint, connections between Tom Miller's administration and Planned Parenthood of the Heartland that have recently surfaced are troubling. It certainly would not be the first time we have had to deal with corruption in a State Attorney General's office."

According to Attorney General Miller's official [web site](#), Dr. Linda Railsback, an 13 year employee of Planned Parenthood of the Heartland (formerly Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa), sits on his Crime Victim Assistance Board. In addition, the [2005 Iowa Attorney General's Annual Report](#) lists on page 37 a \$7,000 disbursement of funds to Planned Parenthood. That money was funneled through the Iowa Attorney General's office from the Federal Stop Violence Against Women program (VAWA).

"We find it ironic that a Planned Parenthood abortionist would be involved in a 'violence against women' board considering the violent means by which pre-born babies are aborted and the negative impact that abortion has on women, including increasing their risks for suicide and substance abuse. And that's not to mention the frequent incidents of coerced and forced abortions that sidewalk counselors across the nation witness every day, which makes Planned Parenthood America's chief exploiter of women. Railsback's involvement with the A.G.'s office really shows a lack of good judgment on the part of Attorney General Miller," said Newman.

"The connections between Miller's office and Planned Parenthood represent a conflict of interest. Not only is Miller affiliated with a long-time Planned Parenthood abortionist, but he also has distributed thousands of tax dollars directly to Planned Parenthood's coffers. Can Miller set aside his pro-abortion ideology and his professional and personal relationships with Planned Parenthood long enough to enforce Iowa laws without prejudice or bias? That remains to be seen."

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Iowa Attorney General Attempts to Pass the Buck On Illegal Abortion Complaint

- Written by Operation Rescue
- Posted June 25, 2010 at 12:03 pm

Des Moines, Iowa – A reporter has told Operation Rescue that the Iowa Attorney General's office is making several excuses for not pursuing a criminal complaint filed against Planned Parenthood over their telemed abortion scheme even though no one in the office had yet read the complaint.

Des Moines Register reporter Tony Leys engaged in an e-mail exchange with Troy Newman and Cheryl Sullenger Thursday evening when he asked for reaction to comments made by an unnamed representative in the Attorney General's office. The current Attorney General is Tom Miller, a pro-abortion Democrat who is up for re-election in November.

"The Iowa attorney general's office is pointing out to me that they generally wouldn't decide on criminal charges in such matters. It would be up to the county attorney," said Leys in an e-mail to Sullenger.

Ley also indicated to Newman that no one in the Attorney General's office had yet read the complaint, yet the representative thought that the Iowa Board of Medicine should first decide if law had been violated before their office became involved.

"It sounds like the fix is in. The Attorney General already making excuses for why he will not investigate possible illegal abortions by Planned Parenthood and is passing the buck onto others without having even read the complaint," said Newman. "This smacks of political corruption and cronyism. I have to wonder how close of a relationship Miller has with Planned Parenthood."

"Because Planned Parenthood's telemed abortion scheme involves remotely dispensing dangerous abortion drugs at the push of a button in as many as twelve Iowa counties, it was only logical to file our complaint with the Attorney General's office since he would be the only one to have jurisdiction in all of the locations involved," said Sullenger. "There is a jurisdictional question since the licensed physician never leaves Polk County, yet distributes abortion drugs to remote counties over 100 miles away. In which county is the crime committed, the county where the button is pushed or the county where the drugs are actually dispensed? Filing with the AG solves the obvious jurisdictional problems.

"As for waiting until the Iowa Medical Board acts, it is irresponsible for the state's 'top cop' to continue to allow women to be placed at risk while they delay law enforcement on the outcome of an investigation of a Board that very likely operates under different burdens of proof."

In many other states, the medical boards usually act in response to evidence gathered in criminal complaints.

For example, in California, the Board of Osteopathy revoked the license of abortionist Laurence Reich only after his conviction on two counts of sexual assault on his patients. In Kansas, the Attorney General's office charged and tried abortionist George Tiller before the Board of Healing Arts even made

their intentions to discipline him public. In Nebraska, abortionist LeRoy Carhart is simultaneously under investigation by the Department of Health and the Attorney General's office based on complaints filed by Operation Rescue.

"There is more than enough precedent for the Iowa Attorney General to investigate illegal abortions in his state, with or without the direction of the Iowa Medical Board," said Newman. "It is troubling that he would so flippantly blow off such a serious matter when the lives and health of women are at stake without ever having laid eyes on the complaint. It makes me wonder what he is trying to hide."

Contact Attorney General Tom Miller and ask him to investigate Planned Parenthood for their remote-controlled telemed abortion pill scheme.

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June 8, 2010/NEW YORK TIMES

Abortion Drugs Given in Iowa via Video Link

By MONICA DAVEY, CHICAGO BUREAU CHIEF

DES MOINES — The situation has played out hundreds of times. From his office here, a doctor asks a woman on the computer screen before him one final question: Are you ready to take your pill?

Then, with a click of his mouse, a modified cash register drawer pops open in front of the woman seated next to a nurse in a clinic — perhaps 100 miles from this city — with mifepristone, the medicine formerly known as RU-486, that is meant to end her pregnancy.

Efforts to provide medical services by videoconference, a notion known as telemedicine, are expanding into all sorts of realms, but these clinics in Iowa are the first in the nation, and so far the only ones, experts say, to provide abortions this way.

Advocates say the idea offers an answer to an essential struggle that has long troubled those who favor abortion rights: How to make abortions available in far-flung, rural places and communities where abortion providers are unable or unwilling to travel. So far only Planned Parenthood clinics in Iowa use this method, but around the country, abortion providers have begun asking how they might replicate the concept.

For some, however, the program tests the already complicated bounds of telemedicine. Abortion opponents say they are alarmed, fearful for the safety of women who undergo abortions after consulting with doctors who have never actually been in the same room with them. Opponents filed a complaint this spring with the Iowa Board of Medicine, arguing that a doctor's remote clicking of a mouse hardly meets the state's law requiring licensed physicians to perform abortions, and more objections are coming.

"This is a prescription for disaster," said Troy Newman, who leads Operation Rescue, which opposes abortion and, in May, took part in protests over the telemedicine matter in Cedar Rapids. "You are removing the doctor-patient relationship from this process. And think about it: With this scheme, one abortionist sitting in his pajamas at home could literally do thousands of abortions a week. This is about expanding their abortion base."

Abortion rights leaders dismiss the objections, and say this method has proved largely safe, effective and — to the surprise of some — perfectly acceptable with most patients.

"They are not really protesting the new technology," Dr. Vanessa Cullins, the vice president for medical affairs at Planned Parenthood Federation of America, said of the critics. "They are protesting abortion in general."

Though the efforts drew little attention until recently, Planned Parenthood of the Heartland (which recently combined affiliate operations in Nebraska with those in Iowa) has dispensed abortion medication using teleconferencing equipment at 16 Iowa clinics since June 2008; 1,500 such abortions have been performed in this state.

Federal authorities approved the use of abortion pills in the United States in 2000. Since then, more than a million women have taken mifepristone, followed a day or two later by a second drug, misoprostol. The option is provided to women only early in pregnancy, up to nine weeks.

The total number of abortions nationally has declined in recent years, but the percentage of women opting for abortions by medication — as opposed to the more common surgical alternative — is growing.

Abortion providers say the pills are safe and mostly effective (successfully ending about 97 in 100 pregnancies, according to Planned Parenthood). In rare cases, such abortions have appeared related to sometimes fatal infections caused by a bacterium, though federal authorities have found no definitive link.

Some people, including Jill June, president and chief executive of Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, have long seen the potential of abortion medication as making it feasible for women in remote places, far from surgical clinics and surgical abortion providers, to have access to abortions in their own local doctors' offices. But that promise, Ms. June said, has largely gone unfulfilled (many doctors have not offered the pills), and that — as well as a television show she saw one night in which a doctor carried out elaborate surgery via a robotic device — led her to dream up Iowa's program.

"If they can do some of these complicated surgeries from miles and miles away from an operating room, why can't I hand someone a pill across the state?" Ms. June remembered thinking.

In the Planned Parenthood offices here, a demonstration of the abortion procedure by teleconferencing reveals a process that feels not unlike any ordinary doctor's office visit, but for the doctor appearing on a computer screen on the desk and the unexpected sight of a cash register drawer eventually flinging open with the needed drugs.

Before the videoconference begins, a patient in a distant clinic meets (in person) with a nurse. There, blood tests, a medical history, an exam, an ultrasound and counseling on matters like what to expect from the procedure and plans for a follow-up exam are completed. The results are shared (by computer) with a doctor miles away, and the doctor and the patient (at all times accompanied by the nurse, who sits beside her) meet by videoconference over a private network.

"I don't feel like something is lost or missing," Dr. Tom Ross, one of Planned Parenthood's doctors, said.

Dr. Ross said he talked to patients — asking his questions and answering any of theirs — as if he were speaking to them in person. In most cases, he then clicks on a button that releases the drawer in front of the woman. Inside are two bottles — one for the mifepristone she will take immediately, while still sitting in the clinic, and the other for the misoprostol she will take later.

No serious complications have occurred in Iowa involving these videoconference patients. And the patients, mainly, seem fine with the procedure. They have a choice: when they call to seek an abortion, women who live far from city clinics can either take abortion medication in a distant office with the doctor on teleconference, or travel to the doctor.

It is uncertain how long it will take the State Board of Medicine to investigate Operation Rescue complaint that this method does not meet the state requirement that licensed physicians — not nurses or others — perform abortions.

“One way or another, we’re going to shut this scheme down,” Mr. Newman of Operation Rescue said. “Health care just isn’t a one-size-fits-all package of pills. And yet there it is — prearranged, prepackaged, out pops that package of pills — pop!”

About a dozen states allow medical personnel with training less than that of licensed doctors to perform abortions. In those places, mimicking Iowa’s system might have little purpose. But elsewhere, said Vicki Saporta, president of the National Abortion Federation, which represents abortion providers, such providers are watching Iowa with keen interest.

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Hello everyone from a business attire day,

This response is to Washington's request to find out if your state laws allow abortion clinics to be certified by Planned Parenthood or NAF. The short answer is no; the Boards do not specify Planned Parenthood or NAF as accreditation authorities. These states, however, did not prohibit the accreditation if the accrediting body met certain criteria.

Thanks for the answers,

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June 2, 2010

Dear Board Staff Member:

<http://operationrescue.org/images/pilldrawer2.jpg>An abortion procedure currently being implemented in several Planned Parenthood clinics across Iowa has the potential to drastically increase the health risks for women obtaining abortions. It involves dispensing the dangerous abortion drug RU 486, also known as mifepristone, over a teleconferencing hook up.

We are contacting you because we believe that this new procedure is not only dangerous to women, but we also believe the procedure to be illegal because Iowa law requires that only licensed physicians perform abortions. ***In order to serve the best interests of Iowa and her citizens, the Iowa Board of Medicine should ban this dangerous procedure and/or legislatures should be instructed to draft new legislation to halt the practice of this dangerous practice.***

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Several groups of people with risk factors were left out of the drug trials in the US. It may not be safe for women with these risk factors to safely take the abortion pill. Assistants and nurses may not be able to determine if a patient suffers from many of these factors, which makes the absence of a licensed physician all the more hazardous.

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Katie, I presume this is or will become part of an evaluation of telemedicine generally. Unfortunately, rural Iowa is suffering from a lack of access to health care of all kinds. A lot of people can't "see" a doctor. If telemedicine becomes a way to address this problem in general, the question then becomes: is there a professional or legal basis for excluding certain services.

I can certainly find out where the Iowa Board of Medicine is at on these matters, and have copied the IBM executive director and legal counsel on this e-mail.

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This is scary!! Can you push that the Iowa Medical Board to ban telmed abortion??

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It's hard to decide today which has anti-choice people in a greater tizzy: Iowa Planned Parenthood's decision to allow doctors to teleconference with women who are going to take RU-486 rather than force them to travel hours or set aside days in order to obtain the drug, or the new "morning after pill" that would allow women who had unprotected sex a bigger window in which to prevent unintended pregnancy. Ironically, their fevered protest of both shows how their arguments are simply about forcing women into pregnancy.

The "telemedicine" or "telemed" approach allows women to go to their local clinic, rather than travel all the way into Des Moines to see the licensed physician face to physical face. From the Ames Tribune
<http://www.amestrib.com/articles/2010/06/12/ames_tribune/news/doc4c141527b993f661252809.txt>

Marsha Dorhout, Planned Parenthood of the Heartland's director of communications and marketing, calls Ames a "melting pot serving several counties."

She said the telemedicine option for medical abortion is just one way to serve the needs of 4,200 women and men who visit the clinic annually for services ranging from general health care to reproductive services.

Dr. Tom Ross, one of Planned Parenthood's doctors, said he talks to patients, asking his questions and answering any of theirs, as if he is speaking to them in person.

For some, however, the program tests the already complicated bounds of telemedicine.

Abortion opponents, who say they fear for the safety of women who undergo abortions after consulting with doctors who have never actually been in the same room with them, filed a complaint this spring with the Iowa Board of Medicine, arguing that a doctor's remote clicking of a

mouse hardly meets the state's law requiring licensed physicians to perform abortions.

Of course, anti-choicers are sounding their objections, claiming they are only trying to protect the women taking the pills from harm. The Guardian
<<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/cifamerica/2010/jun/11/iowa-abortion>>reports:

The New York Times reports
<<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/06/09/health/policy/09video.html>> that anti-abortion advocates claim to oppose the Iowa teleconferencing programme because they fear for the safety of women who take the abortion pill without a doctor present. You know, just in case something goes wrong.

Aww. What heartwarming and thoughtful concern for women's safety, from people nostalgic for the days when abortions could only be had via coat hangers in back alleys...

Of course, these doctor visits – online or in real life – wouldn't be required in the first place if not for medically unnecessary legal roadblocks set up by anti-abortion concern trolls in the Iowa legislature. Imagine if Christian Scientists enjoyed the same government influence as the anti-choice anti-sex crowd: "Take one penicillin pill with water, every 12 hours for 10 days. Each pill must be swallowed in the presence of a licensed physician – hey! Watching on a webcam doesn't count! Think about it: with this scheme, one GP sitting in his pyjamas at home could prescribe literally thousands of antibiotics a week. This is about expanding their infectious-patient base."

Anti-abortion concern trolls in Iowa deserve the same response as drug warrior concern trolls opposing harm-reduction measures for narcotics: give up the pretence, guys. You're not motivated by concerns for their safety and you're not fooling anyone that you are; you just don't like what they're doing, and want them to suffer as much as possible.

If there needed to be any more proof that the claim of "protecting the woman's safety" is a joke, a column from the head of Dubuque County Right to Life in TH Online
<<http://www.thonline.com/article.cfm?id=285940>> makes it pretty clear.

The real issue of concern is that the telemed abortion procedure is a disturbing new trend in the abortion industry that is endangering the lives and health of thousands of women. To date, the manufacturer admits 29 women have died from using RU-486.

A telemed abortion is performed via a teleconferencing service similar to Skype. Patients are put in a room where an off-site abortionist appears on a computer monitor and explains the abortion procedure to them over an Internet hook-up. After the brief teleconference -- but no physical examination by the abortionist -- the abortionist remotely unlocks a dispenser and the dangerous abortion drug RU-486 is administered to the pregnant mother.

Telemed abortion involves two steps. First, the abortionist instructs the mother to ingest the first pill in front of the camera while she is in the office. Second, she is given a second prescription to take at home. The second drug, to be ingested within 48 hours, causes uterine contractions to expel the unborn child. The result is that the mother aborts her own child at home.

The consequences of this procedure are frightening. Young mothers will face the horrific reality of seeing their aborted baby and then flushing him or her down the toilet. Emergency rooms will see an increase of young women coming in with excessive bleeding and hemorrhaging due to taking this drug.

There is no longer a disconnect between Planned Parenthood and abortion in Dubuque. The truth

is that eventually babies, the most innocent and defenseless members of our society, will die in Dubuque via tele-murder.

See, he started out worried for the poor women who might have to face the horror of seeing their aborted fetuses, or possibly experience some complications, but in the end it's the "dead innocent babies" that really upset him, not the allegedly compromised mothers.

It's this mentality that has made the anti-choice movement focus on a new target, the possible use of the French drug ella in the U.S. Similar in makeup to the current morning after pill, Ella could provide a larger window for preventing unwanted pregnancy immediately after intercourse: up to five days rather than the previous 72 hours. But of course, like all hormonal birth controls, the anti-choice hate it because it may possibly inhibit implantation.

From the Washington Post <<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/06/11/AR2010061103522.html>>:

The controversy sparked by that ambiguity promises to overshadow the work of a federal panel that will convene next week to consider endorsing the drug. The last time the Food and Drug Administration vetted an emergency contraceptive -- Plan B, the so-called morning-after pill -- the decision was mired in debate over such fundamental questions as when life begins and the distinction between preventing and terminating a pregnancy. Ella is raising many of those same politically charged questions -- but more sharply, testing the Obama administration's pledge to keep ideology from influencing scientific decisions.

Plan B, which works for up to 72 hours after sex, was eventually approved for sale without a prescription, although a doctor's order is required for girls younger than 17. The new drug promises to extend that period to at least 120 hours. Approved in Europe last year, ella is available as an emergency contraceptive in at least 22 countries.

Ella is being welcomed by many U.S. advocates for family planning and reproductive rights as a much-needed additional form of emergency contraception. Opponents of the drug, however, argue that the French company and the FDA would be misleading the public by labeling ella as an emergency contraceptive. Its chemical similarity to RU-486 makes it more like the controversial abortion pill, which can terminate a pregnancy at up to nine weeks, they say. RU-486 has soared in popularity since approval 10 years ago in the United States, raising the possibility that ella (ulipristal acetate) might become ubiquitous in American women's medicine cabinets.

The usual suspects <http://www.upi.com/Health_News/2010/06/11/New-birth-control-pill-re-ignites-debate/UPI-72001276300777/> are declaring it abortion in all but name, of course.

Critics say marketing the drug as a contraceptive is misleading because of its similarity to RU-486, which can terminate a pregnancy <http://www.upi.com/Health_News/2010/06/11/New-birth-control-pill-re-ignites-debate/UPI-72001276300777/#> at up to nine weeks.

"With (ella) women will be enticed to buy a poorly tested abortion drug, unaware of its medical risks, under the guise that it's a morning-after pill," said Wendy Wright of Concerned Women for America, which led the battle against the morning after pill.

And as the Post <<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/06/11/AR2010061103522.html>> reminds us, the real point is that their

definition of "life" is very different than most of ours.

"It kills embryos, just like the abortion pill," said Donna Harrison, president of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Critics fear that women who do not realize they are already pregnant will use the drug, unwittingly giving themselves an abortion.

"The difference between preventing life and destroying life is hugely significant to many women," said Jeanne Monahan, director of the Family Research Council's Center for Human Dignity. "Women deserve to know that difference."

Once more, it's all about protecting women from hurting themselves in their own ignorance. Just like telemed in Iowa allegedly is, as well.

Mini Roundup: Mother and doctors who help 9 year old abort her twins after being raped are excommunicated, while her stepfather the rapist is not <http://www.thestar.com/living/secretlifeofgirls/article/822974--brazil-abortion-fight-for-raped-girl-9>. Americans United for Life <http://www.standardnewswire.com/news/102675292.html> finally realize that the ultrasound law was a PR loser, and chide Crist for "allowing taxpayer funded abortions" instead. And anti-choice leaders <http://www.wnd.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=165641> froth at the idea that someone might put economics and other concerns over making elections about the "unborn" and "traditional marriage."

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The phone call revealed that access to EC is not as much of a problem as we thought. Rape centers have made arrangements with hospitals and pharmacies. The one thing they hadn't done is tell me that they were paying for it out of private funds. We will now reimburse them for EC when they pay for it.

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Hey everyone –

I'm really sorry I missed the conference call today. I got wrapped up in a meeting and it extended into lunch and I just missed it. No excuses, and I apologize profusely.

I have met and discussed some the results of the call with Erika. I appreciate all of your time in coming together to come up with some potential solutions. On my end, I'm going to try to get a better, more concrete grasp of the extend of the problem. We know through a great deal of anecdotal evidence that obtaining EC in rural areas is much harder than it should be – but I will try to narrow that down more specifically for everyone's benefit.

In the meantime, please feel free to email me with any pertinent comments that I may have missed. We at PPGI are interested in expanding access to these victims in the most effective and efficient way possible. Anything we can do to get the ball rolling in that regard this year will be terrific. I look forward to all of your additional input.

Thanks again, and I promise I'll never miss another conference call with you again.

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-- Justice Anthony Kennedy, Lawrence v. Texas, June 2003

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Hi all,

This is very helpful. We were not sure if there was language to 915 that overrides anything in 139A because we are not as directly involved with the 915 code. This rests any concerns about that and lets us know the consultation was handled appropriately.

Best,

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Karen, my colleague Marti Anderson who is director of the Crime Victim Assistance Division in the

AG's office returned to her office yesterday. I don't know if the information in her email is helpful, but thought I'd forward it on to you as additional information.

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Great response! It's hard to not get enraged when an agency misrepresents the facts so blatantly.

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Cc: Greenwood, Geoff; 'rlsbck48@earthlink.net'; Anderson, Marti [AG]; Melohn, Janelle [AG]; Phillips, Donna [AG]
Subject: Iowa Attorney General skirts duties

I am replying to the email story below my signature by Operation Rescue. The facts are very simple.

The Susan Knapp Health Center of Planned Parenthood received one \$7,000 CVAD funding award in 2005. The funds were used to coordinate improvement of forensic medical sexual abuse examinations in the Des Moines area. A team of Sexual Abuse Nurse Examiners (SANEs) were recruited and trained and a clinic room was designed especially for the forensic exams.

The 2005 award was the only award to the Susan Knapp Health Center of Planned Parenthood. They took the lead with Polk County Crisis and Advocacy Services to establish the SANE Team and the Polk County Sexual Abuse Response Team (SART). This work entailed coordination with all Des Moines area hospitals and law enforcement agencies. Coordination of the established teams is now done by Polk County Crisis and Advocacy Services.

The Susan Knapp Health Center is a Planned Parenthood facility. However, surgical elective termination of pregnancy is not performed at the center. Linda Railsback was appointed to the Board in July 2007. She is a obstetrician and gynecologist. Dr. Railsback does not and has never performed elective termination of pregnancy.

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Dear Iowan:

Image removed by sender. Des Moines, Iowa — Connections between the office of Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller and a Planned Parenthood abortionist raise questions about whether a complaint filed against the abortion giant will get fair consideration.

Several weeks ago, Operation Rescue filed a formal complaint with the Iowa Attorney General's office asking for a criminal investigation of the "telemed abortion," a remote-controlled push-button Internet abortion pill scheme operated by Planned Parenthood of the Heartland (formerly Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa).

Operation Rescue was contacted by Jane Ambrozic, a representative of the Iowa Attorney General's office, who indicated that the A.G.'s office was unable to locate the complaint concerning the remote controlled distribution of dangerous abortion pills.

Cheryl Sullenger, the senior policy advisor for Operation Rescue, provided Ambrozic a copy of the delivery confirmation letter that showed the complaint was received at the State House on June 24, 2010, along with the signature of the staffer who received the complaint. She also sent Ambrozic a digital copy of the complaint. Ambrozic acknowledged receipt of the files and that she was able to open them.

The "missing" complaint leads to possibilities that A.G. Tom Miller is attempting to skirt his duties due to a relationship that he has with a Planned Parenthood abortionist, Linda Railsback.

Bob Brammer, a spokesperson for the A.G.'s office, suggested in an interview with the Des Moines Register that Miller will likely not pursue a criminal investigation and will leave the matter up to the Iowa Board of Medicine, which has so far failed to act on Operation Rescue's initial complaint.

In addition, Brammer said that the issue would lie outside of his jurisdiction.

"There really is no excuse for the Attorney General's dismissive attitude toward this complaint, now that we know that it has been received by his representative," said Operation Rescue President Troy Newman. "While we hope that the Attorney General's office will properly look into this complaint, connections between Tom Miller's administration and Planned Parenthood of the Heartland that have recently surfaced are troubling. It certainly would not be the first time we have had to deal with corruption in a State Attorney General's office."

According to Attorney General Miller's official web site, Dr. Linda Railsback, a 13-year employee of Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, sits on his Crime Victim Assistance Board. In addition, the 2005 Iowa Attorney General's Annual Report lists on page 37 a \$7,000 disbursement of funds to Planned Parenthood. That money was funneled through the Iowa Attorney General's office from

the Federal Stop Violence Against Women program (VAWA).

"We find it ironic that a Planned Parenthood abortionist would be involved in a 'violence against women' board considering the violent means by which pre-born babies are aborted and the negative impact that abortion has on women, including increasing their risks for suicide and substance abuse. And that's not to mention the frequent incidents of coerced and forced abortions that sidewalk counselors across the nation witness every day, which makes Planned Parenthood America's chief exploiter of women. Rallsback's involvement with the A.G.'s office really shows a lack of good judgment on the part of Attorney General Miller," said Newman.

Operation Rescue has seen this same scenario in A.G.'s failing to pursue criminal investigations before. Spurred on through research done by Operation Rescue, much political corruption in Kansas was purged after allegations surfaced that the Kansas Board of Healing Arts was conducting illegal activity. In the same scenario, the Kansas Attorney General was forced to resign.

Iowa is the first state where Planned Parenthood has administered these dangerous telemed abortions. Action must be taken now to ensure that the dangerous procedure and dangerous drug do not spread to harm more women. Tom Miller has so far skirted his duties.

Contact Attorney General Tom Miller and ask him to investigate Planned Parenthood for their remote-controlled telemed abortion pill scheme.

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Please feel free to call me at (316) 683-6790 ext. 111 if I can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

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<http://www.operationrescue.org/archives/special-report-telemed-abortion-endanger-women-and-drive-up-insurance-costs/>

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Nancy, do you have folks you can mobilize for this? Would planned parenthood urge sup[porters to call?

On Thursday February 25, the Senate passed by a vote of 36-11 the Domestic Violence gun bill SF 2357 supported by NASW. This is the 10th year that the Attorney General and ICADV have submitted this bill and the first time it was considered by one of the chambers.

Supporters will lobby individual representatives at the Capital on Tuesday, March 2 at 3:00. Please join us if you are able.

This bill must be passed by the House Public Safety Committee by next Thursday. Then the majority Leader must be urged to put the bill on the House calendar for a vote.

Please take action this weekend:

1. Contact your Representative if they are on the House Public Safety Committee (listed below) and ask them to help pass the bill in committee.
2. Contact your state Representative regardless of whether they are on the committee and ask them to support the bill when it comes to the floor.
3. Ask your Representative to tell House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy that they support the bill and want it brought to the floor for a vote.

The House switchboard number to call is (515) 281-3221

The emails of Representative's are at: <http://www.legis.state.ia.us/aspx/Legislators/LegislatorInfo.aspx>

Attached is a copy of the bill that will allow Iowa law enforcement to take the guns of a person convicted of domestic abuse or a person who has had a domestic abuse protection order from a court.

Attached is a document recounting murders of 111 lowans shot in domestic violence murders since 1995. This is not a gun bill - it is a public safety bill. We are not against people having guns, just those who use them against their spouses and partners in their own homes. Domestic abuse is terrorism. A person's right to have guns stops when they threaten the safety of another.

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ON THE AIR

Last month, HBO aired the documentary "Every ... Day of My Life," chronicling Wendy Maldonado's final days of freedom before beginning her 10-year prison sentence for murdering her abusive husband, Aaron. The hour-long film includes interviews with family, friends and neighbors; old home movies featuring Wendy, Aaron and their children; and frank interviews with Wendy and her oldest son Randy, detailing the years of abuse the family suffered.

The film opens with Wendy's call to 9-1-1. Viewers hear as Wendy confesses to killing her husband. The operator asks if her husband tried to hurt her and Wendy Maldonado responds, "Every f***** day of my life."

Throughout the film, the viewer sees evidence of Aaron's abuse even though none of it is ever depicted on camera. The walls of the Maldonado's home are riddled with holes where heads and bodies have been thrown against the walls. Home movies show Aaron Maldonado mutilating animal corpses and making his very young son, Randy, fire a weapon.

On May 1, 2005, Wendy and her then 16-year-old son Randy killed Aaron. They later accepted plea bargains, rather than face a jury trial. In the film Wendy explains that she accepted her ten year sentence, and Randy's five year sentence, because she wasn't willing to take a chance on her son's freedom. At the Maldonado's sentencing hearing, the judge said he believed Wendy and Randy's story, and said they might have an argument for justifiable homicide but that he could not fail to give them jail time "because we don't work that way."

Wendy and Randy Maldonado are serving their sentences in the Oregon Department of Corrections. Randy will be eligible for release in August, 2011, and Wendy in March 2016.

STUDY: MANY VICTIMS OF PARTNER VIOLENCE EXPERIENCE REPRODUCTIVE COERCION

A groundbreaking study released this week sheds light on a little-recognized form of abuse in which men use coercion and birth control sabotage to cause their partners to become pregnant against their wills. The study, published in the January issue of *Contraception*, finds this kind of reproductive control to be especially common in relationships in which women experience physical or sexual partner violence.

"Pregnancy Coercion, Intimate Partner Violence and Unintended Pregnancy" is the first quantitative examination of the relationship

between intimate partner violence, reproductive coercion and unintended pregnancy. It finds that young women and teenage girls often face efforts by male partners to sabotage their birth control or coerce or pressure them to become pregnant – including by damaging condoms and destroying contraceptives. These behaviors, defined as “reproductive coercion,” are often associated with physical or sexual violence. It also finds that among women who experienced both reproductive coercion and partner violence, the risk of unintended pregnancy doubled.

The study was conducted by researchers at the University of California Davis School of Medicine and the Harvard School of Public Health. From August 2008 to March 2009, researchers worked at five reproductive health clinics in Northern California, querying some 1,300 English- and Spanish-speaking 16- to 29-year-old women who agreed to respond to a survey about their experiences. They were asked about birth-control sabotage, pregnancy coercion and intimate partner violence.

Key findings include:

- Approximately one in five young women said they experienced pregnancy coercion and 15 percent said they experienced birth control sabotage;
- Fifty-three percent of respondents said they had experienced physical or sexual violence from an intimate partner; and
- Thirty-five percent of the women who reported partner violence also reported either pregnancy coercion or birth control sabotage.

“Those of us who work to stop dating, domestic and sexual violence have long known that many victims face threats, verbal demands and physical violence designed to interfere with their efforts to use birth control,” said Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPF) President Esta Soler. “It is a big part of the reason that women in abusive relationships are at higher risk for unintended pregnancy. This very important study underscores the link between violence and abuse and unintended pregnancy – and the need for providers at reproductive clinics to screen female patients for violence, as well as for pregnancy coercion and birth control sabotage. If we are serious about reducing unintended pregnancy in this country, we have to do more to stop violence and abuse, and help victims.”

“This study highlights an under-recognized phenomenon where male partners actively attempt to promote pregnancy against the will of their female partners,” said lead author Elizabeth Miller, an assistant professor of pediatrics in the UC Davis School of Medicine and a practitioner at UC Davis Children’s Hospital. “Not only is reproductive coercion associated with violence from male partners, but when women report experiencing both reproductive coercion and partner violence, the risk for unintended pregnancy increases significantly.”

“We have known about the association between partner violence and unintended pregnancy for many years,” said Jay Silverman, the study’s senior author and an associate professor of society, human development and health in the Harvard School of Public Health. “What this study shows is that reproductive coercion likely explains why unintended pregnancies are far more common among abused women and teens.”

Rebecca Levenson, a Senior Policy Analyst in the FVPF’s Health Unit, is a co-author of the new study. It was conducted in collaboration with the FVPF and the Planned Parenthood Shasta Diablo Affiliate.

The FVPF’s *KnowMoreSayMore* initiative is creating a dialogue about birth control sabotage and reproductive coercion, which can result in unintended pregnancy, HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections, miscarriage, infertility, coerced abortion, poor birth outcomes including preterm birth and low birth-weight babies, and other serious health problems. *Read stories of women who share their experiences with birth control sabotage and reproductive coercion at www.KnowMoreSayMore.org.*

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Subject: Update on RICC in Creston
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I spoke to Vicki Hodge from RICC. She wanted to let us know about a couple of things:

- With help from Margie Warning they have changed their accounting to QuickBooks. Margie is also consulting with them as needed.
- Vicki has been talking to some community members about donating funds (beneficiaries) to assist them with their budget.
- They are considering opening a 2nd hand store for profit similar to Spencer program. If they can get people from the community to underwrite the costs for opening it. If they do, they may switch their office space to a facility which use to house Planned Parenthood. (It's a duplex.) She hopes to have a business plan for us in June at the Site Visit.
- They are working on building up their volunteer base.
- She let me know that they did get a decrease in their HSOG funding from \$24,000 to \$21,000.

I told her that in the next year, we may be asking them to report to us their finances more regularly as we are concerned about their financial state. I explained we are not looking at closing them, we want them to succeed for victims.

She let us me know that the sentencing for the high-profile SA case is set for 5/20/09.

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Sexual Health Professionals Gathering in Iowa

DES MOINES, Iowa - This week, *Planned Parenthood of the Heartland* hosts a three-day conference for sexual health professionals from across the country to learn the latest about healthy sexual activity, as well as information about working with youth and enhancing diversity skills. Penny Dickey, chief operating officer, says it's an honor to be able to host the gathering.

"It's about expanding their knowledge base in how to work with human sexuality education. It's not just about 'the plumbing' - it is about moving forward and providing information about relationships."

Dickey says there are several areas in which her group has expertise to share with others.

"The educators are here to learn more about how to provide information to the audiences – keeping it current, keeping it evidence-based; moving forward with the health care reform issues and staying in compliance with those areas."

"Drawing Water from a Deeper Well" is the title of the conference, drawing sex educators from all corners of the nation, some as far away as Alaska. The list of speakers includes Dr. Jessica Fields, Center for Research on Gender and Sexuality; Dr. Elizabeth Schroeder, Center for Applied Psychology at Rutgers University; and Bill Taverner, Planned Parenthood of Northern New Jersey, who will give a special seminar on using humor in sexual education.

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"Contact the office of Senator John Kerry," U.S. Congresswoman Caroline Maloney, a Democrat from New York, urged a recent gathering here of ant-violence activists. "As the chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, he needs to hear from you.
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Maloney, addressing a recent event organized by UNIFEM, the United Nations Development Fund for Women and the National Council for Research on Women, noted that under the Carter administration the United States signed onto the treaty in July 1980, a few months after it was first opened for signatures at U.N. headquarters.

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"With powerful women in the current administration, namely Hillary Clinton and Susan Rice, the U.S. is at an optimal time for ratification of CEDAW," Maloney told the crowd.

The only centralized pro-ratification effort in the United States is the CEDAW Task Force of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, a Washington-based group that came together in the past year.

It is a politically diverse coalition of over 140 organizations, including the American Bar Association, The United Methodist Church-General Board of Church and Society, Presbyterian Church USA and Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

The Obama administration and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton have expressed what June Zeitlin, director of the CEDAW Education Project, called "strong support" for the ratification of the treaty.

However, Zeitlin's group is heightening its call for Obama to "send a strong and urgent signal to the Senate that ratification of CEDAW is vital."

"It was important to formerly organize ourselves into the Task Force to take advantage of the opportunity of support from the new administration," Zeitlin told Women's eNews. "We're working to gain enough support for a vote this year."

Laying the Groundwork for Support

"We look to advocacy groups to take the lead on laying the groundwork for when the political conditions are right," a staff member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who asked not to be quoted by name, told Women's eNews. "It was clear the advocacy element hadn't really gotten underway yet. There hadn't been good grassroots campaigning for a while. But the CEDAW Task Force of The Leadership Conference has taken over more strongly in recent times."

The staffer said that for a "big controversial, multilateral treaty to move through the Senate, there needs to be an enormous amount of White House support. While there have been statements from the administration--especially early on from Secretary Clinton and Susan Rice--the White House certainly has not pushed this in the same way, for example, as they're currently pushing the START treaty (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty with Russia), where they've been very aggressive in saying they really want Senate movement during this Congress. They haven't approached CEDAW in the same way, and that also sends a signal to the Senate."

U.S. ratification requires 67 votes in the Senate, posing a formidable political challenge, said Ellen Chesler, director of the Eleanor Roosevelt Initiative on Women and Public Policy at New York's Hunter College.

"The right wing is holding the U.S. back from ratifying CEDAW," Chesler said. "It has become one of the whipping boys of conservatives because it talks about reproductive rights and it holds countries accountable for the quality of their reproductive health services."

Chesler described CEDAW as setting a benchmark for litigation affecting women--for writing civil, case and constitutional law--in every country in the world that is working to change the status of women.

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"Women all over the world use CEDAW to hold their governments accountable for changes in law and public policy. We ought to be a part of that process in the U.S.," she said.

Reviews After Ratification

CEDAW and its committee hold no powers of enforcement over countries. But countries that ratify it are legally bound to abide by its provisions. Countries are also required to submit a report on the status of women to the committee for review one year after ratification and then at least every four years.

The latest review session--No. 46--began July 12 at U.N. headquarters in New York City and ends on July 30. Reports from the following countries are being examined: Turkey, Russia, Albania, Papua New Guinea, Australia, Argentina, Fiji and India.

CEDAW was drafted by the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women following the World Conference of the International Women's Year held in Mexico City in 1975. The U.N. General Assembly adopted the Convention in 1979.

Among U.N. member states 186 countries have ratified CEDAW. The United States remains one of only seven that have not. The other six are Iran, Sudan, Somalia, Nauru, Palau and

Tonga.

CEDAW is the only international human rights treaty that specifically affirms women's reproductive rights.

It also requires countries to uphold women's rights in political representation, divorce, domestic violence and other areas that can stoke the ire of social conservatives.

The principle of national sovereignty also inhibits U.S. ratification, said Chesler. The United States is historically leery of handing over power to any outside source or even to looking outward for ideas, she said.

"There are many conservatives who not only don't like the issue of women's rights, but also there's many people on both sides who don't like the idea of the U.S. giving up sovereignty and being obligated to answer to another, higher authority," Chesler said.

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Judge Rules on PP Heartland lawsuit
July 14, 2010 -- PP Heartland wins first round of legal battle to secure abortion access in Nebraska

The U.S. District Court Judge granted the preliminary injunction against LB 594 pending a hearing to determine the merits of the case.

This news is promising, but by no means is this case resolved.

PP Heartland needs your help to make sure we can continue to defend access to abortion care in Nebraska.

Please consider a donation to help in this effort!

On June 28, PP Heartland filed suit in U.S. Federal District Court challenging the constitutionality of LB 594, Nebraska's so-called "informed consent" legislation. Named in the lawsuit are Governor Dave Heineman, Attorney General Jon Bruning, top officials of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Nebraska Board of Nursing and the Nebraska Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses.

LB 594 undermines the integrity of the medical profession and undermines the trust between a woman and her physician.

"Our patients' health care needs, safety, and privacy are the primary concerns of our organization. LB 594 is designed to intimidate physicians, and it is designed to intimidate women ... it would violate our patient's constitutional right to choose," said President and CEO Jill June.

"The Act requires Planned Parenthood and its physicians to identify and review literally tens of thousands of articles that mention any supposed risk factor associated with abortion – without regard to the language in which they are published, without regard to how long ago they were published, without regard to their relevance to medical practice in Nebraska in the twenty-first century, and without regard to whether their findings have ever been accepted by the medical profession or subsequently debunked ... Since it is impossible to comply, there is one way, and only one way, that a physician can be certain he or she is not violating LB 594: Cease providing abortion care. That amounts to a ban on a woman's right to choose to terminate her pregnancy. That is unconstitutional," said Planned Parenthood Federation of America Staff Attorney Mimi Liu.

We are encouraged by the recent ruling, but understand that this is only the first step in the process to protect abortion care access in Nebraska.

PP Heartland has committed to seeing this through. Join us by making a commitment of your own, with a financial contribution that will help us continue this important work.

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Mujeres que consideran aborto usualmente son victimas de violencia domestica

DES MOINES, Iowa - Un nuevo estudio sobre mujeres que buscan tener un aborto en Iowa encontró que casi el 14 por ciento habían vivido por lo menos un caso de abuso sexual o físico durante el año. Penny Dickey es la Presidenta de *Planned Parenthood del Heartland*, organización que junto con la *Universidad de Iowa* realizaron este estudio. Comenta que estos resultados demuestran la necesidad de incluir checar a las pacientes sobre violencia íntima con su pareja.

"Y de ahí necesitamos ir un paso más para aquellas que se sienten en peligro dentro de su actual situación y necesitamos asegurarnos que podemos dirigir las hacia recursos específicos que las ayudarán."

Dice Dickey que antes de este estudio innovador, los proveedores de servicios de aborto no hacían las preguntas adecuadas.

"En general, los proveedores no hacen preguntas a sus clientas, así mismo, las mujeres tampoco dan información privada; pero lo que si encontramos es que si le preguntas a la mujer, ella te dirá cual es su circunstancia."

Añade que los investigadores también encontraron que la mayoría de las mujeres han ya abandonado su relación antes de hacer el aborto y un poco más del 8 por ciento de clientes que buscan abortar tienen síntomas de abuso físico por parte de su pareja.

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Domestic Gain Rights; Iran to Stone Adulterer

By WeNews staff

Saturday, July 3, 2010

(WOMENSENEWS)--

Cheers

New legislation passed in New York state grants workplace rights to domestic employees, reported the New York Times July 1. Domestic workers will now have a set workweek consisting of 40 hours with three vacation days annually after a year of employment. They will also be protected against sexual harassment and be entitled to disability benefits, unemployment insurance and overtime. New York is the first state to grant such rights to domestic employees. Also, the state legislature approved a law June 30 that permits midwives to practice independently of obstetricians.

More News to Cheer This Week:

The Gender Equality Architecture Reform, GEAR, campaign celebrated the United Nations General Assembly resolution, agreed to on June 30 and formally adopted by the General Assembly on July 2, to establish "UN Women"--the new gender equality entity at the U.N. The new entity, to be headed by an under-secretary general, will consolidate the four existing U.N. agencies that focus on women, increase operational capacity at the country level and gain increased funding for work on women's empowerment and advancement, according to a July 1 press release from GEAR.

Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., and Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., introduced a bill on June 30 that would regulate the misleading practices of crisis pregnancy centers, reported Ms.

Magazine July 1. Some of these centers, typically run by anti-abortion volunteers who are not medical professionals, pressure women to not consider abortion as an option and prevent women from receiving neutral and comprehensive medical advice, the article reported. The Stop Deceptive Advertising for Women's Services Act would require the Federal Trade Commission to create and enforce rules to prohibit crisis pregnancy centers' deceptive advertising practices, such as advertising under the term "abortion services."

The New Jersey Senate approved legislation restoring \$7.5 million in family planning funding, reported the Associated Press June 28. Republican Gov. Chris Christie's budget plan had eliminated state funding for 58 women's health centers. Sen. Loretta Weinberg, a Democrat who advocated for the restoration, said "the money will not be used for abortions" but for other health care needs. If the bill is passed, thousands of uninsured women will receive financial assistance with medical care, reported the State House Bureau June 28. The General Assembly will consider the bill on July 5. Christie has not said whether he would sign it.

In a case that pitted antidiscrimination principles against religious freedom, the United States Supreme Court ruled June 28 that a university can legally deny recognition to a student group that bars gay students, reported Reuters. The court upheld a ruling allowing the University of California's Hastings College of Law to deny recognition of the Christian Legal Society--a group that, since 2004, has required its members to sign a statement of faith that vows devotion to Jesus Christ and bars those with what it defines as a "sexually immoral lifestyle," including gay and lesbian students. In the court's opinion, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said that the university need not provide a religious-based exception to its policy that groups must open membership to all students who want to join.

For the first time in history, a women's major professional bowling event will be held at "a traditional sporting venue," reported the PR Newswire June 30. The 2011 Bowling's U.S. Women's Open is scheduled to take place at the Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

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Jeers

An Iranian woman accused of adultery has been sentenced to death by stoning, reported The Jerusalem Post June 30. Sakineh Mohamamadi e Ashtiani, 43, allegedly had affairs with two men who then murdered her husband. Infidelity is illegal in Iran and is usually punished

with lashes and prison time; execution by stoning in these cases is rare, the article reported. If carried out the sentence would be the first known stoning to take place in the Islamic Republic in years.

More News to Jeer This Week:

A doctor in Florida is giving her pregnant patients an experimental hormone, dexamethasone, to ensure that female babies will be more feminine and not become lesbians, reported Jezebel July 1. Some scientists believe the hormone, if administered prenatally, might prevent ambiguous genitalia, but pediatric endocrinologist Maria New says the hormone will also keep girls from doing such things as hanging out with boys, choosing male-dominated careers and being gay.

A senior official in Afghanistan's Ministry for Women's Affairs told a recent United Nations workshop that about half of Afghanistan's 476 female prisoners were detained for "moral crimes," reported the BBC July 1. The article looks at female prisoners in Badam Bagh, or Almond Garden, Afghanistan's only prison for women in the capital Kabul. One of the prisoners is a 16-year-old girl who was arrested after her boyfriend proposed marriage to her unaccompanied by his parents. The girl was initially sentenced to three years in prison, but the sentence was reduced to 18 months. The prison is home to 147 women and children and was opened two years ago.

More women in Ireland are reporting difficulties in coming up with the money for abortion services, reported The Irish Times June 29. Counselors at the Irish Family Planning Association are seeing more women report this difficulty amidst the current economic climate, said the association's chief executive, Niall Behan. At the same time, the Dublin's Well Woman Centre said increasing numbers of women using their services were considering terminating pregnancies as a consequence of the recession. Not all crisis pregnancy counseling services in the United Kingdom are seeing the same trend, the article reported.

The Supreme Court's June 28 ruling that Americans have the right to own a gun for self-defense anywhere in the United States has some Chicago residents disappointed and others concerned about the safety of women, reported National Public Radio June 29. The ruling, which says that state and local gun laws may not infringe an individual's legitimate right to keep and bear arms, means that Chicago's 28-year-old gun ban will be abolished as of July 15. Some residents fear that the modified gun law will disproportionately affect women, who are the primary victims of weapon homicides in the city, reported The American Prospect June 29. Eighty-seven percent of violent crimes in Chicago are committed with handguns.

Planned Parenthood of the Heartland filed a lawsuit June 28 challenging a new Nebraska law requiring mental health screening for women seeking abortion, reported the Associated Press. The new law requires women wanting abortions to be screened by doctors or other health professionals to determine whether they were pressured into having the procedure. Those women also would have to be screened for risk factors indicating they could have mental or physical problems after an abortion, reported the article.

HIV rates are on the rise among Asian women, highlighting the need for new policy priorities with a gender focus, warns the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, reported South Africa's Times Live June 28. "A gender focus is crucial to stem the spread of HIV fuelled by gender inequalities that increasingly place women and girls at risk," said the U.N. Programme's Asia Pacific Regional Gender Advisor Jane Wilson. In 2007, women

accounted for 35 percent of all people living with HIV in Asia, up from 18 percent in 1990, reported the article.

Noted:

Supermodel Naomi Campbell, as well as her agent and actress Mia Farrow, have been called to testify at the trial of Charles G. Taylor, the deposed president of Liberia, reported the New York Times July 1. Campbell allegedly received diamonds from two men representing Taylor in September 1997; her testimony would contradict Taylor's claim in court that he had never owned or traded in diamonds. The prosecution contends that he used them as currency to finance a rebellion in Sierra Leone in the 1990s, in which tens of thousands of people were killed, raped or mutilated. The charges against him include murder, conscripting child soldiers and terrorizing and mutilating civilians.

A divorce bill, approved July 1, would for the first time allow a couple in New York to dissolve their marriage by mutual consent and without requiring one spouse to accuse the other of adultery, cruelty, imprisonment or abandonment, reported the New York Times July 1. The bill makes New York the last state to allow some version of no-fault divorce.

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Women's Rights Treaty Going Nowhere Fast in Senate

By Regina Varolli

WeNews correspondent

Friday, July 16, 2010

Women's rights activists are trying to push CEDAW, the major U.N. women's rights treaty, out of a Senate committee where it's been stuck for decades and up for a vote on ratification. "Call Senator John Kerry," urges U.S. lawmaker Caroline Maloney.

Carolyn MaloneyNEW YORK (WOMENSENEWS)--U.S. ratification of an international treaty to protect women's rights has been held up in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for three decades, a situation women's activists would like to change during the Obama administration.

Those who have battled for or resisted the treaty know it as CEDAW, shorthand for the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

"Contact the office of Senator John Kerry," U.S. Congresswoman Caroline Maloney, a Democrat

from New York, urged a recent gathering here of ant-violence activists. "As the chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, he needs to hear from you. Write to Senator Kerry, tell him that we want the U.S. in CEDAW now."

Maloney, addressing a recent event organized by UNIFEM, the United Nations Development Fund for Women and the National Council for Research on Women, noted that under the Carter administration the United States signed onto the treaty in July 1980, a few months after it was first opened for signatures at U.N. headquarters.

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"With powerful women in the current administration, namely Hillary Clinton and Susan Rice, the U.S. is at an optimal time for ratification of CEDAW," Maloney told the crowd.

The only centralized pro-ratification effort in the United States is the CEDAW Task Force of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, a Washington-based group that came together in the past year. It is a politically diverse coalition of over 140 organizations, including the American Bar Association, The United Methodist Church-General Board of Church and Society, Presbyterian Church USA and Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

The Obama administration and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton have expressed what June Zeitlin, director of the CEDAW Education Project, called "strong support" for the ratification of the treaty. However, Zeitlin's group is heightening its call for Obama to "send a strong and urgent signal to the Senate that ratification of CEDAW is vital."

"It was important to formerly organize ourselves into the Task Force to take advantage of the opportunity of support from the new administration," Zeitlin told Women's eNews. "We're working to gain enough support for a vote this year."

Laying the Groundwork for Support

"We look to advocacy groups to take the lead on laying the groundwork for when the political conditions are right," a staff member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who asked not to be quoted by name, told Women's eNews. "It was clear the advocacy element hadn't really gotten underway yet. There hadn't been good grassroots campaigning for a while. But the CEDAW Task Force of The Leadership Conference has taken over more strongly in recent times."

The staffer said that for a "big controversial, multilateral treaty to move through the Senate, there needs to be an enormous amount of White House support. While there have been statements from the administration--especially early on from Secretary Clinton and Susan Rice--the White House certainly has not pushed this in the same way, for example, as they're currently pushing the START treaty (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty with Russia), where they've been very aggressive in saying they really want Senate movement during this Congress. They haven't approached CEDAW in the same way, and that also sends a signal to the Senate."

U.S. ratification requires 67 votes in the Senate, posing a formidable political challenge, said Ellen Chesler, director of the Eleanor Roosevelt Initiative on Women and Public Policy at New York's Hunter College.

"The right wing is holding the U.S. back from ratifying CEDAW," Chesler said. "It has become one of the whipping boys of conservatives because it talks about reproductive rights and it holds countries accountable for the quality of their reproductive health services."

Chesler described CEDAW as setting a benchmark for litigation affecting women--for writing civil, case and constitutional law--in every country in the world that is working to change the status of women.

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"Women all over the world use CEDAW to hold their governments accountable for changes in law and public policy. We ought to be a part of that process in the U.S.," she said.

Reviews After Ratification

CEDAW and its committee hold no powers of enforcement over countries. But countries that ratify it are legally bound to abide by its provisions. Countries are also required to submit a report on the status of women to the committee for review one year after ratification and then at least every four years.

The latest review session--No. 46--began July 12 at U.N. headquarters in New York City and ends on July 30. Reports from the following countries are being examined: Turkey, Russia, Albania, Papua New Guinea, Australia, Argentina, Fiji and India.

CEDAW was drafted by the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women following the World Conference of the International Women's Year held in Mexico City in 1975. The U.N. General Assembly adopted the Convention in 1979.

Among U.N. member states 186 countries have ratified CEDAW. The United States remains one of only seven that have not. The other six are Iran, Sudan, Somalia, Nauru, Palau and Tonga.

CEDAW is the only international human rights treaty that specifically affirms women's reproductive rights.

It also requires countries to uphold women's rights in political representation, divorce, domestic violence and other areas that can stoke the ire of social conservatives.

The principle of national sovereignty also inhibits U.S. ratification, said Chesler. The United States is historically leery of handing over power to any outside source or even to looking outward for ideas, she said.

"There are many conservatives who not only don't like the issue of women's rights, but also there's many people on both sides who don't like the idea of the U.S. giving up sovereignty and being obligated to answer to another, higher authority," Chesler said.

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New legislation passed in New York state grants workplace rights to domestic employees, reported the New York Times July 1. Domestic workers will now have a set workweek consisting of 40 hours with three vacation days annually after a year of employment. They will also be protected against sexual harassment and be entitled to disability benefits, unemployment insurance and overtime. New York is the first state to grant such rights to domestic employees. Also, the state legislature approved a law June 30 that permits midwives to practice independently of obstetricians.

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More News to Cheer This Week:

- The Gender Equality Architecture Reform, GEAR, campaign celebrated the United Nations General Assembly resolution, agreed to on June 30 and formally adopted by the General Assembly on July 2, to establish "UN Women"--the new gender equality entity at the U.N. The new entity, to be headed by an under-secretary general, will consolidate the four existing U.N. agencies that focus on women, increase operational capacity at the country level and gain increased funding for work on women's empowerment and advancement, according to a July 1 press release from GEAR.
- Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., and Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., introduced a bill on June 30 that would regulate the misleading practices of crisis pregnancy centers, reported Ms. Magazine July 1. Some of these centers, typically run by anti-abortion volunteers who are not medical professionals, pressure women to not consider abortion as an option and prevent women from receiving neutral and comprehensive medical advice, the article reported. The Stop Deceptive Advertising for Women's Services Act would require the Federal Trade Commission to create and enforce rules to prohibit crisis pregnancy centers' deceptive advertising practices, such as advertising under the term "abortion services."
- The New Jersey Senate approved legislation restoring \$7.5 million in family planning funding, reported the Associated Press June 28. Republican Gov. Chris Christie's budget plan had eliminated state funding for 58 women's health centers. Sen. Loretta Weinberg, a Democrat who advocated for the restoration, said "the money will not be used for abortions" but for other health care needs. If the bill is passed, thousands of uninsured women will receive financial assistance with medical care, reported the State House Bureau June 28. The General Assembly will consider the bill on July 5. Christie has not said whether he would sign it.
- In a case that pitted antidiscrimination principles against religious freedom, the United States Supreme Court ruled June 28 that a university can legally deny recognition to a student group that bars gay students, reported Reuters. The court upheld a ruling allowing the University of California's Hastings College of Law to deny recognition of the Christian Legal Society--a group that, since 2004, has required its members to sign a statement of faith that vows devotion to Jesus Christ and bars those with what it defines as a "sexually immoral lifestyle," including gay and lesbian students. In the court's opinion, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said that the university need not provide a religious-based exception to its policy that groups must open membership to all students who want to join.
- For the first time in history, a women's major professional bowling event will be held at "a traditional sporting venue," reported the PR Newswire June 30. The 2011 Bowling's U.S.

Women's Open is scheduled to take place at the Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

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An Iranian woman accused of adultery has been sentenced to death by stoning, reported The Jerusalem Post June 30. Sakineh Mohamamadi e Ashtiani, 43, allegedly had affairs with two men who then murdered her husband. Infidelity is illegal in Iran and is usually punished with lashes and prison time; execution by stoning in these cases is rare, the article reported. If carried out the sentence would be the first known stoning to take place in the Islamic Republic in years.

More News to Jeer This Week:

- A doctor in Florida is giving her pregnant patients an experimental hormone, dexamethasone, to ensure that female babies will be more feminine and not become lesbians, reported Jezebel July 1. Some scientists believe the hormone, if administered prenatally, might prevent ambiguous genitalia, but pediatric endocrinologist Maria New says the hormone will also keep girls from doing such things as hanging out with boys, choosing male-dominated careers and being gay.
- A senior official in Afghanistan's Ministry for Women's Affairs told a recent United Nations workshop that about half of Afghanistan's 476 female prisoners were detained for "moral crimes," reported the BBC July 1. The article looks at female prisoners in Badam Bagh, or Almond Garden, Afghanistan's only prison for women in the capital Kabul. One of the prisoners is a 16-year-old girl who was arrested after her boyfriend proposed marriage to her unaccompanied by his parents. The girl was initially sentenced to three years in prison, but the sentence was reduced to 18 months. The prison is home to 147 women and children and was opened two years ago.
- More women in Ireland are reporting difficulties in coming up with the money for abortion services, reported The Irish Times June 29. Counselors at the Irish Family Planning Association are seeing more women report this difficulty amidst the current economic climate, said the association's chief executive, Niall Behan. At the same time, the Dublin's Well Woman Centre said increasing numbers of women using their services were considering terminating pregnancies as a consequence of the recession. Not all crisis pregnancy counseling services in the United Kingdom are seeing the same trend, the article reported.

- The Supreme Court's June 28 ruling that Americans have the right to own a gun for self-defense anywhere in the United States has some Chicago residents disappointed and others concerned about the safety of women, reported National Public Radio June 29. The ruling, which says that state and local gun laws may not infringe an individual's legitimate right to keep and bear arms, means that Chicago's 28-year-old gun ban will be abolished as of July 15. Some residents fear that the modified gun law will disproportionately affect women, who are the primary victims of weapon homicides in the city, reported The American Prospect June 29. Eighty-seven percent of violent crimes in Chicago are committed with handguns.
- Planned Parenthood of the Heartland filed a lawsuit June 28 challenging a new Nebraska law requiring mental health screening for women seeking abortion, reported the Associated Press. The new law requires women wanting abortions to be screened by doctors or other health professionals to determine whether they were pressured into having the procedure. Those women also would have to be screened for risk factors indicating they could have mental or physical problems after an abortion, reported the article.
- HIV rates are on the rise among Asian women, highlighting the need for new policy priorities with a gender focus; warns the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, reported South Africa's Times Live June 28. "A gender focus is crucial to stem the spread of HIV fuelled by gender inequalities that increasingly place women and girls at risk," said the U.N. Programme's Asia Pacific Regional Gender Advisor Jane Wilson. In 2007, women accounted for 35 percent of all people living with HIV in Asia, up from 18 percent in 1990, reported the article.

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- Supermodel Naomi Campbell, as well as her agent and actress Mia Farrow, have been called to testify at the trial of Charles G. Taylor, the deposed president of Liberia, reported the New York Times July 1. Campbell allegedly received diamonds from two men representing Taylor in September 1997; her testimony would contradict Taylor's claim in court that he had never owned or traded in diamonds. The prosecution contends that he used them as currency to finance a rebellion in Sierra Leone in the 1990s, in which tens of thousands of people were killed, raped or mutilated. The charges against him include murder, conscripting child soldiers and terrorizing and mutilating civilians.
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FDA 'Ella' Approval Faces Anti-Choice Pressure

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A new form of emergency contraception, effective for five days after unprotected intercourse instead of three, recently pulled through initial FDA hearings. Supporters are worried, however, about continued protest and problems.

(WOMENSENEWS)--U.S. pro-choice advocates are still worried about the drug "ella," which prevents pregnancy from occurring for five days after unprotected intercourse, rather than three, as the current available pills do.

The drug, which has been available as "ellaOne" in 22 European countries since October 2009, won unanimous backing from a U.S. Food and Drug Administration, FDA, advisory panel on June 17.

This brings it a step closer to U.S. availability, which could come as soon as the fall or winter of 2010.

In studies involving more than 4,500 women, ella prevented pregnancy up to 120 hours after unprotected intercourse. Research published in peer-reviewed journals, including The Lancet and Obstetrics and Gynecology, confirm that it is safe, with mild side effects--headaches, dizziness and nausea--experienced by only 5 to 10 percent of users.

Ella (also called ulipristal acetate), however, is sparking controversy because it is a close chemical relative of mifepristone, the medical abortion pill, known as RU-486, which has been available in the United States since 2000.

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ellaOne (ulipristal acetate)(WOMENSENEWS)--U.S. pro-choice advocates are still worried about the drug "ella," which prevents pregnancy from occurring for five days after unprotected intercourse, rather than three, as the current available pills do.

The drug, which has been available as "ellaOne" in 22 European countries since October 2009, won unanimous backing from a U.S. Food and Drug Administration, FDA, advisory panel on June 17.

This brings it a step closer to U.S. availability, which could come as soon as the fall or winter of 2010.

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In studies involving more than 4,500 women, ella prevented pregnancy up to 120 hours after

unprotected intercourse. Research published in peer-reviewed journals, including *The Lancet* and *Obstetrics and Gynecology*, confirm that it is safe, with mild side effects--headaches, dizziness and nausea--experienced by only 5 to 10 percent of users.

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Abby Sunderland, a 16-year-old American teen who attempted to sail around the world on her own, has been found a day after she had gone missing in the Indian Ocean, reported the BBC June 11.

Sunderland sent distress signals after her yacht was pounded by huge waves nearly 2,000 miles off the south African coast and midway to her destination in Australia. Her father said Sunderland would not be resuming her round-the-world attempt.

Sunderland's story comes just a month after Australia's Jessica Watson became the youngest

person to sail around the world non-stop, solo and unassisted at age 16, reported Agence France-Pressé.

More News to Cheer This Week:

- The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation pledged \$1.5 billion on June 7 in a joint push with the U.N. to improve the health of women and children, reported Reuters June 8. Melinda Gates and U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon described a comprehensive approach through 2014 to bring improvements in women's and children's health, including the areas of prenatal care, access to contraception and promotion of education on vaccination, nutrition and breastfeeding.
- The National Center for Women and Information Technology released June 10 a report titled "Women in IT: The Facts." The report indicates that the technology industry is one of the fastest-growing industries in the U.S, with more than 1.4 million potential new computing-related job openings by 2018. As the industry has so far failed to attract highly-qualified women to move into these jobs, the report addresses the role of women's participation in the rapidly-expanding field. The report also documents the wage gap in the computer industry.
- Democrats are looking to repeal a longtime ban on abortions performed at U.S. military hospitals overseas, reported FOX News June 9. The bill, part of an amendment to the defense authorization bill, threatens policy enacted during the Clinton administration that restricts abortions at military hospitals to only cases of rape, incest or if the woman's life is threatened.
- Planned Parenthood clinics in Iowa are the first in the nation to administer abortion pills by videoconference with a physician, reported The New York Times June 8. After an in-person exam with a nurse, the patient videoconferences with a physician. Afterward, the physician can press a button remotely that releases the drawer in front of the woman containing bottles for two pregnancy-ending pills--mifepristone and misoprostol. The concept was first promoted by Jill June, president and chief executive of Planned Parenthood of the Heartland and a Women's eNews 21 Leader 2003.
- Three anti-choice bills that would have had a detrimental impact on women's health and safety have been beaten back in the New York Assembly Health Committee, according to a Huffington Post blog June 7.
- The Internal Revenue Service has ruled that same-sex couples must be treated the same as heterosexual couples under a feature of California tax law, reported The Wall Street Journal June 5. Advocates for the change say it is the first time the agency has acknowledged same-sex couples as a unit for tax purposes. Couples in Nevada and Washington--community-property states that also recognize domestic partnership--may also be affected. The IRS said the nearly 58,000 couples who are registered as domestic partners in California must combine their income and each report half of it on their separate tax returns. Same-sex couples account for an estimated 95 percent of the state's domestic partnerships.
- The nonprofit International Partnership for Microbicides announced the first trial among women in Africa to test a potential HIV-preventing vaginal ring, according to the organization's June 8 press statement. The ring contains an antiretroviral drug that may prevent the sexual transmission of HIV. The clinical trial will test the vaginal ring's safety and acceptability.
- Faith Matters, an interfaith community cohesion and conflict resolution organization, has launched a report naming England's top 100 mosques that meet the needs of Muslim women, reported the organization June 7. The report is based on interviews with over 100 Muslim women living across England from Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Somali and Turkish communities and assesses approximately 500 mosques throughout the country. Criteria in assessing the mosques included the provision of separate prayer spaces for women, services geared toward women and an Iman

or female scholar who is accessible to women.

- Taking serious note of the fact that reproductive rights of women were still not guaranteed in spite of various schemes that are in place, the Delhi High Court in India has awarded compensation to two women who gave birth on the streets because of the government's negligence, reported sifynews June 6.

Jeers

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Iran sentenced award-winning journalist Jila Baniyaghoob to jail for one year and banned her from writing for 30 years, reported Agence France-Presse June 9. Baniyaghoob was arrested a year ago and charged with propaganda against the Islamic regime over her reports on last year's disputed presidential election and the protests following the official results. In 2009, the International Women's Media Foundation gave Baniyaghoob its Courage in Journalism award.

More News to Jeer This Week:

- A Saudi cleric has issued a decree permitting unrelated women and men to mingle so long as the man drinks the woman's breast milk, reported The Los Angeles Times June 10. Sheik Abdel Mohsen Obeikan, a scholar and consultant at Saudi Arabia's royal court, has called for women to give men breast milk--not directly from the breast--to establish maternal relations and get around the ultra-conservative kingdom's ban on mixing between men and women who are unrelated. Islamic tradition stipulates that breastfeeding establishes a degree of maternal bond, even if a woman breastfeeds a child who is not her own.
- Young children of women abused by their partners are at an increased risk of being obese, finds a Boston University study, reported Reuters June 8. The study looked at nearly 1,600 children born between 1998 and 2000, most of whom were born to unmarried parents. It indicated that the more often abuse occurs, the higher the risk that pre-school children--especially girls--will be obese. Children whose mothers reported being chronically abused by a partner were 80 percent more likely to be obese at age 5, compared to children whose mothers reported no abuse.
- As an estimated half-million soccer fans descended on South Africa for the World Cup, which began June 11, there are increasing concerns that more people will become victims of human trafficking and that younger women and girls, in particular, will be at risk, reported ESPN's "Outside the Lines" June 7. Patric Solomons, director of the Cape Town-based children's advocacy group Molo Songololo, believes the magnitude of the World Cup will definitely have an impact and fears that a host of factors--including a huge, impoverished lower class and no laws specifically criminalizing all forms of human trafficking--make South Africa uniquely susceptible to exploitation by human trafficking syndicates, reported the article.

- To care for the growing number of obese pregnant women, hospitals are buying longer surgical instruments, more sophisticated fetal testing machines and bigger beds, reported The New York Times June 5. The problem has become so acute that five New York City hospitals—one of which says 38 percent of its pregnant women are obese—have formed a consortium to determine how to handle the situation.

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- A study finds that children of women who took the epilepsy drug valproic acid during the first trimester of pregnancy are more likely to have serious birth defects, reported HealthDay News June 9. Specifically, babies whose mothers took valproic acid during the first trimester were 12.7 times more likely to have a spinal cord defect, 2.5 times more likely to have a heart defect and five times more likely to have a cleft palate than babies of mothers who did not take the drug. The absolute risk of having a baby with any of these defects, however, remains small.
- On Super Duper Tuesday female candidates from both political parties emerged victorious, reported The Washington Post June 9. Women winning nominations for U.S. Senate seats include Arkansas' incumbent Sen. Blanche Lincoln (D), Nevada's former State Assemblywoman Sharron Angle (R) and California's former Hewlett-Packard Chief Executive Carly Fiorina (R). She will face a female opponent in the general election, incumbent Sen. Barbara Boxer (D). Gubernatorial nominations included California's former eBay Chief Executive Meg Whitman (R) and South Carolina's Rep. Nikki Haley (R).
- Research shows that cases of domestic violence increase by nearly 30 percent in England on soccer match days. In response, Greater Manchester has launched a domestic abuse campaign to run up to and during this year's World Cup, reported End the Fear June 9. The campaign includes a series of posters incorporating images of a football shirt, a remote control and a broken beer bottle, which will be displayed in locations such as hospitals, doctors' offices and licensed premises. The advertisements containing information on domestic abuse support services will also run on buses.
- Singer Chris Brown has postponed his tour in Britain after being denied a visa to enter the country in a decision linked to his criminal record, reported Reuters June 8. In August 2009, Brown was sentenced to five years' probation for assaulting then-girlfriend singer Rihanna. Britain's Home Office said: "We reserve the right to refuse entry to the U.K. to anyone guilty of a serious criminal offense. Public safety is one of our primary concerns. Each application to enter the U.K. is considered on its individual merits," reported Reuters.
- A half-dozen Catholic reform groups pushing for women to be ordained as Roman Catholic priests marched on the Vatican June 8 to promote their cause, reported the Associated Press. The march on St. Peter's Square occurred on the eve of a three-day Vatican rally marking the end of the church's yearlong celebration of the priesthood.
- Veteran White House reporter Helen Thomas resigned June 7 over comments she made concerning Jews in the Middle East, reported The Guardian June 9. Thomas, 89, reported on the White House for half a century and through nine U.S. presidential administrations. She is recognized as a trailblazer for women in journalism and, among many firsts, was the first female officer of the National Press Club and first female president of the White House Correspondents' Association.
- Kavita Ramdas, president and CEO of the Global Fund for Women, announced in a press release June 7 that she was stepping down as of September 15, after 14 years at the fund. Ramdas, a Women's eNews 21 Leader 2003, said she would be on sabbatical until June of next year. She added that the fund expects to have a new president in place by early 2011. Ramdas'

- announcement comes on the heels of Sarah Gould's announcement on May 26 that she would leave as head of the Ms. Foundation after 25 years. Gould is a Women's eNews 21 Leader 2009.
- A Nevada state senator says he wasn't intending to bribe a rape victim's sister when he left her a message suggesting it could be "financially beneficial" if she told the truth, the Associated Press reports. Republican Sen. Dennis Nolan acknowledges making the May 19 call but says he just wanted to coax the woman to meet with him so he could wear a "wire" and record what she said. The rape case involves Gordon Lawes, a friend of the senator. The 28-year-old was convicted in 2008 of raping a 16-year-old girl; he was sentenced to life in prison with possible parole after 10 years.

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From: Anderson, Marti [AG]
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Marti, The amendment is S5287 and the language regarding taking money from the comp fund is on page 8, line 30 of the amendment.

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From: Anderson, Marti [AG]
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2010 8:26 AM
To: 'Kelly Sargent'
Subject: RE: Celebrate!

Indeed YOU did it! The missives sent out by you, ICADV, NASW, and Planned Parenthood put the issue on the page and closed the book! Way to go!

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I'm thrilled to tell you that SF 2357 passed the Iowa House! Together we have made an important difference in the future of Iowa women and children -- and men too -- as in more of them will stay alive! I'll send you a list soon of who to thank in the House and Senate.

Kudos to every single one of you who called or emailed your Representative or Senator.
I AM PROUD OF US!!

Let's celebrate! Wear your pajamas, bring snacks and scissors, and let's do some serious partying!

Date: Sunday, March 28
Time: 3:00 PM
Place: Hotel Fort Des Moines

More details later, but mark your calendars now!

Hugs and smiles XOXOX :-)

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From: Anderson, Marti [AG]
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2010 8:24 AM
To: 'Gloria Gray'
Subject: RE: Domestic violence gun bill

Unbelievable! I watched Eric Tabor, Laurie Schipper, and ICADV lobbyist work like a well tuned clock. The notices Kelli Sargeant, NASW, and Planned Parenthood sent generated calls to legislators that put it over the top. 10 years of filing and working on this bill has been discouraging. Legislative leaders even told us we wouldn't pass it in the House this year. Kevin McCarthy and Mike Gronstal put their necks on the line and Deb Berry from Waterloo shepherded the bill through the House. Never did we expect a vote of 72-25. Onward and upward...

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From: Gloria Gray [mailto:gloriag@CFIOWA.org]
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To: Anderson, Marti [AG]
Subject: RE: Domestic violence gun bill

Excellent!!!

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Subject: Domestic violence gun bill

After four hours of debate in the Iowa House of Representatives, the bill (SF2357) to prohibit those who are convicted of domestic abuse or have a permanent protection order filed against them passed 72-25!

Attorney General Miller has filed and worked for this bill with the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence for ten years! The bill also passed the Iowa Senate 36-11. In past years we couldn't even get it out of committee.

As Representative Berry said on the floor, We are one step closer to making victims safer. And as Rep. Wessel-Kroeschell said, "This bill will protect families from gun violence where violence has already occurred."

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Subject: Fwd: Martha, Help protect women again!

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Sent: 3/9/2010 3:04:58 P.M. Central Standard Time
Subj: Martha, Help protect women again!

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Martha,

Don't let a bill to protect victims of domestic violence be killed because of a last-minute pro-gun lobby amendment. Your representative needs to hear from you today!

Since 1995, 114 Iowans have been murdered by firearms in domestic violence situations. SF2357 will prohibit possession of firearms by individuals who have been convicted of a crime of domestic abuse or those subject to a protective order, while the order is in effect. This could be debated in the House Wednesday. Please let your representatives know that you support this legislation and they should oppose any amendments that weaken the bill.

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SF2357 creates a state law that follows current federal law. **Why do we need a state law, too? Because only two federal agents enforce the current law for the entire state, and that's just not enough.** Local law enforcement should be able to enforce this law to protect victims of domestic violence, too.

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From: Anderson, Marti [AG]
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Subject: RE: SF 2357

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Here is the new firearms bill number.

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Feed: Iowa Legislature - Newly Filed Bills
Posted on: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 7:49 AM
Author: Iowa Legislature - Newly Filed Bills
Subject: SF 2357

A bill for An Act relating to prohibiting a person who is the subject of a no-contact order or a protective order or who has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence from possessing, transferring, or selling firearms and ammunition or offensive weapons and providing penalties. (Formerly SSB 1033.)

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From: Women's eNews [womensenewstoday@womensenews.org]
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2008 4:25 AM
To: Anderson, Marti [AG]
Subject: White House Defines Contraception as Abortion

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Federal funding for family planning clinics could dry up under a proposal from the Bush administration, Allison Stevens reports today. Pro-choice advocates attacked the proposal as an assault on women's health and for expanding the definition of abortion to include birth control.

Story follows announcements.

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WASHINGTON LOOKOUT

White House Defines Contraception as Abortion

*By Allison Stevens
Washington Bureau Chief*

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WASHINGTON (WOMENSENEWS)--Reproductive rights advocates issued a collective

condemnation Tuesday of a draft proposal by the Bush administration to set new restrictions on domestic family planning programs.

Under the draft proposal, federally funded hospitals and clinics that provide family planning services would be required to promise in writing that they will turn a blind eye to health care providers' views on abortion and certain kinds of birth control, such as emergency contraception.

The proposed rule defines abortion as "any of the various procedures—including the prescription, dispensing and administration of any drug or the performance of any procedure or any other action—that results in the termination of the life of a human being in utero between conception and natural birth, whether before or after implantation."

Organizations that do not comply would forfeit financial aid distributed by the Department of Health and Human Services.

If implemented, the regulations could make it more difficult for many to access information about abortion and birth control and obtain supplies and services, said Mary Jane Gallagher, president of the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association in Washington, D.C. The regulation could also undermine state laws ensuring access to birth control, she said. And it would redefine abortion so that it includes certain kinds of birth control methods, setting a dangerous precedent.

"I've been around about 30 years and I've never seen anything quite this widely imposed," Gallagher said.

If implemented, the rule would require family planning programs at hospitals and clinics to hire people even if they oppose abortion or birth control. In other words, health care providers would have the right to refuse to provide patients with comprehensive information about abortion or birth control even if they ask for it.

Providers could also refuse to write prescriptions for birth control or provide referrals for abortion services based on their personal beliefs, adding to a trend that is already reflected in litigation involving pharmacists around the country who argue religious freedoms in their refusal to dispense emergency contraception.

"Women's ability to manage their own health care is at risk of being compromised by politics and ideology," said Cecile Richards, president of the New York-based Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

Freedom to Speak Against Abortion

Religious conservatives and anti-choice activists hailed the proposed regulation as a way to protect medical professionals' constitutional right to freedom of speech and religious expression.

"Health care professionals must be free to follow their individual conscientious convictions on these life-and-death matters," said Dr. David Stevens, chief executive officer of Christian Medical and Dental Associations, a 13,000-member group in Bristol, Tenn., in a letter to Secretary of Health and Human Services Michael Leavitt.

"The regulations reportedly under consideration at Health and Human Services apparently would simply protect the right for all health care professionals to make professional judgments based on moral convictions and ethical standards. Protecting this right also protects patients who choose their physicians based on life-affirming values."

A Health and Human Services spokesperson declined to respond to critics' complaints, but said Congress has enacted similar freedom-of-conscience laws in the past.

Critics say the regulation would have far-reaching implications.

Organizations that don't comply with the proposed rule could be forced to scale back services due to lack of funding, leaving women who rely on government-funded family-planning clinics with fewer options for affordable services and supplies, Richards said. That would compound their financial difficulties at a time of rising rates of unemployment and higher costs for food and fuel.

Superceding States' Policies

The regulation could also undermine state laws that require hospitals to provide emergency contraception to rape victims and that require health care insurance plans to cover contraceptives if they cover other prescription medications, according to NARAL Pro-Choice America, an abortion rights lobby in Washington, D.C.

Leavitt is also exploring other options to protect health care providers, the Health and Human Services spokesperson said. Leavitt, for example, recently sent letters to the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology in Washington, D.C., expressing concern over policies that "may have forced providers to choose between compromising their personal beliefs and facing economic and professional sanctions."

The freedom-of-conscience proposal--currently in draft form--awaits final approval from the administration. If that occurs, the administration would then file the proposal with the Federal Register, which would trigger a 30-day public comment period.

In that event, Planned Parenthood, the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association and other advocacy groups will launch a public relations campaign to drum up opposition to the proposed rule in the hopes of preventing the administration from implementing the change before it leaves office in January.

Advocates are also considering legal strategies to fight implemented regulations in court.

"Planned Parenthood will not stand by and watch the Bush administration deny quality, affordable health care and accurate information to millions of women," Richards said.

Blocking Birth Control Access

If implemented, the proposal could expand on efforts by professionals in the health care industry who

hold anti-choice views to block access to birth control.

In addition to the pharmacist refusals, anti-choice activists backed an effort by the Bush administration to delay a decision on whether to give emergency contraception over-the-counter status. The administration gave women's rights advocates a partial victory in 2006 when it agreed to make emergency contraception available without a prescription to women 18 and older but not to younger women, often those who need it the most.

Anti-choice advocates want Bush to go further by reinstating the so-called domestic gag rule before he leaves office.

In May, the Family Research Council, an advocacy group in Holland, Mich., sent a letter to the administration urging it to reinstate the rule, which would bar U.S. family planning clinics from receiving federal aid if they provide abortions or abortion counseling among their services. It would mimic a current ban on federal funding for overseas clinics that offer similar counseling and services.

News of Bush's latest proposal surfaced in a report in the New York Times on Tuesday, one week after Carly Fiorina, an adviser to presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, said she supported legislation to require insurance companies to cover contraception. McCain has voted against the legislation.

When asked by a Los Angeles Times reporter about Fiorina's statement, McCain squirmed: "It's something that I had not thought much about."

The answer prompted NARAL'S Keenan to urge support for McCain's Democratic rival, Illinois Sen. Barack Obama.

"McCain's straight-talk express seems to hit a speed bump when asked about his votes against family planning and birth control," Keenan said. "Today's news only underscores why we need to elect pro-choice Sen. Barack Obama as our next president."

Allison Stevens is Washington bureau chief at Women's eNews.

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Subject: Iowa Attorney General skirts duties

I am replying to the email story below my signature by Operation Rescue. The facts are very simple.

The Susan Knapp Health Center of Planned Parenthood received one \$7,000 CVAD funding award in 2005. The funds were used to coordinate improvement of forensic medical sexual abuse examinations in the Des Moines area. A team of Sexual Abuse Nurse Examiners (SANEs) were recruited and trained and a clinic room was designed especially for the forensic exams.

The 2005 award was the only award to the Susan Knapp Health Center of Planned Parenthood. They took the lead with Polk County Crisis and Advocacy Services to establish the SANE Team and the Polk County Sexual Abuse Response Team (SART). This work entailed coordination with all Des Moines area hospitals and law enforcement agencies. Coordination of the established teams is now done by Polk County Crisis and Advocacy Services.

The Susan Knapp Health Center is a Planned Parenthood facility. However, surgical elective termination of pregnancy is not performed at the center. Linda Railsback was appointed to the Board in July 2007. She is a obstetrician and gynecologist. Dr. Railsback does not and has never performed elective termination of pregnancy.

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July 7, 2010

Dear Iowan:

Image removed by sender. Des Moines, Iowa — Connections between the office of Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller and a Planned Parenthood abortionist raise questions about whether a complaint filed against the abortion giant will get fair consideration.

Several weeks ago, Operation Rescue filed a formal complaint with the Iowa Attorney General's office asking for a criminal investigation of the "telemed abortion," a remote-controlled push-button Internet abortion pill scheme operated by Planned Parenthood of the Heartland (formerly Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa).

Operation Rescue was contacted by Jane Ambrozic, a representative of the Iowa Attorney General's office, who indicated that the A.G.'s office was unable to locate the complaint concerning the remote controlled distribution of dangerous abortion pills.

Cheryl Sullenger, the senior policy advisor for Operation Rescue, provided Ambrozic a copy of the delivery confirmation letter that showed the complaint was received at the State House on June 24, 2010, along with the signature of the staffer who received the complaint. She also sent Ambrozic a digital copy of the complaint. Ambrozic acknowledged receipt of the files and that she was able to open them.

The "missing" complaint leads to possibilities that A.G. Tom Miller is attempting to skirt his duties due to a relationship that he has with a Planned Parenthood abortionist, Linda Railsback.

Bob Brammer, a spokesperson for the A.G.'s office, suggested in an interview with the Des Moines Register that Miller will likely not pursue a criminal investigation and will leave the matter up to the Iowa Board of Medicine, which has so far failed to act on Operation Rescue's initial complaint.

In addition, Brammer said that the issue would lie outside of his jurisdiction.

"There really is no excuse for the Attorney General's dismissive attitude toward this complaint, now that we know that it has been received by his representative," said Operation Rescue President Troy Newman. "While we hope that the Attorney General's office will properly look into this complaint, connections between Tom Miller's administration and Planned Parenthood of the Heartland that have recently surfaced are troubling. It certainly would not be the first time we have had to deal with corruption in a State Attorney General's office."

According to Attorney General Miller's official web site, Dr. Linda Railsback, a 13-year employee of Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, sits on his Crime Victim Assistance Board. In addition, the 2005 Iowa Attorney General's Annual Report lists on page 37 a \$7,000 disbursement of funds to Planned Parenthood. That money was funneled through the Iowa Attorney General's office from the Federal Stop Violence Against Women program (VAWA).

"We find it ironic that a Planned Parenthood abortionist would be involved in a 'violence against women' board considering the violent means by which pre-born babies are aborted and the negative impact that abortion has on women, including increasing their risks for suicide and substance abuse. And that's not to mention the frequent incidents of coerced and forced abortions that sidewalk counselors across the nation witness every day, which makes Planned Parenthood America's chief exploiter of women. Railsback's involvement with the A.G.'s office really shows a lack of good judgment on the part of Attorney General Miller," said Newman.

Operation Rescue has seen this same scenario in A.G.'s failing to pursue criminal investigations before. Spurred on through research done by Operation Rescue, much political corruption in Kansas was purged after allegations surfaced that the Kansas Board of Healing Arts was conducting illegal activity. In the same scenario, the Kansas Attorney General was forced to resign.

Iowa is the first state where Planned Parenthood has administered these dangerous teled abortions. Action must be taken now to ensure that the dangerous procedure and dangerous drug do not spread to harm more women. Tom Miller has so far skirted his duties.

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The 2005 award was the only award to the Susan Knapp Health Center of Planned Parenthood. They took the lead with Polk County Crisis and Advocacy Services to establish the SANE Team and the Polk County Sexual Abuse Response Team (SART). This work entailed coordination with all Des Moines area hospitals and law enforcement agencies. Coordination of the established teams is now done by Polk County Crisis and Advocacy Services.

The Susan Knapp Health Center is a Planned Parenthood facility. However, surgical elective termination of pregnancy is not performed at the center. Linda Railsback was appointed to the Board in July 2007. She is a obstetrician and gynecologist. Dr. Railsback does not and has never performed elective termination of pregnancy.

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Dear Iowan:

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Several weeks ago, Operation Rescue filed a formal complaint with the Iowa Attorney General's office asking for a criminal investigation of the "telemed abortion," a remote-controlled push-button Internet abortion pill scheme operated by Planned Parenthood of the Heartland (formerly Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa).

Operation Rescue was contacted by Jane Ambrozic, a representative of the Iowa Attorney General's office, who indicated that the A.G.'s office was unable to locate the [complaint](#) concerning the remote controlled distribution of dangerous abortion pills.

Cheryl Sullenger, the senior policy advisor for Operation Rescue, provided Ambrozic a copy of the [delivery confirmation letter](#) that showed the complaint was received at the State House on June 24, 2010, along with the signature of the staffer who received the complaint. She also sent Ambrozic a digital copy of the complaint. Ambrozic acknowledged receipt of the files and that she was able to open them.

The "missing" complaint leads to possibilities that A.G. Tom Miller is attempting to skirt his duties due to a relationship that he has with a Planned Parenthood abortionist, Linda Railsback.

Bob Brammer, a spokesperson for the A.G.'s office, suggested in an interview with the [Des Moines Register](#) that Miller will likely not pursue a criminal investigation and will leave the matter up to the Iowa Board of Medicine, which has so far failed to act on Operation Rescue's initial [complaint](#).

In addition, Brammer said that the issue would lie outside of his jurisdiction.

"There really is no excuse for the [Attorney General's dismissive attitude](#) toward this complaint, now that we know that it has been received by his representative," said Operation Rescue President Troy Newman. "While we hope that the Attorney General's office will properly look into this complaint, connections between Tom Miller's administration and Planned Parenthood of the Heartland that have recently surfaced are troubling. It certainly would not be the first time we have had to deal with corruption in a State Attorney General's office."

According to Attorney General Miller's official [web site](#), Dr. Linda Railsback, a 13-year employee of Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, sits on his Crime Victim Assistance Board. In addition, the [2005 Iowa Attorney General's Annual Report](#) lists on page 37 a \$7,000 disbursement of funds to Planned Parenthood. That money was funneled through the Iowa Attorney General's office from

the Federal Stop Violence Against Women program (VAWA).

"We find it ironic that a Planned Parenthood abortionist would be involved in a 'violence against women' board considering the violent means by which pre-born babies are aborted and the negative impact that abortion has on women, including increasing their risks for suicide and substance abuse. And that's not to mention the frequent incidents of coerced and forced abortions that sidewalk counselors across the nation witness every day, which makes Planned Parenthood America's chief exploiter of women. Rallsback's involvement with the A.G.'s office really shows a lack of good judgment on the part of Attorney General Miller," said Newman.

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Take care,

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From: Phillips, Donna [AG]
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2010 1:50 PM
To: 'Robertson, Nancy'
Subject: RE: Reminder

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Becky called and left me a message earlier about her Mom, but I didn't want to call her back as she said she was only stopping in the office for a moment & would be going down there. ☺ Yes, I do plan on driving down to Centerville for the visitation. You are more than welcome to ride along if you need a ride. . . .

So sorry to hear about your Mom not doing well. I will keep you both in my thoughts.

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From: Robertson, Nancy [mailto:Nancy.Robertson@PPHeartland.org]
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2010 1:47 PM
To: Phillips, Donna [AG]
Subject: RE: Reminder

Donna, I have it on my calendar. Thanks for inquiring about my Mom, unfortunately she hasn't gotten off the respirator since her surgery, is still in ICU, and is being kept in a medically induced coma. I flew out last weekend to be with her, but more importantly right now to provide support to my sister. I plan to go again this weekend but will be back Monday morning. Are you planning on going to the visitation for Becky's mom?

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ON THE AIR

Last month, HBO aired the documentary "Every ... Day of My Life," chronicling Wendy Maldonado's final days of freedom before beginning her 10-year prison sentence for murdering her abusive husband, Aaron. The hour-long film includes interviews with family, friends and neighbors; old home movies featuring Wendy, Aaron and their children; and frank interviews with Wendy and her oldest son Randy, detailing the years of abuse the family suffered.

The film opens with Wendy's call to 9-1-1. Viewers hear as Wendy confesses to killing her husband. The operator asks if her husband tried to hurt her and Wendy Maldonado responds, "Every f***** day of my life."

Throughout the film, the viewer sees evidence of Aaron's abuse even though none of it is ever depicted on camera. The walls of the Maldonado's home are riddled with holes where heads and bodies have been thrown against the walls. Home movies show Aaron Maldonado mutilating animal corpses and making his very young son, Randy, fire a weapon.

On May 1, 2005, Wendy and her then 16-year-old son Randy killed Aaron. They later accepted plea bargains, rather than face a jury trial. In the film Wendy explains that she accepted her ten year sentence, and Randy's five year sentence, because she wasn't willing to take a chance on her son's freedom. At the Maldonado's sentencing hearing, the judge said he believed Wendy and Randy's story, and said they might have an argument for justifiable homicide but that he could not fail to give them jail time "because we don't work that way."

Wendy and Randy Maldonado are serving their sentences in the Oregon Department of Corrections. Randy will be eligible for release in August, 2011, and Wendy in March 2016.

STUDY: MANY VICTIMS OF PARTNER VIOLENCE EXPERIENCE REPRODUCTIVE COERCION

A groundbreaking study released this week sheds light on a little-recognized form of abuse in which men use coercion and birth control sabotage to cause their partners to become pregnant against their wills. The study, published in the January issue of *Contraception*, finds this kind of reproductive control to be especially common in relationships in which women experience physical or sexual partner violence.

"Pregnancy Coercion, Intimate Partner Violence and Unintended Pregnancy" is the first quantitative examination of the relationship

between intimate partner violence, reproductive coercion and unintended pregnancy. It finds that young women and teenage girls often face efforts by male partners to sabotage their birth control or coerce or pressure them to become pregnant – including by damaging condoms and destroying contraceptives. These behaviors, defined as “reproductive coercion,” are often associated with physical or sexual violence. It also finds that among women who experienced both reproductive coercion and partner violence, the risk of unintended pregnancy doubled.

The study was conducted by researchers at the University of California Davis School of Medicine and the Harvard School of Public Health. From August 2008 to March 2009, researchers worked at five reproductive health clinics in Northern California, querying some 1,300 English- and Spanish-speaking 16- to 29-year-old women who agreed to respond to a survey about their experiences. They were asked about birth-control sabotage, pregnancy coercion and intimate partner violence.

Key findings include:

- Approximately one in five young women said they experienced pregnancy coercion and 15 percent said they experienced birth control sabotage;
- Fifty-three percent of respondents said they had experienced physical or sexual violence from an intimate partner; and
- Thirty-five percent of the women who reported partner violence also reported either pregnancy coercion or birth control sabotage.

“Those of us who work to stop dating, domestic and sexual violence have long known that many victims face threats, verbal demands and physical violence designed to interfere with their efforts to use birth control,” said Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPF) President Esta Soler. “It is a big part of the reason that women in abusive relationships are at higher risk for unintended pregnancy. This very important study underscores the link between violence and abuse and unintended pregnancy – and the need for providers at reproductive clinics to screen female patients for violence, as well as for pregnancy coercion and birth control sabotage. If we are serious about reducing unintended pregnancy in this country, we have to do more to stop violence and abuse, and help victims.”

“This study highlights an under-recognized phenomenon where male partners actively attempt to promote pregnancy against the will of their female partners,” said lead author Elizabeth Miller, an assistant professor of pediatrics in the UC Davis School of Medicine and a practitioner at UC Davis Children’s Hospital. “Not only is reproductive coercion associated with violence from male partners, but when women report experiencing both reproductive coercion and partner violence, the risk for unintended pregnancy increases significantly.”

“We have known about the association between partner violence and unintended pregnancy for many years,” said Jay Silverman, the study’s senior author and an associate professor of society, human development and health in the Harvard School of Public Health. “What this study shows is that reproductive coercion likely explains why unintended pregnancies are far more common among abused women and teens.”

Rebecca Levenson, a Senior Policy Analyst in the FVPF’s Health Unit, is a co-author of the new study. It was conducted in collaboration with the FVPF and the Planned Parenthood Shasta Diablo Affiliate.

The FVPF’s *KnowMoreSayMore* initiative is creating a dialogue about birth control sabotage and reproductive coercion, which can result in unintended pregnancy, HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections, miscarriage, infertility, coerced abortion, poor birth outcomes including preterm birth and low birth-weight babies, and other serious health problems. *Read stories of women who share their experiences with birth control sabotage and reproductive coercion at www.KnowMoreSayMore.org.*

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APRIL is SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

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The month of April has been designated Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). The goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness about sexual violence (focusing on sexual assault and rape) and to educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence.

SAAM Events Happening Near YOU!

Ames

LGBTQA Student Services & the LGBTQA Alliance at ISU -
"It's Ok With Me" Rally

SAAM Events at Iowa State University

Des Moines

Des Moines University - Take Back the Night

Drake University - "Let's Talk About It" Sexual Assault

Women of Color Advisory Network - SAAM Lunch & Learn

Cedar Rapids

Denim Day: make a statement; take a stand; wear denim

Go the Distance for Crime Victims 5k Walk/Run

Iowa City
Rape Victim Advocacy Program Events

Quad Cities
Family Resources Inc. - April 2010 Events

SAAM Local News Coverage

Boone News Republican - April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Cherokee Chronicle Times - CAASA brings awareness to Cherokee

Story County Iowa - SAAM News Release

University of Iowa News Release - RVAP promotes 'Consent is Sexy' Campaign

Senator Chuck Grassley Q&A - Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The Daily Nonpareil, Council Bluffs - April marks effort to heighten awareness of sexual assaults

SAAM Resources

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Blogs about: Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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Men's Anti-Violence Council - Women's Resource and Action Center - University of Iowa
NSVRC 2010 SAAM Campaign Resources

WCSAP: Be the Solution. Ending sexual violence takes all of us
CALCASA: Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2010

In the News

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A friend of abuse victims

COUNCIL BLUFFS -- Diane McKee has worked to provide a refuge to domestic violence victims for 21 years.

Do social networking sites keep sexual assault victims silent?

Shortly after news spread that a Stamford High School security guard was charged with sexual assault last week, the gossip soon went online, hitting social networking sites and comment boards on newspaper Web sites.

Author, filmmaker kicks off Sexual Assault Awareness Month

LITTLE ROCK - Men need to be more active in sexual violence prevention efforts and society as a whole needs a major change in how it looks at the problem, an author and filmmaker who specializes in the subject said today at the Clinton School of Public Service.

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Runners, walkers aim to bring attention to sexual assault on military bases

Hundreds of runners and walkers will take to the streets of Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island later this month to fight the rise of sexual assaults in the military.

5 Things College Men Can Do to Prevent Date Rape - Our Response to AU Column

The recent opinion column in the American University student newspaper - and its ensuing media coverage - fails to accurately represent the reality of sexual assault on college and university campuses. Rape is not an "incoherent concept" for the estimated one in four college women who will be raped by classmates, boyfriends, friends, or dorm-mates during their college career.

American University newspaper apologizing for date-rape column

The American University student newspaper said Tuesday it would issue an apology for publishing a column that called date rape "an incoherent concept." The column sparked angry online responses from scores of students, and a handful of students demonstrated outside the newspaper's offices.

Department of Justice Observes April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month

WASHINGTON, April 2 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- In recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the Department of Justice today reaffirmed its commitment to ending sexual violence. The month of April is observed as Sexual Assault Awareness Month around the country by advocates, victim service providers, law enforcement, the judiciary, prosecutors and survivors to raise public awareness about sexual violence. President Obama, who was the first U.S. president to proclaim April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in 2009, made the official announcement in a proclamation distributed last night.

Army declares war on sexual assault

WASHINGTON, D.C. - As a part of the Army's ongoing commitment to address the problem of sexual harassment/sexual assault and eliminate them from its ranks, the Army conducted its third Sexual Harassment/Sexual Assault Prevention Summit in Arlington, Va., from March 29 to April 1. This summit served as the launch event for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

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Resources

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Office of Justice Programs (OJP)

Announces the Launch of Grants 101

Provides an overview of OJP grants and funding opportunities and describes the entire grant process from choosing what type of grant is right for your organization to how a grant is awarded.

More Information: [Here](#)

The Larned A. Waterman Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center

The Larned A. Waterman Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center strives to help Iowa's charitable nonprofit organizations become more effective in building their communities. [Webpage](#)

Wired for Sex, Lies and Power Trips. It's a Teen's World

A film by Lynn Glazier

An inside look at the culture of sexual harassment and bullying widespread among many teens today, this unique and compelling program examines the price that adolescents, especially girls, pay to be cool, hip and popular in our brave new wired world.

For more information please visit Women Make Movies: [Here](#)

CALCASA Blog Post: Understanding sexual assault survivor behavioral response

Roger Canaff, with the U.S. Department of the Army, led this month's Campus Program webinar discussion on "A

coordinated community team response to sexual assault: Understanding survivor behavioral response." Drawing from his legal background in the field of sexual assault, Roger provided a framework surrounding counter-intuitive behavior in order to further enhance community partners' understanding of survivor behavior and victimology. By doing so, partners become more sensitive towards the survivor and also better equipped to engage in an investigation process that will ultimately lead to successful prosecution.

To read the full post and see the webinar materials, [click here](#).

Runaway & Homeless Youth and Relationship Violence Toolkit

This Toolkit was developed by and for advocates in the runaway and homeless youth (RHY) and domestic and sexual assault (DV/SA) fields to help programs better address relationship violence with runaway and homeless youth. The Toolkit organizes information, resources, tips and tools drawn from the lessons learned by collaborative projects funded by the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which brought together domestic violence programs and runaway and homeless youth agencies to address relationship violence among street youth, DV/SA providers will find information designed to increase their understanding of runaway and homeless youth and the network of programs and services working with them and, conversely, RHY providers will find resources on intimate partner violence and the programs and networks that provide protections and support to victims of violence.

The Toolkit is Available: [Here](#)

When an Abuser/Perpetrator Dies

Issues that survivors face when an abuser dies are discussed: [Here](#)

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Events

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IowaCASA's Coping with Dual Roles Advocacy/Interpretation For Bilingual Advocates

May 26, 10am - 4pm

IowaCASA/ICADV Office

515 28th Street, Des Moines

Agenda:

10:00 - 11:30 am

The Roles of Sexual Assault Advocates in the legal field.

Sexual Assault terminology used in the legal field

Rebecca Stout.

11:30 - 1:00 pm

The Roles of Sexual Assault Advocates in the Medical Field.

Sexual Assault in the Medical Field

Maria Alonzo

1:00 - 1:30 pm

Lunch

1:30 - 4:30 pm

Coping with Dual Roles Advocacy/Interpretation

Mira Yuself

4:30 - 4:45

Closing and Evaluations

Registration will open Friday April 16th.

***This is a continuing education opportunity**

Women of Color Advisory Network (WOCAN)

WOCAN is hosting a Lunch & Learn

Thursday, April 22nd from Noon to 2

Mercy Medical Center Des Moines

East Conference Room, Tower 7

We will discuss sexual violence among communities of color in Iowa. There will be a panel of speakers available to answer your questions.

Please bring your lunch and beverages will be provided.

For more information visit: [Here](#)

Webinar "Sexual Assault and Sexual Trauma in the Military" 04/22/2010 - 1:00pm - 2:30pm *Registration Information: [Here](#)*

National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Sponsored By: The Iowa DOC Victim Advisory Council, The Iowa Organization for Victim Assistance and The United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Iowa

Monday - April 19th 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

DOC Central Office - Grant Room

510 E. 12th Street - Des Moines

Agenda will include:

* Reading the Governor's Proclamation

* Remembrance of Iowans whose lives were lost to violence crime since April 2009

* Panel of victim speakers addressing specific victim rights

* Presentation of the IOVA John & Kay Egan Award

Friends Connect! A Summit to Advance Women and Girls

Friends Connect! will provide networking, education and foster communication among organizations serving women and girls. Join us at Friends Connect! to collaborate with others who share a broad vision of helping women and girls. We will encourage discussion, highlight what works, energize us all to better engage ourselves and others and build capacity of the participating organizations.

For more information visit their webpage: [Here](#)

The Use of Technology in Intimate Partner Stalking

May 18-20, 2010

Dever, Colorado

You will learn how offenders use various technologies to stalk, how to investigate and build a stalking case, and how to keep victims safe and hold offenders accountable. As always, our conference will provide an opportunity to network with your colleagues from across the country about challenges facing practitioners in this field.

For more information please visit their webpage: [Here](#)

Creating a Community Where all Youth can Succeed - AMOS Community Action

AMOS (A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy) is hosting a public action to win commitments from community leaders to reverse the trend of disproportionate minority youth contact in our juvenile justice system and create justice for all kids in our schools and courts.

When: April 19, 2010 @ 7:00 pm

Where: First Christian Church, 25th & University, Des Moines

Compelling Facts

- Iowa has the highest rate of incarceration of African Americans in prisons, per capita, of any state in the nation.
- Minority youth are disproportionately arrested, suspended and expelled from school compared to non-minority youth.
- Governors Culver, Vilsack and Branstad each created commissions to study disproportional minority incarceration in Iowa. The time has come to act as a community to effectively address on this issue.

For more information about this event, please contact either Kim Cheeks, 281-3274, or Jeff Grimes, 255-5670

National free training, "DNA and Crime Victim"

The National Center for Victims of Crime is pleased to announce a new and exciting training opportunity. The national free training, "DNA and Crime Victims," will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 13-14, 2010. The training will feature an array of nationally renowned trainers on issues related to forensic DNA and Crime Victims. Improve your ability to provide victims with informed and sensitive guidance on forensic DNA by learning about the latest innovations and best practices in this rapidly changing field.

Topics include:

- * CODIS and DNA 101
- * Working with victims in cold cases
- * Using DNA to solve missing persons, homicide, and trafficking cases
- * Victims's needs and rights during the post-conviction process and exonerations
- * Sexual assault and DNA evidence

Registration is free of charge.

For more information please visit webpage: [Here](#)

Continuing Legal Education (CLE) - Litigating Law Enforcement Misconduct in the Immigration Context

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IowaCASA Human Resources Training

Human Resources training opportunity **ONLY** for **Center Directors**, Program Directors, and/or Supervisors regarding personnel policies and other human resource issues. The trainer will be HR consultant Karen Bruess.

Join us for a discussion of today's HR issues. Based on your feedback, we will talk about job descriptions, team development, performance development & employee evaluation, and progressive discipline. We will explore the issues of dealing with passive-aggressive behaviors, supervising an underperformer, setting clear boundaries for staff, interrupting the plans of a manipulative employee, and the battle scars we call secondary trauma. And, through it all, we will share ideas, laughter, and support.

The IowaCASA HR training will be **Tuesday, March 16th from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm** in Conference Room 2 at the Polk County Crisis and Advocacy Services Building, Polk County River Place, 2309 Euclid Avenue, Des Moines. The training will cost \$20 per person and will include lunch. Payment should be sent in advance to IowaCASA.

[Register](#)

In the News

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Feminist blog subject of discussion copy editors of the blog Feministing spoke at the University of Iowa on March 9th, one of their topics including sexual assaults on campuses.

Police Say Northwest Iowa man drugged, sexually assault two men

A northwest Iowa man has been charged with sexual abuse, assault with the intent to commit sexual abuse, two counts of administering harmful substances and providing alcohol to a minor.

New University of Iowa sexual harassment policy nearing completion

Law professor Jonathan Carlson says the new policy will incorporate new national standards. It comes after the school approved a new student sexual misconduct policy in 2008.

Managing Sex Offenders

MASON CITY, IA - Many are wondering how well the sex offender registry is working after an incident where California teen, Chelsea King, is thought to be murdered by a convicted sex offender.

Potential pitfalls of the 21-ordinance

A discussion of how changing the age to enter bars in Iowa City from 19 to 21 will negatively influence where sexual assaults occur.

Fired Des Moines police officer plans appeal

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - A Des Moines police officer who was fired after allegations of an attempted sexual assault in his squad car says he plans to appeal his termination to the city's Civil Service Commission.

International Women's Day: The World Is Still a Tough Neighborhood

The Obama White House marked International Women's Day on Monday, a highlight of Women's History Month, confronting the reality that the world is a tough neighborhood for a lot of women around the globe and that although advances have been made, there is still much to be done in the United States for women to have parity with men.

Privacy laws prevent sex assault investigations on some Colorado campuses

In the fall of 2008, University of Colorado students who'd sought help from the school's Office of Victim Assistance told counselors they'd been the targets of date-rape drugs used at the same fraternity in Boulder.

Steelers QB attorney: 'No sexual assault occurred'

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga. - A high-profile defense attorney hired by Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger on Monday disputed a college student's claim that the two-time Super Bowl winner sexually assaulted her at a Georgia nightclub.

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Ms. Magazine launches their new blog.

The Ms. Blog will showcase the sharp writing and informed opinions of a community of feminist bloggers from around the nation and the globe. The diversity and quality of our starting lineup of bloggers is already exceptional: There are contributors reporting on the ground from seven countries and counting, and the overall roster ranges from well-known names to up-and-coming writers/thinkers

Book: Talking About Sexual Assault: Society's Response to Survivors.

Ullman S.E. American Psychological Association, 2010: This book provides a comprehensive look at women's rape disclosure and how responses by society affect survivors. To order a copy of the book or to view the book outline, visit: <http://www.apa.org/pubs/books/4318073.aspx>

Trafficking in Human Beings and Sexual Exploitation: Preliminary Research on the Reduction of the Demand.

Poinier G and Fautré W. Human Rights Without Frontiers, 2010: This paper contributes to the debate on the efficiency of the existing demand-focused policies and on the forms that the reduction of the demand could take.

[Source: WUNRN] Full paper at: <http://www.hrwf.net/>

Strengthening Families and Communities: 2010 Resource Guide.

United States Department for Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau, 2010: This report aims to support service providers in their work with parents, caregivers, and their children to strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect.

[Source: Child Welfare Information Gateway]

Full document:

http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/res_guide_2010/guide.pdf

The Power and Impact of Women's Funds Women's Solutions +

Innovation + Leverage = Social Change. Research Summary. Women's Funding Network, 2010: This paper summarizes six recent reports about the impact, investment practices and values of women's funds. Full document:

http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1103173565392&s=123&e=001zPtszLCbwx9hJQ-F9F0ecg1l1X7utqdaGR47i8_pwheG3IGGCly5MWzmj1QgU9ly70qzjFoFfPh-nssrnXqD4_mb2-D-EsQedlv1-uaTa1KlnHdqOg8VYsmFmq4eUq1TZxtykE09BSQ9xHy8YpFLCTBe5WzDgu8j8g5YTV2N4XtSzgr-dJhZue5Y77M-c3hr8Nte7Kexfo=

http://www.womensfundingnetwork.org/sites/wfnet.org/files/FINALResearchSummary_1.pdf

Mission Possible: Gender and Media Advocacy Training Toolkit. The Global Media Monitoring Project: This toolkit seeks to de-mystify the media and gender and media advocacy, that we can all take action to change gender representation and portrayal in and through the media. [Source: WUNRN] Download the modules at:

http://www.whomakesthenews.org/tools/mission-possible-a-genderhttp://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1103173565392&s=123&e=001zPtszLCbwx_5j35Es1O1hChPc6uilMSrxiVVOaxtMXzzlvWWmpcWEK6zHkHWKtI42LqxGigxf5C6rXITMhx-9U_ft-ZCDFLZJKVG5F4ZjjUuGwezd6bS9_G3sl-MQP883VnHr1No8AF4ZJgxfaNEjuYBxs1CIRek80aU2QFVwWc=-and-media-advocacy-training-toolkit.html

Service Patterns of Adult Survivors of Childhood versus Adult Sexual Assault/Abuse. http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1103173565392&s=123&e=001zPtszLCbwx_5j35Es1O1hChPc6uilMSrxiVVOaxtMXzzlvWWmpcWEK6zHkHWKtI42LqxGigxf5C6rXITMhx-9U_ft-ZCDFLZJKVG5F4ZjjUuGwezd6bS9_G3sl-MQP883VnHr1No8AF4ZJgxfaNEjuYBxs1CIRek80aU2QFVwWc=

Grossman S.F, Lundy M, Bertrand C, Ortiz C, Tomas-Tolentino G, Ritzema K, Matson J. *J Child Sex Abuse*; 18(6): 655-72, 2009: This analysis compares the characteristics and service patterns of adult survivors of childhood sexual assault/abuse and adult survivors of adult sexual assault/abuse. [Source: SafetyLit] Full abstract: http://www.safelylit.org/citations/index.php?useaction=citations.viewdetails&citationIds%5B%5D=citjournalarticle_183688_24

The Impact of Childhood Sexual Abuse and Other Forms of Childhood Adversity on Adulthood Parenting.

Barrett B. *J Child Sex Abuse*; 18(5): 489-512, 2009: This study investigates the independent impact of child sexual abuse on five dimensions of adulthood parenting. [Source: SafetyLit] Full abstract:

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'My Strength is Not for Hurting': Men's Anti-Rape Websites and their Construction of Masculinity and Male Sexuality.

Masters T.N. *Sexualities*, 13 (1), 33-46, 2010: This article describes a sample of six anti-rape websites and examines them for insights into the social discourses on masculinity and male sexuality that they both produce and reflect.

[Source: Prevent Connect] Full abstract: <http://sexualities.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/13/1/33>

How Are We Measuring Resilience Following Childhood Maltreatment? Is the Research Adequate and Consistent? What is the Impact on Research, Practice, and Policy?

Walsh W.A, Dawson J, Mattingly M.J. *Trauma Violence Abuse*; 11(1): 27-41, 2010: This article reviews the literature on resilience and describes how variation in the measurement of outcomes at various developmental stages affects research findings, practice implications, and policy recommendations. [Source: SafetyLit] Full abstract:

http://www.safelylit.org/citations/index.php?useaction=citations.viewdetails&citationIds%5B%5D=citjournalarticle_180325_23

Respect, Protect and Fulfill: Legislating for Women's Rights in the Context of HIV/AIDS, Volume 1: Sexual and Domestic Violence. Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, 2009: This project draws together international human rights

law from various jurisdictions as the basis for a legal framework to promote women's rights in the context of HIV/AIDS. [Source: AIDSportal] Full document: <http://www.aidslaw.ca/publications/interfaces/downloadFile.php?ref=1535>

Arte Sana

Our Mission

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Nuestra Misión

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National SANE Toolkit Evaluation Tool

Step-by-Step Practitioner Toolkit for Evaluating the Work of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Programs in the Criminal Justice System

(Megan R. Greeson; Rebecca Campbell; Shannon K.E. Kobes, April 2008) Developed as part of a large research study on the work of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) in the criminal justice system, this toolkit is designed to assist SANE program staff in evaluating how their program impacts the reporting, investigation, and prosecution of sexual assault cases in their community.

Compleat toolkit available: [Here](#)

New Teen Dating Violence Online Training Tool

Dating Matters: Understanding Teen Dating Violence Prevention is a 60-minute, interactive training designed to help educators, youth-serving organizations, and others working with teens understand the risk factors and warning signs associated with teen dating violence. Developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in partnership with Liz Claiborne Inc., Dating Matters also will highlight the importance of promoting healthy relationships.

<http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/datingmatters.html>

Runaway & Homeless Youth and Relationship Violence Toolkit

The Runaway & Homeless Youth and Relationship Violence Toolkit: Guidance and Materials for Practitioners, a project of the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, was developed by and for advocates in the runaway and homeless youth (RHY) and domestic violence and sexual assault (DV/SA) fields to help programs create partnerships, meaningful services, and effective intervention and prevention strategies for working with youth at risk.

<http://www.nrcdv.org/rhydvtoolkit/>

NSVRC Launches Letters for An Engaged Bystander Blog

Join the dialogue about taking action to end sexual violence through NSVRC's new blog, Letters for an Engaged Bystander. Guest blogger, Joan Tabachnick, author of the NSVRC publication, Engaging Bystanders in Sexual Violence Prevention, explores the powerful ways that we can all choose to do something or say something to prevent sexual violence.

<http://www.nsvrc.org/blog/bystander>

New Youth Violence Curriculum Guide

Something is Wrong: Exploring the Roots of Youth Violence Edited by Mariame Kaba, J. Cyriac Mathew, and Nathan Haines for Project NIA, the Chicago Freedom School, and Teachers for Social Justice (February 2010) This guide discusses the roots of violence in the lives of youth, the enforcers and victims of violence, the effects of violence on both victims and perpetrators, and how violence can ultimately be minimized through systemic changes.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=2295>

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Location: Des Moines, IA

Part 1: March 24th - 26th

Register for Part 1: [Here](#)

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Please contact Kelly with any questions: prevention@iowacasa.org

SAFEta Source Webinar: Victim Centered Care

Hosted by the International Association of Forensic Nurses

March 30, 2010; 2:00 - 3:30 pm ET - - Free

Registration available: [Here](#)

"Violence is Everywhere" Countering a Culture of Violence Through Norms Change

Webinar will be broadcast for a 2nd time on Tuesday, March 16th, 2010

Countering norms that contribute to the production of cultures of violence is a key element of any effort to prevent violence in a lasting, comprehensive way. This web conference will highlight specific strategies and efforts that seeks to change norms related to gendered violence. Different norms will be examined with regard to their historical context, distinct challenges, and opportunities for collaborative work.

One of IowaCASA's member organizations MONSOON, is one of the presenters.

Learn more about the Prevent Connect's 2010 web conference series: [Here](#)

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March 25; 7 to 8:30 p.m.

United Action for Youth: Youth Center

355 Iowa Ave., Iowa City - Cost: \$10

What is sexting? Are youth really doing it? This interactive session will inform parents, grandparents and caregivers about the issues around sexting and other types of technological social networking.

Once Bitten, Twice Shy: The Influence of Vampire Obsession on Youth Sexuality

April 7, 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Connie Belin Conference Room, Planned Parenthood of the Heartland

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With the recent release of *New Moon* and the expected release of *Eclipse*, this interactive session will utilize the *Twilight* series to explore current vampire media's effect on youth sexuality. Through this lens, participants will discuss gender roles, equality in interpersonal relationships, ideas of virginity, abstinence and how they relate to youth perceptions and decision-making. Participants will gain familiarity with activities that they can use to address these issues with youth in a group or classroom setting.

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*This week was the second funnel - meaning that all bills had to be voted out of chamber once and pass out of the other chamber's committee in order to continue to stay alive.

*The Justice Systems Appropriations legislation has been introduced in both the House and the Senate and contains the crime victim appropriation amount of \$3,060,000.

*The Health and Human Services Appropriations legislation has not been introduced yet.

*The abuse assessment registry legislation did not survive the second funnel.

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IowaCASA Human Resources Training

Human Resources training opportunity **ONLY** for Center Directors, Program Directors, and/or Supervisors regarding personnel policies and other human resource issues. The trainer will be HR consultant Karen Bruess.

Join us for a discussion of today's HR issues. Based on your feedback, we will talk about job descriptions, team development, performance development & employee evaluation, and progressive discipline. We will explore the issues of dealing with passive-aggressive behaviors, supervising an underperformer, setting clear boundaries for staff, interrupting the plans of a manipulative employee, and the battle scars we call secondary trauma. And, through it all, we will share ideas, laughter, and support.

The IowaCASA HR training will be Tuesday, March 16th from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm in Conference Room 2 at the Polk County Crisis and Advocacy Services Building, Polk County River Place, 2309 Euclid Avenue, Des Moines. The training will cost \$20 per person and will include lunch. Payment should be sent in advance to IowaCASA.

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In the News

<http://ih.constantcontact.com/fs071/1102941868074/img/11.jpg> A Culture of Indifference: Students 'Responsible' For Sexual Assaults Face Modest Penalties, While Victims Are Traumatized; Education Department Watchdog Rarely Sanctions Schools

Full Article Available: [Here](#)

Justice: "Unprecedented" Budget For "Severe" Tribal Crime Problem

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Man sentenced to 80 years after sexual assault, battery of pregnant woman

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UN Watchdog issues warning about date-rape drugs

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Judge Carbon Confirmed to Direct Office on Violence Against Women

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A Frustrating Search for Justice

The Center for Public Integrity

Stop It Now!

[Prevention Tools & Warning Sign Tip Sheets](#) for child sexual abuse.

[GenderIT.org](#) - Focuses on Violence against women and Information Communication Technologies in Africa, Asia-Pacific, Central Eastern Europe and Latin America.

[VAOnline.org](#) - Offers Sexual Assault and Abuse Resources for victim assistance specialists, professionals in related disciplines in the field of victimology.

Online Journal: [Health and Human Rights](#) - This international resource provides an inclusive forum for action-oriented dialogue among human rights practitioners and provides additional opportunities for interactive dialogue on pertinent controversial topics and news.

[The Secretary-General's Database on Violence Against Women](#) - This coordinated database provides information on the extent, nature and consequences of all forms of violence against women, and on the impact and effectiveness of policies and programmes for combating such violence.

[Men Stopping Violence](#) -

Men Stopping Violence: This resource is a social change organization dedicated to ending men's violence against women and works locally, nationally, and internationally to dismantle belief systems, social structures, and institutional practices that oppress women and children.

Online Course: [CDC Dating Matters](#) - Understanding Teen Dating Violence Prevention. This free, online course is available to educators, school personnel, youth leaders, and others working to improve the health of teens.

[National Sexual Violence Resource Center Online Library](#) - Search, locate and explore relevant and timely resources on sexual violence.

[The Girl Connection](#) - A quarterly newsletter insert from the ICSW Task Force to girl-serving agencies, juvenile justice system personnel and other interested professionals across Iowa.

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Events

<http://ih.constantcontact.com/fs071/1102941868074/img/4.jpg> SAFETA Source Webinar: Victim Centered Care

Hosted by the International Association of Forensic Nurses

March 30, 2010; 2:00 - 3:30 pm ET - Free

Registration available: [Here](#)

California Sexual Assault Investigators Association (CSAIA) Training

March 17-19, 2010; Shell Beach CA

Registration available: [Here](#)

Stop It Now! - Online webinars & Training for Prevention

Topics:

*Introductory Webinar: Prevent Child Sexual Abuse: Learn to Use a New Online Tool

*International Webinar: Sharing US Strategies with International Violence Prevention Advocates

To learn more or to register visit their web page: [Here](#)

Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI)

SVRI Online Event, Extended Date: 1February - 31 March 2010: "Developing effective therapeutic and programming strategies for the care and support of male survivors of conflict-related sexual violence".

To learn more about this discussion forum click: [Here](#)

First International Online Conference on Child Sexual Abuse Prevention

May 11, 2010, 9am - 4pm EST - Free

For more information or to register click:[Here](#)

Ensuring Rights for Crime Victims with Disabilities

March 11, 2010; 2pm EST - Online Discussion

More information is available [here](#).

Learn how to participate [here](#).

Submit a question to be addressed during the discussion [here](#).

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Training

March 9-12, Kansas City, MO

This four-day course is designed to educate health care providers with the knowledge to deliver comprehensive care to victims of sexual assault. The training meets the International Association of Forensic Nurses educational guidelines

For more information, contact Rosa Underwood at 816-404-3675

Prevention and Intervention - Bridging the Gap

March 18-19, Indianapolis, IN

The Indiana State Conference on Sexual Violence will be held at the Wyndham Hotel and Conference Center. Sessions will address sexual violence and HIV, prison rape, social networking and stalking, childhood trauma and more.

Continuing education credits are available.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Being the Wave of Change: How Social Change Vision Informs Our Services and Advocacy

May 4-5, 2010, Dearborn, MI

The Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence is pleased to host its 2010 Professional Development Institute at the Hyatt Dearborn. Scheduled speakers include Barbara Hart, Byron Hurt, Dorothy Edwards and others.

Specialized tracks are planned in the areas of prevention, advocacy, civil and legal justice, and executive administration. For more information, please click [here](#) or contact Sarah Jarous at 517-347-7000, ext. 30 or sarah.jarous@mcadsv.org.

Hand in Hand through a Lifetime

May 24-26, 2010, Richland, WA

The Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs annual conference will be held at the Red Lion Hotel Richland Hanford House. Olga Trujillo is the featured keynote speaker. Workshop proposals are now being accepted. A pre-conference institute (on May 24) addressing the issues surrounding children with sexual behavior problems will be offered. For more information, contact Grant Stancliff at grant@wcsap.org or 360-754-7583 or visit the website [here](#).

Changing Faces of the Movement

August 1-4, 2010, Anaheim, CA

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence is holding its 14th National Conference on Domestic Violence: Changing Faces of the Movement at the Hilton Anaheim. Advocates are encouraged to join hundreds of domestic violence survivors and other allies for critical discussions, networking and vital information aimed at providing services and support for victims of domestic violence. For more information about attending the conference or presenting a workshop, click [here](#).

The International Association of Forensic Nurses has a comprehensive list of trainings on: SANE Training, Forensic Nursing, Crimes Against Women, Trauma, etc.

The list of trainings taking place throughout the country, organized by Month is available: [HERE](#)

"SEXTING" AND TECHNOLOGY FOR PARENTS

March 25; 7 to 8:30 p.m.

United Action for Youth: Youth Center

355 Iowa Ave., Iowa City - Cost: \$10

What is sexting? Are youth really doing it? This interactive session will inform parents, grandparents and caregivers about the issues around sexting and other types of technological social networking.

Once Bitten, Twice Shy: The Influence of Vampire Obsession on Youth Sexuality

April 7, 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Connie Belin Conference Room, Planned Parenthood of the Heartland

1171 7th Street, Des Moines - Cost: \$10

With the recent release of New Moon and the expected release of Eclipse, this interactive session will utilize the Twilight series to explore current vampire media's effect on youth sexuality. Through this lens, participants will discuss gender roles, equality in interpersonal relationships, ideas of virginity, abstinence and how they relate to youth perceptions and decision-making. Participants will gain familiarity with activities that they can use to address these issues with youth in a group or classroom setting.

SEX AND CENSORSHIP: A SOCIAL VIEW

April 16, 1-3 p.m.

Belin Conference Room, Planned Parenthood of the Heartland

1171 7th Street, Des Moines - Cost: \$10

Examine the types of sexual censorship and how it affects our social understanding of sex.

Male Survivor 2010 International Conference

March 18-21, 2010, John Jay College, NYC

For more information or to register visit: [Here](#)

The National Institute of Justice Conference 2010

June 14 - 16, 2010

Crystal Gateway Marriott

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Legislative Updates

Government Reorganization Bill

Concerning state government reorganization and efficiency, making appropriations, establishing fees and penalties, and providing effective and applicability provisions. Division 12 organizes the Department of Human Rights. The Office on the Status of Women will be under the Division of Community Advocacy and Services under the Department of Human Rights. The Governor will appoint the Director of the Department subject to confirmation by the Senate. Provisions are included to create a Human Rights Board. One of the 14 members will be a representative of the Office on the Status of Women. Language included creating the Office on the Status of Women. The Senate amended the House amendment.

Federal Block Grant Appropriations

Makes the federal block grant appropriations. Includes language for allocation for services to victims of sex offenses and for rape prevention education of the 1,114,623 preventive health and health service appropriation. Also includes Stop Violence Against Women Grant Program Appropriation for \$1,482,096.

Domestic Abuse and Guns

Prohibiting a person who is the subject of a protective order or who has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence in violation of federal law from possessing, transferring, or selling firearms or offensive weapons and providing a penalty.

Passed Senate 36-11.

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Can you forward this email to the staff for me please?

Thank you!

Hi Everyone!

Just wanted to send a quick "hello" from Denver! Everything is great out here! I'm still looking for a full-time job, preferably in victim services, but I have taken a job with a company who makes fundraising and campaign calls for the Democratic National Committee, as well as groups like the ACLU, Planned Parenthood, Human Rights Campaign, amFAR, and other progressive causes. Although it is not what I would ideally like to be doing, it is a job and at least I will be working for causes I believe in! I have decided to return to school and am hoping to start next semester at University of Denver, which is near my neighborhood. I will be studying for my second bachelor's degree in Russian.

I included a couple pictures at the bottom of the email. The first was taken in October at Red Rocks Amphitheatre, which is about a 20 minute drive from our house. During the summer they hold concerts, reggae festivals and free movie nights so I'm excited for that! The next picture is of me and my roommate/best friend Josh and was taken during the second day of our huge snowstorm last week. About 10 of us piled into a van and drove over to a park for a day of sledding. Even though we received about 2 feet of snow, it's already gone as its now back in the 60s. Gotta love Denver weather ☺

Hope all is well in Iowa. Miss you all!

Natasha

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CONGRESS CONTINUES FOCUS ON GLOBAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Award-winning actress and UNIFEM Goodwill Ambassador Nicole Kidman, and U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues Melanne Verveer, are scheduled to testify Wednesday on violence against women and girls around the world before a key House Subcommittee. They will be joined on the witness panel by Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), Breakthrough Founder and Executive Director Mallika Dutt and former U.S. Representative and Shared Hope International President and Founder Linda Smith.

"It is time to examine what the Congress, the Obama Administration and the United Nations can do to stem this growing tide of

violence,” House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight Chairman Bill Delahunt (D-MA) said in scheduling the hearing.

Senate Addresses Global Violence

This is the second congressional hearing in a month on the issue. On October 1, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee held its first-ever hearing on global violence against women and girls. Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPF) President Esta Soler testified, releasing new public opinion research that finds that the majority of voters (61 percent) say addressing global violence should be one of the top priorities for the United States government. One in four voters says it should be the top priority.

“We need to offer the same protections that women in the United States receive to women around the world,” Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman John Kerry (D-MA) said in opening the hearing. “That’s why I plan to re-introduce the *International Violence Against Women Act*.” First introduced last year by then-Senator Joseph Biden and Senator Richard Lugar (R-IN), this bipartisan legislation would make stopping violence against women and girls a priority in American diplomacy and foreign aid for the first time.

The public opinion research Soler released was conducted by Lake Research Partners for the FVPF and Women Thrive Worldwide. It finds that, across demographic and party lines, voters strongly support the *International Violence Against Women Act (I-VAWA)*. Eight in ten voters (82 percent) express support for the bill, and six in ten (62 percent) express intense support. Seventy-two percent support *I-VAWA* even after being told it could cost as much as \$200 million per year. This legislation maintains strong support from voters, even when compared to other foreign policy priorities like promoting democracy and trade, fighting corruption abroad, and reconstructing Iraq and Afghanistan.

“Much of the support here in Congress to address violence against women emanates from high-profile emergencies like the crises in Darfur and the Democratic Republic of Congo,” Soler said at the hearing. “It’s a commendable impulse to respond to emergencies, but violence against women and girls is an emergency every day. We need a response that is sustained and durable enough to address not just today’s emergencies, but those that lie ahead. We need this Congress to pass – and fund – the *International Violence Against Women Act*.”

Officials Testify

“The momentum is building for us to be able to make a clear and concrete difference in the lives of women and girls who are affected by gender-based violence or who are at risk of violence,” Ambassador Verveer said at that hearing. “The President, Vice President and Secretary of State are committed to incorporating women’s issues into all aspects of our foreign policy.”

Ambassador Stephen Rapp testified for the first time as Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues. He emphasized the importance of holding accountable those responsible for perpetrating rape and other forms of violence against women during conflicts. “While trials alone cannot end widespread violence, they can play an important part in re-establishing the rule of law in an environment of insecurity and impunity,” he testified. “As part of a comprehensive strategy, prosecuting those who commit acts of violence against women and girls in conflict-related situations can help restore the stability that is necessary for individuals, families, communities, and nations to develop and prosper.”

After Ambassador Verveer and Ambassador Rapp testified, Senator Kerry said, “We can do this. We can have an impact on harmful behaviors and create change. The issue of violence against women and girls is a perfect example of how the United States needs to lead, by maintaining the moral high ground. We can maintain our leadership and lead on these issues.”

Senator Kaufman (D-DE) added that ending violence against women and girls, “is the core of our country’s DNA.”

Senator Lugar was unable to attend the hearing, but issued a statement that said, in part, “One of the biggest obstacles hampering development throughout the world is violence against women... During the last Congress, I joined with then-Senator Biden in introducing the *International Violence Against Women Act*... We envisioned that [*I-VAWA*] would monitor and oversee all U.S. programs and aid abroad that deal with women’s issues, including gender-based violence. As the United States seeks to improve its efforts to combat international violence against women, we should have a much better understanding of the scope of U.S. resources that are currently being applied to the problem.”

Powerful Testimony

The other witnesses at the Senate hearing were: former military advisor to the UN Secretary-General and former UN Force Commander for the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo Major General Patrick Cammaert; International Crisis Group (ICG) Deputy President and Former Ambassador to Angola Donald Steinberg; and International Center for Research on Women (ICRW) President Geeta Rao Gupta.

Using “sexual violence as a weapon of war creates instability and fosters terror: it must be addressed as a serious element of foreign

policy and conflict intervention,” Major General Cammaert told the Committee.

Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) concurred, calling global violence against women and girls, “a national security issue.”

Steinberg focused his testimony on promoting women’s participation in the peacekeeping process. “We all recognize that, when social order breaks down, it is women and girls who suffer most. But how we make peace is equally important in determining whether the end of armed conflict means a safer world for women or simply a different and in some cases more pernicious era of violence against them.”

Gupta addressed the economic impact of violence against women and girls, emphasizing the need for an integrated and comprehensive approach that includes economic empowerment. “With your help, women and girls can be the catalyst for the next great development innovation, the drivers of economic recovery, and the leaders of a more peaceful and just world,” she told the Committee.

I-VAWA would: support international violence prevention and health programs as well as services for survivors; encourage legal accountability; promote access to economic opportunity and education; and better address violence against women in humanitarian situations.

The United Nations Development Fund for Women estimates that one of every three women globally will be beaten, raped, or otherwise abused during her lifetime. A 2005 World Health Organization study found that of 15 sites in ten countries – representing diverse cultural settings – the proportion of ever-partnered women who had experienced physical or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime ranged from 15 percent in Japan to 71 percent in Ethiopia.

Lake Research Partners conducted the research to explore voters’ attitudes about violence against women and girls globally on behalf of the FVPF and Women Thrive Worldwide. The nationwide telephone survey of 1,200 registered voters was conducted from July 14 - 21, 2009. Its margin of error is +/- 3.1%.

Click [here](#) to read Esta Soler's complete written testimony and click [here](#) for more information on the Senate hearing. Click [here](#) to read Soler's statement for the House Subcommittee.

JUDGE CARBON TO DIRECT OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

President Barack Obama has named Judge Susan B. Carbon to direct the federal Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). Judge Carbon is well-known to many domestic violence and child welfare experts for her longtime work to improve the judicial and social service response to families experiencing multiple forms of violence.

“I have known Judge Carbon for nearly two decades, and have long admired her exemplary career in public service and her dedication to defending the rights of women and children,” Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) told the *Boston Globe*. “Judge Carbon was the driving force behind many of New Hampshire’s efforts to strengthen domestic legal protections for women, and I’m so happy she will now lead the charge on this important issue nationwide.” Senator Shaheen recommended Judge Carbon for the position.

“Judge Carbon is a wonderful choice to lead the Office on Violence Against Women,” agreed Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPPF) President Esta Soler. “We have worked with her for many years, and know first-hand that she is passionate about stopping domestic, sexual and dating violence and protecting victims. We know that she will be highly effective in this position. We welcome her leadership.”

First appointed to the bench in 1991, Judge Carbon has been a Supervisory Judge of the New Hampshire Judicial Branch Family Division since 1996. She also serves as faculty for the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence – a partnership of the OVW, the FVPPF, and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ). She was President of NCJFCJ from 2007 to 2008, and still frequently serves as a faculty member.

President Obama announced Judge Carbon’s appointment at the same time he announced his intent to nominate James B. Warlick, Jr. to serve as Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria. He said of the two nominees, “I am grateful that these two outstanding individuals will be joining my administration by serving in these important roles. I look forward to working with them in the months and years ahead.”

Judge Carbon is a member of the Governor’s Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence and, until recently, chaired New Hampshire’s Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee. She also chaired the project that produced the multidisciplinary Effective Issuance and Enforcement of Orders of Protection in Domestic Violence Cases (The Burgundy Book), a document used throughout the

country and U.S. territories to guide professionals in their work around civil protection orders.

Judge Carbon has trained judges and other professionals across the country and internationally on topics related to family violence, firearms, child custody, and child protection. She has published extensively on these and other topics, including on judicial selection and retention and judicial administration. She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the DePaul University College of Law.

15TH ANNIVERSARY OF VAWA

Last month, advocates celebrated the 15th anniversary of the landmark *Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* with a series of proclamations, statements, resolutions and events.

On September 29, Vice President Joseph Biden hosted a celebration at the Naval Observatory in Washington, D.C. As a United States Senator, the Vice President was one of *VAWA*'s original champions. At the celebration in September, the Vice President called the Act's passage his "proudest accomplishment," and said the country's next step "is to get a similar violence-against-women measure passed on an international level," *United Press International* reports.

President Barack Obama commemorated the 15th anniversary in a Proclamation that says, "In the 15 years since *VAWA* became law, our Nation's response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking has strengthened... Despite this great progress, our Nation's work remains unfinished... Far too many women in our communities and neighborhoods, and across the world, continue to suffer from violence. Inspired by the achievement of the *Violence Against Women Act*, our Nation stands united in its determination to end these crimes and help those in need... I call upon men and women of all ages, communities, organizations, and all levels of government, to work in collaboration to end violence against women."

Senate Judiciary Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-VT) issued a statement that says, in part, "On this 15th anniversary, it is important that we pause to celebrate what we have accomplished. There is no doubt we have made great strides in reducing domestic violence and sexual assault, but we know more work remains to be done. I look forward to working together with other Senators, the Obama-Biden administration, and experts in the field to ensure that *VAWA* remains a vital resource for prosecutors, law enforcement agencies, victim service providers, and, most importantly, the women and families who are threatened with violence and abuse."

The House of Representatives passed H.Res. 738 recognizing the 15th anniversary of *VAWA* by a voice vote on September 14. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) issued a statement after passage, "*VAWA* has brought communities together to address the appalling problem of violence against women and provided critical, life-saving support to so that victims do not have to suffer in silence. Based on the fundamental American value that no one should have to live in fear, this landmark legislation has improved the lives of countless [women and children]... *VAWA* is an example of the power of a bipartisan group of legislators determined to make progress. Today we recommit to the goal of ending the scourge of violence against women once and for all."

Many advocates across the country continue to celebrate *VAWA* at *Domestic Violence Awareness Month* activities.

CA SENATE APPROVES EMERGENCY FUNDING BILL

The California State Senate unanimously approved legislation on October 15th to restore \$16.3 million in funds to help keep the doors open at 94 domestic violence shelters and centers in the state. "In order to keep the remaining domestic violence shelters open, it is absolutely vital that the Governor immediately sign this bill into law," said Senator Leland Yee (D-San Francisco). "Failure to do so will only result in increased health care, law enforcement and other costs to the state. But more critically, it puts victims of domestic violence and their children in grave danger."

Some California shelters have been forced to close in the recent weeks following devastating budget cuts by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, who used a line-item veto in July to slash more than \$16 million in funds for the state's 94 domestic violence shelters, as the state faced a severe deficit. More shelters and programs are reportedly on the brink of closing.

Award-winning musician Moby announced on October 1 that he will donate proceeds of three October shows during *Domestic Violence Awareness Month* to help struggling domestic violence shelters. Moby appeared at an event with Senator Yee on October 15 to urge Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to sign the bill. "Domestic violence is equal parts prison and torture for many women," Moby said. "My sincere hope is that we can step up and help to protect women in California, and end domestic violence."

"We are gratified that the Senate recognized the urgency of the shelter crisis, and heard our bill immediately upon their return," said

California Partnership to End Domestic Violence (CPEDV) Executive Director Tara Shabazz. "The wide bi-partisan support shows that the will of the people is behind this measure. We now call on the Governor to sign this life-saving bill as soon as it reaches his desk."

To kick-off *Domestic Violence Awareness Month*, CPEDV hosted a rally and special public hearing at the Capitol on October 5. Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, Senator Ellen Corbett, Assemblymember Fiona Ma, actor, author and activist Victor Rivers, and domestic violence leaders and survivors called for restoring domestic violence services in the state.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HEALTH & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Some 750 of the world's leading medical, public health and family violence experts were in New Orleans earlier this month for the *2009 National Conference on Health and Domestic Violence* to examine new research and strategies to prevent violence and help victims. The *Conference* was presented by the Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPPF).

"This conference is vitally important, because improving the health care system's response to violence is vitally important," said FVPPF President Esta Soler. "We are working toward the day when doctors and other health care providers routinely assess patients for violence and help those who are in danger; military families routinely get the care and supports they need to avoid family violence; and medical professionals recognize early sexual activity and teen pregnancy as risk factors for coercion and abuse. The *2009 National Conference on Health and Domestic Violence* helped identify ways to advance those goals, and help end the scourge of domestic, dating and sexual violence in this country."

In addition to Eve Ensler, award-winning playwright, performer and activist and author of *The Vagina Monologues*, and Assistant Surgeon General Clara H. Cobb, speakers at the Conference included: Jacquelyn Campbell, PhD, RN, Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing; Mary Ellsberg, PhD, International Center for Research on Women; Jeremy A. Lazarus, MD, American Medical Association; Barbara Major, Citizens for Economic Equity; Elizabeth Miller, MD, PhD, UC Davis School of Medicine; Jay Silverman, PhD, Harvard School of Public Health; Tom Tarantino, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, FVPPF President Esta Soler, and others.

Awards were given to: Assistant Professor of Nursing at the University of Virginia School of Nursing Kathryn Laughton, PhD, RN; Medical Director for the Family Violence Prevention Program for Kaiser Permanente Northern California Brigid McCaw, MD, MPH, MS, as well as Kaiser Permanente itself; and Executive Director of the Ohio Domestic Violence Network Nancy Neylon.

The *Conference* featured more than 65 workshops as well as poster presentations and plenary sessions highlighting the latest research and most innovative clinical responses to domestic violence. Fifteen pre-conference sessions and two in-depth institutes on October 8 examined teen dating violence, domestic and sexual violence programs after disasters, health system reform and strengthening community partnerships in American Indian/Alaska Native communities, reproductive control, eliminating health disparities, education core competencies and more.

Other *Conference* highlights included:

- **Welcome session featuring FVPPF President Esta Soler, Assistant Surgeon General Clara Cobb, White House Advisor on Violence Against Women Lynn Rosenthal, and Citizens for Economic Equity Executive Vice President Barbara Major.**
- **Keynote by Playwright, Performer and Activist Eve Ensler.**
- **What If It Isn't Her Choice? Introducing a National Discussion on Reproductive Control.** Featuring experts from the International Center for Research on Women, UC Davis School of Medicine, Harvard School of Public Health and Planned Parenthood Federation of America.
- **The War at Home: Preventing Family Violence in Military Families.** Featuring experts from the VA Puget Sound Health Care System; Center for Deployment Psychology; Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America; and the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence.
- **Promoting Healthy Tween Relationships: Opportunities and Challenges for Adolescent Providers and Public Health.** Featuring experts from the Department of Psychology, Vassar College; Division of General Pediatrics, Boston University School of Medicine; and American Academy of Pediatrics.
- **Working at the Crossroads: Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse and Mental Health.** Featuring experts from the National

Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health; Alaska Network on Domestic and Sexual Assault; The Rebecca Project for Human Rights; Kaiser Permanente; and Full Frame Initiative.

- **Health Care Reform: What Does it Mean for Domestic Violence?** Featuring experts from the National Women's Law Center; American Medical Association; Center for American Progress; and representatives from the offices of several Members of Congress.

- **Traveling Upstream: Innovations in Public Health Response and Prevention of Domestic Violence.** Featuring experts from Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing; MenEngage; and National Center for Injury Prevention and Control of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"We are learning how to improve the health care response to violence, help children who witness abuse, teach teens about healthy relationships, stop the gender-based violence that fuels the worldwide pandemic of HIV/AIDS, and better explore the intersection of sexual violence and reproductive health, but there is much more work to be done" said FVPPF Director of Health Lisa James. "In order to keep women and children safe, we must increase training for health care providers and fully fund the prevention and health programs in the *Violence Against Women Act*."

The *2009 National Conference on Health and Domestic Violence* is a program of the Family Violence Prevention Fund's National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence, funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families. Points of view or opinions in this *Conference* do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ON THE WEB

Casey Corcoran is with the Boston Public Health Commission and is the Director of Start Strong Initiative, a Peer Leadership Group of Boston teenagers working with the Family Violence Prevention Fund and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to build healthy teen relationships. An excerpt of Corcoran's blog post, commenting on Chris Brown's interview with CNN's Larry King, follows. Read Corcoran's entire post [here](#).

"As adults who are committed to ending dating violence, we also have a responsibility. At the beginning of the interview, Larry King asked Chris Brown why he thought he was violent that night. Chris responded, 'In relationships you lose your temper... things get heated. We're young, nobody taught us how to control our emotions.' We need to redouble our efforts to make sure the young people in our lives have the skills to engage in healthy relationships so that the story of Chris Brown becomes a lesson learned and not a lesson repeated. Chris Brown has a long road ahead to becoming a role-model, and in order for him to be successful, it is a road that we must walk with him."

IN THE NEWS

MILITARY – Last month former soldier Steven Green was sentenced to five consecutive life sentences for the rape and murder of an Iraqi teenager, and the murder of three of her relatives, the *Washington Post* reports. Green and three other soldiers entered Abeer Qassim al-Janabi's home, and killed her mother, father and sister. They then raped her and shot her in the face. Al-Janabi's body was then set on fire. Four other soldiers (the three that entered the home and one who played a lesser role) were tried in a military court. Green was prosecuted as a civilian because by the time the Army pressed charges, he had been honorably discharged with a personality disorder.

CA – Award-winning filmmaker Roman Polanski was arrested in Zurich last month and is awaiting extradition to the United States on 30 year-old charges of statutory rape. Polanski fled the United States in 1978 after pleading guilty to having unlawful sex with a minor. Polanski's arrest has sparked worldwide controversy, with some in the entertainment industry and in Europe, where Polanski lives, speaking out on his behalf – but many violence prevention experts have challenged them. The *New York Times* editorialized, "We were glad to see other prominent Europeans beginning to point out that this case has nothing to do with Mr. Polanski's work or his age. It is about an adult preying on a child. Mr. Polanski pleaded guilty to that crime and must account for it."

CA – After being held captive, repeatedly raped, and living in backyard shacks for nearly 20 years, Jaycee Dugard and the two-children fathered by her captor are safe and living with Dugard's mother. Then just 11, Dugard was kidnapped in 1991 by Phillip Garrido, a convicted sex offender. California parole officers who checked on Garrido never discovered Dugard or her children, the *Contra Costa Times* reports. Vice Chairman of the U.S. Parole Commission Cranston Mitchell and Deputy Attorney General Janet Neeley who oversee California's sex offender registry suggested that Garrido "could have easily

slipped through the sex registry cracks." Garrido and his wife are awaiting trial in El Dorado County Jail on charges of rape, kidnapping and false imprisonment.

CT – In response to widespread anger, a Marriott Hotel has abandoned its claim that a woman raped at gunpoint in the Stamford Marriott parking garage – in front of her young children – had been careless and was partly at fault, the *Associated Press* reports. The hotel originally filed papers charging that the victim "failed to exercise due care for her own safety and the safety of her children and proper use of her senses and facilities." Her attacker, Gary Fricker, is serving 20 years in prison for the crime.

CT – Gail Burns-Smith, lifelong advocate and co-founder of the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence, and Executive Director of the Connecticut Sexual Assault Center of Crisis Services, passed away on September 5. In the Congressional record, Representative Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) called Burns, "a tireless advocate for victims of sexual assault and abuse" and an "unspoken hero." Memorial contributions may be made to the Gail Burns-Smith "Dare to Dream" Scholarship Fund, CONNSACS, 96 Pitkin Street, East Hartford, CT 06108.

TX – The Houston school district has banned sexting – sending nude or semi-nude photographs or videos via cell-phone or email. The Houston Independent School District (HISD) revised its student code of conduct in response to concerns expressed by principals. HISD's Assistant General Council Hans Graff told the *Houston Chronicle*, "To the extent it's an issue...we want to put kids on notice we're not going to tolerate it." HISD serves more than 200,000 students.

WI – Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett was badly beaten in August when he tried to diffuse an incident of domestic violence. Barrett overheard a man yelling at a woman and her young grandchild, and when he tried to intervene, the suspect hit him in the head and torso with a metal pipe. Police said the suspect was intoxicated and threatening to shoot himself and others, the *Associated Press* reports. Co-Executive Director of Sojourner Peace Center, a Milwaukee domestic violence shelter and advocacy group, told *WUWM* that though she applauds the mayor's actions, people have to be careful and assess if a situation is safe before getting involved.

SUDAN – Lubna Hussein, the female journalist facing 40 lashes for wearing trousers in public, has instead received a \$200 fine, the *Associated Press* reports. Hundreds of protesters swarmed the courthouse for Hussein's initial court date in July. Hussein said that she will serve one month in prison instead to protest the Sudan's so-called morality laws. "The flogging, yes, it causes pain," Hussein told the *New York Times*. "But more important, it is an insult. That is why I want to change the law."

IN HIS OWN WORDS

"During this month, we rededicate ourselves to breaking the cycle of violence. By providing young people with education about healthy relationships, and by changing attitudes that support violence, we recognize that domestic violence can be prevented. We must build the capacity of our Nation's victim service providers to reach and serve those in need. We urge community leaders to raise awareness and bring attention to this quiet crisis... NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim October 2009, as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. I ask all Americans to do their part to end domestic violence in this country by supporting their communities' efforts to assist victims in finding the help and healing they need."

--President Barack Obama, in a Proclamation commemorating October as *Domestic Violence Awareness Month*, October 1, 2009

SAVE THE DATE

October 27-28, Newark, OH

Prevention in Progress: Family Violence Prevention Summit 2009

This two-day summit and premiere training event will help advance capacity to deliver quality family violence prevention services in the Ohio region. It will offer a slate of workshops featuring nationally recognized experts from the field while also showcasing Ohio-based expertise, prevention examples and resources. The event will provide a collective forum for stakeholders in child abuse, intimate partner violence, and elder abuse to join together to address preventing perpetration before it may occur and incorporate technology, interactive teaching, and local data to engage and empower communities and social service organizations for greater impact. *For more information, click [here](#).*

October 28, 2009, Indianapolis, IN

National Conference on Youth Violence and Technology: Keeping Our Kids Safe in a Virtual World

Clarian Health and the Indiana Partnership to Prevent Violent Injury and Death are presenting this conference to explore the risks and adverse effects of technology harassment, reduce the risk for youth of becoming victims of electronic

aggression, and study best-practices for preventing online and traditional youth violence. Larry Rosen, PhD from the California State University and Nancy Willard, MS, JD, Director of the Center for Safe and Responsible Internet Use, are the keynote speakers. *For more information, click [here](#).*

October 28-30, 2009, Portland, OR

34th Annual National Organization for Men Against Sexism's Men and Masculinities Conference

The Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force is organizing the conference in partnership with the Portland State University Women's Resource Center. This year's theme is "Roots of Change: Men, Sex and Justice," and the conference will focus on the whys, hows and implications of engaging men in the primary prevention of sexual violence. More than 30 workshops will address the interrelated factors that influence sexual violence, the development and implementation of effective programs, current research in sexual violence prevention and healthy sexuality promotion, and gender equity as it relates to sexual violence. *For more information, visit the conference website [here](#).*

November 4-6, 2009, Battle Creek, MI

14th Annual BISC-MI Fall 2009 Conference

Batterer Intervention Services Coalition of Michigan (BISC-MI) is hosting a three-day conference showcasing the lessons learned from three national demonstration sites of the Office on Violence Against Women funded Judicial Demonstration Initiative. It will identify key components, explore the realities behind the research, and provide comprehensive strategies for safety and accountability. *For more information, click [here](#).*

November 6-7, 2009, Collegeville, MN

First National Conference for Campus-Based Men's Gender Equality & Anti-Violence Groups

This conference will be the first chance for male students from across the country to explore how to find positive ways to reach campus men with messages against dating and other forms of men's violence, and for gender equality. It will provide opportunities to discuss how to deal with backlash and hostility, and how to work in partnership with women's groups. St. John's University will host the conference. *For more details, email gkellom@csbsju.edu.*

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Phillips, Donna [AG]

From: Phillips, Donna [AG]
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2008 5:16 PM
To: Anderson, Marti [AG]
Subject: FW: Proclamation Invitees

Importance: High

See email below on Teen Dating Proclamation Signing by Governor scheduled for February 8th.

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From: Nesteby, Kathy [DHR]

Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2008 11:33 AM

To: Barnhill, Beth; Burt, Lauren [IGOV]; Erickson, Cynthia [ED]; Glanton, Syeta [IGOV]; ksreyner@mchsi.com; Lehew, Binnie [IDPH]; Luana Nelson; nancyr@icadv.org; Nesteby, Kathy [DHR]; Phillips, Donna [AG]; Scott, Rachel [DHR]; Thomas (Kaercher), Anne [AG]

Subject: Proclamation Invitees

Importance: High

I've compiled the list of suggestions I've gotten from everyone on the Teen Dating Violence committee for invitees to the Governor's proclamation signing on February 8th.

I am embedding it here and I need everyone to look through it and get back to me no later

than Monday morning, Jan. 28th with suggestions for changes to the list.

There are currently 46 names on the invitation list. Per Syeta, the list should contain no more than about 50 names (with the understanding that the Governor's office will hold only about 35 people comfortably). None of the names is set in stone and this is the only opportunity you will have to make edits to it.

Thanks in advance for your prompt response.

Legislators

Rep. Bruce Hunter

Senator Matt McCoy

Rep. Rick Olson

Senator Pat Ward

Senator Staci Appel

Rep. Ako Abdul-Samad

Rep. Wayne Ford

Chief Justice Marcia Ternus

Tom Miller, AG

Tom H. Miller, AG's office

Marti Anderson, Victim Services (AG's office)

Gene Meyer, DPS Director

Judy Bradshaw, DSM Police Chief

Judy Jeffrey, DoE Director

Al Heisterkamp, Superintendent Sioux City schools

Laurie Schipper, ICADV

Beth Barnhill, ICASA

Kile Carlson, Planned Parenthood attorney and lobbyist

Tom Baccam, Employee and Family Resources

Gary Mikulec, Ankeny Chief of Police

Judy Stafford, Waitt Institute

Joe Gonzales, DSM PD

Ron Rice, SAI Executive Director

Walter Reed, DHR Director

Armando Villareal, DA Latino Affairs

Abraham Funchess, DA Status of African Americans

Cindy Chen, DA Asian & Pacific Islanders

Paul Stageberg, DA CJJP

Vallery Griffis & Nichelle (Nicki) Smith, Des Moines Roosevelt High School –
Sisters for Success program

Carla Ridgely & Joyce Covington-Grace, Merrill Middle School – Girls Voices

Ryan Williamson – Des Moines Roosevelt – Male Responsibility Project

Steven Fields, Employee & Family Resources @ DSM Roosevelt – Male
Responsibility Project

Summit Planning Committee

Binnie LeHew, DPH

Donna Phillips, AG

Anne Thomas, AG

Luana Nelson Brown, ICASA

Kathleen Reyner, School Administrators of Iowa

Cynthia Erickson, DoE

Syeta Glanton, Governor's Office

Rachel Scott, ICSW

Kathy Nesteby, ICSW

Kirsten Faisal, ICADV

Lauren Burt, Governor's Office

Nancy Robertson, ICADV

I also thought it might be a good idea to have some youth at the signing. My thought is to ask Vallery Griffis who is one of the Vice Principals at Roosevelt to bring a few from her school and Carla Ridgely, who is the Success worker at Merrill to bring a few from Merrill.

Peace,

Kathy Nesteby

Coordinator

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Iowa Commission on the Status of Women

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"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.

Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.

It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us."

~Marianne Williamson

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Phillips, Donna [AG]

From: Phillips, Donna [AG]
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 2:09 PM
To: Anderson, Marti [AG]
Subject: RE: Public Records Request - Planned Parenthood
Attachments: PP Screen Shots.doc; Planned Parenthood.pdf; Appendix A.doc; FY2005 Perf Rpt Excel Polk Co SANE.xls; PPGI FY05 January-June Perf Rpt 2ndl.xls

Attached are screen shots of the information for Planned Parenthood that's listed in GrantAssistant, their VAW Annual Report and two 6-month CVAD Performance Reports (which I also have a printed out, hard copy).

The emails I had with their agency are saved to the shared directory: in their folder in the Grantees FY05 folder in VSG Program FY05 folder.

I know I listed them as a funded program in Appendix A to our annual VAW report for that year. Appendix A lists all the programs we funded in that year, which I have attached to this email. As you know, they were listed in the CVAD Annual Report for that year.

There shouldn't be any hard copies of anything else for them for the VSS program.

As I stated earlier their fiscal and program files should have been shredded this past Spring as all of the FY05 files were on the list to be shredded from the archive center. **Do you need me to check with them to see if in fact they have already done this?**

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-----Original Message-----

From: Anderson, Marti [AG]
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 12:06 PM
To: Phillips, Donna [AG]
Subject: RE: Public Records Request - Planned Parenthood

Don't worry about the email information. As Eric's email states, John Hugg will search our email for the items.

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Justice will only be achieved when those who are not injured by crime feel as indignant as those who are.
Solomon

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From: Phillips, Donna [AG]
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 12:04 PM
To: Anderson, Marti [AG]
Subject: RE: Public Records Request - Planned Parenthood

All FY2005 files were destroyed in this latest batch of files up for destruction as the required time period had elapsed. This would include the hard copy program and fiscal files for Planned Parenthood for the VSS Program.

I have the general information that is listed in GrantsAssistant and about 5 emails from that time period. I am also doing a general search on my computer to make sure I don't have any other information or discussion items on file. I will put together and email the information to you.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Anderson, Marti [AG]
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 11:48 AM
To: Phillips, Donna [AG]
Subject: FW: Public Records Request - Planned Parenthood

I need whatever computer and paper documents you have related to the grant to Planned Parenthood in 2005. See Public Records request below.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Tabor, Eric [AG]
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 11:00 AM
To: Hugg, John [AG]; Griebel, Pam [AG]; Weeg, Theresa [AG]; Ambrozic, Jane [AG]; Phillips, Donna [AG]; Anderson, Marti [AG]
Cc: Greenwood, Geoff [AG]
Subject: Public Records Request - Planned Parenthood

Below is a public records request for documents regarding Planned Parenthood from 2008 to the present. John Hugg will run email searches for "Planned Parenthood" on the following email accounts:

Pam Griebel
Theresa Weeg
Eric Tabor
AG Tom Miller
Jane Ambrozic
Marti Anderson
Donna Philips
Bob Brammer

If we should search other accounts, please let me know.

Marti - Can you pull together any other records relating to grants or contracts relating to Planned Parenthood?

Thanks. Eric

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-----Original Message-----

From: White, Cathleen [AG] On Behalf Of AG Webteam
Sent: Friday, July 09, 2010 10:08 AM
To: Tabor, Eric [AG]
Subject: FW: request

7/21/2010

-----Original Message-----

From: howey200@anonmail.de [mailto:howey200@anonmail.de]

Sent: Thursday, July 08, 2010 9:34 AM

To: AG Webteam

Subject: request

July 8, 2010

Iowa Attorney General
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Dear Attorney General,

I'm corresponding to acquire the documents of all correspondence, documents, grants, contract and monies regarding Planned Parenthood and your office for the years 2008 to the present. This request is according to the Iowa Public Records law.

Very truly yours,

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S. Howey
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Appendix A: Information on subgrants awarded during current reporting period.

SUBGRANT #	DATE OF AWARD	STOP AWARD AMOUNT BY ALLOCATION CATEGORY(IES)					NAME OF AGENCY (INCLUDE CONTACT PERSON, ADDRESS, PHONE)	SUBGRANT PERIOD
		VICTIM SERVICES	LAW ENFORCEMENT	PROSECUTION	COURTS	OTHER		
VW-05-01	5/12/2004	28,978					Crisis Intervention & Advocacy Center Ms. Johna Sells P.O. Box 40 1510 Green Street Adel, Iowa 50003	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-02	5/12/2004		3,304				Dallas County Sheriff's Office Sheriff Arthur Johnson 201 N. Nile Kinnick Dr. P.O. Box 187 Adel, Iowa 50003	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-03	5/12/2004	21,000					Family Crisis Center of North Iowa, Inc. Ms. Helen Burrington P.O. Box 642 Algona, Iowa 50511	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-04	5/12/2004			25,238			Kossuth County Attorney Mr. Todd Holmes 114 W. State Algona, Iowa 50511	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-05	5/12/2004	16,380					ACCESS Ms. Ann Greenfield P. O. Box 1429 Ames, Iowa 50014	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-06	5/12/2004		40,346				ISU Dept of Public Safety - SART Mr. Jerry Stewart 168 Armory Building Ames, Iowa 50011	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-08	5/12/2004	6,000					Family Crisis Support Network Ms. Wendy Richter P.O. Box 11 Atlantic, Iowa 50022	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-10	5/12/2004	8,100					YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter & Sexual Assault Center Ms. Charlotte Blodgett 616 North 5th Street Burlington, Iowa 52601	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-11	5/12/2004			23,115			Carroll County Attorney's Office - DART Mr. John Werden 225 E. 7th Street P.O. Box 1116 Carroll, Iowa 51401	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005

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		VICTIM SERVICES	LAW ENFORCEMENT	PROSECUTION	COURTS	OTHER		
VW-05-15	5/12/2004	18,200					Council Against Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Ms. Sally Dobson P.O. Box 963 Cherokee, Iowa 51012	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-17	5/12/2004	19,388					YWCA Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Resource Center Ms. Linda Kranz 317 7th Avenue South Clinton, Iowa 52732	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-18	5/12/2004	20,475					Catholic Charities Ms. Diane McKee 411 E. Broadway Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-19	5/12/2004	15,898					Rural Iowa Crisis Center Ms. Vickie Hodge P.O. Box 384 Creston, Iowa 50801	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-21	5/12/2004		10,000				Scott County Sheriff's Office Cpt. Michael Brown 416 W. 4th Street Davenport, Iowa 52801	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-22	5/12/2004	22,300					Helping Services of Northeast Iowa, Inc. Mr. David Runyon P.O. Box 372 Decorah, Iowa 52101	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-23	5/12/2004	13,744					Children & Families of Iowa - Family Violence Center Ms. Gloria Gray 1111 University Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50314	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-25	5/12/2004	14,817					Deaf Women of Iowa Against Abuse Ms. Gretchen Brown-Waech P.O. Box 36097 Des Moines, Iowa 50315	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-26	5/12/2004	34,300					Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence Ms. Laurie Schipper 2603 Bell Avenue, Suite 100 Des Moines, Iowa 50321	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-27	5/12/2004			72,000			Attorney General's Office Mr. Eric Tabor Hoover State Office Building Des Moines, Iowa 50319	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005

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		VICTIM SERVICES	LAW ENFORCEMENT	PROSECUTION	COURTS	OTHER		
VW-05-28	5/12/2004				69,873		ICADV - Court Project Ms. Jennifer Juhler 1111 East Court Des Moines, Iowa 50319	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-29	5/12/2004	60,000					Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault Ms. Elizabeth Barnhill 2603 Bell Avenue, Suite 102 Des Moines, Iowa 50321	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-30	5/12/2004		41,844				Iowa Department of Public Health Ms. Binnie LeHew 321 E. 12th Street Lucas State Office Bldg. Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-31	5/12/2004	23,588					Latinas Unidas por un Nuevo Amanecer Ms. Sylvia Strom 4815 University Suite 2 Des Moines, Iowa 50311	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-33	5/12/2004			57,600			Dubuque County Attorney's Office Mr. Fred McCaw 720 Central Avenue Dubuque, Iowa 52001	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-34	5/12/2004		598				Dubuque County Sheriff's Office Sheriff Leo Kennedy 770 Iowa Street Dubuque, Iowa 52001	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-35	5/12/2004		2,815				City of Dubuque - Police Department Chief Kim Wadding 770 Iowa Street Dubuque, Iowa 52001	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-36	5/12/2004	5,132					Riverview Center, Inc. Ms. Vickie Gratton 2600 Dodge Street Plaza 20 Dubuque, Iowa 52003	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-39	5/12/2004	24,491					Domestic/Sexual Assault Outreach Ctr. Ms. Joyce DeHaan P. O. Box 773 Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-41	5/12/2004	20,000					Seeds of Hope Ms. Beth Jackley 804 1st Street Grundy Center, Iowa 50638	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005

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		VICTIM SERVICES	LAW ENFORCEMENT	PROSECUTION	COURTS	OTHER		
VW-05-42	5/12/2004			29,000			Warren County Attorney's Office Mr. Gary Kendall 301 North Buxton, Ste. 301 Indianola, Iowa 50125	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-44	5/12/2004		36,626				Iowa City Police Department Chief R.J. Winkelhake 410 E. Washington Street Iowa City, Iowa 52240	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-45	5/12/2004	16,500					Rape Victim Advocacy Program Ms. Karla Miller 320 South Linn Street Iowa City, Iowa 52240	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-49	5/12/2004	22,400					Tri-State Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Assault Ms. Sue Prochazka P.O. Box 494 Keokuk, Iowa 52632-0494	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-50	5/12/2004	4,550					Turning Point Ms. Angela Smith P.O. Box 187 Knoxville, Iowa 50138	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-52	5/12/2004	35,000					Domestic Violence Alternatives/Sexual Assault Center Mr. Billie Dall P.O. Box 1507 Marshalltown, Iowa 50158	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-53	5/12/2004			30,000			Marshall County Attorney Ms. Jennifer Miller 1 East Main Street Marshalltown, Iowa 50158	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-54	5/12/2004		30,000				Marshalltown Police Dept - DART Chief David Walker 22 North Center Street Marshalltown, Iowa 50158	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-55	5/12/2004			33,600			Cerro Gordo County Attorney's Office Ms. Sandra L. Murphy 220 N. Washington Mason City, Iowa 50401	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-56	5/12/2004	18,500					Crisis Intervention Service Ms. Mary Ingham P. O. Box 656 Mason City, Iowa 50402-0656	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005

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		VICTIM SERVICES	LAW ENFORCEMENT	PROSECUTION	COURTS	OTHER		
VW-05-57	5/12/2004	13,800					Family Resources, Inc. - Sexual Assault/Domestic Abuse Program Ms. Rachel Riley-Smock 119 Sycamore St., Ste 200 Muscatine, Iowa 52761	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-58	5/12/2004		3,450				Muscatine County Sheriff's Office DART Mr. Eric Furnas 400 Walnut Street Muscatine, Iowa 52761	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-59	5/12/2004		9,525				Muscatine Police Department - DART Chief Gary R. Coderoni 312 E. 5th Street Muscatine, Iowa 52761	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-60	5/12/2004			20,000			Story County Attorney's Office Mr. Stephen Holmes 1315 South B Avenue Nevada, Iowa 50201	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-61	5/12/2004			6,500			Sioux County Attorney's Office Ms. Melissa O'Roarke P. O. Box 168 210 Central Ave., S.W. Orange City, Iowa 51041	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-62	5/12/2004	26,300					Crisis Intervention Services Ms. Dawn Stephens 500 High Avenue West P.O. Box 211 Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-63	5/12/2004	27,670					Crisis Center and Women's Shelter Ms. Cheryl Brown P.O. Box 446 Ottumwa, Iowa 52501	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-64	5/12/2004			30,750			Wapello County Attorney's Office Mr. Mark Tremmel 219 N. Court Ottumwa, Iowa 52501	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-68	5/12/2004	27,653					Family Crisis Centers of Northwest Iowa Ms. Shari L. Aaker P. O. Box 295 Sioux Center, Iowa 51250	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-69	5/12/2004	24,000					Council on Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Ms. Margaret Sanders P. O. Box 1565 1701 Grandview Blvd. Sioux City, Iowa 51104	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005

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		VICTIM SERVICES	LAW ENFORCEMENT	PROSECUTION	COURTS	OTHER		
VW-05-70	5/12/2004	19,690					Centers Against Abuse & Sexual Assault Ms. Jan Alfred P.O. Box 996 Spencer, Iowa 51301	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-71	5/12/2004			38,000			Dickinson County Attorney Ms. Rosalie Olson 1812 Ithaca Ave., P.O. Box 513 Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-72	5/12/2004			25,000			Black Hawk County Attorney's Office Mr. Tom Ferguson 316 East 5th Street, B-1 Courthouse Waterloo, Iowa 50703	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-73	5/12/2004	17,325					Family Service League - Crisis Services Ms. Debra Hodges-Harmon 915 W. 4th Street Waterloo, Iowa 50702	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-75	5/12/2004	9,352					Cedar Valley Friends of the Family Ms. Jeanie Wright P.O. Box 807 Waverly, Iowa 50677	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-76	5/12/2004		5,500				Fayette County Sheriff's Office Sheriff Martin Fischer 220 N. Indiana Parkway West Union, Iowa 52175	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-77	5/12/2004		39,568				Waterloo Police Dept - DART Chief Thomas Jennings 715 Mulberry Waterloo, Iowa 50701	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-78	5/12/2004		15,000				Mason City Police Dept - DART Chief David Ellingson 78 South Georgia Mason City, Iowa 50401	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-79	5/12/2004		51,616				U of I College of Nursing - SART Ms. Nancy Lathrop 320 S. Linn Street Iowa City, Iowa 52240	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-81	5/12/2004		7,000				Planned Parenthood Ms. Becky Simer 851 19th Street Des Moines, Iowa 50314-1123	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005
VW-05-82	5/12/2004		2,900				Wilton Police Department Chief Steven Mallinger 104 E. 4th Street Wilton, Iowa 52778	July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005

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		VICTIM SERVICES	LAW ENFORCEMENT	PROSECUTION	COURTS	OTHER		
VW-05-83	5/12/2004		5,500				<i>Oelwein Police Department Chief Jeremy Logan 20 Second Ave. SW Oelwein, Iowa 50662</i>	<i>July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005</i>

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office on Violence Against Women**

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR

**STOP Violence Against Women
Formula Grant Program**



Brief Instructions: This form must be completed for all STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program (STOP Program) subgrants received. The grant administrator or coordinator must ensure that the form is completed. Grant partners, however, may complete sections relevant to their portion of the grant. Grant administrators and coordinators are responsible for compiling and submitting a single report that reflects all information collected from grant partners.

All subgrantees should read each section to determine which questions they must answer, based on the activities supported under this subgrant during the current reporting period. Sections B and F of this form must be completed by all subgrantees. Subsections A1 and C2 must be answered by all grantees. In sections D, E, and subsections A2, C1, C3-C7, subgrantees must answer an initial question about whether they supported certain activities during the current reporting period. If the response is yes, then the subgrantee must complete that section or subsection. If the response is no, the rest of that section or subsection is skipped.

For example, 1) if you are a victim services agency providing training and victim services with staff funded under this grant, you would complete A1, A2, B, C1, C2, D, and F (and answer 'no' in C3-C7, and E1-5); or 2) if you are a law enforcement agency receiving funds to pay for staff who provide training to other law enforcement, you would complete A1, A2, B, C1, C2, and F (and answer 'no' in C3, C4, C5, C6, C7, D, and E1-5).

If you are required to provide a match for your STOP Program subgrant, report on activities supported with this match. The activities of volunteers or interns may be reported if they are coordinated or supervised by STOP Program-funded staff or if STOP Program funds substantially support their activities.

For further information on filling out this form, refer to the separate set of instructions, which contains detailed definitions and examples, illustrating how questions should be answered.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Grant information

All subgrantees must complete this section.



1. **Date of report** // (format date with 6 digits, like - 01/31/04)



2. **Current reporting period** January 1- December 31 (Year)



3. **Subgrantee name** Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa



4. **Subgrant number(s) for each subgrant award under which activities were supported during the current reporting period**

(List the numbers for all subgrants supporting activities engaged in during the current reporting period.)

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5. **Type of funded organization**

(Check all that apply that describe the organization receiving the STOP Program subgrant.)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Court | <input type="checkbox"/> Prosecution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic violence program | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sexual assault program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic violence state coalition | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual assault state coalition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dual program (sexual assault and domestic violence) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal coalition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dual state coalition (sexual assault and domestic violence) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faith-based organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal sexual assault and/or domestic violence program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government agency (Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health) | <input type="checkbox"/> Unit of local government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law enforcement | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): <u>Sexual Assault Nurse Exam.</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Probation, parole, or other correctional agency | |



6. **Point of contact**

(person responsible for the day-to-day coordination or administration of the subgrant)

Name Krista Noah, Regional Director

Agency/organization Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa
(if different from subgrantee name)

Address 1000 East Army Post Road
Des Moines, IA 50315-5939

Telephone 515-285-3664, ext. 2 Facsimile 515-287-0204

E-mail knoah@ppgi.org



7. **Does this subgrant specifically address tribal populations?**

(Check yes if your subgrant focuses on tribal populations and indicate which tribes or nations you served or intend to serve.)

Yes No If yes, which tribes/nations:



8. What percentage of your STOP Program grant funds were directed to each of these areas?
(Report the area[s] addressed by your STOP Program grant during the current reporting period and estimate the approximate percent of funds [or resources] used to address each area [consider training, victim services, etc.]. The subgrantee may choose how to make this determination.)

Throughout this form, the term **sexual assault** includes both assaults committed by offenders who are strangers to the victim/survivor and assaults committed by offenders who are known to, related by blood or marriage to, or in a dating relationship with the victim. The term **domestic violence** applies to any pattern of coercive behavior that is used by one person to gain power and control over a current or former intimate partner. Domestic violence includes dating violence, which is violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim. **Stalking** is defined as a course of conduct directed at a specific person that places that person in reasonable fear of the death of, or serious bodily injury to, herself or himself, a member of her/his immediate family, or her/his spouse or intimate partner.

	Percentage of grant funds
Sexual assault	100 %
Domestic violence	0 %
Stalking	0 %
TOTAL	100 %



Staff information



Were STOP Program grant funds used to fund staff positions during the current reporting period?

Check yes if STOP Program funds were used to pay staff, including part-time staff and contractors.

- Yes— answer question 9
 No— skip to Section B



9. Staff

(Report the total number of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff funded by the STOP Program grant during the current reporting period. Include employees who are part-time and/or only partially funded with these grant funds as well as contractors. Include employees who are funded with required grant match. If an employee or contractor was not employed or utilized over the entire reporting period, report the average. Round to the second decimal. See separate instructions for examples of how to calculate FTEs for part-time staff and contractors.)

Staff	Grant-funded staff
Administrator (fiscal manager, executive director)	
Civil attorney	
Counselor	
Court personnel	
Information technology specialist	
Law enforcement officer	
Legal advocate	
Paralegal	
Probation officer	
Program coordinator (training coordinator, victim services coordinator)	0.25
Prosecutor	
Support staff (secretary, administrative assistant)	
Trainer	
Victim advocate	
Victim-witness specialist	
Other (specify): Sexual Assault Medical Examiners	0.50
TOTAL	0.75



PURPOSE AREAS

All subgrantees must complete this section.



10. Statutory purpose areas

(Check all purpose areas that apply to activities supported with STOP Program funds during the current reporting period.)

Check ALL that apply	Purpose areas
<input type="checkbox"/>	Training law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors to more effectively identify and respond to violent crimes against women, including crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, and dating violence.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Specialized units of law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors specifically targeting violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, and dating violence.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Police, court, and prosecution policies, protocols, orders, and services specifically devoted to preventing, identifying, and responding to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault and domestic violence.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Data collection and communication systems, including computerized systems, linking police, prosecutors, and courts or for the purpose of identifying and tracking arrests, protection orders, violations of protection orders, prosecutions, and convictions for violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault and domestic violence.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Victim services programs, including sexual assault, domestic violence and dating violence programs; delivery of victim services to underserved populations; specialized domestic violence court advocates in courts where a significant number of protection orders are granted; and increased reporting and reduced attrition rates for cases involving violent crimes against women, including crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, and dating violence.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Programs to address stalking.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Addressing the needs and circumstances of American Indian tribes in dealing with violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault and domestic violence.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Supporting formal and informal statewide, multidisciplinary efforts, to the extent not supported by state funds, to coordinate the response of state law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts, victim service agencies, and other state agencies and departments to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, and dating violence.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Training of sexual assault forensic medical personnel examiners in the collection and preservation of evidence, analysis, prevention, and providing expert testimony and treatment of trauma related to sexual assault.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Programs to assist law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and others to address the needs and circumstances of older and disabled women who are victims of sexual assault or domestic violence, including recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of such violence or assault and targeting outreach and support, counseling, and other victims' services to such older and disabled individuals.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Assisting victims of sexual assault and domestic violence in immigration matters.



FUNCTION AREAS

Training



Were your STOP Program funds used for training during the current reporting period?

Check yes if STOP Program-funded staff provided training or if grant funds were used to directly support training.

- Yes— answer questions 11-13
 No— skip to C2



11. Training provided with STOP Program grant funds

(Report the total number of training events provided during the current reporting period with STOP Program grant funds. Do not include staff development training provided to STOP Program-funded staff.)

Total number of training events provided



12. Number of people trained

(Report the number of people trained with STOP Program funds during the current reporting period. Use the category that is most descriptive of the people attending the training event.)

People trained	Number
Attorneys/law students	<input style="width: 80px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Batterer Intervention Program staff	<input style="width: 80px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Community advocacy organization staff (NAACP, Gray Panthers)	<input style="width: 80px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Correction personnel (probation, parole, and correctional facilities)	<input style="width: 80px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Court personnel (judges, clerks)	<input style="width: 80px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Disability organization staff (non-governmental)	<input style="width: 80px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Domestic violence coalition staff (state or tribal)	<input style="width: 80px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Domestic violence program staff	<input style="width: 80px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Elder organization staff (non-governmental)	<input style="width: 80px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Faith-based organization staff	<input style="width: 80px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Government agency staff (vocational rehabilitation, food stamps, TANF)	<input style="width: 80px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Health professionals (doctors, nurses)	<input style="width: 80px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Immigrant organization staff (non-governmental)	<input style="width: 80px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Law enforcement officers	<input style="width: 80px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Legal services staff	<input style="width: 80px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Mental health professionals	<input style="width: 80px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Multidisciplinary group	<input style="width: 80px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Prosecutors	<input style="width: 80px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Sexual assault forensic examiners	<input style="width: 80px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Social service organization staff	<input style="width: 80px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Sexual assault coalition staff (state or tribal)	<input style="width: 80px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Sexual assault program staff	<input style="width: 80px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Supervised visitation and exchange center staff	<input style="width: 80px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Tribal coalition staff	<input style="width: 80px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Tribal government/Tribal government agency	<input style="width: 80px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Victim-witness specialists	<input style="width: 80px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Volunteers	<input style="width: 80px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Other (specify): <input style="width: 450px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
TOTAL	<input style="width: 80px; height: 20px; text-align: right; value: 0;" type="text"/>



13. Training content areas

(Indicate all topics covered in training events provided by your STOP Program funds during the current reporting period. Check all that apply.)

Sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking

- Advocate response
- Child witnesses
- Confidentiality
- Dating violence overview, dynamics and services
- Domestic violence overview, dynamics and services
- Mandatory reporting requirements
- Safety planning for victims/survivors
- Sexual assault overview, dynamics and services
- Stalking overview, dynamics and services
- Supervised visitation and exchange
- Other (specify):

Justice system

- Civil court procedures
- Criminal court procedures
- Domestic violence statutes/codes
- Firearms and domestic violence
- Immigration
- Identification and arrest of predominant aggressor
- Judicial response
- Law enforcement response
- Pro-arrest policies
- Probation response
- Prosecution response
- Protection orders (including full faith and credit)
- Sexual assault statutes/codes
- Sexual assault forensic examination
- Stalking statutes/codes
- Tribal Jurisdiction and Public Law 280
- Other (specify):

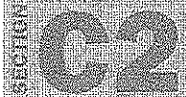
Underserved populations

Issues specific to victims/survivors who:

- live in rural areas
- are American Indian or Alaska Native
- are Asian
- are black or African American
- are disabled
- are elderly
- are Hispanic or Latino
- are institutionalized or isolated
- are homeless or living in poverty
- are immigrants, refugees, or asylum seekers
- are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex
- are Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- have mental health problems
- have substance abuse problems
- Other (specify):

Community response

- Coordinated community response
- Response teams (DART, DVRT, SART)
- Technology
- Other (specify):



Coordinated Community Response

All subgrantees must complete this section.



14. Coordinated community response activities during the current reporting period

(Check the appropriate boxes to indicate the agencies or organizations that you provided victim/survivor referrals to, received victim/survivor referrals from, engaged in consultation with, provided technical assistance to, and/or attended meetings with, during the current reporting period, according to the usual frequency of the interactions. If the interactions were not part of a regular schedule, you will need to estimate the frequency with which these interactions occurred during the current reporting period.)

Agency/organization	Victim/survivor referrals, consultations, technical assistance			Meetings		
	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly
Batterer intervention program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community advocacy organization (NAACP, NAMI)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Corrections (probation, parole, and correctional facility staff)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Domestic violence organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Faith-based organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Court	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Law enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prosecutor's office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Government agency (INS, Social Security, TANF)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Health/mental health organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal services organization (legal services, bar association, law school)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sexual assault organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social service organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tribal government/Tribal government agency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Policies



Were your STOP Program funds used to develop, substantially revise, or implement policies or protocols during the current reporting period?

Check yes if STOP Program-funded staff developed, substantially revised or implemented policies or protocols, or if STOP Program funds were used to directly support the development, revision or implementation of policies or protocols.

- Yes— answer question 15
 No— skip to C4



15. Types of protocols and/or policies developed, substantially revised or implemented during the current reporting period

(Check all that apply.)

Victim Services

- Appropriate response to underserved populations
 Appropriate response to victims/survivors who are elderly or have disabilities
 Confidentiality
 Mandatory training standards for staff and volunteers
 Staff, board, and/or volunteers represent the diversity of your service area
 Victim/survivor informed about Crime Victims Compensation and Victim Impact Statements
 Other (specify):

Law Enforcement

- Appropriate response to underserved populations
 Appropriate response to victims/survivors who are elderly or have disabilities
 Identifying primary aggressor/discouraging dual arrest
 Immediate access to protection order information
 Mandatory training on sexual assault, domestic violence, and/or stalking
 No victims polygraphed
 No charge to victims/survivors for service of protection orders, warrants, or subpoenas
 Pro-arrest/mandatory arrest
 Protection order enforcement (including full faith and credit)
 Providing information to victims/survivors about victim services
 Other (specify):

Prosecution

- Appropriate response to underserved populations
 Appropriate response to victims/survivors who are elderly or have disabilities
 Mandatory training on sexual assault, domestic violence, and/or stalking
 No victims polygraphed
 No charge to victims for any costs related to prosecution of domestic violence offense
 Vertical prosecution
 Victim-witness notification
 Violation of protection orders
 Other (specify):

Courts

- Accelerated trial schedules
- Appropriate response to underserved populations
- Appropriate response to victims/survivors who are elderly or have disabilities
- Dedicated domestic violence docket
- Full faith and credit for protection orders
- Immediate access to obtaining protection orders
- Judicial monitoring of sexual assault and/or domestic violence offenders
- Mandatory training on sexual assault, domestic violence, and/or stalking
- No charge to victims/survivors for any costs related to prosecution of a sexual assault and/or domestic violence offense or to obtaining a protection order
- Policy against mutual restraining orders
- Procedures for courtroom security
- Standard protection order form
- Other (specify):

Probation and parole

- Appropriate response for cases involving underserved populations
- Appropriate response for cases involving victims/survivors who are elderly or have disabilities
- Mandatory training on sexual assault, domestic violence, and/or stalking
- Strategies to assist and protect victim during probation and parole
- Victim notification
- Other (specify):

Health care

- Advocate response to emergency room
- Appropriate response for underserved populations
- Appropriate response to victims/survivors who are elderly or have disabilities
- Forensic exams not billed to victim/survivor
- Mandatory training on sexual assault, domestic violence, and/or stalking
- Routine screening and referrals for sexual assault, domestic violence, and/or stalking
- Other (specify): Protocols for responding to sexual assault victims.



Products



Were your STOP Program funds used to develop, substantially revise and/or distribute products during the current reporting period?

Check yes if STOP Program-funded staff developed, revised and/or distributed products or if STOP Program funds directly supported the development, revision or distribution of products.

Yes—answer question 16

No—skip to C5



16. Use of STOP Program funds for product development, substantial revision and/or distribution

(Report the number of products developed, substantially revised, and/or distributed with STOP Program funds during the current reporting period. Report the number of new products developed or substantially revised during the current reporting period; the title/topic and intended audience for each product developed, revised, and/or distributed; and the number of products used or distributed. If a product was created in or translated into a language other than English, including Braille, indicate the language. Report on products that were newly developed during the current reporting period whether or not they were used or distributed, and on products that were previously developed or revised that were used or distributed during the current reporting period.)

Products	Number developed or revised	Title/topic	Intended audience	Number used or distributed	Other languages
Brochures					
Manuals					

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Products	Number developed or revised	Title/topic	Intended audience	Number used or distributed	Other languages
Training curricula					
Training materials					
Other (specify):					



Data Collection and Communication Systems



Were your STOP Program funds used to develop, install, or expand data collection and/or communication systems during the current reporting period?

Check yes if STOP Program funds or STOP Program-funded staff were used to develop, install, or expand data collection and/or communication systems.

- Yes— answer questions 17-18
 No— skip to C6



17. Use of STOP Program funds for data collection and/or communication systems

(Check all that apply.)

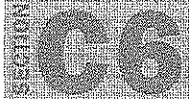
- Develop new data collection/communication systems
 Install data collection/communication systems
 Expand existing data collection/communication systems
 Link existing data collection/communication systems
 Share information with other community partners
 Manage data collection and communication
 Purchase computers and other equipment



18. Purpose of data collection and/or communication systems

(Indicate all types of information identified or tracked with this technology by checking all that apply.)

- Arrests
 Bail/bond orders
 Case management
 Compliance with court-ordered sanctions
 Convictions
 Court docket management
 Evaluation/outcome measures
 Incident reports
 Probation conditions/violations
 Prosecutions
 Protection orders
 Recidivism
 Sentencing
 Stalking and harassment orders
 Victim notification
 Victim service availability
 Violations of protection orders
 Warrants
 Other (specify): Created an On-call Schedule for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners.



Specialized Units



Were your STOP Program funds used for specialized units in the criminal justice system during the current reporting period?

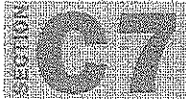
Check yes if any STOP Program-funded staff were part of a specialized unit in any of the categories listed below or if STOP Program funds were used to directly support a specialized unit. (A specialized unit is a centralized or coordinated group or unit of police officers, prosecutors, probation officers, judges, or other court staff responsible for handling sexual assault, domestic violence, or stalking cases. A specialized unit may consist of one person, even if that person is partially funded by your STOP Program subgrant.)

- Yes— answer question 19
 No— skip to C7



19. Use of STOP Program funds for specialized units
 (Check all that apply for the current reporting period.)

	Law enforcement	Prosecution	Court	Probation or parole
Develop a new unit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Support, expand, or coordinate an existing unit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Train a specialized unit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify): <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 80px; width: 100%;"></div>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



System Improvement



Were your STOP Program funds used for system improvement during the current reporting period?

Check yes if any STOP Program-funded staff engaged in system improvement activities or if STOP Program funds directly supported system improvements (e.g., interpreters, safety audits, security).

- Yes— answer question 20
- No— skip to Section D



20. Use of STOP Program funds for system improvement

(Check all that apply.)

	Victim services	Law enforcement	Prosecution	Court	Probation or parole
Evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interpreters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Language lines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meetings between tribal and non-tribal entities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety audits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Security personnel or equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Translation of forms and documents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



VICTIM SERVICES



Were your STOP Program funds used for victim services?

Check yes if STOP Program-funded staff provided victim services or if STOP Program funds were used to support victim services during the current reporting period. Report all victims served, and services provided with STOP Program funds, whether by a victim services agency or victim services within law enforcement, prosecution, or the court system. Report criminal justice activities, such as 911 calls and investigations, in Section E only.

- Yes— answer questions 21-27
 No— skip to Section E



21. Number of victims/survivors served, partially served, and victims/survivors seeking services who were not served

Please do not answer this question without referring to the separate set of instructions for further explanation and examples of how to distinguish among these categories. (Report the following, to the best of your ability, as an unduplicated count for each category during the current reporting period. This means that each victim/survivor who sought or received services during the current reporting period should be counted only once and in only one of the listed categories. For purposes of this question, victims/survivors are those against whom the sexual assault, domestic violence, and/or stalking was directed. If the victim/survivor experienced more than one victimization, that person should be counted only once under the primary victimization.)

	Sexual assault	Domestic violence	Stalking
A. Served: Victims/survivors who received the service(s) they needed, if those services were provided under your STOP Program subgrant	12	0	0
B. Partially served: Victims/survivors who received some service(s), but not all of the services they needed, if those services were provided under your STOP Program subgrant	0	0	0
C. Victims seeking services who were not served: Victims/survivors who sought services and did not receive the service(s) they needed, if those services were provided under your STOP Program subgrant	0	0	0



22. Reasons that victims/survivors seeking services were not served or were partially served (Check all that apply.)

Reasons not served or partially served	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Program reached capacity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Need not documented
<input type="checkbox"/>	Did not meet eligibility or statutory requirements
<input type="checkbox"/>	Program rules not acceptable to victim/survivor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Services not appropriate for victim/survivor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation problems
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conflict of interest
<input type="checkbox"/>	Services inappropriate or inadequate for victims/survivors with substance abuse problems
<input type="checkbox"/>	Services inappropriate or inadequate for victims/survivors with mental health problems
<input type="checkbox"/>	Services not available for victims/survivors accompanied by male adolescents
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inadequate language capacity (including sign language)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Insufficient/lack of culturally appropriate services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Insufficient/lack of services for people with disabilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Geographic or other isolation of victim/survivor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hours of operation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify):



23. Demographics of victims/survivors served or partially served

(Based on the victims/survivors reported in 21A and 21B, report the total numbers for all that apply. Because victims/survivors may identify as more than one race/ethnicity and with more than one of the "other demographics" options, the totals for these two categories may exceed the total number of victims/survivors reported in 21A and 21B. However, the total number of victims/survivors reported in the "gender" and "age" categories should equal the total number of victims/survivors reported in 21A and 21B.)

Race/Ethnicity (victims/survivors may be counted for each ethnicity that applies)		Number of victims/survivors
Black or African American		0
American Indian and Alaska Native		0
Asian		0
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander		0
Hispanic or Latino		1
White		11
Unknown		0
Gender		Number of victims/survivors
Female		12
Male		0
Unknown		0
Total (should equal 12, the sum of 21A and 21B)		12
Age		Number of victims/survivors
0-17		2
18-24		10
25-59		0
60+		0
Unknown		0
Total (should equal 12, the sum of 21A and 21B)		12
Other demographics		Number of victims/survivors
People with disabilities		0
People with limited English proficiency		0
People who are immigrants/refugees/asylum seekers		0
People who live in rural areas		0



24. Victims/survivors' relationship to offender

(For those victims/survivors reported in 21A and 21B, report the relationship of the victim/survivor to the offender by type of victimization. If a victim/survivor experienced more than one type of victimization and/or was victimized by more than one perpetrator, count the victim/survivor in all categories that apply. The number of victims/survivors reported here may total more than the sum of 21A and 21B.)

Relationship to offender	Number of victims/survivors		
	Sexual assault	Domestic violence	Stalking
Current or former spouse or intimate partner	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Other family or household member (in-law, sibling, grandparent, roommate, etc.)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Dating relationship	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Acquaintance (friend, neighbor, co-worker, schoolmate, etc.)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Stranger	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Relationship unknown	12	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Other (specify): <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>



25. Victim services

(Report the number of victims/survivors from 21A and 21B provided with hotline assistance; crisis intervention; hospital response; counseling/support group services; criminal justice advocacy/court accompaniment; civil legal advocacy/court accompaniment; civil legal assistance; victim witness notification; or victim/survivor advocacy. Count a victim/survivor once for each type of service received during the current reporting period. The number of victims/survivors reported here may total more than the sum of 21A and 21B.)

Type of service	Number of victims/survivors served
Hotline calls (Crisis or information and referral calls received by an agency's hotline or office telephone.)	<input type="text"/>
Crisis intervention (Crisis intervention is a process by which a person identifies, assesses, and intervenes with an individual in crisis so as to restore balance and reduce the effects of the crisis in her/his life. In this category, report only crisis intervention that occurs in-person.)	<input type="text"/>
Hospital response (Accompanying or meeting a victim/survivor at the hospital, usually for a forensic exam.)	<input type="text"/>
Counseling/support group (Individual or group counseling or support provided by a volunteer, peer, or professional.)	<input type="text"/>
Criminal justice advocacy/court accompaniment (Assisting a victim/survivor with criminal legal issues including preparing paperwork such as victim impact statements; accompanying a victim/survivor to a criminal court proceeding or law enforcement interview; and all other advocacy within the criminal justice system.)	<input type="text"/>
Civil legal advocacy/court accompaniment (Assisting a victim/survivor with civil legal issues including preparing paperwork for protection orders, accompanying a victim/survivor to a protection order hearing or other civil proceeding; and all other advocacy within the civil justice system.)	<input type="text"/>
Civil legal assistance (Civil legal services provided by an attorney.)	<input type="text"/>
Victim witness notification (Notifying victims/survivors of case status, hearing dates, providing information regarding criminal process.)	<input type="text"/>
Victim/survivor advocacy (Actions designed to help the victim/survivor obtain needed resources or services including employment, housing, shelter services, health care, victim's compensation, etc.)	<input type="text"/>
Other (specify): Sexual Assault Examinations	12



26. Shelter services

(Report the number of victims/survivors and accompanying family members who received emergency shelter or transitional housing provided with STOP Program funds during the current reporting period. This should be an unduplicated count for both victims/survivors and for family members. This means that each victim/survivor and each family member who received shelter services during the current reporting period should be counted only once. Report the total number of bed days provided in emergency shelter or transitional housing to victims/survivors and family members. Bed days are determined by multiplying the total number of nights each victim/survivor and family member stays in a shelter by the number of victims/survivors and family members served.)

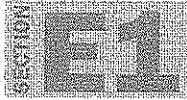
Shelter service	Number of victim/survivors	Number of family members	Number of bed days
Emergency shelter	0	0	0
Transitional housing	0	0	0



27. Protection orders

(Report the total number of temporary and/or final protection orders requested and granted for which STOP Program-funded victim services staff provided assistance to victims/survivors during the current reporting period.)

	Temporary protection orders	Final protection orders
Number of protection orders requested	0	
Number of protection orders granted	0	



CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM Law Enforcement



Were your STOP Program funds used for law enforcement activities during the current reporting period?

Check yes if your STOP Program funded law enforcement activities.

- Yes— answer question 28-29. Provide information only for STOP Program-funded law enforcement activities engaged in during the current reporting period.
- No— skip to E2.



28. Activities

(Report the activities on sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking cases/incidents for the current reporting period.)

Activity	Number
Calls for assistance (All 911 and other calls made to law enforcement.)	[]
Incident reports (All responses to an incident as reported on an incident report.)	[]
Cases/incidents investigated (All cases in which evidence was collected/witnesses interviewed relating to an incident.)	[]
Arrests of predominant aggressor (Responses by law enforcement in which only the predominant or primary aggressor was arrested.)	[]
Dual arrests (Responses by law enforcement in which two parties involved in the incident are arrested.)	[]
Protection/ex parte/temporary restraining orders served (All instances in which these types of orders were served on offenders.)	[]
Arrests for violation of bail bond (All instances in which arrests were made of offenders who violated conditions set out in their bail bonds.)	[]
Enforcement of warrants (All instances in which warrants relating to these incidents were enforced.)	[]
Arrests for violation of protection order	[]
Protection orders issued (All orders issued by law enforcement or at the request of law enforcement in a sexual assault, domestic violence, or stalking case.)	[]
Referrals of cases to prosecutor	[]
Referrals of federal firearms charges to federal prosecutor	[]



29. Protection orders

(Report the total number of temporary and/or final protection orders requested and granted for which STOP Program-funded law enforcement staff provided assistance to victims/survivors during the current reporting period.)

	Temporary protection orders	Final protection orders
Number of protection orders requested	[]	[]
Number of protection orders granted	[]	[]



Prosecution



Were your STOP Program funds used for prosecution during the current reporting period?

Check yes if your STOP Program funded prosecution activities.

- Yes— answer questions 30-34. Provide the information only for STOP Program-funded prosecution activities engaged in during the current reporting period.
- No— skip to E3.



30. Number of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking cases received, charged, not charged, or transferred

(Report the following for all sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking case referrals received, cases resulting in charges filed, cases in which an affirmative decision was made not to file charges and cases transferred to a higher or lower court during the current reporting period.)

a. Number of case referrals received	[]
b. Number of cases in which charges were filed	[]
c. Number of cases in which an affirmative decision was made not to file charges	[]
d. Number of cases transferred to a higher or lower court	[]



31. Number of pending charges and number of new offenses charged

(Report the total number of sexual assault, domestic violence, and/or stalking charges pending from the previous reporting period and new offenses charged during the current reporting period. If you have not previously filed an annual report, include all charges pending at the beginning of the current reporting period as "pending charges.")

Misdemeanor and felony domestic violence offenses include any assaults, battery, vandalism, or other offenses that occurred in a domestic violence incident. Your state law or tribal code does not have to name the offense "domestic violence" for it to be counted here. Similarly, sexual assault and stalking offenses should be counted, even if your state law uses other names for these types of offenses, such as "sexual battery" or "harassment."

Type of offense	Number of pending charges from last reporting period	Number of new charges
Misdemeanor sexual assault	[]	[]
Felony sexual assault	[]	[]
Homicide related to sexual assault, domestic violence, and/or stalking	[]	[]
Domestic violence ordinance	[]	[]
Misdemeanor domestic violence	[]	[]
Felony domestic violence	[]	[]
Stalking ordinance	[]	[]
Misdemeanor stalking	[]	[]
Felony stalking	[]	[]
Violation of protection order	[]	[]
Violation of bail	[]	[]
Violation of probation or parole	[]	[]
Violation of other court order	[]	[]
Other (specify): []	[]	[]



32. Disposition of charges

(Report the dispositions of all charges resolved during the current reporting period. [Deferred adjudication is a process where the judge requires the defendant to adhere to certain terms, prior to any adjudication of guilt. If a defendant successfully completes those terms, the charges are dismissed.]

Type of offense	Number dismissed				Number of deferred adjudications	Number convicted				Number acquitted
	Request of victim	Lack of evidence	Plea bargain	Other		Guilty of highest	Guilty of lesser	Plead as charged	Plead lesser	
Misdemeanor sexual assault	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Felony sexual assault	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Homicide related to sexual assault, domestic violence, and/or stalking	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Domestic violence ordinance	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Misdemeanor domestic violence	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Felony domestic violence	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Stalking ordinance	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Misdemeanor stalking	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Felony stalking	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Violation of protection order	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Violation of bail	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Violation of probation or parole	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Violation of other court order	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Other (specify):	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>



33. Tribal subgrantees

(Report the total number of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking cases referred for state or federal prosecution during the current reporting period.)

	Number
Cases referred to federal entity for prosecution	<input type="text"/>
Cases referred to state entity for prosecution	<input type="text"/>
TOTAL	<input type="text" value="0"/>



34. Protection orders

(Report the total number of temporary and/or final protection orders STOP Program-funded prosecutors requested and the number granted during the current reporting period.)

	Temporary protection orders	Final protection orders
Number of protection orders requested	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Number of protection orders granted	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>



Courts



Were your STOP Program funds used for courts during the current reporting period?

Check yes if your STOP Program funded court activities.

- Yes— answer questions 35-39. Provide the information only for STOP Program-funded court activities engaged in during the current reporting period.
- No— skip to E4.



35. Number of criminal charges

(Report the total number of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking cases pending from the previous reporting period and new cases filed during the current reporting period. If you have not previously filed an annual report, include all pending cases at the beginning of the current reporting period as "charges pending.")

Misdemeanor and felony domestic violence offenses include any assaults, battery, vandalism, or other offenses that occurred in a domestic violence incident. Your state law or tribal code does not have to name the offense "domestic violence" for it to be counted here. Similarly, sexual assault and stalking offenses should be counted, even if your state law uses another name for these types of offenses, such as "sexual battery" or "harassment."

Type of offense	Charges pending from last reporting period	New charges filed during the current reporting period
Misdemeanor sexual assault	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Felony sexual assault	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Homicide related to sexual assault, domestic violence, or stalking	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Domestic violence ordinance	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Misdemeanor domestic violence	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Felony domestic violence	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Stalking ordinance	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Misdemeanor stalking	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Felony stalking	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Violation of protection order	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Violation of bail	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Violation of probation/parole	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Violation of other court order	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
TOTAL	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>



36. Disposition of criminal charges

(Report the disposition of any sexual assault, domestic violence, or stalking charges resolved during the current reporting period.)

Type of offense	Number dismissed	Number of deferred adjudications	Number convicted	Number acquitted
Misdemeanor sexual assault	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Felony sexual assault	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Homicide related to sexual assault, domestic violence, or stalking	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Domestic violence ordinance	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Misdemeanor domestic violence	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Felony domestic violence	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Stalking ordinance	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Misdemeanor stalking	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Felony stalking	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Violation of protection order	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Violation of bail	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Violation of probation/parole	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Violation of other court order	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
TOTAL	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>



37. Judicial monitoring

(Report the number of sexual assault, domestic violence and/or stalking offenders whose cases were reviewed by the court for compliance with conditions of probation or other court-ordered conditions, or for violations of those conditions during the current reporting period. Also report the total number of review hearings conducted.)

	Number of offenders reviewed	Number of review hearings conducted
TOTAL	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>



38. Dispositions of violations

(Report the number of sexual assault, domestic violence and/or stalking cases in which there were dispositions of violations during the current reporting period. The violation does not have to have occurred during this reporting period, only the disposition. A case may be counted more than once if there were multiple violations.)

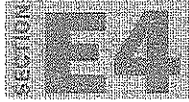
Violation	No action taken	Verbal/written warning	Fine	Conditions added	Partial revocation of probation	Probation revoked/Incarcerated
Protection order	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
New criminal behavior	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Failure to attend mandated offender treatment program	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Other condition of probation or parole	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
TOTAL	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>



39. Civil protection orders

(Report the total number of temporary and/or final civil protection orders requested and granted by the court to victims/survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking during the current reporting period. Include only civil orders.)

	Temporary protection orders	Final protection orders
Number of protection orders requested		
Number of protection orders granted		



Probation and Parole



Were your STOP Program funds used for probation and parole during the current reporting period?

Check yes if your STOP Program funded probation and parole activities.

- Yes— answer questions 40-42. Provide the information only for STOP Program-funded probation and parole activities engaged in during the current reporting period.
- No— skip to F .



40. Number of cases

(Report the total number of continuing and new cases involving offenders charged with sexual assault, domestic violence, and/or stalking. This is an unduplicated count. If you have not previously filed an annual report, include all pending cases at the beginning of the current reporting period as "number of continuing cases.")

Misdemeanor and felony domestic violence offenses include any assaults, battery, vandalism, or other offenses that occurred in a domestic violence incident. Your state law or tribal code does not have to name the offense "domestic violence" for it to be counted here. Similarly, sexual assault and stalking offenses should be counted, even if your state law uses another name for these types of offenses, such as "sexual battery" or "harassment."

	Number of continuing cases	Number of new cases	Completed probation	
			Without violations	With violations
Total unduplicated count of cases (offenders)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>



41. Monitoring activities

(For new and continuing cases reported in question 40, report the number of the monitoring activities engaged in during the current reporting period.)

Activity	Number of offenders	Total contacts
Face-to-face meeting with offender	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Telephone contact with offender	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Unscheduled surveillance of offender	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Activity	Number of victims/survivors	Total contacts
Outreach to victims/survivors	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>



42. Disposition of violations

(Report the total number of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking cases in which there were dispositions of violations during the current reporting period. The violation does not have to have occurred during this reporting period, only the disposition. A case may be counted more than once if there were multiple violations.)

Violation	No action taken	Verbal/written warning	Fine	Conditions added	Partial revocation	Probation revoked/Incarcerated
Protection order	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
New criminal behavior	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Failure to attend mandated offender treatment program	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Other condition of probation or parole	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>



NARRATIVE

**All subgrantees must answer questions 43 and 44.
Please limit your responses to two pages per question.**



- 43. What do you see as the most significant areas of remaining need, with regard to increasing victim/survivor safety and offender accountability?** To answer this question go to
(Consider geographic regions, underserved populations, service delivery systems, types of victimization, and challenges and barriers unique to your jurisdiction.)



- 44. What has STOP Program funding allowed you to do that you could not do prior to receiving this funding?** (e.g., expand coordination and cross-referrals with victim/survivor services, or track data on arrests and prosecutions) To answer this question go to

Question 45 is optional.



- 45. Provide any additional information that you would like us to know about your STOP Program subgrant and/or the effectiveness of your subgrant.** To answer this question go to
(If you have not already done so elsewhere on this form, feel free to discuss any of the following: institutionalization of staff positions, policies, and/or protocols; systems-level changes; community collaboration; the removal or reduction of barriers and challenges for victims/survivors; utilization of volunteers and/or interns to complete activities; promising practices; and positive or negative unintended consequences.)

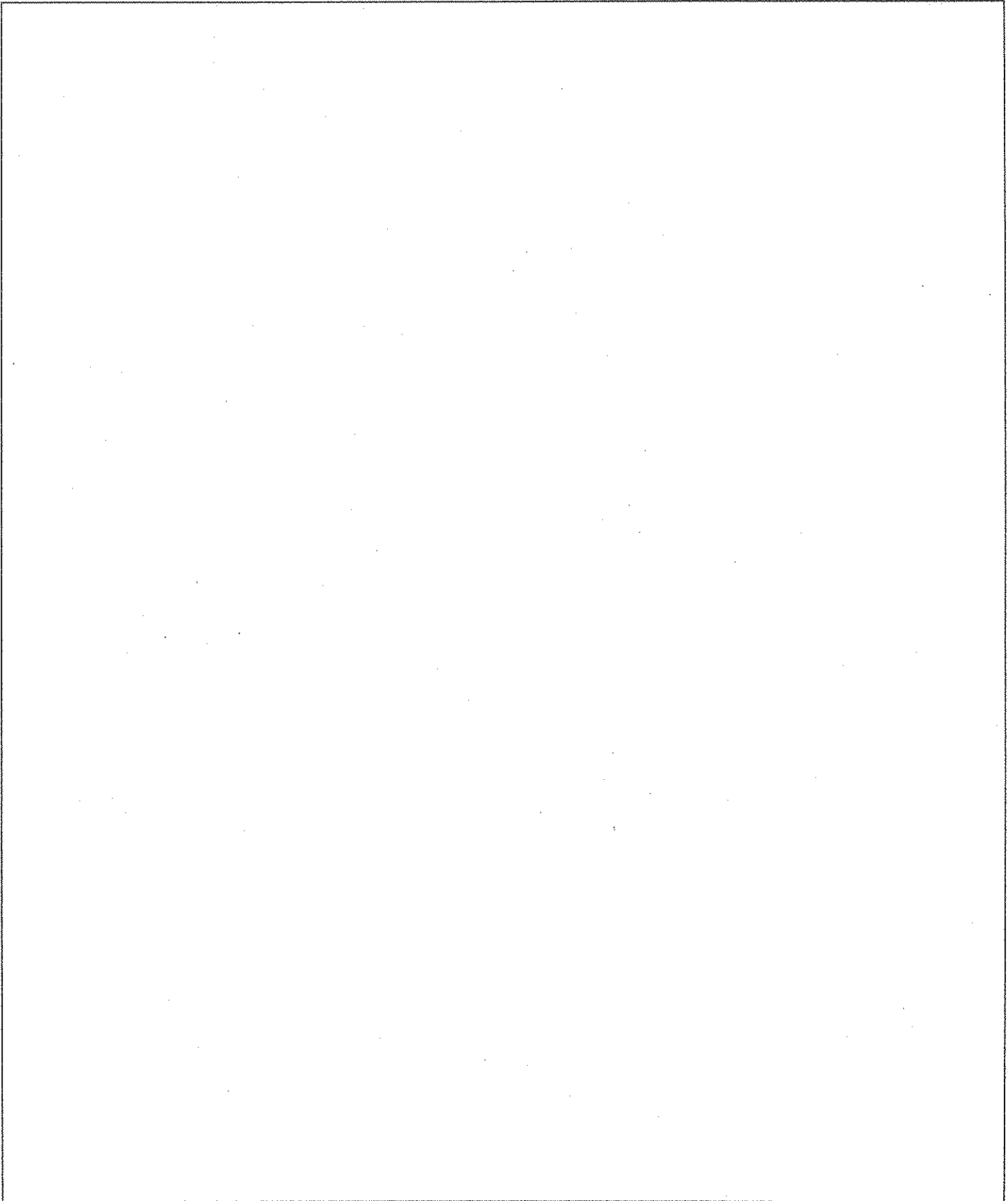
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What do you see the most significant areas of remaining need, with regard to increasing victim/survivor safety and offender accountability? - Question # 43

The most significant need remaining in Polk County is for the establishment of a Sexual Assault Response Team coordinated by Polk County Victim Services. Because of its past experience in helping establish such a team in Story County, Planned Parenthood continues to advise Polk County Victim Services as it makes progress toward this goal. A particular need for Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa's own program is to increase the number of trained sexual assault examiners participating in the program so that the number of referrals and exams can be increased and meet the need in this community. This can be done through holding more Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) training events in the community, and with additional networking and outreach to area law enforcement agencies.

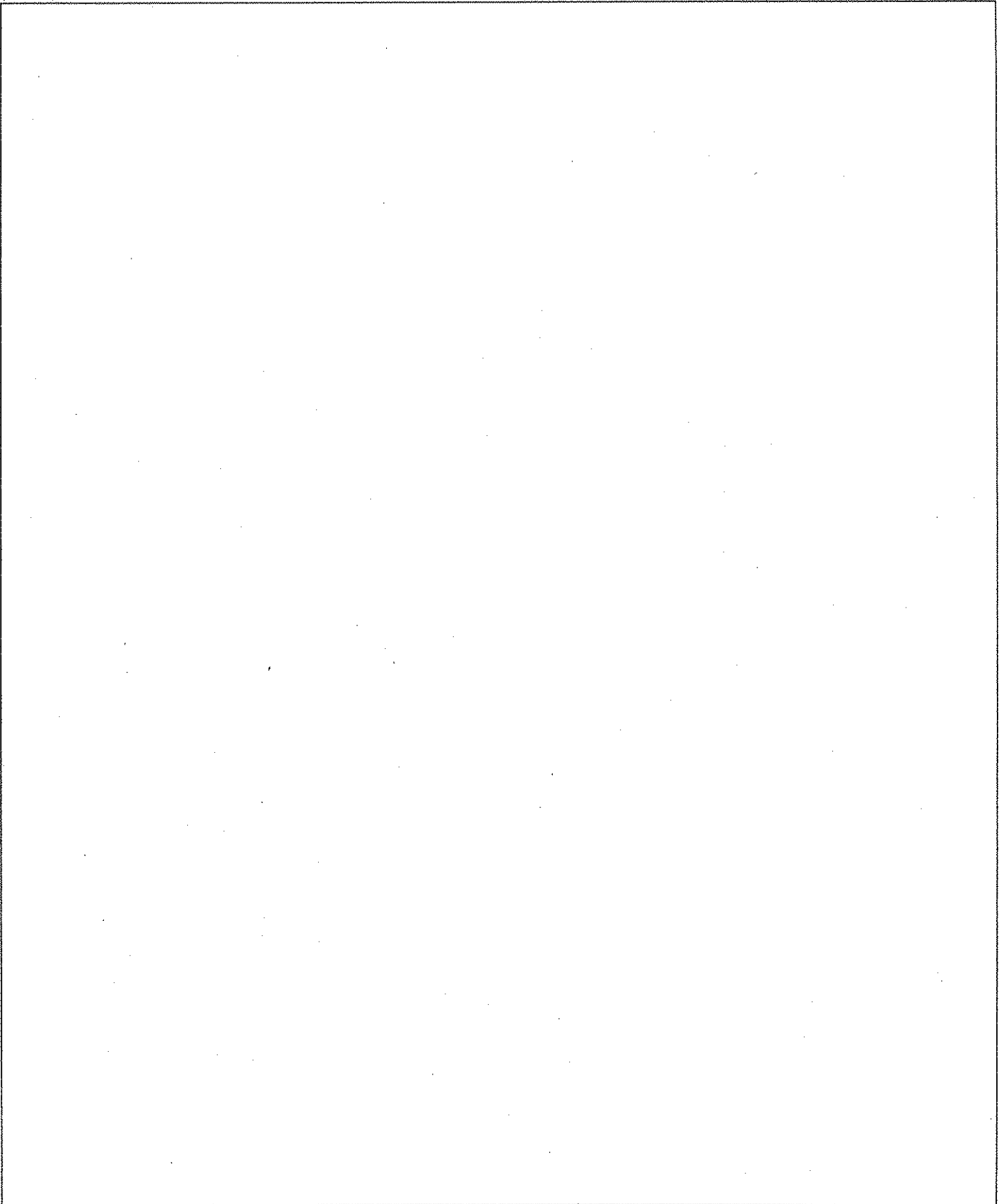
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What has STOP funding allow you to do that you could not do prior to receiving this funding? - Question #44

The VAWA funding has allowed a part-time program coordinator to be hired who established new protocols and a reliable, rotating call schedule of health care personnel that conduct exams. The presence of this coordinator has relieved the program's medical director of oversight responsibilities so that she can participate in more outreach, network building, and training activities. We now have three trained examiners (and one in training), as opposed to one trained examiner a year ago. This means that our examiners are less likely to become burned out over time.

What has STOP funding allow you to do that you could not do prior to receiving this funding? - Question #44
(cont.)



45. Provide any additional information that you would like us to know about you STOP program subgrant and/or effectiveness of your subgrant.

The VAW grant allowed our agency to hire a part-time Sexual Assault Exam Program Coordinator who has achieved the following: (1) Revised protocols, including triage procedures, for use when sexual assault victims self-report to the facility/clinic. (2) Developed and maintained a rotating call schedule among the four trained sexual assault examiners, as well as examination support staff. (3) Notifies local sexual assault victim service provider, Polk County Victim Services, when SANEs are available to do sexual assault exams so the agency knows in advance when victims can be offered this treatment option.

A colposcopy imaging system, the only one for adult sexual assault victims in Des Moines, was acquired through a grant from the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation and is used in sexual assault examines in a specific sexual assault medical suite/area. The images from on forensic examine will be used in a legal case this is pending trial.

The progrma continues to work as an advisor to Polk County Victims Services (local sexual assault provider) and area law enforcement agneices toward a long-term goal of establishing a Sexual Assault Response Team for Polk County.

The number of Sexual Assault Examiners participating in the program increased form 1 a year ago to 3 today, with one additional examiner in training.

The progrma secured a volutneer from Polk County Medical Socieyt to provide HIV post-exposure prophylaxis for sexual assault victims to reduce the change HIV infection following an assault.

A local physician continues to provide sexual assault examines for asolescent at the Regional Child Protection Center at Blank Children's Hospital.

Referrals of sexual assault victims to the program came from local hospitals, local sexual assault victim services providers and three current patients of the program.

Provide any additional information that you would like us to know about you STOP program subgrant and/or effectiveness of your subgrant. (Question # 45 cont.)

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Victim Service Section

Number of Program Paid Staff:

	Number of Full-time Staff
0.375	Part-time Staff in Full-time Equivalents
0.38	Total Full-time Equivalent

Volunteers:

999	Number of Volunteers
	Direct Volunteer Hours
16000	Indirect Volunteer Hours
16000.00	Total Volunteer Hours

Staff Training:

	Total Number of staff who have completed 20 hours of statutory training
0	Total Number of staff with advanced DV certification through ICADV.
	Number of staff with Level I certification through ICADV.
	Number of staff with Level II certification through ICADV.
	Number of staff with Level III certification through ICADV.
	Number of staff with advanced SA certification through IowaCASA
	Number of staff with advanced certification through IOVA.

A. New Victims by Type of Victimization:

Each victim should be counted only once during a 12 month period.

	Domestic Abuse Female (report dating violence minors in this statistic)
	Domestic Abuse Male (report dating violence minors in this statistic)
	Domestic Abuse Children
10	Sexual Abuse Adult (18+)
2	Adolescent Sexual Abuse (13-17)
	Child Sexual Abuse (0-12)
	Adult Incest Survivors (18+)
	Child Physical Abuse (0-17)
	Survivors of Homicide Victims
	Drunk/Intoxicated Driver Crashes
	Elder Abuse (by caretaker)
	Robbery
	Stalking
	Assault (Iowa Code Chapter 708: Willful Injury, Terrorism, Harassment).
	Other Violent Crimes
12	TOTAL VICTIMS

Specify "Other Violent Crimes" by crime and the number of new victims served:

B. Demographics

(1) Race/Ethnic Groups:

	Black or African American
	Asian
1	Hispanic or Latino
	Native American or Alaska Native
	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
11	White/Caucasian
	Unknown/Other
<u>12</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>

(3) Age:

	0-12 yrs. old
2	13-17 yrs. old
10	18-25 yrs. old
	26-40 yrs. old
	41-60 yrs. old
	61+ yrs. old
	Unknown
<u>12</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>

(2) Gender:

	Male
12	Female
	Unknown
<u>12</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>

(4) Other Demographics:

0	People with disabilities
0	People with limited English proficiency
0	People who are immigrants, refugees, or asylum seekers.
0	People who live in <u>rural areas</u>
<u>0</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>

C. Service Statistics

Each victim may be counted as receiving each type of service only once during a 12 month period.

_____ **Shelter and/or Safe Home** - *providing housing in the shelter, a hotel/motel, or a safe house*

_____ **Group Counseling/Support** - *emotional support of 2 or more victims in a confidential setting
(in a room where you are not interrupted by the phone, or other people)*

_____ **Transportation** - *picking up or taking victims to needed destinations*

_____ **Therapy** - *specialized mental health emotional support by a person licensed master's level or above*

_____ **Counseling** - *one-to-one emotional support within a confidential setting (in a room where you are
not interrupted by the phone, or other people)*

_____ **Follow-up** - *contact with a victim after initial services*

_____ **Information/Referral** - *identifying services or support beyond the program's service area*

_____ **Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy (criminal proceedings)** - *supporting, assisting or advocating
for a victim at any stage of a criminal proceeding*

_____ **Civil Legal Advocacy** - *supporting, assisting, or advocating for a victim during civil proceedings*

_____ **Financial Assistance** - *monetary support*

_____ **Victim Compensation Assistance/Advocacy** - *providing compensation applications
and assistance applying for benefits*

_____ **Personal Advocacy** - *advocating for a victim with employers, housing officials, other agencies, etc.*

_____ **Medical Support/Advocacy** - *advocating for a victim to receive medical assistance
and/or staying with a victim during an examination*

_____ **Victim Registration & Notification** - *performing the duties required by Iowa Code Chapter 915*

12 Other Services

Specify "Other Services"
Sexual Assault Examinations

Shelter/Safe Home Statistics

A. New Victims Sheltered:

0 Total Domestic Violence Adults (18+)

_____ Women _____ Men

0 Total Domestic Violence Children

_____ 0-12 yrs. old

_____ 13-17 yrs. old

0 Total Domestic Violence Victims Sheltered

_____ Total Sexual Abuse Victims Sheltered

_____ Other Victims Sheltered - Specify type of crime:

0 **TOTAL VICTIMS SHELTERED**

B. Persons Turned Away From Shelter:

Total number of people turned away because:

0 **Full:** *shelter was full/referred to another shelter*

_____ Children _____ Women _____ Men

0 **Unsafe:** *sheltering them was not safe for either victim or provider*

_____ Children _____ Women _____ Men

0 **Inappropriate:** *the program was an inappropriate referral*

_____ Children _____ Women _____ Men

0 **TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS TURNED AWAY**

Shelter Nights, Transportation & Crisis Hotline Calls

A. Shelter Nights

Shelter Nights: each person housed (adults & children) multiplied by the number of nights
(On this line, count a victim for each shelter night received during this reporting period.)

B. Transportation Trips

Transportation Trips: *the total number of transportation trips provided to victims.*
(On this line, count all transportation trips provided to all victims served during this reporting period.)

C. Crisis Hotline Calls for Programs Providing a 24 hour crisis hotline:

Crisis Hotline Calls: total number of crisis calls received either on a hotline or a business line. *(If a Contact/Call Sheet is completed by your program, count each sheet as a call received.)*

All Statewide Hotlines must include a list of the number of hotline calls, by county, with their Performance Report. (This is specific to the Statewide Domestic Violence Hotline administered by Children & Families of Iowa and the Statewide Sexual Abuse hotline administered by the Rape Victim Advocacy Program.)

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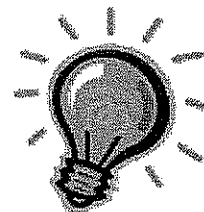
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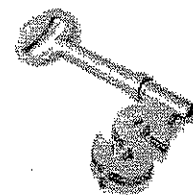
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The Sustainability Equation

What if four hours per week were dedicated solely for the purpose of gaining sustainability?

4 hours per week x 52 weeks = 208 hours per year

Each week could be dedicated to a specific component: building community partners, donors, fundraising activities, marketing.

Progressive Funding Strategies

Technology

- Integrate technology to increase sustainability--use search engines, websites, and auctions for advertising, membership/subscriptions, e-commerce, online training and education.

Youth-Led Initiatives

- Allow youth to develop and implement activities that support sustainability.
- Incorporate a youth advisory board.

Social Enterprise

- According to the IRS, program ("earned") revenue now represents the single largest source of income for nonprofit corporations.
- "Social enterprise" includes the income-producing activities and business ventures of nonprofits designed to sustain charitable missions which build locally controlled wealth.
- There are foundations that provide technical assistance or capacity building funds to strengthen the earned-income potential of nonprofits. The largest single category of earned-income activity funded by grant makers is usually fee-for-service initiatives. However, some funders also report support for a broad array of enterprise efforts.
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Recent Research

The National Center for Health Statistics this month published the results of the second National Survey of Family Growth. One of a series of reports on the survey, "[Teenagers in the United States: Sexual Activity, Contraceptive Use, and Childbearing, National Survey of Family Growth 2006-](#)

2008" (PDF, 893 KB) presents national estimates of sexual activity, contraceptive use, and births among 15- to 19-year-olds.

- Having first sex at a younger age within the teen years is associated with more negative circumstances and consequences.
- Adolescent girls who were younger at first sex were more likely than boys to report it was unwanted.
- Adolescent boys and girls who were younger at first sex were more likely than their peers to accumulate higher numbers of sexual partners and to have had more partners within a recent time frame.
- Adolescent boys' approval of premarital parenthood has risen by 14 percentage points since 2002.
- Adolescent boys were less likely in the later study to cite pregnancy avoidance as a reason for delaying first intercourse.

In its analysis of the survey's key findings regarding adolescents (PDF, 55 KB), the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy says declines in sexual activity and growth in contraceptive use among teens remained unchanged since the 2002 survey. The authors explain that while the current report shows that roughly 4 in 10 unmarried teens have ever had sex (42 percent of girls and 43 percent of boys), this amount is not statistically different than the proportion of teens who had ever had sex in 2002 (46 percent of girls and 46 percent of boys). In addition, they write, 22 percent of sexually experienced adolescent girls and 24 percent of sexually experienced adolescent boys would be pleased if they or their partner got pregnant now, compared to 18 percent and 24 percent respectively in 2002--also not a statistically significant change.

Go to the NCFY literature database for abstracts of these and other publications.

Funding Opportunities

Global Youth Service Day Lead Agency Grants

Youth Service America

Application Due Date: July 15, 2010

Premier Cares Award

Premier

Application Due Date: July 30, 2010

Reducing Risk Behaviors by Promoting Positive Youth Development

Department of Health and Human Services

Application Due Date: September 7, 2011

The International Award

The International Award for Young People

Application Due Date: Ongoing

Quote of the Day

"No matter what doubts we may feel, what difficulties we may face, we all have to remember being a father — it's not just an obligation and a responsibility; it is a privilege and a blessing, one that we all have to embrace as individuals and as a nation."

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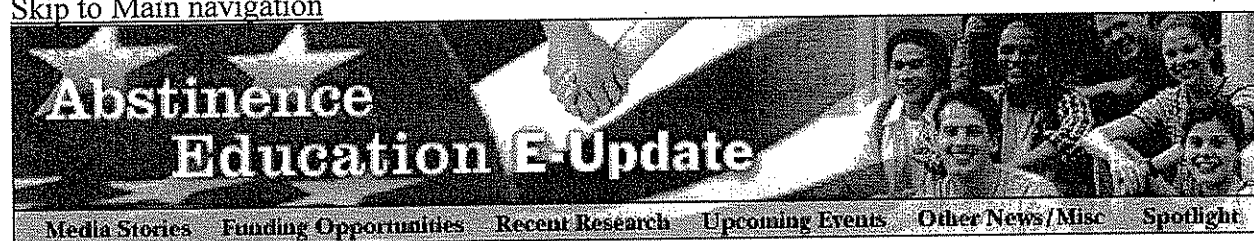
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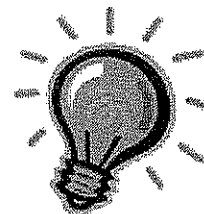
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Preparation for life beyond your grant should begin prior to receiving grant funding. Your board of directors should be aware of all grant contract start and end dates to prepare for continuance. Strive to develop both social value and economic value within the program.

The Sustainability Equation

What if four hours per week were dedicated solely for the purpose of gaining sustainability?

$$4 \text{ hours per week} \times 52 \text{ weeks} = 208 \text{ hours per year}$$

Each week could be dedicated to a specific component: building community partners, donors, fundraising activities, marketing.

Progressive Funding Strategies

Technology

- Integrate technology to increase sustainability--use search engines, websites, and auctions for advertising, membership/subscriptions, e-commerce, online training and education.

Youth-Led Initiatives

- Allow youth to develop and implement activities that support sustainability.
- Incorporate a youth advisory board.

Social Enterprise

- According to the IRS, program ("earned") revenue now represents the single largest source of income for nonprofit corporations.
- "Social enterprise" includes the income-producing activities and business ventures of nonprofits designed to sustain charitable missions which build locally controlled wealth.
- There are foundations that provide technical assistance or capacity building funds to strengthen the earned-income potential of nonprofits. The largest single category of earned-income activity funded by grant makers is usually fee-for-service initiatives. However, some funders also report support for a broad array of enterprise efforts.
- Earned-income ventures by nonprofits generally do not free a nonprofit from other types of revenue AND they can diversify an organization's revenue sources, reduce reliance on vulnerable grants and provide a source of income that is unrestricted and can be applied where the organization's mission and leadership deem most appropriate.
- Social enterprise is NOT a financial panacea for nonprofits, a strategy that will generate huge profits and free them quickly and completely from dependency on charitable gifts and grants.

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Recent Research

The National Center for Health Statistics this month published the results of the second National Survey of Family Growth. One of a series of reports on the survey, "[Teenagers in the United States: Sexual Activity, Contraceptive Use, and Childbearing, National Survey of Family Growth 2006-](#)

[2008](#)" (PDF, 893 KB) presents national estimates of sexual activity, contraceptive use, and births among 15- to 19-year-olds.

- Having first sex at a younger age within the teen years is associated with more negative circumstances and consequences.
- Adolescent girls who were younger at first sex were more likely than boys to report it was unwanted.
- Adolescent boys and girls who were younger at first sex were more likely than their peers to accumulate higher numbers of sexual partners and to have had more partners within a recent time frame.
- Adolescent boys' approval of premarital parenthood has risen by 14 percentage points since 2002.
- Adolescent boys were less likely in the later study to cite pregnancy avoidance as a reason for delaying first intercourse.

In its [analysis of the survey's key findings regarding adolescents](#) (PDF, 55 KB), the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy says declines in sexual activity and growth in contraceptive use among teens remained unchanged since the 2002 survey. The authors explain that while the current report shows that roughly 4 in 10 unmarried teens have ever had sex (42 percent of girls and 43 percent of boys), this amount is not statistically different than the proportion of teens who had ever had sex in 2002 (46 percent of girls and 46 percent of boys). In addition, they write, 22 percent of sexually experienced adolescent girls and 24 percent of sexually experienced adolescent boys would be pleased if they or their partner got pregnant now, compared to 18 percent and 24 percent respectively in 2002--also not a statistically significant change.

Go to the [NCFY literature database](#) for abstracts of these and other publications.

Funding Opportunities

Global Youth Service Day Lead Agency Grants

Youth Service America

Application Due Date: July 15, 2010

Premier Cares Award

Premier

Application Due Date: July 30, 2010

Reducing Risk Behaviors by Promoting Positive Youth Development

Department of Health and Human Services

Application Due Date: September 7, 2011

The International Award

The International Award for Young People

Application Due Date: Ongoing

Quote of the Day

"No matter what doubts we may feel, what difficulties we may face, we all have to remember being a father — it's not just an obligation and a responsibility; it is a privilege and a blessing, one that we all have to embrace as individuals and as a nation."

(President Barack Obama, Politico, June 21, 2010)

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Media Clips

[State Wants St. Helens to Revise Sex-Education Program](#)
 South County (OR) Spotlight, June 9, 2010

[School Health Advisory Council Gives Sex Education A Plus](#)
 Odessa (TX) American, June 9, 2010

[Teen Sex: More Use Rhythm Method for Birth Control](#)
 Associated Press, June 3, 2010

[Americans' Acceptance of Gay Relations Crosses 50 Percent Threshold](#)
 Gallup, May 25, 2010

[D.C. To Begin Using More-Expensive Trojan Condoms in HIV-Prevention Program](#)
 The Washington Post, May 21, 2010

[Pregnancies Prompt Arkansas School to Add Abstinence Training](#)
 KSPR.com (MO), May 19, 2010

['Sex Positive' Young Women Reconsider Abstinence](#)
 Slate.com, May 11, 2010

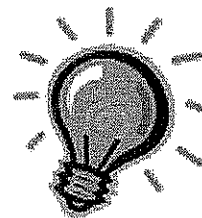
[Expert: Chicago's Sex IQ Low, STI Rates High](#)
 The Body, May 5, 2010

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Bright Idea

The Benefits of After-School Abstinence Education

The following is an excerpt from Pal-Tech's recent technical assistance guide, "Abstinence Education in After-School Settings," by Gale K. Gorke. The full guide is available at Pal-Tech's [website](#).



Regular-day instruction is becoming more and more scripted, relying on a direct-instruction format tied almost exclusively to an adopted curriculum and pacing guides to keep all students on the same page, on the same day. In contrast to this, after-school programs still have a measure of freedom and flexibility. Although such programming is becoming more academic, the activities can come from a more varied, student-interest-driven perspective. This kind of programming is often referred to as "disguised learning." In other words, students are so engaged and enthusiastic about the learning that they often do not see the depth of what they have learned until later.

This disguised learning takes place within an environment conducive for relationship building, which greatly benefits program and student alike.

Program Benefits

After-school programming is a great avenue for your abstinence program to connect with students outside of the classroom; provide support, encouragement, and a safe place to ask questions; and reinforce the message you may be teaching during the day in health class. It may also be the best alternative venue available to reach students in a school that may not welcome or have time to include abstinence education during regular school hours. In addition research shows that "community based programs that occur outside of the school building and after school hours can reach some of the highest-risk youth—those who may not be in school."

Whether you provide after-school abstinence clubs as a supplement to your in-school program or partner with existing clubs to incorporate abstinence education into their lessons, extracurricular clubs can significantly contribute to sustainability by making abstinence education a part of continuing programs, thus institutionalizing it. Likewise, if you partner with existing clubs in community centers such as YMCAs or Boys and Girls Clubs, after-school programming can be an excellent way to increase awareness in the community about your program and program benefits, potentially increasing program sustainability.

Community Benefits

Maybe you are just beginning a relationship with schools. Or perhaps you want to expand your existing in-school program to include an after-school component. You might even want to partner with established afterschool clubs to incorporate abstinence education into their current programs. Regardless of your vision, it is important to approach potential partner schools with a clear understanding of what your abstinence program offers and how implementing it will positively affect the lives of the youth served in your community. The ability to demonstrate how the lessons taught and the skills developed will extend beyond the concept of abstinence is essential to open doors. High-profile published evaluations can provide the data necessary to sway even the most hardened skeptic.

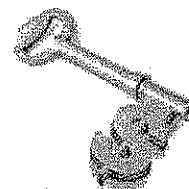
Beyond the goals of reducing teen pregnancy and the spread of sexually transmitted infections, teaching about healthy interactions with others, and mitigating the fallout from failed relationships, abstinence programs also teach students valuable life skills. Abstinence education activities, when implemented correctly, are a perfect vehicle to "disguise" learning of a variety of skills and tools necessary for our youth to succeed, both at school and beyond. It is important that your partners understand the value of having your program be a part of theirs.

Got a bright idea that you've put into practice? Send it to ncfy@acf.hhs.gov and we may feature it in Youth Initiatives Update.

Right on the Money

Annual Funds Offer Unrestricted Possibilities

Like any grant-dependent nonprofit, The Oasis Center, a youth-serving agency in Nashville, TN, faces a financial challenge: Nearly every grant or corporate donation comes with constraints on how the money can be used. These are restricted gifts, in fundraising-speak, and can only be used for a particular program or purpose. But at the same time, the center needs to keep the lights on and pay for unforeseen needs.



So seven years ago, Oasis President and CEO Hal Cato launched an annual fund, which gives his organization a steady stream of dollars to use however they wish. In addition to freeing up money for unfunded administrative functions and programs, the annual campaign, which now accounts for one-quarter of the budget, is largely driven by gifts from individuals. That fact allows Cato and his staff to establish long-term, substantive relationships with their most consistent donors, who often enrich the center in more ways than one. "Donors may start by writing a check, but many of them eventually come in to work in our shelter or tutor our youth," Cato says.

Cato and Vice President of Advancement T. Allen Morgan shared their tips for running a successful annual fund:

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Recent Research

This month, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released "Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance - United States, 2009" (PDF, 3593 KB), the latest installment of their biannual survey of high school students. The ongoing study monitors six important types of risky behavior affecting the health of youth and young adults in the United States, including "sexual behaviors that contribute to unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs)." The researchers found that teen boys were more likely than girls to have had first sexual intercourse before age 13 and to have had sexual intercourse with four or more people. African American young people were most likely to have ever had sexual intercourse and to have had sexual intercourse with four or more people. The study does not isolate the effects of race or gender from the effects of socioeconomic status or culture.

In its "Fast Facts: Teen Sexual Behavior and Contraceptive Use: Data from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2009" (PDF, 327 KB), the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy looks at trends between the latest Youth Risk Behavior Survey and the previous report ("Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance - United States, 2007"). While most measures of teens' sexual behavior, pregnancy and child-bearing declined between 1991 and 2007, in the past two years progress has stalled, the authors say. They write that

- **Nearly half of all teens have ever had sex.** Between 2007 and 2009 the proportion of students who ever had sex essentially remained unchanged. In 2007, 48 percent of all high school students reported having sex compared to 46 percent in 2009 —a statistically insignificant change.
- **More than one-third are sexually active--that is, they have had sex in the past three months.** Between 2007 and 2009 the proportion of students who were sexually active remained unchanged (35 percent in 2007 vs. 34 percent in 2009).
- **Less than two-thirds of sexually active teens used a condom the last time they had sex.** In 2007, 67 percent of sexually active non-Hispanic black students used a condom

the last time they had sex compared to 62 percent in 2009.

- **More than 1 in 20 teens were younger than 13 when they first had sex.** In 2009, 6 percent of high school students reported that they first had sex before age 13 compared to 7 percent in 2007.

Programs must be more creative in their approaches and intensify their efforts to prevent too-early pregnancy and parenthood, the authors say.

Also of note: The Harvard Family Research Project's recent report, "Engaging Older Youth," examines the program practices and structure of almost 200 out-of-school time programs primarily serving low-income youth in six cities: Chicago, Cincinnati, New York, Providence, R.I., San Francisco, and Washington, DC. **The report identifies five characteristics that set apart the programs that were the most successful in retaining middle- and high school-aged youth.**

Download the report at the [HFRP website](#).

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Funding Opportunities

Youth With Sexual Behavior Problems Program

U.S. Department of Justice

Application Due Date: June 28, 2010

Reducing Teen Pregnancy Through Family Planning: Integrating Services, Programs, and Strategies Through Community-wide Initiatives

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Application Due Date: June 28, 2010

Teenage Pregnancy Prevention: Integrating Services, Programs, and Strategies Through Community-wide Initiatives

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Application Due Date: June 30, 2010

Quote of the Day

"It's my responsibility to prevent disease and promote health. Part of that is learning how to make a good choice in everything in your life. Starting young, hopefully, we will catch them before they make that choice to become sexually active."

(Lana Boggs, head nurse for the Greene Forest School, explaining why she invited pro-abstinence group Reality Check to come speak to students, KSPR.com (MO), May 19, 2010)

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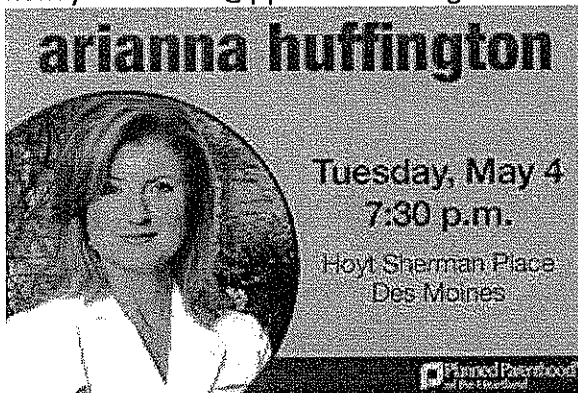
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Donna, We got hit with a request a little bit ago and I am not going to be able to get out of here for a couple of hours. I am sorry. Would you please pass my condolences on to Becky. Thanks.

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Subject: Draft Agenda now Available for the VRLC March 2009 National Sexual Assault Law Institute!

Good Afternoon!

I am writing to invite you to the VRLC's upcoming, OVW-sponsored *March 2009 National Sexual Assault Law Institute*, to be held at the Westin San Diego in California! The workshops included in this institute will focus on serving the core needs of sexual assault survivors in the civil legal arena. Please find our **invitation, registration link, and conference agenda below** for details. We hope that you will be able to join us for this free event!

Once your online registration is confirmed via email, you can reserve your room nights at the Westin San Diego here. Please note that the guaranteed government room reservation rate at the Westin San Diego for conference attendees (\$147 for single occupancy; \$167 for double occupancy) is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. We recommend that you register for the conference and reserve your hotel lodging as soon as possible.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding this institute. I can be reached at my desk at 617-399-6720, or by email at RDiBella@victimrights.org. We look forward to assisting you.

Thanks so much, and we hope to see you in March!

All the best,

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**Sexual Assault Survivors' Core Needs and Services:
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When: March 4th and 5th, 2009 (Early registration and reception on the evening of Tuesday, March 3rd)

Where: San Diego, California

Who: This institute is open to all OVW grantees and sub-grantees

Cost: FREE! (Supported by OVW grant #2004-WT-AX-K062.)

How: Register online using the link included above!

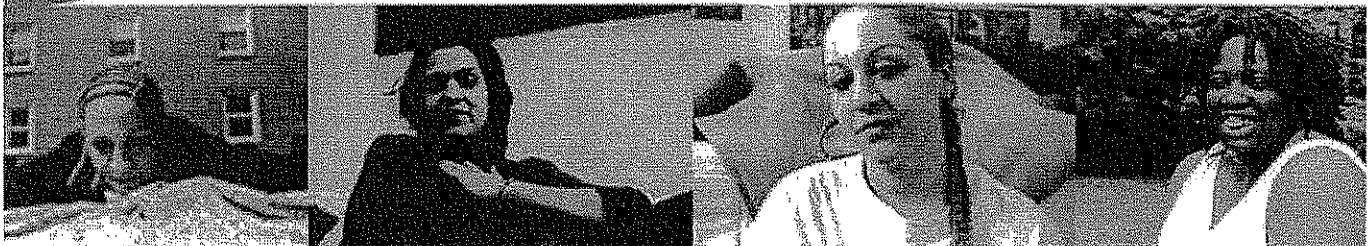
Presentation topics include:

- Protecting Sexual Assault Victims' Privacy
- Intoxication, Credibility and Consent
- Advocating for and Representing the Teen or Adult Sexual Assault Victim in an Education Case
- Housing Rights and Remedies
- Intake and Screening for Sexual Assault
- Employment Remedies
- Immigration Remedies for Victims of Non-intimate Partner Sexual Assault
- Public Benefits for Sexual Assault Victims
- the Medical Forensic Examination
- and MORE!

Join your OVW-funded colleagues from across the nation to learn more about how to identify and use civil justice remedies to respond to the needs of sexual assault survivors.

Who should come? Lawyers, advocates, program and coalition directors, law enforcement personnel, SANE/SAFE (and other first responders). All OVW grantees welcome! (LAW, STOP, Tribal Government, Campus, Grants to Encourage Arrest, Coalition, Rural, and more.)

For more information please contact the VRLC at 503-274-5477 (Portland office) or 617-399-6720 (Boston office).



DRAFT AGENDA

Day One: March 4, 2009

8:30-8:45 Welcome and Overview of the Conference

Lydia Watts, Executive Director, VRLC

8:45-9:00 Welcome from Suzanne Brown-McBride

Suzanne Brown-McBride, Executive Director, CALCASA

9:00-10:30 PLENARY: Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence: Who are the Victims, What are the Differences, and Why Does It Matter? A Facilitated Discussion

Jessica Mindlin, Esq., National Director of Training and Technical Assistance, Victim Rights Law Center and
 Laura Mahr, Esq., Staff Attorney, Victim Rights Law Center

10:30-10:45 BREAK

	<u>Track A</u>	<u>Track B</u>	<u>Track C</u>
10:45-12:15	Sexual Assault Intake and Screening: Laying the Groundwork for Legal Representation Lindy Aldrich, Esq. VRLC Maria Muti, Esq. VRLC	Intoxication, Credibility and Consent: Overcoming the Challenges of Representation Paula Mangum, Esq. Gretchen Means, Esq., Deputy DA, San Diego Detective Carl Hershman, San Diego PD	Privileged Communications, Confidentiality and Sexual Assault Victim Privacy Jessie Mindlin, Esq. VRLC Laura Mahr, Esq. VRLC

12:15 to 1:30 LUNCH Farmworker and Low-wage Immigrant Workers Victims of Sexual Assault:

The Bandana Project

Monica Ramirez, SPLC with Sonia Parras-Konrad, ASISTA and Laura Mahr, VRLC

	<u>Track A</u>	<u>Track B</u>	<u>Track C</u>
1:30-3:00	Sex Offenders: What Advocates and Lawyers Need to Know to Provide Effective Advocacy and Representation Suzanne Brown-McBride, CALCASA	The Impact of Sexual Assault on Employment Paula Mangum, Esq. Monica Ramirez, Esq., SPLC	Working with Survivors of Sexual Violence: Issues of Trauma and Mental Illness Tiombé Preston, MS, MFT

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3:00-3:15 BREAK

	<u>Track A</u>	<u>Track B</u>	<u>Track C</u>
3:15 – 4:45	<p>Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners: What Lawyers, Legal Advocates, and other Victim Service Providers Need to Know</p> <p>Karen Carroll, RN, Associate Director, Bronx SART</p>	<p>Public Benefits: Intake Analysis and Remedies for Sexual Assault Victims</p> <p>Lindy Aldrich, Esq. VRLC</p>	<p>Legal Advocacy for Sexual Assault Victims in Educational Settings</p> <p>Katie Reardon, Esq. Jennifer Kelleher, Esq.</p>

Day Two: March 5, 2009 (DRAFT AGENDA)

8:15-8:30 Welcome and Overview of Day Two

	<u>Track A</u>	<u>Track B</u>	<u>Track C</u>
8:30 – 10:00	<p>Sexual Assault Intake and Screening: Laying the Groundwork for Legal Representation</p> <p>Maria Muti, Esq. VRLC Lindy Aldrich, Esq. VRLC</p>	<p>Privileged Communications, Confidentiality and Sexual Assault Victim Privacy</p> <p>Jessica Mindlin, Esq. VRLC Laura Mahr, Esq. VRLC</p>	<p>Intoxication, Credibility and Consent: Overcoming the Challenges of Representation</p> <p>Paula Mangum, Esq. Gretchen Means, Esq. San Diego County Dept. District Attorney's Office Detective Carl Hershman, San Diego Police Department</p>

10:00-10:30 BREAK in Foyer and Room Check-out

	<u>Track A</u>	<u>Track B</u>	<u>Track C</u>
10:30 – 12:00	<p>Remedies for Non-Citizen Victims of Sexual Assault</p> <p>Sonia Parras-Konrad, Esq., ASISTA</p>	<p>Legal Advocacy for Sexual Assault Victims in Educational Settings</p> <p>Katie Reardon, Esq., Planned</p>	<p>Sexual Assault in Native American Communities</p>

	Maria Muti, Esq., VRLC	Parenthood of Hawaii Jennifer Kelleher, Esq., Legal Advocates for Children and Youth	Hallie Bongar White, Esq., Southwest Center for Law and Policy
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12:00-1:30 LUNCH (Independent of Institute)

1:30 - 3:00	<p><u>Track A</u></p> <p>Housing Rights and Needs of Sexual Assault Survivors</p> <p>Meliah Shultzman, Esq. NHLP</p>	<p><u>Track B</u></p> <p>The Impact of Sexual Assault on Employment</p> <p>Paula Mangum, Esq. Monica Ramirez, Esq. SPLC</p>	<p><u>Track C</u></p> <p>Working with Survivors of Sexual Violence: Issues of Trauma and Mental Illness</p> <p>Tiombé Preston, MS, MFT</p>
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3:00-3:15 BREAK

3:15-4:30 CLOSING PLENARY: Rape Law Reform: The Next Chapter
(The Critical Need for Civil Legal Representation for Rape Victims)
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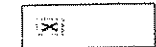
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
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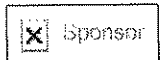
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From: Anderson, Marti [AG]
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2009 10:26 AM
To: 'Watson, Maggie'
Subject: RE: unpaid exams

We are issuing you a new \$600 check. The old one will be cancelled and can't be cashed.

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From: Watson, Maggie [mailto:Maggie.Watson@PPHeartland.org]
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2009 8:27 AM
To: Anderson, Marti [AG]
Subject: unpaid exams

Hi Marti,

I'm Maggie, I've had some issues with being paid for exams. I got an email, forwarded to me from Barb saying that my checks had been issued, however they were sent to the wrong address. I went back and looked at all of my invoices, on every one of the exams submitted I submitted them with the address of 507 E Locust Street, APT 301. At this point, it might just be easiest to cancel those checks and issue me new ones. However, my address has changed once again to 1428 46th Street, Des Moines, IA 50311.

I never forwarded my address for the 8505 Clark Street address, as it was just temporary, and I thought I had changed my address for all of my important mail. However, I did forward my mail for the 507 E Locust APT 301 address. If you could give me a call back when you get a chance, I'd really appreciate it. I can be reached at 515-720-4835.

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From: Anderson, Marti [AG]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 3:11 PM
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From: Robertson, Nancy [mailto:Nancy.Robertson@PPHeartland.org]
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 2:53 PM
To: Alexander, Suzi
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Here is the new firearms bill number.

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Feed: Iowa Legislature - Newly Filed Bills
Posted on: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 7:49 AM
Author: Iowa Legislature - Newly Filed Bills
Subject: SF 2357

A bill for An Act relating to prohibiting a person who is the subject of a no-contact order or a protective order or who has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence from possessing, transferring, or selling firearms and ammunition or offensive weapons and providing penalties. (Formerly SSB 1033.)

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From: Anderson, Marti [AG]
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2010 4:21 PM
To: 'Robertson, Nancy'
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Thank you. I have alerted Eric.

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To: Anderson, Marti [AG]
Subject: unpaid exams, continued.

Marti,

I went to my old address. The tenant said she had two of the envelopes, and had sent two others back to CVAD back in October. I have two checks in my possession, one for 400 dollars for victim Kimberly Steward and Elizabeth Gibson and one for 200 dollars for victim Irene Sparks. The check for 600 dollars and one other have been sent back to CVAD. Is there anyone I can get ahold of there to get those checks sent to my correct address?

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Subject: Re: Bram Retires!

I am doing well and as of today am allowed to walk with the walking cast boot on.

From: Anderson, Marti [AG] <Marti.Anderson@iowa.gov>
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Judge Rules on PP Heartland lawsuit

July 14, 2010 -- PP Heartland wins first round of legal battle to secure abortion access in Nebraska

The U.S. District Court Judge granted the preliminary injunction against LB 594 pending a hearing to determine the merits of the case.

This news is promising, but by no means is this case resolved.

PP Heartland needs your help to make sure we can continue to defend access to abortion care in Nebraska.

Please consider a donation to help in this effort!

On June 28, PP Heartland filed suit in U.S. Federal District Court challenging the constitutionality of LB 594, Nebraska's so-called "informed consent" legislation. Named in the lawsuit are Governor Dave Heineman, Attorney General Jon Bruning, top officials of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Nebraska Board of Nursing and the Nebraska Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses.

LB 594 undermines the integrity of the medical profession and undermines the trust between a woman and her physician.

"Our patients' health care needs, safety, and privacy are the primary concerns of our organization. LB 594 is designed to intimidate physicians, and it is designed to intimidate women ... it would violate our patient's constitutional right to choose," said President and CEO Jill June.

“The Act requires Planned Parenthood and its physicians to identify and review literally tens of thousands of articles that mention any supposed risk factor associated with abortion – without regard to the language in which they are published, without regard to how long ago they were published, without regard to their relevance to medical practice in Nebraska in the twenty-first century, and without regard to whether their findings have ever been accepted by the medical profession or subsequently debunked ... Since it is impossible to comply, there is one way, and only one way, that a physician can be certain he or she is not violating LB 594: Cease providing abortion care. That amounts to a ban on a woman’s right to choose to terminate her pregnancy. That is unconstitutional,” said Planned Parenthood Federation of America Staff Attorney Mimi Liu.

We are encouraged by the recent ruling, but understand that this is only the first step in the process to protect abortion care access in Nebraska.

PP Heartland has committed to seeing this through. Join us by making a commitment of your own, with a financial contribution that will help us continue this important work.

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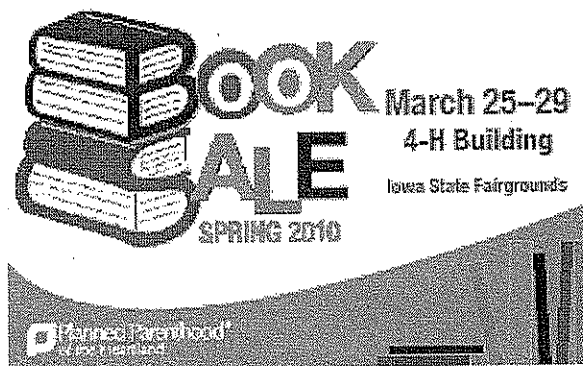
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The good news is, an important public safety bill went to Governor Chet Culver's desk on March 11. Senate File 2357 was one of Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller's legislative priorities this year. The bill prohibits Iowans from owning guns and ammunition if they have been convicted of a domestic violence crime or are subject to a protective order. Since 1995, 205 Iowans have been killed in domestic violence incidents; that figure represents nearly one-third of all murders recorded in Iowa during that period. Miller has also pointed out that firearms caused 111 of the 205 Iowa deaths in domestic abuse murders since 1995. Moreover, firearms were involved in nearly two-thirds of Iowa's domestic violence deaths in 2007 and 2008. Records show 46 of the 205 Iowans killed in domestic abuse murders since 1995 have been bystanders. It's easier to kill a bystander with a gun than with a knife or other weapon.

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Federal law already bans those convicted of domestic violence or subject to a protective order from owning a gun. However, the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence has noted,

We need additional state law so that local law enforcement officers have the legal authority help enforce the firearm ban. Without additional state law there are only two ATF agents in the entire state who can act to enforce the federal law [...] Without local law enforcement involved abusers will not and are not abiding by the federal firearms ban.

Various law enforcement entities backed SF 2357, but most Republicans in the Iowa legislature didn't cooperate with this effort to address a major violent crime problem. While Republicans were unable to defeat the bill, their votes on the Senate and House floor showed more deference to extremist gun advocates than to the potential victims of domestic abusers.

Eleven of the 18 Iowa Senate Republicans voted against SF 2357 when the upper chamber approved it on February 25, and a twelfth Republican joined them when the Senate considered an amended version on March 11. Roll calls can be found in pdf files for the Senate Journal on those dates. Senate Minority Leader Paul McKinley and third-district Congressional candidate Brad Zaun were among the Republicans who voted no.

The March 10 Iowa House debate on SF 2357 exposed even more disturbing aspects of Republican "family values." House Republicans voted *unanimously* to inject the same-sex marriage debate into this unrelated bill.

Then they voted *unanimously* to add a provision that might deter victims from seeking a protective order.

Then all but one of them voted to help domestic abusers get their guns back more quickly.

Then they *unanimously* supported language to give abuse victims access to self-defense courses, as if that's the real solution to the domestic violence problem.

Then more than half the Republican caucus voted against the final bill.

The gory details can be found here; highlights are after the jump.

My own State Representative Chris Hagenow got the ball rolling for Republicans with this amendment to define "spouse" for the purposes of this bill as "a spouse of a marriage that is valid pursuant to chapter 595 [of the Iowa Code]." That's the chapter that defined marriage as between one man and one woman. Democratic State Representative Rick Olson pointed out that the Iowa Supreme Court struck down this provision last year. House Speaker Pat Murphy agreed with Olson's point of order, ruling Hagenow's amendment not germane. Hagenow then tried to suspend the House rules in order to get a vote on his amendment (in so doing get the chamber on record regarding the definition of marriage). His motion to suspend the rules failed on a 53-41 vote. Every Republican present voted for Hagenow's motion, joined by only one Democrat, Dolores Mertz. (Yes, I am glad she is retiring this year.)

Speaking to Jason Clayworth of the Des Moines Register,

Hagenow, after the vote, said his intention was to push the legislature to address

the issue rather than deny same-sex couples protection from domestic abuse. Same-sex couples would still be protected from being assaulted, he said.

"I think it was just an attempt to reaffirm that" Iowa law "is still on the books and the legislature has still neglected to address the issue," Hagenow said.

Under the bill, an assault is between separated spouses or people divorced from each other and not residing together at the time of the assault. Hagenow's amendment would have defined spouse under the section of law the Iowa Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional.

Domestic assaults carry greater penalties than many other assault charges, which is why the definition is important. Victim advocates have noted that, occasionally, unmarried people in relationships involved in physical disputes are charged under lesser charges.

Hagenow's explanation taught me two things: first, he and all of his House Republican colleagues need a remedial lesson on the judicial review concept. I wonder if Hagenow also thinks Washington, DC's gun control law is "still on the books" even though the U.S. Supreme Court struck most of it down in 2008. Sorry, no: a law loses legal force once the Supreme Court has found it to be unconstitutional.

Second, Hagenow and his fellow House Republicans are so eager to score political points on the marriage issue that they would be willing to let same-sex abusers be charged with lesser crimes than domestic assaults. Sounds to me like they advocate "special rights" for same-sex domestic abusers!

After Hagenow's effort failed, Republican State Representative Matt Windschitl stepped up with an amendment to replace the whole text of the bill with provisions that would give abuse victims the opportunity to take self-defense courses. A new "Domestic abuse assault fund" would pay for the courses. To sweeten the deal for eligible victims, Windschitl's amendment would let them acquire certificates showing that they had completed the self-defense courses. They could use the certificates to apply for sales tax refunds on "purchases [of] self-defense items and firearms made by the participant within ninety days from the issuance of the certificate."

This amendment merits adding Windschitl to any list of the most clueless Iowa legislators. News flash: abusers try to control their victims' lives. I doubt any person convicted of a domestic violence crime would allow a partner to take self-defense classes. I also doubt that victims who are trying to escape their abusers will find it easy to attend a series of self-defense classes. Not that there's anything wrong with learning to defend yourself, but what do you think would make victims feel safer: knowing guns would be taken away from the person they sought a restraining order against, or knowing they could complete a series of classes and then apply for a sales tax refund on a gun of their own?

Incidentally, Windschitl's family owns a gun shop. No wonder he's all for victims buying their own guns. Clayworth reported that Windschitl's amendment evoked "emotional opposition":

Domestic abusers and sex offenders are among the most difficult to reform, said

Ray Zirkelbach, D-Monteicello who teaches inmates in Iowa's prison system. He told his peers it was sad that Windschitl's amendment was even being considered.

"These are little, little people and, no, they should not have their Second Amendment rights to have their damn guns back," Zirkelbach said about domestic abusers.

The Iowa House deferred consideration of Windschitl's amendment until later in the day. Meanwhile, State Representative Jodi Tymeson offered an amendment imposing new penalties on some people whose actions cause another person to lose guns and ammunition:

Except as provided in paragraph "c", a person
 1 13 who knowingly provides false or misleading information
 1 14 in order to procure a protective order referred to
 1 15 in this subsection shall, in addition to any other
 1 16 penalty, be guilty of harassment pursuant to section
 1 17 708.7.
 1 18 c. A person who knowingly provides false or
 1 19 misleading information in order to procure a protective
 1 20 order referred to in this subsection that results in
 1 21 the deprivation of a firearm, offensive weapon, or
 1 22 ammunition necessary for the person who is the subject
 1 23 of the protective order to maintain the person's
 1 24 livelihood and the person providing such false or
 1 25 misleading information could have reasonably foreseen
 1 26 the loss of the other person's livelihood shall,
 1 27 in addition to any other penalty, be guilty of a
 1 28 fraudulent practice in the first degree as defined in
 1 29 section 714.9.>

When the Iowa Senate considered this bill, Republican Dave Hartsuch offered a similar amendment. Republicans seem to think that frivolous attempts to obtain protective orders are a bigger problem than domestic abusers owning guns. Has any Iowan been killed by someone who wrongfully obtained a protective order?

All Republicans who were present voted for Tymeson's amendment, but it failed because the 52 Democrats present all voted against it.

"Most clueless" contender Duane Alons then offered an amendment to give domestic abusers their gun rights back one year after they completed any prison term or parole sentence, or one year after any no contact order expired. That amendment also failed, but 43 of the 44 House Republicans voted for it. (Linda Miller was the only Republican to vote against this amendment, and Kerry Burt was the only Democrat to support it.)

The last amendment considered before the final vote on passage was Windschitl's self-defense class proposal. This time he offered it in addition to the rest of the bill, rather than in place of the restrictions on gun ownership. Still, it failed on a party-line vote.

In the final vote, 19 House Republicans joined all of the Democrats to pass SF 2357. Yet the

majority of the GOP caucus (25 members) voted against this bill. The roll call can be found in the House Journal for March 10. House Minority Leader Kraig Paulsen was one of the no voters.

Who were Iowa Republicans representing when they voted against this bill, or voted for it only after trying to gut it with Windschitl's amendment? The lobbyist declarations for SF 2357 show broad support, including various law enforcement groups, public entities, and organizations representing social workers and domestic violence victims. Even the National Rifle Association was registered "undecided" on the bill. However, lobbyists for Iowa Gun Owners and Iowa Sportsman Members registered against the bill.

Republicans would rather let domestic abusers keep their guns and ammunition than address an important threat to public safety. Remember, domestic abuse-related murders make up a significant percentage of murders in Iowa, and a large share of those domestic abuse-related murders are carried out with firearms. Next time Republicans claim to be tough on crime, ask them why their party cares more about abusers' gun rights than about protecting the objects of their abuse as well as bystanders.

UPDATE: It's worth noting that there are plenty of pro-gun Democrats in the Iowa House and Senate. *Every one of them* saw the wisdom behind SF 2357. Only in the Republican Party do politicians believe that abusers' gun rights are more important than protecting victims.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2010 11:50 AM
To: Brammer, Robert [AG]
Subject: News

Bram, you probably already knew this, but just in case....this is in today's Civic Skinny in Cityview:
<http://www.dmcityview.com/2010/04/22/columns/skinny.html>

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Thanks again for zipping us a good shot, and swiftly.

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Sex education study a first



If there's a way to teach students about safe sex without being able to show them a condom, Kirsten Colt gets the job done. The Sioux City health educator visits some of the most rural school districts in her area.

"Recently, I was asked to give a sex education talk to high schoolers just before their prom," Kirsten said. "When I asked the staff if it was okay to show a demonstration on how to use a condom, they said 'No, you can't, but it's OK to talk about condoms.'"

Some of the schools she visits don't even allow Kirsten to mention condoms despite the staggering STI rates in which one in two sexually active young people will get an STI before they're 25 – and most won't know it.

All of Kirsten's experiences are being shared in a three-week rural sex education teacher study sponsored by Penn State University and The Center for Family Life Education. The project, which began April 1, is the only

study of rural sex education known to date.

Kirsten is one of only 15 health educators taking part in the nationwide study. Every day the study coordinator asks the educators a question. Kirsten then responds to the question and comments on the other educators' responses. She's finding out some educators face even more controversy than she does and they inspire her to try new teaching methods. And she's trying to change the methods of other educators.

"They're using educational topics Planned Parenthood doesn't promote, like scaring people with giant

slides showing STIs from having sex," Kirsten said. "I'm able to ask why do you think you need to use those slides, and they're responding saying, 'wow, I didn't think about that.'"

The study is focusing on how GLBT students are being included or excluded in the sex education talks. Kirsten tries to raise student awareness by explaining why she always uses the word "partner" instead of boyfriend or girlfriend when teaching. She's hoping to learn more tips from the other educators to build on her inclusion of GLBT, as well as break the stereotype of rural school districts.

"I hope they are able to determine that 'wow, there's really a lot of great stuff happening in the rural areas.' They think the big schools have the really comprehensive stuff, but it's happening in the small schools as well."

The study wraps up this week with results to follow.

Employee Spotlight:



Cristina Walshire

Title: Clinic Assistant
Location: Iowa City
Part of PP Heartland family since November 2005.

Ask any of her co-workers and they'd probably agree: Cristina doesn't hold anything back.

"I'm a pretty open person," she said, laughing. And that sincerity transfers over into her relationships with her co-workers, patients and, above all else, her dedication to her job.

"It's challenging for me because I have ADHD, and while I take medication for it, it's still hard for me," Cristina said. "I want to be able to do things fast, but I have to stop and walk myself through it. When I need help, I try to ask for and accept it, because I want to be good at things, not just OK." And in return, she does the same for others, helping ensure everything runs smoothly for the day.

Cristina says she's lucky to work at a place where everyone is so supportive of one another, and it's those relationships that have helped keep her

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Reuniting photos and families



of deceased owner), wedding albums (one more successfully returned) and even a diamond earring worth several hundred dollars have been found.

Volunteers want to promote bringing in old items found at the Book Sale for the Fall Sale so they can potentially be returned to their owners. This photo was found 10 years ago by a volunteer Marian Luke. She posted it on genealogy.com and just had a family member claim it this year!

The photo was from the 1890s and was claimed by a great niece of the brothers and sisters in the photo. She shared, "I am so grateful that you retrieved, and then safeguarded,

this precious photo for all these years! I continue to be amazed that we were able to make the connection from the message you posted more than 10 years ago! Indeed, who would have thought? Know that the photo will be cherished!"

Book Sale volunteers receive hundreds of donations during the year and often find photos tucked in books or even albums filled with old photographs. Sad to say, most of the time the photos cannot be identified, since practically all of them come in anonymously. Not only photos, but money (tucked in books), traveler's checks (were returned to daughter

at PP Heartland.

"We've got a tight bond here, we're a pretty tight group," Cristina said. "If someone needs help in one area, we're right there to help each other, and try to encourage one another. That's what it's all about."

Cristina truly enjoys what she does, and it shows.

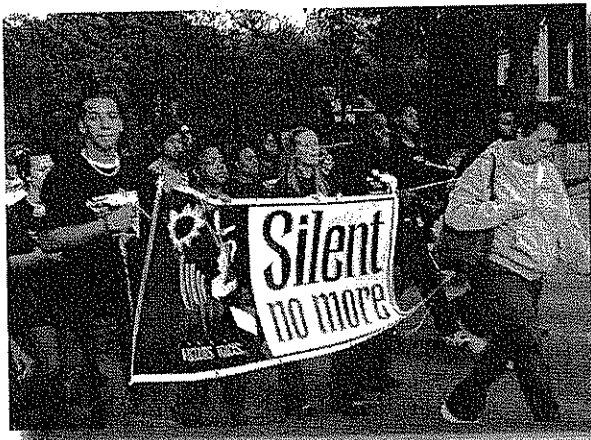
"I once had a patient say 'You're one of the reasons why I come here. You just have such a great glow about you. I know that may sound weird, but I really look forward to seeing you.'"

Many people have impacted Cristina over the years, but her father influenced her more than anyone.

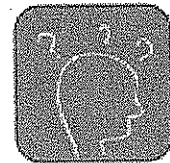
"He always wanted me to go to school, and to finish my degree," Cristina said. "My dad worked for the railroad for 35 years, and only missed one day of work, he was recognized for it when he retired. My dad passed away four months ago, he was really proud of me and where I am working."

Cristina lives in West Liberty with her children, Jasmarina, 18, and Joshua, 12; her oldest daughter, Vanessa, 22, lives nearby in Nichols. In her free time, Cristina loves going country dancing, watching her kids play sports, and just hanging out with them watching movies.

Des Moines takes back the night



PP Heartland staffer Tawny Wallton (pictured above with her son, Julius) shared her story as a rape survivor at 2010 Take Back the Night held at Des Moines University. She was also part of news stories to promote the event. Center Manager Kat Frink also talked to the news about PP Heartland's SART partnership, in which sexual assault victims can come to Rosenfield Center after an assault for their exam rather than a busy and impersonal emergency room.

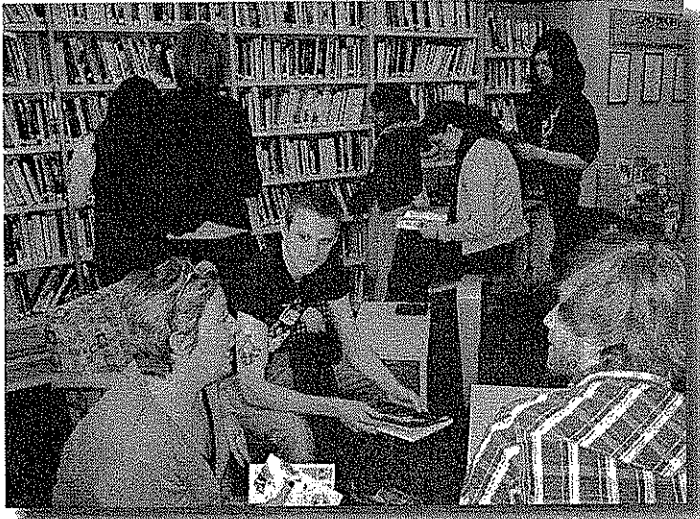


Did you know?

If you haven't seen the Web site for this year's Deeper Well Conference that PP Heartland is hosting in Des Moines this summer, you're missing out. Click here to check it out. Kudos to Graphic Designer and Web Editor Leng Vong on the design and layout!

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College students visit ERC



Health Educator Susie Cook speaks to students visiting from Grinnell College at the ERC Des Moines. The students are a part of Grinnell's Sexual Health Information Center (SHIC), a recently established student-run organization on campus created to promote awareness and educate Grinnell students about their sexual health. Susie reached out to the students earlier this year while doing programming at Grinnell, and invited the group to Des Moines. The students met with Susie and Librarian and Resource Coordinator Etta Thornburg, checking out all the resources the ERC has to offer, before heading to the Rosenfield Center for a clinic tour with Center Manager Kat Frink. The students later met with Bilingual Outreach Coordinator Jenn Morton to discuss peer education, the premier service SHIC offers.

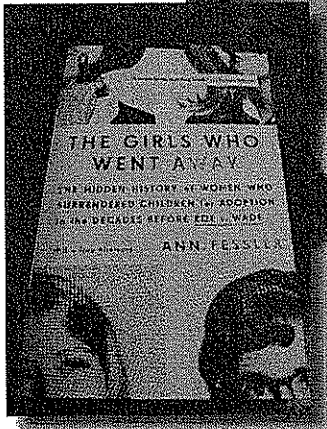
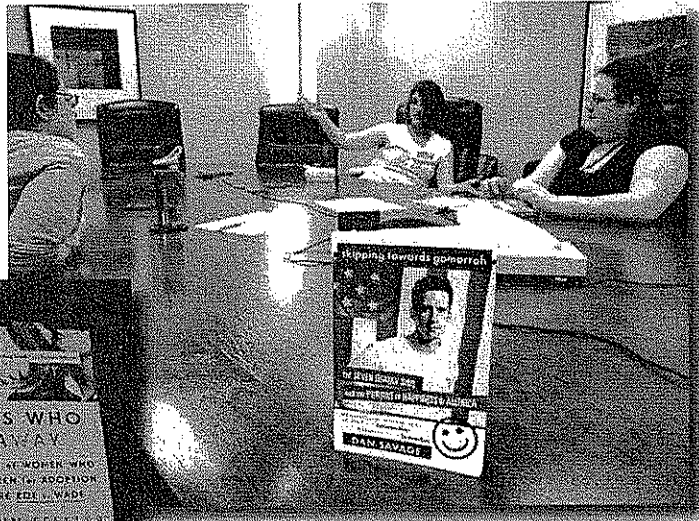
A reminder to staff: If you have something you would like to mail to the O Street Center in Lincoln, please mail it to the center's P.O. Box address:

P.O. Box 80773
Lincoln, NE 68501

Any mail sent to the building's physical address is first routed to the Cowles Admin. building in Des Moines for billing purposes. If you have any questions regarding which address to use, e-mail Cowles Receptionist Robin Peter at robin.peter@ppheartland.org.

Planned Parenthood Young Leaders group is planning its annual "friend-raiser." The event, Choice and Cocktails, is set for May 13 from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Des Moines Social Club. Free drinks, pizza and a sexual health carnival of games and prizes are all on the agenda! In the meantime, PPYL is hosting its annual Condom Crawl during the Drake Relays in Des Moines. Anyone interested in joining in the fun this Thursday night may email Mark Buhrmester at mark.buhrmester@ppheartland.org.

Book club chat



This month's PP Heartland Book Club read was *Skipping towards Gomorrah* by Dan Savage. May's book, *The Girls Who Went Away: the hidden history of women who surrendered children for adoption in the decades before Roe v. Wade* by Ann Fessler, is available through the ERC for \$12. The book club will meet again on May 12, from 12 to 1 p.m. via Cowles or Polycom.

The PP Heartland Garage Sale isn't for another month and a half, but volunteers report they've already sold more than \$700 worth of merchandise! A perk to volunteering is first dibs at the sale items. Last year's sale raised some \$7,000. This year's sale starts May 20 and ends May 22, with a special preview day for employees on May 19. And there's still time to donate your garage sale items to the Book Works. Remember, no clothing donations please.

When the health-care reform campaign started, Regional Organizer Amanda Kimber attended an event and met a woman who spoke about her pre-existing condition (breast cancer). Amanda gave her one of our hot pink "Protect Women's Health" T-shirts at that event. When she ran into her last week, the woman said she's been proudly wearing her PP T-shirt while at her chemo treatments!

Proud of your green thumb? How green is your garden? We want to know! E-mail dave.stone@ppheartland.org about your personal garden. Growing vegetables? Prized roses? Are you a part-time farmer? Let us know for an upcoming feature in the Inside Source.

Fort Dodge fun facts



Fort Dodge Main Street

Their assignment was clear. Major Samuel Wood and the men of Company E of the Sixth United States Infantry were to create a fort along the Des Moines River in north central Iowa. Their mission: To keep peace between Native Americans and European descendants who were starting to trickle into the area.

By the middle of the summer in 1850, the ensemble chose a spot near the mouth of Lizard Creek. The area appealed to them: plentiful water, timber and large rocks for construction. They named it Fort Dodge.

Construction of the fort went quickly and, at the height of its existence, had about 90 men living there. But that number was constantly changing because more than a third of them deserted to head west during the Gold Rush. By 1853, the post was abandoned and purchased by William Williams, who had been a storekeeper for the post. By 1854, Fort Dodge was platted as a city.

That very same year, a man by the name of Lorenzo Coffin arrived in a covered wagon with his new wife, where they took up farming in what today is Fort

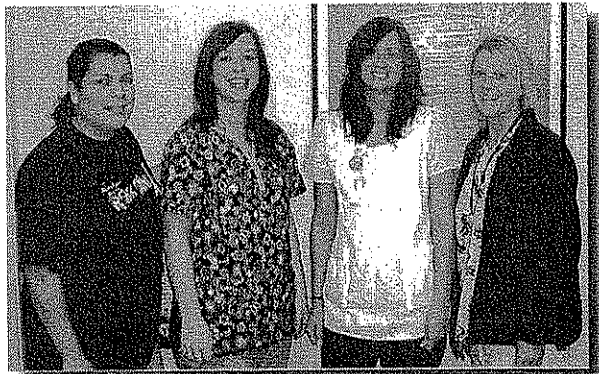
Dodge. Coffin, an ardent abolitionist, enlisted in the Civil War. But his days as an activist were far from over following the war. In 1874, he saw a train brakeman lose two fingers while he was trying to manually couple – or connect – two rail cars. They were the last two fingers the man had. Coffin learned that virtually all experienced brakemen were missing fingers – this despite the invention of automatic coupling.

Coffin found that unacceptable, and for the next three decades fought the nation's rail lines to have the automatic couplings installed. The lines argued they would be too expensive. Through Coffin's perseverance, he was able to get the public on his side. Eventually, the lines relented. Through Coffin's actions, it was estimated that employee deaths on the lines dropped 60 percent.

While Coffin pursued his convictions, the city of Fort Dodge was budding. By the 1860s, gypsum – an ingredient for making plaster – was being milled and railed off to the east coast. In fact, it was Fort Dodge gypsum that was used to create the Cardiff Giant – a 10-foot fossilized giant humanoid. The giant was actually carved in Illinois, and buried in Cardiff, New York, as a hoax. The discovery created quite a sensation until a paleontologist debunked it.

To this day, the city of 26,000 people is a large manufacturer of gypsum and a companion industry, drywall.

Fort Dodge celebrates its history with the Fort Museum and Frontier Village: a full scale recreation of a military outpost complete with village from the same time period.



From Left to Right: Rocio Vasquez CA, Shannon Hanson IFPN Specialist, Libby Pratt RN, Tatum Olson CMA. Missing is Julie Bosier, center manager and Rhonda Ruby, health educator. Ruth Trecker, clinician, took the photo.

"In the fall of 2008, the center relocated across town near the mall. Because of the layout of the old center, confidentiality was hard to protect as the small parking lot was off a main road and because the lab and exam rooms were right beside the checkout counter. The waiting room was divided so we could not always see what was happening out there and the front office had two doors which was a safety issue. The new location seemed to have solved all of our problems."

– Julie Bosier, center manager II

Birthdays...

- 4/18 Melissa McCoy, Medical Assistant, Northwest
- 4/22 Cristina Walshire, Clinic Assistant, Iowa City
- 4/26 Roxanne Rogers, Grants Manager, Cowles
- 4/26 Kathleen Solari, Clinic Assistant, South St.
- 4/26 Tiffney Wotruba, Clinic Assistant, South St.

Anniversaries...

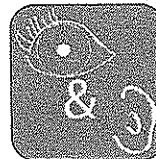
- 4/23 Julie Bosier, Center Manager II, Cedar Falls/Fort Dodge 13 years

Hello...

- 4/12 Melissa McCoy, Medical Assistant, Northwest

Goodbye...

- 4/15 Spomi Tudovic, Call Center Rep., Cowles
Interim contact: Monica Stovall
- 4/15 Janece Potter, Clinic Assistant, Southwest
Interim contact: Joyce Craft
- 4/15 Katie Bradshaw, Marketing Manager of New Technologies, Cowles
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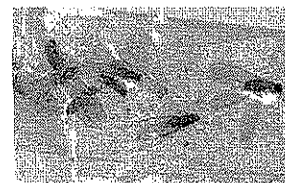


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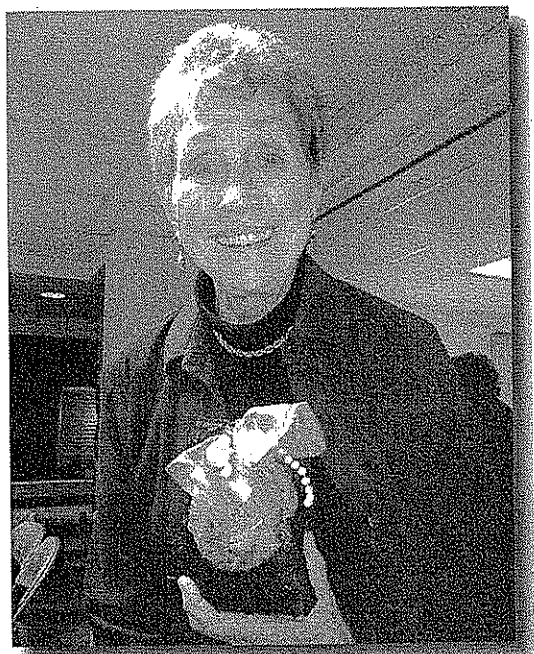
Just when Kim Gunnes and Patrick Schrodth think they've heard it all: "Kim and I were staffing a booth at Central Academy in Des Moines for a health fair when a student asked if it tickles when the sperm swim up the fallopian tubes."

Cowles Receptionist Robin Peter found a first while entering in one of 3,000 patient satisfaction surveys last month. The question: If it's your first visit to Planned Parenthood, how did you learn about us? Someone wrote "Probation officer."

Nicole Cable, RN at Rosenfield, was following up with a patient in ultrasound and asked how her form of birth control was working for her. The patient, who had chosen Nuva Ring two weeks earlier, responded with, "So this Nuva Ring is like having a glow stick in my vagina, I'm not sure how to handle that!" Nicole simply nodded and agreed that it was an interesting form of birth control.



Omaha Admin. staff was startled last Thursday afternoon when loud walls began to emanate from Melissa Grant's office. When several people ran to her office to check on her, they found her still at her desk, alternately swatting at flying insects and ducking down, covering her hair. Majken Johanson, whose office is next door to Melissa's, also had a few of the uninvited guests. Her response was a lot more subdued, though. It wasn't until Friday morning that the culprits were identified: Their offices were teeming with termites, which had waited for the warm spring weather to emerge from their underground nest. Gives new meaning to the phrase "shiver me timbers."



Vulva art

Health Educator Lisa Schulze recently attended the Advanced Sexuality Educator and Trainer (ASET) Retreat in Philadelphia, Penn. "I was privileged to be amid the top sex educators in the nation, one of which was Peggy Brick, formerly of Planned Parenthood of Greater Northern New Jersey, past chair of SIECUS, and author of the well-renowned and respected (my copies are dog-eared) curricula 'Unequal Partners, Educating About Abortion, Positive Images,' and 'Teaching Safer Sex,'" Lisa said. "Here she is holding my beautiful, recently created vulva art. (I was mortified!! I DO NOT sew!!) It was created with inspiration and direction from the infamous Judith Steinhart, founder of the Go Ask Alice Web site through Columbia University. What a wild weekend!"

New employee comment

A comment on the back of a New Employee Orientation evaluation from IFPN Specialist Shannon Hanson from Fort Dodge.

I am so glad to be apart of PPHearHand! It is the first place of employment that I have truly been passionate and appreciate what we do. I am looking forward to making a career out of my position with PPHearHand! It is an inspiring and heart wrenching feeling to see the great people that believe in what we do and donate generously!

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OK to use!

It's a great shot celebrating a great victory, and great work by PPH.

Thanks, Angel. Hope all is well with you.

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Subject: FW: Immediate Call to Action!!!!

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Hi Everyone,

Thanks so much to those of you who contacted legislators regarding the fire arms bill. Clearly we were effective because the bill is coming to a vote in the Senate TODAY! So, please contact Senate Republicans and ask them to support this important bill SF 2357. The Senate switch board number is 515-281-3371.

Thank you,

Sarabeth

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From: icadv@googlegroups.com [mailto:icadv@googlegroups.com] **On Behalf Of** Megan Thomassen

Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2010 3:53 PM

To: Laurie Schipper; ICADV@googlegroups.com

Subject: RE: Immediate Call to Action!!!!

Here is a link to use to find which specific Senators to talk to. Put in an address and it will tell you who is representing that area.

<http://www.legis.state.ia.us/FindLeg/>

And the number for the senate switchboard is 515-281-3371

Megan Thomassen

From: icadv@googlegroups.com [mailto:icadv@googlegroups.com] **On Behalf Of** Laurie Schipper

Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2010 3:45 PM

To: ICADV@googlegroups.com

Subject: FW: Immediate Call to Action!!!!

ALERT ALERT!!!!!!

The firearms bill is going up for a vote in the Senate within the hour! We did not expect this. We need to call Senate Republicans IMMEDIATELY! and urge them to vote for SF 2357. See attached talking points. Please have everyone you can think of call right away!!

Laurie Schipper

From: icadv@googlegroups.com [mailto:icadv@googlegroups.com] **On Behalf Of** Amber Markham
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 3:01 PM
To: icadv@googlegroups.com
Subject: Immediate Call to Action!!!!

Dear Directors, Staffers, and all interested parties,

SF 2357, what we have deemed our firearms bill unanimously passed the Senate Judiciary Committee last week and now needs to go to a vote on the Senate Floor. The bill likely will not go to a vote in the full Senate until there is a show of support from the House, because the Senate does not want to take a vote on a bill that is just going to die in the House. Therefore, we need to persuade both Senate Majority Leader Gronstal and House Majority Leader McCarthy to support this bill. Senator Gronstal has already shown support for the bill, Representative McCarthy is our biggest obstacle to getting this legislation passed. If we can convince him the bill has a much better chance of moving forward.

You can reach your legislators at:

Senate Majority Leader Gronstal

Senate Switchboard- 515-281-3371

House District 50 (Pottawattamie County)

House Majority Leader McCarthy

House Switchboard-515-281-3221

House District 67 (Polk County)

Please only call if you are within the legislators district. I have attached a document with some common questions and answers to questions on the bill along with general background information in order to help you better understand the bill. However, your message can be as brief as stating who you are, that you are a constituent, and that the legislator should support SF 2357 because it would save the lives of countless domestic violence victims.

I would like you to place this call within the next two days.

Good luck!

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Bellus, Benjamin [AG]

From: White, Cathleen [AG] on behalf of AG Webteam
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 11:21 AM
To: Bellus, Benjamin [AG]
Subject: FW: Chapter 29 Housing Code Cedar Rapids, Iowa Code of Ordinances
Attachments: Final Draft Chapter 29.PDF; Attorney letter against Chap 20.pdf

Ben, can you give me guidance as to whom at the state level could address Mr. Winders' concerns? Cathy

From: Mike Winders [mailto:mwinders@skogman.com]
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Subject: Chapter 29 Housing Code Cedar Rapids, Iowa Code of Ordinances

Reference: Chapter 29 Housing Code Cedar Rapids, Iowa Code of Ordinances

To: Tom Miller Iowa Attorney General
 1305 E Walnut St
 Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Tom Miller,

I feel that the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa has grossly overstepped its authority. On June 22, 2010 the Cedar Rapids City Council passed the 1st reading of the new Chapter 29 Housing Code Cedar Rapids, Iowa Code of Ordinances (copy attached) and subsequently passed the 2nd AND 3rd readings, along with resolutions for new fees, on July 13, 2010. This new Code enacts a Crime Free Addendum that has been written by the City of Cedar Rapids, to be **mandatorily** added to the Lease/Rental Agreement between myself (Landlord) and my tenant. The new Code also holds the Landlord accountable, through a revocable Landlord license, for any criminal actions of my tenants, their family members or guests they may have, up to 1000 feet outside/beyond the borders of the Landlord's property. The language in this Code is very vague in regards to Landlords meeting the requirement to take action against their tenants versus the City's authority to revoke the Landlord's license for non-compliance.

I feel that the new Code impedes upon my Business activities and infringes upon my right to enter into a private party contract with a tenant by the City of Cedar Rapids dictating what my agreement is to be. I believe this also puts landlords in the middle of compliance with the new Code VS compliance with Fair Housing Laws, and other laws protecting tenant's rights.

The City of Cedar Rapids believes this will reduce crime in the area. I foresee many crimes simply going unreported for fear by the tenant of losing a place to live, especially under circumstances of domestic abuse. Although the Crime Free Addendum states that a single violation, with no conviction needed, is a "material and irreparable non-compliance" and "good cause for immediate termination of the lease", it was implied at the City Council meeting by Chuck Minks of the Cedar Rapids Police Dept. that it will not

be enforced in that way. I question that if it will not be enforced as it reads then how will it be enforced?

Preferred property Management of Cedar Rapids had their Attorney write a letter (copy attached) to the City Council and also address the Council in person. The Attorney points out several issues of concern and cites Iowa Codes violated and case examples for support.

I am questioning what your role is or the State's role is in regards to a City Municipality over-riding Iowa State Code and passing a law that is so vague and grey in regards to informing a Landlord exactly what the minimum standards are to remain within compliance, including the infringement into private party contracts.

What are the steps in getting this repealed or brought into compliance with State Code? Can or does your office or the State take up these matters to keep Cities from overstepping their bounds without citizens, or Landlords in this case, taking up suits with the City? I don't feel that I should have to forego the expense to file suit on the City for them passing an Ordinance that on its face value shouldn't have been passed in the first place. If this new Code is indeed in violation or oversteps the State is it revocable by the State?

I could go on and on and list out potential scenarios, but I feel I have said enough to hopefully get some attention on this issue. Please give this issue some attention.

Best Regards,

Mike Winders

Thank you and have Great Day!

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Final Draft ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CEDAR RAPIDS MUNICIPAL CODE BY REPEALING CHAPTER 29 THEREFROM AND ENACTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW CHAPTER 29 ENTITLED "HOUSING: LICENSED RENTAL REGISTRATION OF RESIDENTIAL HOUSING" AND ADOPTING THE 2009 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE WITH AMENDMENTS, ESTABLISHING A LICENSED RENTAL REGISTRATION PROGRAM WITH A CRIME FREE AGREEMENT AND ESTABLISHING FEE PROVISIONS;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 29 of the Cedar Rapids Municipal Code is hereby repealed and in its place a new Chapter 29 is enacted as follows:

Chapter 29

HOUSING CODE

- 29.01 Adoption of Housing Code.
- 29.02 Purpose, intent and scope.
- 29.03 Definitions.
- 29.04 License requirement.
- 29.05 Rental Registration Permit.
- 29.06 Inspections.
- 29.07 Posting of the rental permit or notice of non-compliance.
- 29.08 Voluntary inspections and certificate of compliance.
- 29.09 Fees.
- 29.10 Maintenance of Records
- 29.11 Initial implementation.
- 29.12 Penalty.
- 29.13 For Future Use
- 29.14 Tenant Responsibility
- 29.15 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC).
- 29.16 Crime Free Agreement/Addendum.
- 29.17 Effective Date.

Section 29.01 ADOPTION OF A HOUSING CODE.

Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 264.17 (2010) as amended, the City of Cedar Rapids adopts with local amendments as set forth in this Chapter the "Housing Quality Standards" promulgated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the 2009 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code.

§ 29.02 PURPOSE AND INTENT.

(1) The City of Cedar Rapids ("the City") recognizes the need for a registration program for residential rental dwelling units located within the City in order to ensure rental units meet all applicable building, existing structures, fire, health, safety, and zoning codes, and to provide an efficient system for compelling both absentee and local landlords to correct violations and maintain, in proper condition, rental property within the City. The City also recognizes that the most efficient system to reach that goal includes the creation of a Landlord licensing program, including provision of tools and training, and the compilation of an inventory of rental dwelling units and a process to verify that the residential dwelling units comply with the applicable legal requirements. In addition, the City recognizes that the Landlords are in the best position to take such reasonable steps as are necessary to assure that the citizens of the City may pursue the quiet enjoyment of the normal activities of life in surroundings that are: safe, secure and sanitary; free from noise, nuisances or annoyances; and free from unreasonable fears about safety of persons and security of property.

(2) The scope of this Chapter shall exempt hotels, motels and bed & breakfast establishments.

§ 29.03 DEFINITIONS.

When used in this Chapter, the following terms and words shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended.

- (a) **"DWELLING Unit"** means a structure of the part of a structure that is used or capable of being used to complete independent living facilities for one or more persons, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation.
- (b) **"LANDLORD" or "OPERATOR"** means any person who owns or controls a dwelling unit and rents such unit, either personally or through a designated agent, to any person.
- (c) **"LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER"** means a peace officer
- (d) **"LICENSE OFFICER"** means a person who is employed by the City of Cedar Rapids and who is working in the Code Enforcement Division.
- (e) **"OWNER"** means any one or more persons, jointly or severally, in whom is vested all or part of the legal title to property, or all or part of the beneficial ownership and a right to present use and enjoyment of the premises, and may include a mortgagee, guardian, administrator of an estate, or receiver in possession.
- (f) **"OWNER-OCCUPIED RENTAL UNIT"** means a rental unit that is occupied in whole or in part by an owner.
- (g) **"PERSON"** means the same as defined in Section 1.02 of this Code.
- (h) **"PREMISES"** means a dwelling unit and the structure of which it is a part and facilities and appurtenances of it and grounds, areas and facilities held out for the use of tenants generally or the use of which is promised to tenants,
- (i) **"RENTAL UNIT"** means any dwelling unit or residential structure containing sleeping units; including, but not limited to hotels, motels, bed and breakfast establishments, boarding houses, or sleeping rooms, which is leased or rented from the owner or other person in control of such units, to any tenant, whether by day, week, month, year or any other term.
- (j) **"RESPONSIBLE LOCAL AGENT"** means a person residing in the State of Iowa or a real estate management firm with an office located in the State of Iowa who are capable or responsible for management of dwelling or rental unit and can respond to issue regarding dwelling or rental units within 24 hour period and has been delegated responsibility and authority to do so by the Owner.
- (k) **"TENANT"** means a person entitled to temporary use and occupation, to the exclusion of another, of a dwelling or rental unit.
- (l) **"CITY"** means the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and includes as the context indicates, the City's Code Enforcement Division, Department of Finance, Community Development, Civil Rights Commission or other entity that the City has designated to perform a function on its behalf.
- (m) **"LANDLORD LICENSE"** means a license issued by the City to a Landlord that authorizes person to rent a dwelling or rental unit to a tenant or other occupant.
- (n) **"APARTMENT HOUSE"** means a structure containing three or more dwelling units.
- (p) **"NUISANCES" "NUISANCE PROPERTY"** means the same as set forth in Chapter 22 of this Code and as defined in the Crime Free Lease Agreement contained in this Chapter.

§ 29.04 LICENSE REQUIREMENT.

- (a) No person shall lease, rent, or otherwise allow a dwelling unit or rental unit to be occupied, without a valid **(Landlord) License** obtained from a Licensing Officer as designated by the Code Enforcement Manager/Director (Building Official) under the provisions of this Chapter.
- (b) In order to be granted a Landlord License an applicant must register all rental unit(s) for which the applicant is the Owner of Local Agent by completing and filing a current permit registration form either on-line or in paper form with the City's Licensing Officer, as provided in this Chapter, and paying all fees required by this Code.
- (c) The requirements to the receipt of a Landlord License include:
 - 1. All requirements of Section 29.06 pertaining to inspections are met;
 - 2. All fees for the registration of the rental units(s) and License shall be paid in full;
 - 3. All judgments in the City's favor and against the applicant have been paid in full;
 - 4. The applicant provides the Licensing Officer the name(s), address and telephone number (s) of the individual(s) responsible for the maintenance and management of the registered premises.
- (d) Issuance of License. If the Licensing Officer concludes as a result of the information contained in the application that the requirements for a Landlord License have been met, then the Officer shall issue the Landlord License.
- (e) Denial, suspension, revocation, non renewal. The Licensing Officer or Building Official may revoke, suspend, deny or decline to renew any Landlord License or Rental Unit Registration issued under this section for any of the following grounds. Order of Precedence as outlined in Section 29.04.g shall be guiding principle for gaining compliance when no emergency of health and safety exists:
 - (1) False statements on any application or other information or report required by this section to be given by the applicant or licensee.

- (2) failure to pay any application, penalty, re inspection or reinstatement fee required by this section or City Council Resolution
- (3) Failure to correct deficiencies noted in notices of violation in the time specified in the notice
- (4) Failure to comply with the provisions of an approved mitigation/remediation plan by the Building Official or designee.
- (5) Failure to comply with the provisions of Title VIII of the Fair Housing Act of 1968 (as amended)
- (6) Allowing rental units to be occupied in a disorderly manner or failing to take reasonable and effective remedial action when disorderly conduct occurs. For the purpose of this subsection, a premise is disorderly when activities are allowed by the Landlord or Operator to continue violating the "Crime Free Lease Agreement" without any notable or reasonable effort to abate the nuisance(s) by such owners.

(a) Upon decision to revoke, deny or not renew a license, no new application for a Landlord License from the applicant or Licensee for the same dwelling or rental unit, or apartment house will be accepted for a period of one (1) year from the date of the decision. After the one (1) year period has expired, the Landlord may reapply but it does not constitute an automatic approval of that license depending on the specifics of the case. Further denials may follow the established appeal procedures if the applicant so chooses.

(b) A decision to revoke, suspend, deny or not renew a license or rental registration shall be in writing, delivered by ordinary mail to the address indicated on the application or license, and shall specify reasons for the action. Until such license is reissued or reinstated, no rental units held by the licensee or the actual rental unit in question may continue to be occupied or rented.

- (7) Failure to implement the Crime Free Agreement as outlined by this ordinance on all new and renewal lease agreements.

- (f) Appeals. No Landlord License may be denied, suspended, revoked, or not renewed without notice and an opportunity to be heard is given the applicant or holder of the Landlord License. In any instance where the Licensing Officer has denied, revoked, suspended, or not renewed a license, the applicant or holder of the landlord License may appeal the decision to the Housing Appeals Board or its equivalent by delivering notice of appeal within ten (10) business days of receipt by the applicant or holder of the Landlord License of the notice of the decision. The applicant or licensee will be given an opportunity for a hearing before the Appeals Board. The decision of the Appeal Board or any decision by the Licensing Officer which is not appealed in accordance to this Chapter shall be deemed final action.
- (g) Order of Precedence to revoke, suspend, deny or not renew a Landlord License.
 - (1) First course of Action - Rental Unit Registration(s) shall be revoked, suspended, denied or not renewed if an owner allows a specific property or properties to remain a nuisance or otherwise illegal and have failed to take responsible, reasonable and verifiable actions on a timely basis to remediate the violation(s).
 - (2) Second course of Action - Landlord / Operators License shall be revoked suspended, denied or not renewed if an owner allows repeated violations to occur and continues to allow rental unit(s) to remain a nuisance or otherwise illegal and have failed to take responsible, reasonable and verifiable actions on a timely basis to remediate those violation(s).

§ 29.05 RENTAL REGISTRATION PERMIT.

No person shall lease, rent, or otherwise allow a rental unit within the City to be occupied without first obtaining a rental registration permit from the City and designating responsible local agent. Permits shall be valid for a period of one year. All dwelling or rental units must be registered annually as outlined in this ordinance.

(a) **Registration Forms.** Registration shall be made upon forms furnished by the City and shall require all of the following information.

- (1) The name of the apartment house or complex, if any;
- (2) The street address and block and lot number of the rental unit(s);
- (3) The year originally built or replaced
- (4) The number and types of rental units within the rental property;
- (5) The number of bedrooms and bathrooms in each unit
- (6) The maximum number of tenants permitted for each rental unit in accordance to the adopted International Property Maintenance Code or other applicable codes;
- (7) The name, address, telephone number and where applicable an E-mail address, mobile telephone number, and facsimile number of the person or agent authorized to collect rent from the tenants;
- (8) A copy of a current valid occupancy permit for the property shall be provided at the initial application if available but shall not be necessary in the event of a transfer of property.
- (9) Apartment Houses - All rental units contained within an Apartment House may be registered on one registration

form by listing individual addresses if all other required information is the same.

- (10) Crime Free Lease Agreement shall be valid for the life of the lease. All new and renewal of leases shall be required to obtain the Crime Free Lease Addendum / Agreement between the Landlord and Tenant.

(b) Accurate and Complete Information. All information provided on the registration form must be accurate and complete. No person shall provide inaccurate information for the registration of a rental unit. Failure to provide the information required for such registration shall be grounds for denial. The registration form shall be signed by the Owner of the designated Responsible Local Agent, where applicable. When the Owner is not a natural person, the owner information shall be that of the president, general manager or other chief executive of the organization. When more than one person has an ownership interest, the required information shall be provided for each Owner on the registration form.

(c) Change in Registration Information or Transfer of Property.

- (1) Whenever there is a change in the information required for a Permit, the Owner or Responsible Local Agent must re-register within thirty (30) calendar days after any change occurs and the permit is either amended or a new permit is to be issued.
- (2) If the rental unit is sold, assigned, or otherwise transferred, the rental unit must be re-registered within thirty (30) days.
- (3) The Owner shall notify the Code Enforcement Division of any change in the designation of the Responsible Local Agent including a change in name, address, E-mail address, telephone number, mobile telephone number or facsimile number of the designated registered local agent within thirty (30) business days of the change.
- (4) The Owner shall notify the Code Enforcement Division of a change in the lien-holder or a change in the functional design characteristics of the rental unit or the maximum number of tenants permitted for each rental unit as regulated by adopted building/life safety codes shall require inspections accordingly and a new certificate of compliance issued.

(d) Registration Term and Renewals.

- (1) A Rental Registration permit shall be valid for one (1) year. All Permits shall expire on July 1st of each year. The Owner shall re-register each rental unit with the City, within 31 calendar days after the expiration of the Permit of the rental unit (August 1st of each year will be the deadline for renewals) or the first business day in August each year.
- (2) In the event there is verifiable evidence of landlord hardship, registration extensions may be granted by the building official up to thirty (30) calendar days after the submittal deadline as noted in Section 29.05.(d).(1).
- (3) Failure to register rental units by the deadline per Section 29.05. (d). (1) shall be assessed a double registration fee.
- (4) Failure to register Rental Units by September 1st or the first business day in September shall be assessed an additional penalty per Section 29.12 for each month that the violation exists thereafter and shall be subject to further action as outlined in Section 29.04.
- (5) Annual renewal of rental unit registrations may be expedited by submitting a City provided affidavit form that affirms there are NO CHANGES to / from the previous year registration information. This information must be reviewed by the Owner, Owners Agent, Landlord, or Operator before submitting the renewal affidavit. Submitting a false affidavit will be subject to the provisions of Section 29.04 and 29.12.

(e) Responsible Local Agent. The designated responsible local agent shall be responsible for all of the following:

- (1) Operating the registered rental unit in compliance with all applicable City ordinances;
- (2) Providing escorted access to the rental unit for the purpose of making any and all inspections necessary to ensure compliance with the applicable City Ordinances;
- (3) Maintaining a list of the names and number of occupants of each rental unit for which he or she is responsible and providing Crime Free Agreement documentation upon request per incident;
- (4) Accepting all legal notices or services of process with respect to the rental unit.

§ 29.06 INSPECTIONS.

(a) Basis for Inspections. Rental units may be inspected to ensure compliance with the standards of this Chapter based upon one (1) or more of the following.

- (1) Information received by the City of Cedar Rapids, indicating that there is a violation of provisions of this Code, or any state law;
- (2) An observation made by any peace officer employee of the Code Enforcement Division or any fire safety inspector for the City of a possible violation of the standards or the provisions of this Code or any state law;
- (3) Information that rental unit that is unoccupied and unsecured or that rental unit is damaged by fire, water, mold, or other causes detrimental to the structure;

- (4) The need to determine compliance with a notice or an order issued by the city;
- (5) A public health safety or welfare emergency observed or reasonably believed to exist;
- (6) A request for an inspection by the Owner or a tenant. Note: If a non emergency inspection is requested by a tenant, then a fourteen (14) calendar day notice shall be given to the Owner before conducting the requested inspection.
- (7) In instances where a dwelling is to be demolished by the City or where ownership is to be transferred to the City.

(b) Inspection Procedures.

- (1) Following an inspection as provided for by this Chapter, if the Code Enforcement Division has determined that a rental unit is in compliance with this Code and state law, the Officer shall issue a Certificate of Compliance. The certificate shall be valid for a period of five (5) years from the date of the issuance of the Certificate, subject to further inspections made pursuant to Section 29.06(1).
- (2) If, upon completion of an inspection, the unit is found to be in violation of one or more provisions of applicable City and State codes, the City shall provide the Registered Local Agent and/or Owner with written notice of such violations. The Code Enforcement Division shall set an initial inspection date within no less than thirty five (35) calendar days to allow the violation to be corrected. If a violation has been corrected within that period, the inspection required for issuance of a certificate of compliance and rental permit shall be satisfied and a Certificate issued. If a violation has not been corrected within that period, the Code Enforcement division shall schedule a final re-inspection within no less than fourteen (14) calendar days after the initial re-inspection. A re-inspection fee shall be charged. No certificate of compliance and/or rental permit sticker/decals will be issued for rental units that do not meet the requirements of this Code or state law.
- (3) The City shall notify the Owner or Responsible Local Agent in writing of the basis of any inspection. In the event that the basis is of an emergency nature, as determined by any City of Cedar Rapids, Code Enforcement Division immediate compliance with the Code will be required. If the basis is not of an emergency nature, the Owner will be give a reasonable period of time as determined by the Code Enforcement Division, to correct such violation, after which a re-inspection will be required.
- (4) If upon inspection, no violation is found to exist, no inspection fee will be assessed for the rental unit determined to be in compliance.
- (5) Where a re-inspection must be made to ensure compliance with this Code for those rental units that have been issued violation notices, a separate inspection fee for every inspection will be charged only when the violation has not been abated or corrected. This fee may not be waived.
- (6) If an inspection is scheduled and the Owner or Responsible Local Agent fails to appear, an inspection fee shall be assessed against the Owner and/or the Responsible Local Agent, and no inspection shall be completed until the inspection fee is paid in full.
- (7) Access to property for inspection shall be made in accordance with State and Federal laws accordingly.
- (8) Rental units with a current Certificate of Compliance must be registered in accordance to this Chapter but shall not be subject to any inspections except as otherwise allowed by this Chapter.

§ 29.07 POSTING OF THE RENTAL PERMIT OR NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE.

- (1) The Rental Permit shall be displayed conspicuously on the outside electrical service panel door of each rental unit at all times;
- (2) Address numbers shall be clearly posted on the building in accordance to adopted codes and on the electrical meter box and gas meter of each rental unit of apartment houses.
- (3) If the owner does not comply with this Chapter a notice of non-compliance may be placed on the building in a manner determined by the Building Official or designee.

§ 29.08 VOLUNTARY INSEPTIONS AND CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE.

- (1) The City will issue a Certificate of Compliance for any rental unit upon request by the Owner providing that the rental unit meets all the requirements for a Certificate. The Owner shall pay the fee for such inspection prior to issuance of the Certificate.
- (2) The certificate of Compliance shall indicate the date of inspection and contain any other information as determined by the Building Official of the Code Enforcement Division.
- (3) Unless a rental unit is re-inspected, the Certificate of Compliance shall be valid for a period of five (5) years.
- (4) The City shall maintain no liability in regards to the certificate of compliance.

§ 29.09 FEES.

- (1) The City Council shall establish by Resolution the fees necessary for the implementation of the Chapter including fees and penalties for Landlord Licenses, Rental Registrations, and Inspections.
- (2) If an inspection is initiated pursuant to Section 29.06(a) and no violation is found to exist, no inspection fee will be assessed.
- (3) In circumstances where re-inspection must be made to establish conformity with this Chapter a separate inspection fee will be assessed for every inspection when it is found that the violation has not been abated or corrected.

§ 29.10 MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS.

- (1) All records, files and documents pertaining to the Rental Registration and Licensing and Rental Unit Inspections shall be maintained by the City and all or portions of such documents shall be made available to other appropriate City Departments and the public in accordance with the applicable provisions of Iowa law.
- (2) Portions of the records that are not subject to FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) and contain what is considered sensitive personal information shall be kept confidential by the City and periodically destroyed in accordance with any applicable laws.

§ 29.11 INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION.

- (1) Rental Permit Registrations and Landlord Licenses must be completed and the fees paid in full no later than October 31st, 2010.
- (2) Rental units shall be inspected every five (5) years pursuant to current schedules maintained by the Code Enforcement Division. All rental units must be registered regardless of current inspection schedule.
- (3) Registration extensions may be granted by the building official up thirty (30) calendar days after submittal deadline as noted in Section 29.11.(1) in the event there is verifiable evidence of landlord hardship.
- (4) Fees and inspection schedules in effect as of the date of this ordinance becomes effective shall remain in effect however long the remaining time is left on the current 5 year cycle.

§ 29.12 PENALTY.

Violations of any term or provision of this Chapter may be punished as set forth by Resolution in Sections 29.09 of this Code.

- (1) Continued violation(s) of this Chapter for non-compliance may result in Municipal Infractions, citations issued and further actions to suspend, revoke, deny license and or rental unit registration as prescribed in § 29.04.
- (2) Violation correction procedures as prescribed in Section 106 and 107 of the adopted International Property Maintenance Code shall be followed unless otherwise amended by this or other provisions of the City of Cedar Rapids Municipal Code.

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§ 29.14 TENANT RESPONSIBILITY

Tenant to maintain dwelling unit. The tenant shall:

- (1) Comply with all obligations primarily imposed upon tenants by applicable provisions of building and housing codes materially affecting health and safety.
- (2) Keep that part of the premises that the tenant occupies and uses as clean and safe as the condition of the premises permit.
- (3) Dispose from the tenant's dwelling unit all ashes, rubbish, garbage, and other waste in a clean and safe manner.
- (4) Keep all plumbing fixtures in the dwelling unit or used by the tenant as clean as their condition permits.
- (5) Use in a reasonable manner all electrical, plumbing, sanitary, heating, ventilating, air-conditioning and other facilities and appliances including elevators in the premises.
- (6) Not deliberately or negligently destroy, deface, damage, impair or remove a part of the premises or knowingly permit a person to do so.
- (7) Act in a manner that will not disturb a neighbor's peaceful enjoyment of the premises.

§ 29.15 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE 2009 Edition (IPMC).

Paragraph 1. Except as hereinafter modified, the International Property Maintenance Code, 2009 Edition (hereinafter to be known as the IPMC), as published by the International Code Council, Inc. is hereby adopted. The IPMC is on file in the office of the City Clerk of Cedar Rapids, IA.

Paragraph 2.

- a. **Section 101.1 of the IPMC is hereby deleted and enacted in its place a new Section 101.1 as follows:**

101.1 Title. These regulations shall be known as the International Property Maintenance Code of the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, hereinafter referred to "this code."

- b. **Section 102.2 of the IPMC is hereby deleted and enacted in its place a new Section 102.2 as follows:**

102.2 Maintenance. Equipment, systems, devices and safeguards required by this code or a previous regulation or code under which the structure or premises was constructed, altered or repaired shall be maintained in good working order. No owner, operator or occupant shall cause any service, facility, equipment or utility which is required under this section to be removed from or shut off from or discontinued for any occupied dwelling, except for such temporary interruption as necessary while repairs or alterations are in progress. The requirements of this code are not intended to provide the basis for removal or abrogation of fire protection and safety systems and devices in existing structures. Except as otherwise specified herein, the owner or the owner's designated agent shall be responsible for the maintenance of buildings, structures and premises. Exception 1. Owner or Owner's Agent shall by agreement allow the occupant to perform the duties specified herein. All refrigerators, stoves and ranges shall be maintained in safe working condition.

- c. **Section 102.3 of the IPMC is hereby deleted and enacted in its place a new Section 102.3 as follows:**

102.3 Application of Other Codes. Repairs, additions or alterations to a structure, or changes of occupancy, shall be done in accordance with the procedures and provisions of the International Building Code, International Fuel Gas Code, International Mechanical Code and NFPA 70.

- d. **Section 102.6 of the IPMC is hereby deleted and enacted in its place a new Section 102.6 as follows:**

102.6 Historic Buildings. Historic buildings or structures shall comply with this code and Chapter 18 of the Municipal Code. Where differences occur between the provisions of this code and Chapter 18, the specific applicable provision of Chapter 18 of the Municipal Code shall apply.

- e. **Section 103.1 of the IPMC is hereby deleted and enacted in its place a new Section 103.1 as follows:**

103.1 General. The department of property maintenance inspection is hereby created and the executive official in charge thereof shall be known as the code official. This department shall be known as Code Enforcement Division of Cedar Rapids, IA Department of Housing" and hereinafter referred to as "CED."

- f. **Section 103.5 of the IPMC is hereby deleted and enacted in its place a new Section 103.5 as follows:**

103.5 Fees. The City Council of Cedar Rapids, Iowa may by resolution prescribe fees for activities and services performed by personnel of the Code Enforcement Division or the Building Official's designee. Fees shall be paid prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Compliance.

- g. **Section 104.2.2 of the IPMC is hereby enacted as a new Section 104.2.2 as follows:**

104.2.2 Regular Rental Inspection. Inspections of rental property, rental units and the common areas thereof shall be inspected in accordance with a program of regular rental inspections every 5 years, or as deemed necessary by the code official.

h. Section 107.2 of the IPMC is hereby enacted with a new subsection 107.2.7 as follows:

107.2.7 Be effective notice to anyone having interest in the property whether recorded or not at the time of giving such notice and shall be effective against any subsequent owner/operator of the premises as long as the violation exists and there remains an official copy of the notice in a public file maintained by the Codes Enforcement Division Housing.

i. Section 107.3 of the IPMC is hereby deleted and enacted in its place a new Section 107.3 as follows:

107.3 Method of service. Such notice shall be deemed to be properly served if a copy thereof is:

1. Delivered personally or if not found by leaving a copy thereof at his/her usual place of abode or employment, with a person residing in the same abode who is at least 18 years old, or working at the same place of employment;
2. Sent by certified or first-class mail addressed to the last known address; or
3. If the notice is returned showing that the letter was not delivered, a copy thereof shall be posted in a conspicuous place in or about the structure affected by such notice.
4. In the event that more than one person has to be served under this code, failure to serve one or more such additional persons does not affect the service on the person served.

j. Section 108.5.1 of the IPMC is hereby enacted as a new Section 108.5.1 as follows:

Section 108.5.1 Access to Placarded Property. Access to a placarded property is only allowed with written approval of the code official. Such written approval will specify the person or persons who are allowed access to the property and the hours access is allowed.

k. Section 111.1-117 of the IPMC is hereby deleted and enacted in its place a new Section 111 as follows:

111.1 Appointment. There is hereby established a board to be known as the Housing Board of Appeals, which consists of 7 members appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council. The members of the Board shall be appointed for 3-year terms, with any successive appointment for a 3-year term following the expired term. Any one of more members of such Board shall be subject to removal or replacement by the City Council at any time for cause after a public hearing before the City Council. Vacancies on such Board shall be filled by the appointing authority for the unexpired term of such vacancy. The members of such Board shall serve without compensation and shall be residents of the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

111.1.2 Officers of the Board shall be elected by the members at the annual meetings of the Board.

111.1.3 All appeals and requests to the Board shall be filed with CED to the attention Housing Code Department.

111.2 Procedure. The Housing Board of Appeals shall establish its own rules of procedure for accomplishment of its duties and functions provided that such rules shall not be in conflict with the provisions of this code and the laws of the state of Iowa. Copies of the rules of procedure adopted by the Board shall be made available to the public by the Housing Inspector.

111.3 Meetings. The Board shall meet at regular intervals to be determined by the Chairperson but, in any event, the Board shall act upon the appeal within 20 business days after a request for a hearing has been received in the office of CED the Housing Code Administrator. Reasonable notice of the place, time and date of such meeting shall be given to all members of the Board and all interested parties in each case to be heard by the Board.

111.3.1 Open Hearing. All hearings before the board shall be open to the public. The appellant, the appellant's representative, the code official and any person whose interests are affected shall be given an opportunity to be heard. A quorum shall consist of not less than two-thirds of the board membership.

111.4 Minutes. Minutes of all meetings of the Housing Board of Appeals shall be prepared and maintained as part of the public record.

111.5 Appeals. Any person or persons adversely affected by any written notice or order of the Housing Inspector may appeal to the Housing Board of Appeals. An appeal fee as set by Council resolution shall accompany each appeal.

111.5.1 Any person directly affected by a decision of the code official or a notice or order issued under this code shall have the right to appeal to the board of appeals, provided that a written application for appeal is filed within 35 days of the date of the initial notice of violation or order under this code. An application for appeal shall be based on a claim that the true intent of this code or the rules legally adopted thereunder have been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of this code do not fully apply, or the requirements of this code are adequately satisfied by other means.

111.6 Waiver. Failure of any person to file an appeal request in accordance with the provisions of this code shall constitute a waiver of his/her right to an administrative hearing and adjudication of the notice or order, or to any portion thereof.

111.7 Decisions. The Board of Appeals shall not have the authority to waive requirements of this code.

111.8 Extension of Time. In lieu of or in addition to administrative extensions, the Housing Board of Appeals may grant an extension or extensions of time of the compliance of any order or notice; provided that the Board makes a determination that there are practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships in carrying out the strict letter of any notice or order.

111.9 Petition for Certiorari. Any person or persons, jointly or severally, aggrieved by any decision of the Housing Board of Appeals under the provisions of this chapter, or any officer, department, board, or bureau of the municipality, may present to a court of record a petition, duly verified, setting forth that such decision is illegal, in whole or in part, specifying the grounds of the illegality. Such petition shall be presented to the court within 30 days after the filing of the decision of the office of the Board.

I. Section 113 of the IPMC is hereby enacted as a new Section 113 as follows:

113 Certification.

- (a) Certificate of Compliance. A certificate of compliance shall mean a document which shows that the unit or units for which it is issued was in compliance with the applicable provisions of this code at the time of the last inspection. The certificate shall be automatically transferred from one owner or operator to another. Rental Unit Registrations do not transfer from one owner or operator to another. The date of issuance of a new certificate of compliance shall be the date of the initial inspection of the property as required by Section 104.3.2. A certificate of compliance shall state the date of last inspection, the address of the structure to which it is applicable and the type or classification of the dwelling.
- (b) Disclaimer. A certificate of compliance shall in no way signify or imply that the premises for which it is issued is in conformance or compliance with the Fire, Building or Zoning Code of the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- (c) Registration. Each owner of rental property subject to the provisions of this chapter shall register the same with the office of the Housing Code Administrator within 30 days of transfer of title or possession of such property. It shall be the responsibility of the owner, of the rental property to inform the office of the Housing Code Administrator of any change in address for the purposes of conducting business and communicating with the office of the Housing Code Administrator. The owner or operator shall then be issued a certificate of registration acknowledging registration of the rental unit only, and specifically stating that such certificate does not indicate that the property / unit meets the requirements of the Cedar Rapids Housing Code. No person shall rent, lease or let for occupancy any dwelling unit or rooming unit unless the rental property / unit have been registered as above provided and properly licensed as a Landlord in the City of Cedar Rapids. The Housing Code Administrator will provide the registrant with a certificate of registration within 30 days of such registration. A registration fee as set by Council resolution shall accompany such registration form.
- (d) Certificate of Compliance. The City of Cedar Rapids shall issue a certificate of compliance which shall be obtainable from the office of the Housing Code Administrator when:
 1. There exists a certificate of registration on file with the office of the Housing Code Administrator;

2. It has been determined by the Code Enforcement Division or Housing Inspector that the provisions of this code have been complied with by the owner or operator; and
 3. Inspection fees, the amount of which shall be determined by resolution of the City Council of Cedar Rapids, has been received by the Codes Enforcement Division Housing Dept. The certificate, if withdrawn, shall be restored only upon a re-inspection showing compliance with this code and any additional fees due are paid in full.
 4. Additionally, when a certificate of occupancy is issued by the City of Cedar Rapids Codes Enforcement Division for new construction or comprehensive rehabilitation of a dwelling containing one or more units, the Housing Code Administrator shall issue a certificate of compliance upon registration of the property.
- (e) **Certificate of Compliance Required.** It shall be a violation of this code for any person to let to another for rent and/or occupancy any dwelling unit or rooming unit (except a rooming unit or units located within an owner-occupied, single family dwelling or condominium or COOEPRATIVE containing no more than 2 roomers) unless the owner or operator holds a valid rental Certificate of Compliance, a current Landlord License and Rental Unit Registration.
- (f) **Validity of Certificate of Compliance.** A certificate of compliance shall be valid during the term of the inspection cycle unless suspended as set forth below.
- (g) **Suspension of Certificate of Compliance.** The Housing Code Administrator shall suspend a certificate of compliance if the owner or operator has not complied with a notice of code violation. The Administrator shall issue a notice of suspended certification to the owner or operator that includes the following information:
1. That the certificate of compliance has been suspended as of the date of the notice;
 2. The reason for the suspension;
 3. That any rental unit that is vacant at the time of suspension or which becomes vacant during the period of suspension shall not be rented or reoccupied until the certificate of compliance is reinstated or a new certificate of compliance is issued;
 4. That failure to comply with the terms of suspension, as set out in this section, shall be a violation of this code;
 5. That suspension of a certificate of compliance may be appealed to the Housing Board of Appeals as provided for in Section 111 of this code.
- (h) **Reinstatement of Suspended Certificate of Compliance.** The Housing Code Administrator will reinstate a suspended certificate of compliance after a regular inspection has been completed, fees have been paid, and the rental property / unit has been brought into compliance with the applicable standards of this code. Reinstatement of the certificate shall not extend or change the next inspection date of the certificate.
- (i) **Notice on Sale of Dwelling.** Every person owning a rental property / unit under this chapter and offering such property for sale shall inform a prospective buyer of the following:
1. Current status of the certificate of compliance;
 2. Any notice regarding violations of the housing, nuisance and or zoning codes that are outstanding due to failure to correct violations;
 3. Full information regarding any court action presently filed against the property along with other required disclosure items in accordance to applicable real estate laws.
- m. Section 201.3 of the IPMC is hereby deleted and enacted in its place a new Section 201.3 as follows:**
- 201.3 Terms defined in other codes.** Where terms are not defined in this code and are defined in the *International Building Code, International Fire Code, International Plumbing Code, International Mechanical Code* or the *ICC Electrical Code*, such terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them as stated in those codes.

n. Section 202 of the IPMC is hereby deleted and enacted in its place a new Section 202 as follows:

ANCHORED. Secured in a manner that provides positive connection.

APPROVED. Approved by the code official.

BASEMENT. That portion of a building which is partly or completely below grade.

BATHROOM. A room containing plumbing fixtures including a bathtub or shower.

BEDROOM. Any room or space used or intended to be used for sleeping purposes in either a dwelling or sleeping unit.

CODE OFFICIAL. The official who is charged with the administration and enforcement of this code, or any duly authorized representative.

CONDEMN. To adjudge unfit for occupancy.

CONDOMINIUM. Condominium shall mean a dwelling unit which is in compliance or conformance with the requirements of Chapter 499B of the Code of Iowa.

COOPERATIVE. Cooperative shall mean a dwelling unit which is in compliance or conformance with the requirements of Chapter 499A of the Code of Iowa.

DETACHED. When a structural element is physically disconnected from another and that connection is necessary to provide a positive connection.

DETERIORATION. To weaken, disintegrate, corrode, rust or decay and lose effectiveness.

[B] DWELLING UNIT. A single unit providing complete, independent living facilities for one or more persons, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation.

EASEMENT. That portion of land or property reserved for present or future use by a person or agency other than the legal fee owner(s) of the property. The easement shall be permitted to be for use under, on or above a said lot or lots.

EQUIPMENT SUPPORT. Those structural members or assemblies of members or manufactured elements, including braces, frames, lugs, snuggers, hangers or saddles, that transmit gravity load, lateral load and operating load between the equipment and the structure.

EXTERIOR PROPERTY. The open space on the premises and on adjoining property under the control of owners or operators of such premises.

EXTERMINATION. The control and elimination of insects, rats or other pests by eliminating their harborage places; by removing or making inaccessible materials that serve as their food; by poison spraying, fumigating, trapping or by any other approved pest elimination methods.

GARBAGE. The animal or vegetable waste resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food.

GUARD. A building component or a system of building components located at or near the open sides of elevated walking surfaces that minimizes the possibility of a fall from the walking surface to a lower level.

HABITABLE SPACE. Space in a structure for living, sleeping, eating or cooking. Bathrooms, toilet rooms, closets, halls, storage or utility spaces, and similar areas are not considered habitable spaces.

HOUSEKEEPING UNIT. A room or group of rooms forming a single habitable space equipped and intended to be used for living, sleeping, cooking and eating which does not contain, within such a unit, a toilet, lavatory and bathtub or shower.

IMMINENT DANGER. A condition which could cause serious or life-threatening injury or death at any time.

INFESTATION. The presence, within or contiguous to, a structure or premises of insects, rats, vermin or other pests.

INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLE. A vehicle which cannot be driven upon the public streets for reason including but not limited to being unlicensed, wrecked, abandoned, in a state of disrepair, or incapable of being moved under its own power.

LABELED. Equipment, materials or products to which have been affixed a label, seal, symbol or other identifying mark of a nationally recognized testing laboratory, inspection agency or other organization concerned with product evaluation that maintains periodic inspection of the production of the above-labeled items and whose labeling indicates either that the equipment, material or product meets identified standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose.

LET FOR OCCUPANCY OR LET. To permit, provide or offer possession or occupancy of a dwelling, dwelling unit, rooming unit, building, premise or structure by a person who is or is not the legal owner of record thereof, pursuant to a written or unwritten lease, agreement or license, or pursuant to a recorded or unrecorded agreement of contract for the sale of land.

NEGLECT. The lack of proper maintenance for a building or structure.

OCCUPANCY. The purpose for which a building or portion thereof is utilized or occupied.

OCCUPANT. Any individual living or sleeping in a building, or having possession of a space within a building.

OPENABLE AREA. That part of a window, skylight or door which is available for unobstructed ventilation and which opens directly to the outdoors.

OPERATOR. Any person who has charge, care or control of a structure or premises which is let or offered for occupancy.

OWNER. Any person, agent, operator, firm or corporation having a legal or equitable interest in the property; or recorded in the official records of the state, county or municipality as holding title to the property; or otherwise having control of the property, including the guardian of the estate of any such person, and the executor or administrator of the estate of such person if ordered to take possession of real property by a court.

PERSON. An individual, corporation, partnership or any other group acting as a unit.

PEST ELIMINATION. The control and elimination of insects, rodents or other pests by eliminating their harborage places; by removing or making inaccessible materials that serve as their food or water; by other approved pest elimination methods.

PREMISES. A lot, plot or parcel of land, easement or public way, including any structures thereon.

PUBLIC WAY. Any street, alley or similar parcel of land essentially unobstructed from the ground to the sky, which is deeded, dedicated or otherwise permanently appropriated to the public for public use.

ROOMING HOUSE. A building arranged or occupied for lodging, with or without meals, for compensation and not occupied as a one- or two-family dwelling.

ROOMING UNIT. Any room or group of rooms forming a single habitable unit occupied or intended to be occupied for sleeping or living, but not for cooking purposes.

RUBBISH. Combustible and noncombustible waste materials, except garbage; the term shall include the residue from the burning of wood, coal, coke and other combustible materials, paper, rags, cartons, boxes, wood, excelsior, rubber, leather, tree branches, yard trimmings, tin cans, metals, mineral matter, glass, crockery and dust and other similar materials.

[B] SLEEPING UNIT. A room or space in which people sleep, which can also include permanent provisions for living, eating and either sanitation or kitchen facilities, but not both. Such rooms and spaces that are also part of a dwelling unit are not sleeping units.

STRICT LIABILITY OFFENSE. An offense in which the prosecution in a legal proceeding is not required to prove criminal intent as a part of its case. It is enough to prove that the defendant either did an act which was prohibited, or failed to do an act which the defendant was legally required to do.

STRUCTURE. That which is built or constructed or a portion thereof.

SUPPLIED. Supplied shall mean paid for, furnished by, provided by or under the control of the owner or operator.

TENANT. A person, corporation, partnership or group, whether or not the legal owner of record, occupying a building or portion thereof as a unit.

TOILET ROOM. A room containing a water closet or urinal but not a bathtub or shower.

ULTIMATE DEFORMATION. The deformation at which failure occurs and which shall be deemed to occur if the sustainable load reduces to 80 percent or less of the maximum strength.

VENTILATION. The natural or mechanical process of supplying conditioned or unconditioned air to, or removing such air from, any space.

WORKMANLIKE. Executed in a skilled manner; e.g., generally plumb, level, square, in line, undamaged and without marring adjacent work.

YARD. An open space on the same lot with a structure.

o. Section 302.4 of the IPMC is hereby deleted and enacted in its place a new Section 302.4 as follows:

302.4 Weeds. All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of twelve inches. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

Upon failure of the owner or agent having charge of a property to cut and destroy weeds after service of a notice of violation, they shall be subject to prosecution in accordance with Section 106.3 and as prescribed by the authority having jurisdiction. Upon failure to comply with the notice of violation, any duly authorized employee of the jurisdiction or contractor hired by the jurisdiction shall be authorized to enter upon the property in violation and cut and destroy the weeds growing thereon, and the costs of such removal shall be paid by the owner or agent responsible for the property.

p. Section 303, Swimming pools, Spas and Hot Tubs, of the IPMC is hereby deleted.

q. Section 304.14 of the IPMC is hereby deleted and enacted in its place a new Section 304.14 as follows:

304.14 Insect screens. Every door, window and other outside opening required for ventilation of habitable rooms, food preparation areas, food service areas or any areas where products to be included or utilized in food for human consumption are processed, manufactured, packaged or stored shall be supplied with approved tightly fitting screens of not less than 16 mesh per inch (16 mesh per 25 mm), and every screen door used for insect control shall have a self-closing device in good working condition.

Exception: Screens shall not be required where other approved means, such as air curtains or insect repellent fans, are employed.

- r. **Section 502.3 Hotels, of the IPMC is hereby deleted.**
- s. **Section 502.4 Employees facilities, of the IPMC is hereby deleted.**
- t. **Section 502.4 Drinking facilities, of the IPMC is hereby deleted.**
- u. **Section 602.3 of the IPMC is hereby deleted and enacted in its place a new Section 602.3 as follows:**

602.3 Heat supply. Every owner and operator of any building who rents, leases or lets one or more dwelling units or sleeping units on terms, either expressed or implied, to furnish heat to the occupants thereof shall supply heat to maintain a temperature of not less than 68°F (20°C) in all habitable rooms, bathrooms, and toilet rooms.

Exceptions:

When the outdoor temperature is below the winter outdoor design temperature for the locality, maintenance of the minimum room temperature shall not be required provided that the heating system is operating at its full design capacity. The winter outdoor design temperature for the locality shall be as indicated in Appendix D of the *International Plumbing Code*.

In areas where the average monthly temperature is above 30°F (-1°C) a minimum temperature of 65°F (18°C) shall be maintained.

- v. **Section 602.4 of the IPMC is hereby deleted and enacted in its place a new Section 602.4 as follows:**

602.4 Occupiable work spaces. Indoor occupiable work spaces shall be supplied with heat to maintain a temperature of not less than 65°F (18°C) during the period the spaces are occupied.

Exceptions:

Processing, storage and operation areas that require cooling or special temperature conditions.
Areas in which persons are primarily engaged in vigorous physical activities.

- w. **Section 604.2 of the IPMC is hereby deleted and enacted in its place a new Section 604.2 as follows:**

604.2 Service. The size and usage of appliances and equipment shall serve as a basis for determining the need for additional facilities in accordance with the adopted NFPA 70 National Electric Code.

- x. **Section 605.2.1 of the IPMC is hereby enacted as a new Section 605.2.1 as follows:**

Section 605.2.1 Location to Water Source.

605.2.1 All outlets located above and adjacent to work counters within 3 feet of a sink or water source shall be ground fault type.

- y. **Section 605.2 of the IPMC is hereby deleted and enacted in its place a new Section 605.2 as follows:**

605.2 Receptacles. Every habitable space in a dwelling shall contain at least two separate and remote receptacle outlets. Every laundry area shall contain at least one grounded-type receptacle or a receptacle with a ground fault circuit interrupter. Every bathroom shall contain at least one receptacle. Every bathroom and toilet room shall contain at least one "ground fault" type receptacle. Any new bathroom receptacle outlet shall have ground fault circuit interrupter protection.

- z. **Section 605.2.3 of the IPMC is hereby enacted as a new Section 605.2.3 as follows:**

605.2.3 All exterior outlets must be GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter) protected with covers.

- aa. **Section 702.5 of the IPMC is hereby enacted as a new Section 702.5 as follows:**

702.5 All fire extinguishers shall be maintained in an operative condition at all times and shall be replaced or repaired when defective in accord with the Cedar Rapids Fire Code.

1. Single Family Structure (Rental). One 1A10BC fire extinguisher shall be provided in a properly mounted readily accessible location preferably located near an exit and near the kitchen.

2. Multifamily Structures. Shall provide one 1A10BC fire extinguisher for each dwelling unit properly mounted in a readily accessible location preferably located near an exit and near the kitchen, or, for those structures with common corridors may provide one 2A10BC fire extinguisher on each occupied level within 75 feet of each dwelling unit extinguishers must be readily accessible to all occupants for which they are provided.
3. One 2A10BC fire extinguisher shall be provided in a properly mounted readily accessible location located on the same level, within 75 feet for each laundry room that is shared by 2 or more dwelling units.

Paragraph 3. One (1) copy of the 2009 Edition, International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) is on file for review at the City of Cedar Rapids, Clerks Office as prescribed by law.

§ 29.16 CRIME FREE LEASE ADDENDUM / AGREEMENT.

All rental agreements commencing after the effective date of this ordinance, whether written or oral, concerning rental units that are subject of this Chapter shall include the attached Crime Free Lease Agreement. As a condition of any Landlord License granted hereunder, the Licensee shall produce any rental agreements as may be requested by the City to determine compliance with this requirement. A Crime Free Lease Agreement between the Landlord / Property Owner and the Tenant shall be required for all new leases and renewal of leases after the effective date of this ordinance. Existing leases do not require a Crime Free Lease Agreement.

- (1) Failure to produce the Crime Free Lease Addendum / Agreement upon request by the City shall result in assessment of penalties per sections 29.09 and 29.12 of this ordinance.

Section 2. SEPARABILITY OF PROVISIONS.

It is the intention of the Council that each section, paragraph, sentence, clause, and provision of this Ordinance is separable, and if any provision is held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance nor any part thereof other than that affected by such decision.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Section 4. The changes as provided in this Ordinance shall be made a part of the replacement pages of the Municipal Code, City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and made a part of said Code as provided by law.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Introduced this _____ day of _____, 2010

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2010

_____, Mayor

Attest:

_____, City Clerk

CITY OF CEDAR RAPIDS
Crime Free Lease Addendum
Keeping Illegal Activity off Rental Property

In consideration of the execution or renewal of a lease of the dwelling unit identified in the lease, Owner/Manager and Resident agree as follows:

Resident, any members of the resident's household or a guest or other persons affiliated with the resident:

1. Shall not engage in, nor permit the dwelling unit to be used for, any act intended to facilitate criminal activity regardless of whether the individual engaging in such activity is a member of the household, or a guest (any criminal act as defined in the criminal sections of the U.S. Code, Code of Iowa statutes and the Code of Cedar Rapids ordinances)
2. Shall not create, nor permit others as specified above to create, a "...clear and present danger to others," on or within 1000 feet of the specified property as defined in Chapter 562A.27A of the code of Iowa; including: assault or threat of an assault including, but not limited to, the unlawful discharge of a weapon and threatening or intimidating of others, as prohibited by Chapter 708 of the Code of Iowa; illegal use of a firearm or other weapon, the threat to illegally use a firearm or other weapon, or possession of an illegal firearm as prohibited by Chapter 724 of the Code of Iowa or Chapter 63 of the Code of Cedar Rapids; nor engage in drug-related criminal activity, including "...the illegal manufacture, sale, distribution, use, or possession with intent to manufacture, sell, distribute, or use an illegal or controlled substance" (as defined in the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, Chapter 124, of the Code of Iowa; and Chapter 62.33, Disorderly House and Chapter 57, Drug Paraphernalia, of the Code of Cedar Rapids).
3. Shall not engage in any illegal activity, including prostitution as defined by Chapter 702.15 of the Code of Iowa and Chapter 62.33, Disorderly Houses, of the Code of Cedar Rapids; criminal street gang activity as defined in Chapter 723A of the Code of Iowa; on or near the dwelling unit premises, or any breach of the lease agreement that otherwise jeopardizes the health, safety, and welfare of the landlord, his agent, or other tenant, or involving imminent or actual serious property damage, as defined in Chapter 716 of the Code of Iowa.
4. VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE PROVISIONS SHALL BE A MATERIAL AND IRREPARABLE VIOLATION OF THE LEASE AND GOOD CAUSE FOR THE IMMEDIATE TERMINATION OF TENANCY. A single violation of any of the provisions of this addendum shall be deemed a serious violation, and a material and irreparable non-compliance. It is understood that a single violation shall be good cause for immediate termination of the lease. Unless otherwise provided by law, proof of violation shall not require a criminal conviction, but shall be by a preponderance of the evidence.
5. In case of conflict between the provisions of this addendum and any other provisions of the lease, the provisions of this addendum shall govern.
6. This LEASE ADDENDUM is incorporated into the lease executed or renewed this day between Owner and Resident (all adults residing at this dwelling unit).

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#1 Resident Signature	_____
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Property Manager/Owner's Signature	_____

Property Name/Location	

PROPOSED FEES

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\$55 x 755 Duplexes = \$ 41,525

* \$55 x 4700 Condo's = \$ 258,500

\$50 x 1200 Multi-family Structures = \$ 60,000

\$10 x 11,000 Units = \$ 110,000

* \$10 x 4700 Condo's = \$ 47,000

TOTAL - \$ 607,525 with Condo's as Single Family Dwellings

\$ 336,085 with Condo's as Multi-Family Units

OPTION # 2

One Time Owner/Landlord License - \$50 x 4000 owners = \$ 200,000

Annual Rental Registration Fee - \$30 x 2500 Single Family Dwellings = \$ 75,000

\$30 x 755 Duplexes = \$ 22,650

* \$30 x 4700 Condo's = \$ 141,000

\$25 x 1200 Multi-family Structures = \$ 30,000

\$8 x 11,000 Units = \$ 88,000

* \$8 x 4700 Condo's = \$ 37,600

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July 9, 2010

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Re: Proposed New Chapter 29

Dear Mayor Corbett and Council:

I am writing to you on behalf of Preferred Property Management. We are deeply concerned with the proposed revisions to Chapter 29 of the City Code, especially the proposed requirement for the "Crime Free Lease Agreement" and the proposed enforcement provisions related to that Agreement.

The goal of the proposed ordinance is certainly laudable. Along with the City, landlords and most tenants have an interest in reducing the impact of crime in our neighborhoods. However, the means employed by the proposed ordinance are deeply flawed, both from a legal point of view and from a policy perspective.

This letter will first address the legal problems because the policy debate is irrelevant if the proposed ordinance will be struck down on legal grounds.

I. THE ORDINANCE REQUIRING A "CRIME FREE LEASE AGREEMENT" VIOLATES IOWA CODE § 364.1

Iowa's home rule provisions are sometimes referred to as legislative home rule because the legislature retains the power "to trump or preempt local law." Berent v. City of Iowa City, 738 N.W.2d 193, 202 (Iowa 2007). In other words, the City cannot legislate in an area if the



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Legislature has prohibited it from doing so. **The legislature has prohibited the City from acting in this area.**

Iowa Code § 364.1 is the general grant of home rule authority to cities. It provides, in relevant part:

“This grant of home rule powers does not include the power to enact private or civil law governing civil relationships, except as incident to an exercise of an independent city power.”

A lease is a “civil relationship”. It is a private contractual relationship between two or more private individuals, governed by the civil law. The City is not a party to the contract. The proposed ordinance seeks to govern that private civil relationship by dictating lease terms that these private parties must agree to in their private agreement. Under the terms of Iowa Code § 364.1, the City simply lacks the power to inject itself into the civil affairs of private individuals.

For example, the Massachusetts home rule provisions contain language identical to the Iowa statute. Both states provide that the city’s home rule powers do not include “the power to enact private or civil law governing civil relationships”. When the City of Brookline attempted dictate the permissible terms of leases within the City, the ordinance was struck down by the Massachusetts Supreme Court as being beyond the City’s power. Marshal House, Inc. v. Rent Review and Grievance Bd. of Brookline, 357 Mass. 709, 716, 260 N.E.2d 200 (Mass. 1970).

If the ordinance is passed in its present form, it will very likely be struck down by the Iowa Courts just as the Massachusetts ordinance was struck down by the courts there.

II. THE ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL BECAUSE THEY VIOLATE THE DUE PROCESS RIGHTS OF LANDLORDS

The U.S. Constitution prohibits the deprivation of property without due process of law. Property owners and managers have a property interest in the continued receipt of rent from property that they own. *See Cook v. City of Buena Park*, 126 Cal.App.4th 1, 23 Cal.Rptr.3d 700 (2005). The enforcement provisions relating to the “Crime Free Lease Agreement” violate the due process clause because they force the landlord to forego rent without requiring the City to first provide evidence of a crime and a right on the part of the landlord to be heard on that evidence.

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In Cook, the City of Buena Park passed an ordinance that attempted (like the proposed Cedar Rapids ordinance) to require landlords to evict all occupants of a unit where one of the occupants had engaged in illegal activity. Although the Buena Park ordinance appears to have been much more carefully drawn than the proposed ordinance here, the California courts still held that the ordinance violated the due process clause of the constitution.

The Buena Park ordinance required the police to notify the landlord when suspected criminal activity occurred in the rental unit, but the ordinance did not require the police to share their evidence with the landlord. The California courts found that this placed an unconstitutional burden on the landlord because it placed the landlord in the position of having to start an eviction action but did not necessarily provide the landlord with admissible evidence supporting the action.

In this regard, the proposed Cedar Rapids ordinance is even worse than the Buena Park ordinance. Under our proposed ordinance, the police are not even required to provide a notice. The police don't have to provide any information at all in support of an eviction action. The landlord can be cited for failing to evict tenants under the "Crime Free Lease Agreement" anytime some code enforcement officer thinks that the landlord "should have known" some crime was being committed. In many instances, the police will be prohibited from providing the information to the landlords even if the police want to provide it. See Iowa Code Chapter 692. Thus, under the Cook v. City of Buena Park analysis, the proposed Cedar Rapids ordinance is unconstitutional.

The Buena Park ordinance required landlords to "diligently prosecute" eviction actions against suspected drug violators. In exactly the same vein, the proposed Cedar Rapids ordinance requires the landlord to make a "notable or reasonable effort" to enforce the "Crime Free Lease Agreement". The only enforcement mechanism available to the landlord is, of course, an eviction action. Under the Buena Park ordinance, the only way a landlord could avoid being accused of a failure to "diligently prosecute" an eviction was to win the eviction action. Likewise, under our proposed ordinance, the only way a landlord could avoid being accused of failing to make a "notable or reasonable effort" is to sue the tenants for eviction and win. As Cook v. City of Buena Park pointed out, an ordinance that seems to require victory in a private lawsuit violates due process.

The due process clause also requires that ordinances not be vague. Ordinances and especially penal ordinances are deemed void if they are so vague that a person can't tell what must be done



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to comply. The proposed ordinance is clearly a "penal" ordinance in that it provides for a punishment for violations.

As noted above, the City cannot require that a private individual sue and win. If the proposed ordinance requires something less than victory in the eviction action, what does it require? Does someone in City code enforcement get to decide if the landlord expended a sufficiently "notable or reasonable effort" to enforce the "Crime Free Lease Agreement"? If the landlord files an eviction action and chooses to proceed pro se (without an attorney), has the landlord made a "notable or reasonable effort"? How about if the landlord hires an attorney and loses because the attorney did a bad job? How about if the landlord waits 60 days to file the eviction action when the City thinks it could have been filed sooner? The ordinance simply contains no discernable standards. The phrase "notable or reasonable effort" has no meaning beyond some ad hoc determination that will apparently be made on a case-by-case basis. As such, the ordinance is clearly unconstitutional under the "void for vagueness" doctrine.

If this ordinance passes, it seems inevitable that it will be struck down for violating the due process rights of landlords unless it is first struck down for violating the due process rights of tenants (see below).

III. THE ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL BECAUSE THEY VIOLATE THE DUE PROCESS RIGHTS OF TENANTS

It is beyond question that tenants have protected property interests in units they have leased. It is likewise beyond question that the tenants may be deprived of those rights by enforcement of the government-required "Crime Free Lease Agreement" provisions. This can be done whether or not the tenant had any knowledge of any crime or any ability to prevent the crime.

A basic principal of due process is that individuals may not be deprived of a property interest by the government unless **the government** proves that the individual had the ability to comply with the government's requirements. Hicks on Behalf of Feiock v. Feiock, 485 U.S. 624, 624, 108 S.Ct. 1423, 1425 (U.S. 1988). The proposed ordinance violates this basic principal.

Thus (for example), if an 18 year old juvenile living in his mother's apartment keeps a roach clip (drug paraphernalia under the local ordinance) in his sock drawer, the mother is subject to eviction under the City-required lease provision, even if the mother knew nothing of the roach clip. The City can force the landlord to evict the mother. There is no requirement that the City



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prove that that the mother had the ability to prevent the child's violation. In fact, there is no requirement that the City prove anything. Instead, the ordinance compels the landlord to bring the action.

It is flatly unconstitutional for the City to compel the eviction of a tenant for a law violation unless the City first proves that each tenant who is being evicted had the ability to comply with the government's requirements.

If this ordinance passes, it seems inevitable that it will be struck down for violating the due process rights of tenants unless it is first struck down for violating the due process rights of landlords (see above).

IV. THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE IS BAD PUBLIC POLICY

Even if the proposed ordinance were within the City's home rule powers (which its not) and even in the unlikely event that the ordinance would somehow pass constitutional muster, the ordinance would still be bad from a policy point of view on multiple levels.

First, it seems unlikely to accomplish the goal of making neighborhoods safer. It seems more likely to have the opposite effect. Good landlords will also flee the business because the proposed ordinance puts them in an impossible situation regarding the civil rights laws. The City civil rights ordinance prohibits housing discrimination on the basis of race. However, the City has indicated that it wants landlords to evict persons the City accuses of gang activity. The people the City accuses of gang activity are predominately black. Under the ordinance, the City need not and cannot (by reason of Iowa Code Chapter 692A) share its evidence with the landlord. Thus, the City proposes to force landlords to bring eviction actions against black tenants without supporting evidence. That will cause the landlord (and the City) to be sued for discrimination.

When the good landlords withdraw, the remaining landlords will be those who will be willing to end-run the "Crime Free Lease Agreement". Thus, in certain neighborhoods, the ordinance will, over time, simply replace good landlords with landlords hostile or evasive to the City's interests.

Finally, this ordinance is a blunt instrument that will necessarily be arbitrarily and selectively enforced. For example, the "Crime Free Lease Agreement" explicitly makes it an eviction offence for any guest of a tenant to engage in an assault. Thus, if a female tenant is assaulted by her boyfriend (a guest in the apartment), the female tenant is subject to eviction, even though she



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is the victim of the crime. On any given night, the police receive several such domestic calls. Everyone knows that all of these assault victims cannot be evicted. In most cases, code enforcement officials will ignore these violations of the "Crime Free Lease Agreement". The violations won't be ignored if the particular tenant or the particular landlord is in disfavor with the City or the enforcement officials. Regardless of present good intentions, it is inevitable that this ordinance will at some time be used as a political club to strike at whoever is in disfavor at any given moment.

We urge that the Council reject the proposed revisions to Chapter 29.

Sincerely,

CRAWFORD, SULLIVAN, READ
& ROEMERMAN, P.C.

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Justice will only be achieved when those who are not injured by crime feel as indignant as those who are. Solomon

ON THE AIR

Last month, HBO aired the documentary "Every ... Day of My Life," chronicling Wendy Maldonado's final days of freedom before beginning her 10-year prison sentence for murdering her abusive husband, Aaron. The hour-long film includes interviews with family, friends and neighbors; old home movies featuring Wendy, Aaron and their children; and frank interviews with Wendy and her oldest son Randy, detailing the years of abuse the family suffered.

The film opens with Wendy's call to 9-1-1. Viewers hear as Wendy confesses to killing her husband. The operator asks if her husband tried to hurt her and Wendy Maldonado responds, "Every f***** day of my life."

Throughout the film, the viewer sees evidence of Aaron's abuse even though none of it is ever depicted on camera. The walls of the Maldonado's home are riddled with holes where heads and bodies have been thrown against the walls. Home movies show Aaron Maldonado mutilating animal corpses and making his very young son, Randy, fire a weapon.

On May 1, 2005, Wendy and her then 16-year-old son Randy killed Aaron. They later accepted plea bargains, rather than face a jury trial. In the film Wendy explains that she accepted her ten year sentence, and Randy's five year sentence, because she wasn't willing to take a chance on her son's freedom. At the Maldonado's sentencing hearing, the judge said he believed Wendy and Randy's story, and said they might have an argument for justifiable homicide but that he could not fail to give them jail time "because we don't work that way."

Wendy and Randy Maldonado are serving their sentences in the Oregon Department of Corrections. Randy will be eligible for release in August, 2011, and Wendy in March 2016.

STUDY: MANY VICTIMS OF PARTNER VIOLENCE EXPERIENCE REPRODUCTIVE COERCION

A groundbreaking study released this week sheds light on a little-recognized form of abuse in which men use coercion and birth control sabotage to cause their partners to become pregnant against their wills. The study, published in the January issue of *Contraception*, finds this kind of reproductive control to be especially common in relationships in which women experience physical or sexual partner violence.

"Pregnancy Coercion, Intimate Partner Violence and Unintended Pregnancy" is the first quantitative examination of the relationship

between intimate partner violence, reproductive coercion and unintended pregnancy. It finds that young women and teenage girls often face efforts by male partners to sabotage their birth control or coerce or pressure them to become pregnant – including by damaging condoms and destroying contraceptives. These behaviors, defined as “reproductive coercion,” are often associated with physical or sexual violence. It also finds that among women who experienced both reproductive coercion and partner violence, the risk of unintended pregnancy doubled.

The study was conducted by researchers at the University of California Davis School of Medicine and the Harvard School of Public Health. From August 2008 to March 2009, researchers worked at five reproductive health clinics in Northern California, querying some 1,300 English- and Spanish-speaking 16- to 29-year-old women who agreed to respond to a survey about their experiences. They were asked about birth-control sabotage, pregnancy coercion and intimate partner violence.

Key findings include:

- Approximately one in five young women said they experienced pregnancy coercion and 15 percent said they experienced birth control sabotage;
- Fifty-three percent of respondents said they had experienced physical or sexual violence from an intimate partner; and
- Thirty-five percent of the women who reported partner violence also reported either pregnancy coercion or birth control sabotage.

“Those of us who work to stop dating, domestic and sexual violence have long known that many victims face threats, verbal demands and physical violence designed to interfere with their efforts to use birth control,” said Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPPF) President Esta Soler. “It is a big part of the reason that women in abusive relationships are at higher risk for unintended pregnancy. This very important study underscores the link between violence and abuse and unintended pregnancy – and the need for providers at reproductive clinics to screen female patients for violence, as well as for pregnancy coercion and birth control sabotage. If we are serious about reducing unintended pregnancy in this country, we have to do more to stop violence and abuse, and help victims.”

“This study highlights an under-recognized phenomenon where male partners actively attempt to promote pregnancy against the will of their female partners,” said lead author Elizabeth Miller, an assistant professor of pediatrics in the UC Davis School of Medicine and a practitioner at UC Davis Children’s Hospital. “Not only is reproductive coercion associated with violence from male partners, but when women report experiencing both reproductive coercion and partner violence, the risk for unintended pregnancy increases significantly.”

“We have known about the association between partner violence and unintended pregnancy for many years,” said Jay Silverman, the study’s senior author and an associate professor of society, human development and health in the Harvard School of Public Health. “What this study shows is that reproductive coercion likely explains why unintended pregnancies are far more common among abused women and teens.”

Rebecca Levenson, a Senior Policy Analyst in the FVPPF’s Health Unit, is a co-author of the new study. It was conducted in collaboration with the FVPPF and the Planned Parenthood Shasta Diablo Affiliate.

The FVPPF’s *KnowMoreSayMore* initiative is creating a dialogue about birth control sabotage and reproductive coercion, which can result in unintended pregnancy, HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections, miscarriage, infertility, coerced abortion, poor birth outcomes including preterm birth and low birth-weight babies, and other serious health problems. *Read stories of women who share their experiences with birth control sabotage and reproductive coercion at www.KnowMoreSayMore.org.*

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Nelms pleaded guilty in September to embezzling the money from Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. The cemetery was operated by his Indianapolis-based company. Nelms owned cemeteries in Michigan, Indiana, Iowa and Ohio. He faced similar charges in Indiana and agreed to sell 11 cemeteries to replenish trusts set aside for prepaid funerals and burials. He has pleaded guilty in Indiana to theft and secur

Ex-cemetery owner repays \$4.2M stolen from trusts

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Subject: RE: New MMS Alert - Attorney General Miller

To TV Eyes –

I am retired.

Can you send these to Geoff.Greenwood@iowa.gov – who is now the PIO for the Iowa Attorney General's Office.

Thanks.

Bob Brammer, former PIO

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ased attorney with Grefe & Sidney P.L.C. who was the principal trial counsel for Rubashkin. He has tried more than 200 jury trials and is a former assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Iowa. Contact: GCook@grefesidney.com.

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W.Va. takes issue with Monsanto claims

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Subject: FW: Criminal Complaint Against Telemed Abortions Filed With Iowa Attorney General

Jane, et al,

Here is the statement that Bram sent to Tony Leys yesterday:

From: Brammer, Robert [AG]
Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2010 5:03 PM
To: 'Leys, Tony'
Subject: RE: Criminal Complaint Against Telemed Abortions Filed With Iowa Attorney General

Yes, they would.

From: Leys, Tony [mailto:tleys@desmoine.gannett.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2010 4:53 PM
To: Brammer, Robert [AG]
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Bob,

Can I also mention your point that county attorneys generally would make charging decisions on something like this?

Tony

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Tony:

I don't think we've received the request from Operation Rescue directly yet, but I have the news release you forwarded.

It appears that the concerns mentioned in the news release are matters that would appropriately be considered by the Iowa Board of Medicine, and the Board has acknowledged such a review or investigation is underway. The Board of Medicine is required to refer to law enforcement any matter they think should be considered by law criminal law authorities.

Bram

From: Leys, Tony [mailto:tleys@desmoine.gannett.com]
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June 24, 2010

Operation Rescue also asks Iowa Medical Board to broaden their investigation.

Des Moines, IA - Operation Rescue has filed a formal complaint with the Iowa Attorney General's office asking for a criminal investigation of a remote-controlled push-button Internet abortion pill scheme operated by Planned Parenthood of the Heartland known as "telemed abortion."

"We believe that telemed abortions are illegal for several reasons and may rise to the threshold of criminal negligence," said Operation Rescue President Troy Newman. "Planned Parenthood's scheme to deny women personal access to licensed physicians is a prescription for disaster."

In addition to Planned Parenthood of the Heartland (PPH), the complaint names abortionists Thomas William Ross and Susan Haskell, both osteopaths who are employed with PPH and are known to participate in the telemed abortion scheme.

The complaint centers on five major areas of concern regarding telemed abortions:

1. Violation of the Iowa law requiring that only licensed physicians perform abortions.
2. PPH's remote dispensing practice for abortion drugs RU486 and misoprostol so ignores FDA protocols that they are intentionally endangering the lives of women.
3. Criminal negligence and consumer protections laws may have been violated since evidence shows that Planned Parenthood intentionally exceeds manufacturer warnings and safety limits, and misrepresents to patients the actual failure rate of the medical abortion process.
4. Consumer protection violations regarding insurance company overbilling.
5. Patient abandonment since the licensed physician only speaks with the patient for a brief time over an Internet teleconferencing hookup, and never interacts with the patient again even in the case of emergency.

Operation Rescue has also filed a supplemental information packet with the Iowa Board of Medicine as an amendment to their complaint, along with a request to expand their investigation to include abortionist Thomas Ross.

Operation Rescue uncovered the Iowa telemed abortion scheme during an undercover investigation of abortion clinics throughout the U.S. It published a special report describing the remote controlled abortion process then followed up with a formal complaint http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1103511679304&s=0&e=001sTsfJ1vfWIX4swv8Uqy9ioT2INDUVic5-IZkTAs-THCYoNvuMFXXKoCE0OuQ7OrDqaUUXUhSe50ixOyLN6IbDA7HwXPJaXPdDyNxcwerrbbMFXF57rihSHa2jBDAht4FY0EjHR9d0_LIn2WG0JHx6YHE65utsfFqJgDjxsDC3EMM08Hn4w1WxmnLk-t1H4laYnY to the Iowa Medical Board. The IBM notified Operation Rescue in April that the complaint was placed with an investigator.

In interviews, Planned Parenthood officials indicated that the group had plans to expand telemed abortions to every Planned Parenthood clinic by 2015 beginning with two clinics associated with Planned Parenthood of East Central Iowa. Public outcry against the dangerous push-button abortion process caused PPECI to backtrack from their original statements.

Read the Complaint Narrative http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1103511679304&s=0&e=001sTsfJ1vfWIX4swv8Uqy9ioT2INDUVic5-IZkTAs-THCYoNvuMFXXKoCE0OuQ7OrDqaUUXUhSe50ixOyLN6IbDA7HwXPJaXPdDyNxcwerrbbMFXF57rihSHa2jBDAht4FY0EjHR9d0_LIn2WG0JHx6YHE65utsfFqJgDjxsDC3EMM08Hn4w1WxmnLk-t1H4laYnY

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Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2010 11:50 AM
To: Brammer, Robert [AG]
Subject: News

Bram, you probably already knew this, but just in case....this is in today's Civic Skinny in Cityview:
<http://www.dmciverview.com/2010/04/22/columns/skinny.html>

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Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 9:39 PM
To: Brammer, Robert [AG]
Subject: Fwd: Robert, No guns for batterers!

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From: Planned Parenthood Action Network <action@ppheartland.org>
To: Robert Brammer <bram937@aol.com>
Sent: Tue, Mar 2, 2010 9:14 am
Subject: Robert, No guns for batterers!

Robert, In the past 15 years 114 Iowans have been murdered by a firearm in a domestic violence situation.

The Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Iowa Attorney General's office, local law enforcement and Iowa Planned Parenthood Affiliate League support the passage of SF 2357 to protect victims of domestic violence. This bill will prohibit possession of firearms by individuals who have been convicted of a crime of domestic abuse or those subject to a protective order, while the order is in effect. Click here to send an e-mail to your State Representative!

SF2357 creates a state law that follows current federal law. Why do we need a state law too? Because only two federal agents enforce the current law for the entire state, and that's just not enough. Local law enforcement should be able to enforce this law to protect victims of domestic violence too.

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Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2010 1:28 PM
To: Parker, Ronald [LEGIS]
Subject: One Iowa: Nonpartisan groups representing nearly 150,000 Iowans oppose adding discrimination to Iowa Constitution

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Democratic and Republican Co-chairs Join the Cause

Today, One Iowa announces the formation of a broad coalition of groups opposed to a constitutional amendment to deny civil marriage equality to gay and lesbian couples. The 71 Iowa groups have a combined membership of nearly 150,000 Iowans and include labor, civil rights, and faith groups.

"Iowans believe in treating their neighbors with respect. That's why a growing chorus of Iowans are speaking up to say discrimination has no place in the Iowa Constitution," said One Iowa Executive Director Carolyn Jenison.

The announcement comes in advance of Sunday's Equality: Red Blue Purple campaign kick-off and the beginning of the 2010 Iowa legislative session on Monday.

Opponents of equality have pledged push for an amendment to the Iowa Constitution during this legislative session. An amendment would have to pass in two consecutive legislative sessions before being put on the ballot.

EQUALITY: RED BLUE PURPLE CAMPAIGN LAUNCH* January 10, 2010 Des Moines Social Club 1408 Locust St., Des Moines Doors open 2 p.m., program begins at 3 p.m.

*Speakers to include representatives from coalition organizations and select co-chairs

Republican Co-Chairs Joy Corning, Former Lt. Governor
Christine Hensley, Member of Des Moines City Council
Matt Walsh, Member of Council Bluffs City Council
Mike Simonson, Republican Activist
Ted Coppock, Republican Activist

Democratic Co-Chairs Christie Vilsack, Former First Lady of Iowa
Sally Pederson, Former Lt. Governor of Iowa
Mike Gronstal, Iowa Senate Majority Leader
Pat Murphy, Speaker of the Iowa House
Marcia Nichols, AFSCME Political Director

Quotes from coalition representatives:

MARCIA NICHOLS AFSCME IOWA

"AFSCME opposes attempts to amend the constitution and take away protections from Iowans. Let's not pit neighbor against neighbor at a time when we should work together to bring jobs back to Iowa and strengthen the economy."

CONNIE RYAN TERRELL INTERFAITH ALLIANCE OF IOWA

"Civil marriage equality strengthens our communities and recognizes the intrinsic value of every individual. As an organization that brings together people of faith and goodwill, we oppose attempts to divide our communities and deny protections to committed gay and lesbian couples."

RUDY SIMMS DES MOINES HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

"Iowa is a great place to live because of its history of protecting equal rights. Since when is equality subject to the ballot box? It's not okay to write discrimination into the constitution."

JILL JUNE PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF THE HEARTLAND

"Putting the rights of others up for a vote is unconscionable. Women know firsthand the struggle for equality and that's why we stand up strongly against attempts to take away the freedom to marry."

Statewide Coalition Members

Iowa Federation of Labor AFL-CIO
ACLU of Iowa
AFSCME Iowa Council 61
American Friends Service Committee
AccessLine
Chinese Association of Iowa
Friends of Iowa Civil Rights
FutureNet
I'M for Iowa
Interfaith Alliance of Iowa
Iowa - National Organization for Women
Iowa Citizen Action Network
Iowa Civil Rights Commission
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Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault
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Iowa Department of Human Rights Iowa
PFLAG
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Working Families Win
Youth and Shelter Services, Inc.

Local Coalition Members

AIDS Project of Central Iowa
American Business & Professional Guild
Burlington Human Rights Commission
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Central College Common Ground
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Iowa City Human Rights Commission
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Simpson College LGBTQ
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Techline
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Founded in 2005, One Iowa is the state's largest LGBT advocacy organization, working for full equality for LGBT Iowans. More information can be found at <http://www.oneiowa.org>

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By ELISABETH BUMILLER and MARK LANDLER

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21ST CENTURY BABIES

Grievous Choice on Risky Path to Parenthood

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DR. BRIAN KIRSHON of Houston, who specializes in high-risk pregnancies, on the risks that couples face with multiple pregnancies.

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By JEFFREY GETTLEMAN

With more than 100 abductions this year, kidnapping has evolved from a crime to a business in Nairobi.

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By JANE PERLEZ

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By JOHN BRANCH

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By STEPHANIE CLIFFORD

Broken trust, men misbehaving, women trying to recover — these sound like themes from a Carly Simon song. But this time Ms. Simon was telling a story about her most recent record.

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By PAUL A. OFFITT

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From: Roan, Laura [AG]
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2010 1:47 PM
To: Kinnamon, Becky [JB]
Cc: 'Robertson, Nancy'; Phillips, Donna [AG]
Subject: RE: FYI

Thanks Becky! I will read this opinion. Sounds like the VAWA certs are unrealistic.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2010 1:21 PM
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From: Phillips, Donna [AG]
Sent: Thursday, March 04, 2010 4:12 PM
To: Kinnamon, Becky [JB]
Cc: Nancy.Robertson@PPHeartland.org
Subject: RE: VAW ARRA Extension Request

This is confirmation that I received your application for an extension on your VWS (stimulus) contract. I will review your request for an extension in the next 30 days. If I have any further questions or clarifications I will let you know. I will also let you know the final decision on the extensions within the 30 days. Thank you.

Donna J. Phillips,

Administrator, Victim Services Grant Program

Iowa Attorney General's Office

Crime Victim Assistance Division

321 E. 12 Street

Des Moines, Iowa 50319

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Fax: 515-281-8199

donna.phillips@ag.state.ia.us

From: Becky.Kinnamon@iowacourts.gov [mailto:Becky.Kinnamon@iowacourts.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 04, 2010 11:55 AM
To: Phillips, Donna [AG]
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Subject: VAW ARRA Extension Request

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Thanks!

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From: Kelly Ziemann [prevention@iowacasa.org]
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Subject: Job posting (please forward)

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Substance Abuse Specialist, Integrated Services Project

Part-time, 25 hrs/week grant position working with substance abuse and domestic violence agency staff in developing and delivering domestic violence and substance abuse education programs, including joint education programs, as well as providing technical assistance to agencies for the purpose of developing integrated domestic violence/substance abuse services. Comfort and experience in public speaking, professional writing and grant writing required. Bachelor's degree plus at least two years of experience working in substance abuse field required; associate's degree plus four years of experience may be substituted. CADC/ACADC and experience working with substance abuse and domestic violence service integration desirable. Home office and travel required. Application materials received by January 8, 2010 will be given first consideration. Additional information provided upon request (515-244-8028). Send cover letter, resume, and names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three references to: Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence Attn: Joan Kennedy, 515 28th St., Des Moines Iowa 50321.

KellyMarie Ziemann

Education/Prevention Specialist

Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault

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Phillips, Donna [AG]

From: Adriana Flores [adriana@lunaiowa.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2009 11:03 AM
To: Valadéz, Antonia; Thomas (Kaercher), Anne [AG]; AnnaLyn; Simmons, Allyson; Alex Piedras; angelica flores; Anthony Bernardino; alexo@iowanah.org; Cowan (Terrell), Amy [AG]; Amy Montano; Ramirez, Amber [IWD]; Alejandro Orozco; Aisha White ; Angelica Reina; Andrew Rodriguez; Morris, Ann [IWD]; Blanco, Marianela; Margie and Brian Warning; Breanne Ward; barbdinnen@msn.com; Brown, Blake; Billings, Michael; Lehew, Binnie [IDPH]; Brian Adeniyi-Williams; Betty Devine; Sheri Floyd; Camargo, Dora; Melissa Childs; Cheri Doane; Ridgely-Turner, Carla; Fetters, Carroll; cvillalobos@efr.org; Dwight Miller; Phillips, Donna [AG]; inmelda De Avila; DAVID AND JOAN DISCHER; Diana Smith; Dan Raedeker; Eric Givan-Gonzales; Elizabeth Balcarcel; enrique; Esquivel, Melissa [DHR]; Nunez, Elias [JB]; Eric.E.Idehen@wellsfargo.com; Felipe Gallardo; Fionna Fallon; Gallardo, Orlando; Gail Klearman; Gabriela Cerros; Georgia A Sheriff; Cano, Gloria [IWD]; Hill, Kristi [AG CVAD]; Ohr, Henny [DHR]; David Harkin ; Isabel Conn; Ila Plasencia; Jaycee; Melohn, Janelle [AG]; Jackie Santana; John Sanchez; jayg89@ishsi.com; Jan Mitchell; Joy Esposito; Morton, Jennifer; jgarcia@ICANSucceed.org; joannm@latinoheritagefestival.org; Jodi Ramos; Juan Cadenillas; Karla Serio; KAREN SALTOS; Baxter, Kimberly [JB]; Laura Johnson-Palomares; loyola_y@yahoo.com; Lisa Heldenbrand; Negrete Reinders, Laura; Leslee Cran; Lisa M Proctor; Melissa Cano-Zelaya; Vandenberg, Monica; Mayra Moriel; Sevillano, Maribel; Megan Callan; Manjarrez, Carolina [DHR]; Marcucci, Susanna; mary.campos@urbandreams.org; nancy.wells@dmps.k12.ia.us; Penny Reimer; Rosie Bernardino; Reinecke, Karen M.; Sonia Reyes; Susan Mohr; Skinner, Sue; Sonia Parras Konrad; s.corona@mchsi.com; Smith, Teresa K.; Sandra McGee; Tali Goldberg; McGregor, Teama [DOC]; Terry Hernandez; Tom; Traci Stiles; Weatherington, Cheryl A.; Cintron, Yolanda
Subject: LUNA Open House Invitation

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You are cordially invited to the LUNA Open House on Thursday, November 12th from 4-7pm. We hope you can all make it and we look forward to seeing you.

Please let me know if you have problems with the attachments.

Thank you,

Adriana Flores, MPA

Executive Director

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"The mission of L.U.N.A. is to assist and empower the women of our community to achieve goals of emotional, physical, and economic survival so that they may build futures free from violence".

<http://www.victimstosurvivors.org/>

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From: Sheri Floyd [community@iowacasa.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 8:20 AM
To: iowaCASAcenders@yahoogroups.com; iowaCASASTAFF@yahoogroups.com;
adriana@lunaiowa.org; apiedras@gvc.edu; amy.campos@simpson.edu; Barnhill, Beth;
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ryan.williamson@dmps.k12.ia.us; community@iowacasa.org; star@waypointservices.org;
McGregor, Teama [DOC]; teamadavis@aol.com
Subject: FW: DCV X "The Power of YOUth!"

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REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR:

IowaCASA's Women of Color Advisory Network

Different Colors of Violence Conference X

"The Power of YOUth!"

[CLICK HERE](#)

to register students

[CLICK HERE](#)

to register adults



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For more information g

to: www.iowacasa.org

FIFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT 5K RUN/WALK
FOR VICTIMS' RIGHTS

SATURDAY

APRIL
17TH, 2010

BLANK
PARK ZOO

8:00AM

5K RUN/
WALK

POST RACE
FUN FOOD
AND MUSIC

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Fifth Judicial District 5k

Run/Walk for Victims' Rights

VOLUME 1, ISSUE 2

MARCH 2010

Join Us at Blank Park Zoo at 8:00am

Due to the likely flooding at the Grays Lake location, the Fifth Judicial District 5k Run/Walk location has been changed and relocated to Blank Park Zoo. The start time is now 8:00a.m. Saturday, April 17th. Please mark the change on your calendar and join us for the start of the race at Blank Park Zoo on SW 9th in Des Moines, Iowa. The race will start and finish at Blank Park Zoo and the race route will begin at 8:00am and take participants on a fun and challenging 3.1 mile route. To view the race route, visit our website at www.5kfor5charities.com.

Register now for the run/walk to guarantee your shirt size.



Visit us on Facebook.com and post a comment about our event shirt color!

The Great Shirt Debate

The Inaugural 5k for 5 chari-

ties event t-shirts are now being designed. The color debate has begun, and the 5k committee would like your input on picking a color of race day shirts. Check us out on Facebook.com and post a comment about what shirt color you would like to see on the 2010 5k for 5 Charities t-shirts. Short sleeve or long sleeve? When registering, please keep in mind, shirt size cannot be guaranteed after March 28th, so visit the website at www.5kfor5charities.com and register today!

Take Back the Night 2010

This year's Take Back the Night Event will be held on Friday, April 16th at Des Moines University (3200 Grand Avenue). Doors will open at 5:30pm and the event will start at 6:00pm. This memorable program will include survivors speaking

about their experiences, music, artwork, and a celebration of taking back our power. Free t-shirts will be available to all who attend the event. Refreshments will be provided after the march. The march will be led around the neighborhood by the

Isisettes. Please plan on joining this community event, Take Back the Night 2010. For any questions, please contact team member Kate Gilmore with the Polk County Crisis and Advocacy Services at 286-2029.

2 Months and Counting



Briskly walking over a long distance can be a great cardiovascular workout (more so than most people think). The health benefits are the same as running/jogging, but less stress is placed on the legs. Remember, the goal for 5K for 5 Charities should be to raise

funds and awareness for victims' rights, complete it and have fun. It is a good idea to mark Saturday, April 17th on your calendar, in big red marker so you can see it every day as a reminder to stick with your goal! You have 6 weeks to get ready for the 5k for 5 Charities, so set

a plan that will help to keep you on track. If something comes up and you can't workout one day, move that workout to another day on your calendar. Everyone is different, and so every exercise plan should be different to fit YOUR needs and schedule. You can do it!

Crime Victims' Rights Week Ceremony

"The Crime Victims' Rights Week Ceremony will start at 9:30a.m. at the Blank Park Zoo Pavilion."

You are invited to attend the 2010 5th Judicial District Crime Victims' Rights Week Ceremony. For the first time, the Fifth Judicial District Crime Victim Rights Week Ceremony will be held on a Saturday, April 17th

and will follow the 5k run/walk. The CVRW ceremony will start at 9:30am at the Blank Park Zoo Pavilion, and will feature a guest speaker and a touching ribbon ceremony. The CVRW committee is hard at work plan-

ning a wonderful event for our community. Arrive early and cheer on 5k run/walk finishers and enjoy music, beverages and food provided to all race finishers and Crime Victims Rights Week Ceremony attendees.

Help Get the 5k Word Out!

The team recently visited DMACC Ankeny campus and spoke to a victimization class about relevant issues and the 5k race. 2 team members were featured on the Inside Iowa

radio talk show this month with Kim Chase from 97.3 The Hawk. 5k for 5 Charities is also featured on many community websites, including local papers and Channel 13's

community page featuring our event emcee, Channel 13 meteorologist Jeriann Ritter. Please visit our website at 5kfor5charities.com and submit an idea.

5k Steak Fry Fundraiser Success



The 1st annual 5k for 5 Charities steak fry fundraiser was a successful event. Thanks to the Indiana Elks Lodge, Mary Little, all the 5k

The Casey Blake auto-graphed bat fetched the largest bid of the night. volunteers, and the community that attended and helped raise funds for our event. The 5k committee had a great time chilling and grilling, and preparing and serving the steak dinners. The silent auction for gift baskets was a huge success thanks

to the great items and generous bidders. The Casey Blake auto-graphed bat fetched the largest bid of the night. Thank you to all of the businesses who donated items and gift certificates for the baskets. Our next fundraiser in March will be at the HuHot Mongolian Grill. Details will be available soon!

Form a team for the 5k run/walk and be featured in the next newsletter!

Form a 5k Team Now!

Thanks to the YESS newsletter, we have learned more about Team YESS at the 5k for 5 Charities. YESS is forming their own race team, and will be walking/running the event together and showing their support by sporting their own

Team YESS long sleeve custom shirts that will be available on race day. Email Taylor at schaat@yessiowa.org to join Team Yess or learn more about their team. Want to form your own team for Saturday April 17th? We encourage

other teams and will feature your team name in the next newsletter. Register for the race now at www.5kfor5charities.com. Pass along your team name and information and it may be featured in the next newsletter!

5 Charities to Benefit from the 5k

- Iowa Department of Corrections Victim Advisory Council
- CFI (Children and Families of Iowa)
- YESS (Youth Emergency Services and Shelter)
- RCPC (Regional Child Protection Center)
- Mid Iowa SART (Sexual Assault Response Team)



**Fifth Judicial District 5k Run/Walk
for Victims' Rights**

Take Back The Night

-Friday April 16th, 6:00pm
Des Moines University

5k For 5 Charities

-Saturday April 17th, 8am
start/finish at Blank Park Zoo

**5th Judicial District Crime Victims Rights'
Week Ceremony**

-Saturday April 17th, 9:30am
Blank Park Zoo Pavilion

**DOC Victim Advisory Council's CVRW
Panel**

-Thursday April 22nd (time TBA)
Department of Corrections Central Office

Our goal is to help provide aid and advocacy for victims' rights, and raise both funds and awareness for 5 Iowa organizations dedicated to providing excellent care and resources to victims. We also aim to promote volunteerism in our community.

5k For 5 Charities Foundation





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DAVID K. BOYD
 State Court Administrator

March 4, 2010

Miss Donna J. Phillips, Administrator
 Victim Services Grant Program
 Attorney General's Crime Victim Assistance Division
 Ground Floor, Lucas Building
 Des Moines, IA 50319

Re: Request for No-Cost Extension on VWS Grant #10-23

Dear Miss Phillips,

We are requesting a no-cost extension of three months in the above-mentioned grant. This would move the contract end date from June 30, 2010 to September 30, 2010.

We anticipate using the funds to complete our Domestic Violence Bench Book project as follows:

Item	Amount	Purpose
Contractual	13,886.40	Domestic Abuse Policy Expert - Project Coordinator
Travel	1,300.00	Site Visits for court observation, mileage for team meetings
Supplies	4,913.90	Cost to disseminate completed Benchbook; incidental supplies for Project Coordinator
<i>total</i>	20,100	

Thank you for consideration of this request. The additional three months will help ensure that a valuable product results from this grant project.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely

Rebecca Kinnamon, Director
 Crimes Against Persons Program
 State Court Administrator's Office
 515-725-8045 (v)
 becky.kinnamon@iowacourts.gov

**Iowa Attorney General's
Crime Victim Assistance Division (CVAD)
Victim Services Support (VSS) Program**

**American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA, Stimulus)
Fiscal Year 2010 (FY10) Performance Report**

<u>Reporting Periods</u>	<u>Due Dates</u>	<u>"X"</u>
1st Quarter: July 1, 2009 - Sept. 30, 2009	October 5, 2009	<input type="checkbox"/>
2nd Quarter: Oct. 1, 2009 - Dec. 31, 2009	January 5, 2010	<input type="checkbox"/>
3rd Quarter: Jan. 1, 2010 - March 31, 2010	April 5, 2010	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4th Quarter: April 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010	July 6, 2010	<input type="checkbox"/>

Program:	Court Improvement Project
Agency:	State Court Administrator's Office
Street Address:	1111 E. Court Avenue
City, State & Zip Code:	Des Moines, IA 50319
Program Director:	Becky Kinnamon
Report Prepared By:	Becky Kinnamon & Nancy L. Robertson, J.D.
Preparer's Telephone:	515-725-8045 (Becky); 515-371-6606 (Nancy)
Preparer's E-Mail:	becky.kinnamon@iowacourts.gov; nlrobertsonlaw@aol.com
VAS Award Amount	
VWS Award Amount	\$34,300

Jobs Created or Retained

1. This calculation is performed by adding the total hours worked by all created or retained positions in the quarter, and dividing by the total in a full-time schedule. (See instructions.)

Total Full-time Equivalent for Jobs Created or Retained	.25 FTE DV public policy expert
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2. Did you utilize ARRA (Stimulus) funds to increase a position from part to full-time? (Check answer below)

Yes:	
No:	X

- a) If "yes" to question #2 above, provide title of position(s) where the hours were increased and the number of hours. For example: Sexual Abuse Advocate increased from 15 to 35 hrs.

3. Did you utilize ARRA (Stimulus) funds to create a new position?

Yes:	✓
No:	

a) If "yes" to question #2 above, provide title of position(s) created and number of hours. For example:
Court Advocate 30 hrs. per week

Title: Domestic Violence Public Policy Expert Consultant
Hours: .5 FTE
Amount of VAWA ARRA Funds used this quarter: \$5,522.70 (Contract rate \$450/day x 12.73 days/quarter)

Required Registrations

1) Did you register with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR)?

Yes:	✓
No:	

2) If "yes" to question #1 above, did you receive a Marketing Partner Identification Number (MPIN) when you registered with CCR?

Yes:	✓
No:	

3) Have you registered for a Dun & Bradstreet (D&B or DUNS) number?

Yes:	✓
No:	

Please provide the DUNS Number:	426021890
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Technical Assistance

1. Are you in need of technical assistance?

Yes:	
No:	✓

a) If "yes", please describe what technical assistance is needed in space below.

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Description of Use of ARRA Funds

1. Provide a **brief description** of how the ARRA (Stimulus) funds were utilized by your program.

Purpose of ARRA funds:

The State Court Administrator's Office received \$34,300 which is being used to update the Iowa Court's Domestic Violence Bench Book (DVBB). The current version of this resource is woefully out of date having last been published in 1993. The bulk of ARRA funding is being used to contract with a DV public policy expert, who is considered a .5 FTE. The remainder of the funds will be used for advisory board travel, supplies, research costs, publication/dissemination costs.

Once completed, the 2010 DVBB will incorporate current best practices in facilitating domestic abuse cases in both civil and criminal courts, as well as in other courts where domestic abuse may be an underlying element of the case before the court (e.g., juvenile court matters, dissolution matters, child custody/visitation, etc.)

Challenges/Opportunities: due to the 8th worst Iowa winter since records of same began, our committees largely conducted business via email, text, and conference calls. Portions of the new Bench Book have been drafted, and each subcommittee must now work towards a cohesive document.

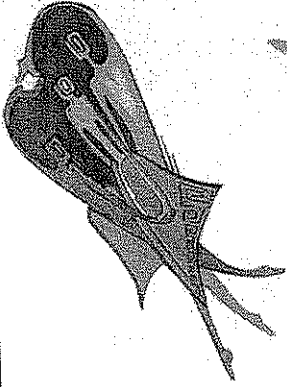
3rd Quarter Activity:

- In this quarter, Nancy continued reviewing Iowa's existing DVBB (last published in 1993); DVBB identified as having 'best practices' from around the nation (see list of resources, below); and found a 'volunteer friend of the court' who had computer software that allows existing hard copy documents to be scanned and saved as word documents. This was a huge boon to our process as we will be able to conduct extensive edits rather than an entire rewrite of all material.
- Subcommittees include: Civil Process, Criminal Process, Firearms, Advocate's Role in Courtroom Work Group, Children Impacted by Domestic Violence, Judicial Monitoring as a tool for offender accountability
- In addition to various articles on this subject, **resources reviewed this quarter include:**
 - Iowa Code Chapter 236, 664A; and 708
 - 2009 Iowa Supreme Court Task Force Report on Domestic Violence
 - Iowa Domestic Abuse Bench Book, 1994
 - Battered Women in the Courtroom: The Power of Judicial Responses
 - Michigan Bench Book , Domestic Violence: A Guide to Civil and Criminal Proceedings
 - Michigan-Friend of the Court DV Resource Book
 - West Virginia Benchbook for Domestic Violence Proceedings
 - New Mexico Domestic Violence Bench Book, as well as their interactive learning tool on the web
- **Confirmed DVBB Advisory Board Members:**
 - Dottie Thompson-Program Director, DVASAC (Marshalltown)
 - Attorney Tina Fisher, Director, MUNA Legal Clinic (Des Moines)

- Attorney Jessica Taylor, Iowa Legal Aid-VAWA Attorney (Des Moines)
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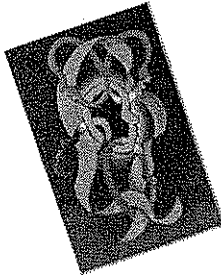


Different Colors of Violence

Conference X

“The Power of Youth”

Dr. Verna Cornelia Price, author of “The Power of People: Four Kinds of People Who Can Change Your Life,” will be our keynote speaker!



- A *FREE* event for students, educators, administrators, law enforcement officers, mental health providers, victim service advocates, emergency personnel, and volunteers - whereby communities of color will discuss violence preventions, strategies, and interventions. Experienced, professional, and engaging presenters provide facilitation for interactive dialogue focusing on the participants’ inner strengths. Dr. Price will provide tools for each participant to implement anti-violence programs in their respective communities.

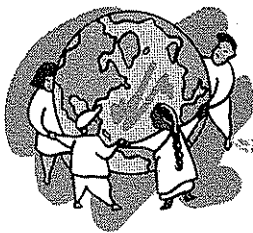
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Johnson Wellness Center
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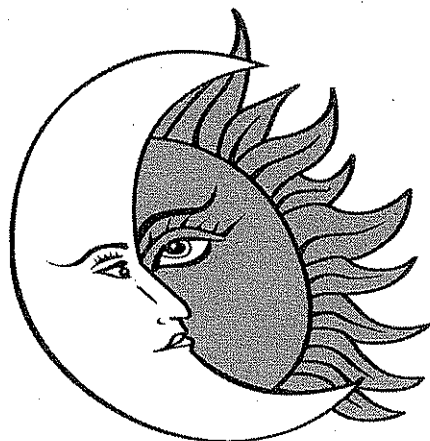


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- Meet Staff, Volunteers, & Board Members!
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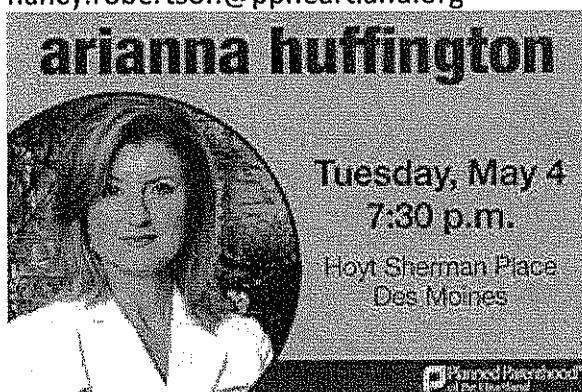
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I don't know, Jim. Eric and perhaps Tom, too, will be deciding that (and I'm not sure when they'll decide.) We were thinking they'd try to make a hiring decision in May....but I haven't heard that's been put into plan.

Bram

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That's impressive, Jim – excellent compendium or digest. I don't make time to do that, although I do copy up very key stories that show up in our clips or I spot otherwise....mainly for Tom and for key people working on an issue.

Thanks for sharing this. I'll pass on to others.

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Something I send out daily – a glimpse of what's going on around Iowa that pertains directly, or indirectly, to us. I have a staffer in Omaha who does this for Nebraska (the news out of Nebraska is

decidedly more depressing).

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Fort Dodge Messenger editorial: Latham takes good care of Guard members

Critics urge delay in vote on casinos

By THOMAS BEAUMONT and WILLIAM PETROSKI • tbeaumont@dmreg.com • April 20, 2010

Gambling opponents said Monday that confidence in the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission would suffer if the commission votes on new casino applications before a ruling on whether campaign contributions from some Fort Dodge casino backers were proper.

The commission should postpone its scheduled May 13 decision on four casino licenses in light of the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation's questions about \$25,000 in campaign contributions to Gov. Chet Culver, they said.

One gambling critic, Tom Coates of Norwalk, said, "This is a big enough cloud, given the immensity of it and the taint that comes from it, that this is not something where they want to approve somebody and then have it come down later that it was illegal."

The chairman of the Racing and Gaming Commission said, however, that the commission plans to hold the vote as scheduled, at least at this point.

In other developments:

- The Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board will conduct its own investigation into the contributions of three Fort Dodge casino backers to Culver last year, the director of the state regulatory board said Monday.

- Culver's campaign had donated \$25,000 to three charities, an authorized option for dealing with questionable campaign contributions. But on Monday, a Des Moines homeless shelter that received part of the money returned it to Culver's campaign, after learning of the DCI investigation.

State investigators are trying to determine whether Peninsula Gaming, a Dubuque casino company that plans to help finance the Fort Dodge casino, gave three local backers \$25,000 with the intention

that they donate it to Culver's campaign. In Iowa, it's illegal to make, or knowingly receive, a political contribution in another person's name.

Peninsula, the three donors and Culver have all said they did nothing wrong.

Officials respond to casino questions

Register Staff • April 20, 2010

The Des Moines Register e-mailed these questions about the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation's investigation to Gov. Chet Culver, Lt. Gov. Patty Judge, and senior administration and campaign staff. The administration's chief legal counsel, James Larew, and campaign manager Donn Stanley responded:

Q. Have the governor, lieutenant governor or any members of their official staffs or campaign staffs met with or been asked to meet with investigators with DCI to answer questions about campaign contributions from Steve Daniel, James Kesterson and Merrill D. Leffler?

A. The governor's office and the governor's campaign cannot comment on an ongoing DCI investigation. However, neither the governor's office nor the governor's campaign has any reason to believe that anyone with either organization is a target in the investigation. Further, the governor's office and the campaign have fully cooperated with the investigators at the governor's direction.

Q. Have the governor, lieutenant governor or any members of their official staffs or campaign staffs met with or been asked to meet with investigators with DCI to answer questions about campaign contributions from any other parties affiliated with other pending casino licenses?

A. Neither the governor's office nor the governor's campaign is aware of any such investigation.

Q. What has the campaign done with the contributions totaling \$25,000, given in six checks dated Nov. 23 and Dec. 7, 2009, from Steve Daniel, James Kesterson and Merrill D. Leffler?

A. The campaign made the following contributions on April 9, 2010 — \$8,334 to Door of Faith, \$8,334 to Churches United and \$8,344 to St. Vincent de Paul.

Q. Did contributions from Steve Daniel, James Kesterson and Merrill Leffler have any influence over Gov. Culver's March 4 letter urging the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission to grant licenses to the four casino license applicants?

A. Absolutely not. The governor and lieutenant governor have long supported granting licenses to communities that decide in local referendums to pursue such licenses. Further, many folks that have involvement in competing facilities and oppose these new licenses have also contributed to the governor's and lieutenant governor's campaign. The fact is that the governor and lieutenant governor have contributors and supporters on both sides of this and many other issues.

Q. Should a sitting governor accept campaign contributions from parties associated with pending casino license applications?

A. First, the governor has not made or taken any campaign contribution calls from any party associated with a license application once such a license application was submitted. Importantly, the Racing and Gaming Commission makes the licensing decision. There is no appeal to the governor. Some people associated with the current licensees have contributed to other candidates that oppose granting the new licenses just as some of these people have contributed to the governor's campaign. People supporting new licenses should have the same right to participate in the political process as those who oppose granting these new licenses.

Q. Did the governor, lieutenant governor or any members of their staffs meet with representatives of Peninsula Gaming, Webster County Gaming or Webster County Entertainment from Sept. 1, 2009, through March 13, 2010?

A. The governor and lieutenant governor have consistently supported the issue of licenses from communities after a local referendum. They were already on record supporting these applications. People from some of these groups, like all other Iowans, have the opportunity to meet with their state leaders.

Conlin keeps up theme of fighting injustice

By JENNIFER JACOBS • jjacobs@dmreg.com • April 20, 2010

Perky, carefully spelled messages on Twitter mark Roxanne Conlin's visits to Iowa's counties.

"Great crowd at Cronk's, political hub of Denison! Again concern about money in politics, corruption in Washington, and how we can fix it!"

And: "Big crowd in Spencer! Healthcare topic one."

A wealthy trial lawyer, Conlin was 38 the last time she ran for elected office - and was defeated.

This time, the Des Moines Democrat is challenging a powerful, longtime incumbent in Sen. Chuck Grassley, a Republican. Conlin aims to win with her message to create jobs, improve education and rein in corporate tax breaks.

Correcting past failures - or righting wrongs - is a lifelong theme for Conlin, now 65. Some examples:

- During her first year of marriage in 1964, she and her husband, Jim, earned \$1,500, and carried debt and stress from her enrollment in law school at a time when she felt scorn for being a female law student. So for their 30th wedding anniversary, Conlin organized a gala event to celebrate, which she called a "re-wedding."

- Memories of an alcoholic father who beat her mother prompted Conlin to consider purchasing her childhood home on Des Moines' High Street to turn it into a shelter for domestic abuse victims. She still hopes to do that.

- A building at Seventh and Locust streets in Des Moines was the site of a soda fountain that refused to serve Edna Griffin, a black woman, in 1948. That sparked a landmark battle that helped end open discrimination in Iowa. A decade later, when Conlin was 14 and her family lived in poverty, she was a

waitress there at the Katz Drug Store soda fountain. Later in life, she purchased the building, named it after Griffin, and moved her law office there, a firm bent on fixing injustices.

- When a company polluted water in the Mississippi River so badly it turned pink, Conlin forced the firm to clean it up.
- When a Des Moines family couldn't afford to bury a child struck by a car, Conlin quietly paid for the funeral.
- But she's most famous for arguing that Microsoft Corp. drove away competition - and winning a \$255 million settlement in a class-action lawsuit.

Conlin's failure in her governor's race against Terry Branstad in 1982 ushered in a 16-year stretch of Republican leadership in the Iowa governor's office.

"I really did not think I would run again for public office," Conlin said. "It just never came up again. I did the best I could. Lord knows it was the most fun I've ever had, and it was also the worst time I've ever had."

One pivotal issue in the 1982 campaign: A third of Iowans acknowledged they wouldn't vote for a female governor. Another: Conlin and her husband, Jim, paid no income tax that year - because, Conlin said, they did not owe any after federal deductibility was calculated.

"I think the way that was handled by media made it seem that somehow I cheated," she said. "That of course is not true."

Conlin said she'd be willing to share how much she's paying this year for 2009 income taxes. "I want to do something to put that to rest," she said. "I am happy to release my tax returns when Charles Grassley does."

Although Conlin didn't dip her toe in campaign politics for 28 years, she vouched for other candidates, including fellow trial lawyer and presidential candidate John Edwards, whom she called a friend of 20 years.

"What you see is what you get," Conlin told crowds in 2007. "The man is good to his soul. He's genuine. He's authentic."

Since Edwards admitted an extramarital affair, Conlin has not spoken to him and has made a conscious effort to avoid him.

"Like so many people, he fooled me," said Conlin, who was Iowa co-chairwoman of the Edwards campaign. "The sense of betrayal and disappointment is overwhelming."

But she hasn't abandoned the people-before-profits ideals she shared with Edwards. She rails against federal bailouts for Wall Street and "tax breaks for the very, very wealthy."

"Corporations have only one job ... to make a profit for their shareholders," she said. "Left to their own devices, they run roughshod over rights."

Even as she calls for the 76-year-old Grassley to retire, Conlin acknowledges she's not young, either. She jokes that "you learn that being 60 is a pre-existing condition." She sprained her knee hiding Easter eggs for her grandchildren. Her idea of good dance music is the accompaniment to the

rhumba, the cha-cha, the swing.

But she sets an aggressive schedule. She does her legal work after midnight.

"I get tired, but she doesn't," said Conlin's traveling chief of staff, Genevieve Craggs, 23.

A boiled-down resume of her achievements is nine pages. She was the nation's second female U.S. attorney and the first female president of the National Association of Trial Lawyers.

Even if someone is energetic and a nimble thinker, how effective can a freshman senator be?

"What does seniority matter if (Grassley's) not using it for us?" Conlin answered. "I think I can be seen and heard. You know I fight for a living."

Candidates release information on taxes

By JENNIFER JACOBS • jejacobs@dmreg.com • April 20, 2010

Republican Terry Branstad earned just under \$400,000 last year - substantially more than the \$130,000 salary an Iowa governor is paid.

Gov. Chet Culver, a Democrat who is seeking a second term, reported that he earned \$109,000 in taxable income last year. He cut his own pay 10 percent when he ordered a 10 percent across-the-board cut in October to deal with state budget troubles.

Republican Bob Vander Plaats, a business consultant, and his wife, Darla, a part-time accountant, together earned about \$60,000 in wages, but their total income was \$105,000 with royalties from the corporation he owns.

The three candidates for governor each released tax returns Monday. Their action was voluntary; governor candidates aren't required to release tax returns. A fourth candidate, Republican Rod Roberts, said he will share details soon.

The Culvers

Chester J. Culver and Mariclare Thinnies Culver, an attorney, released 10 pages of their scanned return. They earned about \$127,000 in 2009, their tax returns show. They reported a capital gain of \$7,500.

They paid about \$10,700 in state and local taxes, and about \$14,000 in federal taxes. They donated \$2,750 to charity.

They claimed two dependents, Clare, 8, and John, 7.

The Branstads

Branstad's campaign allowed reporters one hour to look through 89 pages of itemized returns.

"Governor Branstad has talked a lot about transparency in this campaign, and it was his opinion that when you're running for the office of governor, you need to hold yourself to a little higher standard when it comes to issues such as your personal tax return," said his campaign manager, Jeff Boeyink.

Terry E. and Christine A. Branstad, of Boone, gave \$41,000 to charities, including Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Boone, Christ the King Catholic Church in Des Moines, Dowling High School, Living History Farms, Blank Park Zoo and the Boone County Hospital Association.

Christine Branstad is not employed, but does volunteer work, primarily at the Boone County Hospital, campaign staff said.

Most of Terry Branstad's income - \$276,000 - was from 10 months of work as president of Des Moines University. He resigned in October to pursue the Republican nomination for governor.

If he'd worked at the university for a full year, his salary would have been roughly \$331,000.

Branstad owed \$86,000 in federal taxes and \$16,000 in state taxes. His tax refunds totaled \$11,900.

He took in just under \$52,000 in taxable pension income based on employment as a state legislator, lieutenant governor and governor.

His income also included about \$51,000 in rental real estate and partnerships. Of that, \$31,000 was from ownership of 13 rural Iowa post offices.

His business income was \$46,500, but his net income was \$21,600 after expenses. That was from fees for sitting on boards and acting as a consultant to four businesses: the Indianola-based Multi-Tech, which manufactures portable cement mixers; ConMed, which provides health care services to prison inmates; Liberty Bank; and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

"If he's elected governor, he's going to resign from all the corporate boards," Boeyink said.

Branstad has a small ownership stake in four companies: Lincolnway Energy LLC, an ethanol plant based in Nevada, Ia.; East Fork Biodiesel, LLC, a biodiesel plant in Algona; Liberty Bancshares Iowa Inc., the holding company for Liberty Bank; and Insite Mediacom, a company that does billboards and cell towers primarily in the south and east but has no relationship to the Mediacom cable company, Boeyink said.

He lost money on all four last year, his tax records show. The total loss was \$31,365.

Branstad also made a commission of \$50,000 from a fundraising firm he created after he left the governor's office: Policy Management Interests LLC. He uses it primarily to do fundraising for charities and other projects. As contributions come in, he gets a percentage, his campaign staff said.

If elected governor, Branstad will place all his investment assets into a blind trust to prevent concerns about how his decisions as governor might impact his personal finances, Boeyink said.

Branstad no longer owns any farm property, although he received a \$127 payment through a federal crop reserve program for a very small piece of tillable land on his 17-acre property in Boone, said his accountant, Jamie Ward.

The Vander Plaatses

Vander Plaats, who owns MVP Leadership in Sioux City, didn't release copies of his tax returns, just a summary.

It stated that Bob and Darla Vander Plaats' income included a capital gain of \$125, individual retirement account distributions of \$674, and royalties and S corporation income of \$44,094, for a total income of \$104,871.

The couple paid about \$9,500 in state and local taxes, as well as about \$9,000 in federal taxes. They donated \$5,700 to charity.

Republicans pan Core Curriculum

By STACI HUPP • shupp@dmreg.com • April 20, 2010

Three candidates who are vying for the Iowa Republican Party's nomination for governor want to dump a new law that forces public schools to follow a statewide curriculum.

Sioux City businessman Bob Vander Plaats, state Rep. Rod Roberts of Carroll and former Gov. Terry Branstad said key decisions about what students should learn in school are best left in local hands.

They called the Iowa Core Curriculum an expensive, flawed system that lacks strong standards to gauge how well students grasp skills and concepts.

In 2008, Gov. Chet Culver pushed to make the core curriculum mandatory for all public schools by 2014. The cost tops \$31 million.

Vander Plaats, a former business teacher and principal, said local control fuels cutting-edge classrooms more than a "top-down control system."

Branstad and Vander Plaats said they would push for high academic standards instead.

"Governor Branstad believes we must put in place 21st-century statewide standards and give local school districts the flexibility to achieve them," spokesman Tim Albrecht said.

Roberts said the core curriculum should be an option for schools, but it falls short as a law because "you do not have the standards, benchmarks and measurements to know whether the students have actually achieved what was intended," he said.

A spokeswoman for Culver's campaign could not be reached for comment Monday.

Vander Plaats released an education plan Monday that makes the Iowa Core Curriculum optional and gives parents more options.

His plan calls for an expanded tax credit for children taught at home or in private schools, and a school aid formula that sends tax dollars to any school of a student's choice, including private schools.

Vander Plaats also wants to expand the authority to run charter schools in Iowa. Charter schools

receive taxpayer money but operate free of school district rules and teacher union contracts.

Critics have said Iowa law cripples innovation in charter schools because it allows only traditional districts to run them. In other states, the authority belongs to teachers, parent groups, city officials and other stakeholders who crave change.

Register staff writer Jennifer Jacobs contributed to this article.

Let marketplace sort out winners and losers

The Register's editorial • April 20, 2010

The competition among four Iowa communities for gambling casino licenses has taken on the appearance of a lottery.

The Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission plans to rule in May which of the applications for licenses - from Fort Dodge, Ottumwa and Lyon and Tama Counties - will be winners.

But this is not a lottery, and the decision could be made for the wrong reason.

The gaming commission is being pressured to block proposed casinos that would siphon gamblers from neighboring casinos, and that would be a mistake. Applicants should be judged solely on their own merits.

The notion of new casinos "cannibalizing" existing casinos has taken on increasing importance in some circles in this state, but that should not be a factor in the Racing and Gaming Commission's decision. The commission's job is to protect the interests of the public and gamblers from dishonest or illegal operators. It exists to make sure gambling is conducted according to state and federal law in casinos operated by financially sound businesses.

The commission's job is not to pick winners and losers.

Ever since the Iowa Legislature began approving and expanding gambling - first racing, then riverboats, and then land-based casinos - the intent of state legislators has been clear: Local communities choose to allow gambling or not. While some Iowa counties have rejected gambling, the voters in 17 counties have approved it at public referendums, some repeatedly. In those counties, investors have put their own money on the line to build casinos with the idea that they can make a profit, or shut down if they are wrong. That is the function of a free market, whether it be grocery stores, bowling alleys or gambling operations.

Gov. Chet Culver has been criticized for writing a letter to the Racing and Gaming Commission in support of all four applicants. True, the decision is up to the commission (whose members he appoints), and Culver's letter acknowledges that. The governor, however, expressed concern that "the rules of the game" have changed to protect "existing operations" from new gambling enterprises rather than allowing newcomers to enter the market. Culver urged the four applications be judged on their own strengths, not their impact elsewhere.

"Competition is a good thing," the governor said in his letter. And he is right. By protecting existing

casinos by refusing to license a competitor, the state might only be propping up poorly conceived or poorly managed operations simply because they happened to come along first. That is not a reason for the state to prevent a business from starting up, especially after the voters have said they want gambling, and investors have said they are willing to bankroll it.

These four communities have demonstrated public and financial support for establishing gambling casinos. Assuming the applicants meet all requirements of the laws governing the gambling industry, the Racing and Gaming Commission should grant them licenses. The marketplace should decide which casinos are allowed to succeed or fail, not state government.

Obradovich: Culver should ask for delay of casino vote

KATHIE OBRADOVICH • kobradov@dmreg.com • April 20, 2010

Gov. Chet Culver has to be the unluckiest man alive. He doesn't even have to set foot in a casino and he loses his shirt gambling.

The whiff of scandal over donations to Culver's campaign from Fort Dodge casino backers is probably not a serious legal problem for the governor. It's far worse than that - it's a political quagmire that he'll wallow in no matter how clean his hands are.

He'll have to take precious time away from touting his accomplishments as governor to explain why this situation wasn't his fault. It bolsters his opponents' position that Iowa has enough gaming and that Culver is on the wrong side of that argument. It calls attention to the many Culver friends with gaming interests.

The investigation could drag on for months. The best possible outcome for Culver would be a lack of evidence that his campaign did anything wrong. Politically, though, lack of evidence doesn't add up to innocence. He's unlucky, indeed.

People make their own luck, in many ways. Culver contributed to his own fate by writing a letter to the Racing and Gaming Commission last month, advocating approval of four new casino licenses.

His political opponents and others were shocked - shocked! - that the governor could be so crass as to inject politics into this otherwise pure process of casino licensing. Former and wants-to-be future Gov. Terry Branstad said he never would have tried to influence the commission - an independent panel whose members are appointed by the governor.

Of course he wouldn't have. Branstad signed the law that provided all the insulation any governor could want from the decisions of the commission. It could license all the casinos it saw fit, and the revenue would flow into the state budget. Branstad could happily spend that money and accept donations from gaming backers but refuse to take a public position on any specific casino proposal.

Underneath some of that shock may be amazement that Culver didn't take advantage of the built-in political cover. I've said before that he did nothing wrong in advocating the casino proposals. I seem to be in the minority on that. I've been appreciative that he was up front about his position, instead of being coy or pushing his agenda behind the scenes.

But I haven't said it was politically wise for him to do so, and this situation makes it obvious why it wasn't. There's just too much money, too much power, too much influence tied up in the industry. The politics may be veiled, but it's ruthless. It's amazing that we haven't seen a scandal before now. If Culver wants to put his hand into that pit of vipers, he has to expect to feel the fangs.

He really has only one choice now. He has to be so committed to clean gambling in Iowa that he touts this investigation as an example of how meticulous the state is in protecting the industry's integrity. No matter how disruptive or painful this ends up being to his campaign, he has to be happy and proud that the Division of Criminal Investigation is doing such a great job.

Stacey Cargill, a gambling opponent, asked the commission on April 4 to delay its decision on all four licenses until after the May 19 deadline for campaign finance reports. I didn't think that was necessary a week ago. Now, Culver should ask for the delay, at least for the Fort Dodge application.

Culver can't hide from this issue, attempt to minimize it or refuse to talk about it, although he may want to do so. He's been dealt a lousy hand, and now he has to play it.

Correction: In Sunday's column, I should have said that Roxanne Conlin's \$250,000 loan to her campaign was in addition to her quarterly donation total of about \$630,000, not part of the total. I apologize for the error.

I'm proud of reform

I'm a young girl from Illinois and passing health care was very important to me. Being under 18 lets me be involved in politics in a very different way, like becoming a page, volunteering and campaigns. All of them are important, but when it comes to health-care reform, it's even more important.

We needed real change. That's what we have now and I'm so proud to be a teenager that can say "Yeah. Obama is my president. Why shouldn't he be? He passed historic health-care reform!"

Em Spangler

Sterling

Bill 'forces charity'

I recently read in the Quad-City Times that poor people will get either free or subsidized health care. I have news for you who think that. There is no free lunch.

If any government entity doles out free or subsidized anything, they are not the ones footing the bill. It

is the taxpayers. Only the federal government can print money. Unfortunately, if they do print too much money, everyone, including the poor, will receive a hideous tax known as inflation. In any case, the taxpayers lose.

In the recent health-care bill passed with the help of U.S. Reps. Bruce Braley and Phil Hare and U.S. Sens. Tom Harkin and Dick Durbin, mandates require that health insurance companies must cover preventative health measures such as a colonoscopy or a mammogram as well as sell insurance to those with preexisting conditions. These mandates will cost these companies much more than they have had to spend in the past.

Like any business that must make a profit to survive, it must pass along those additional costs on to its customers.

Therefore, these mandates will raise my premium even more than normal.

These additional costs are no more than forced charity making me pay for my neighbors' medical bills.

Once again, there is no free lunch. Some person must pay to cover those costs!

Larry L. Hintze

Eldridge

Lange outraises GOP primary opponents

By James Q. Lynch

The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — Although it's just a fraction of what the incumbent has raised, Ben Lange thinks the \$34,310 he has raised in campaign for the 1st District U.S. House seat puts him where he needs to be.

Lange has raised more than his three opponents for the GOP nomination combined, raising nearly seven times more than his nearest primary opponent.

However, the Independence lawyer believes energy, not money, will be the key to it defeating Rep. Bruce Braley, a Waterloo Democrat, in November.

Turnout at Republican events has been strong this spring, he said, noting Republicans outnumbered Democrats at Scott County caucuses by nearly a three-to-one margin.

Voter frustration with the federal government is energizing campaigns across the country and the 1st District, which sweeps across Eastern Iowa from Cedar Falls to the Quad Cities, is no exception,

"People are distrustful of Congress and frustrated with its policies," Lange said Monday.

Tea Party activities are the "personification of that frustration," he said.

"That frustration will propel them to act all the way through November," he said.

For the time being, Lange, 31, is concentrating on the June 8 primary. The East Buchanan High School graduate, who moved his family back to Eastern Iowa after working as a congressional aide, faces Mike LaCoste of Waterloo, James Budde of Bellevue and Will Johnson of Dubuque for the nomination.

Lange raised \$34,310, according to Federal Election Commission reports, and has \$27,713 cash on hand. Budde reported raising \$4,935 with \$1,791 cash on hand. LaCoste and Johnson have not filed FEC reports, which are required if a candidate raises or spends \$5,000.

Braley, also an attorney, has dwarfed the Republicans' fundraising efforts. His FEC report shows he's raised \$865,589 and has \$623,736 on hand. He has \$49,180 in campaign debt compared to Lange's \$4,773.

Despite the disparity in campaign wealth, Lange believes he can compete with and defeat Braley should he get the GOP nomination.

"I like where we're at," he said. "We know where he's at and where we need to be. People want change."

The FEC reports may be found at www.fec.gov.

VetPac endorses Krause for U.S. Senate

Fairfield Democrat Bob Krause has been endorsed by the Veterans' Alliance for Security and Democracy, VetPac, in his bid for the nomination for the U.S. Senate.

VetPac is a national political action committee that works to elect veterans to public office.

"I am pleased to accept the VetPac endorsement," Krause said. "America needs veterans in public office to ensure that we do not forget the vet, as has happened many times in the past. VetPac also promotes a progressive agenda of issues that concern veterans and soldiers."

Krause is vying with Tom Fiegen and Roxanne Conlin for the nomination to face Republican Chuck Grassley.

Marriage not necessary to recognize gay union

Posted on Apr 20, 2010 by [Jeff Tecklenburg](#).

The definition of marriage is spousal. A spouse is a husband (man) or a wife (woman). When they get married, they become mates. Mate means to procreate (father or mother). Allowing same-sex couples a marriage license makes a mockery, a farce, of a real marriage. If they feel the need for a legal document, that's fine, but it doesn't have to be a marriage license.

Forget your political affiliation and vote for who promises to make sure that Iowans get the right to vote on this issue. Don't say this is not important. I believe that widows and widowers, husbands and wives, think it is very important.

Vi Emerson

Marion

Know the facts before attacking gay marriage

Posted on Apr 20, 2010 by [Jeff Tecklenburg](#).

I would like to offer some free, yet unsolicited, advice to the Republican candidates who appear so outraged over the recent legalization of same-sex marriage in Iowa. I understand that you hope this will become a hot-button issue rallying support for your campaign, but you really need to provide valid and compelling reasons to motivate the populous.

Everyone's heard the statements like: "Homosexuals only constitute 3 percent of the population, why should we allow them to redefine the definition of marriage?" and, "We need to protect the sacred institution of marriage as a holy union between one man and one woman."

This may sound OK to many at first, but any reasonable person has to ask, "Shouldn't we focus on eliminating divorce? Criminalizing adultery?" Aren't those the overwhelming adversaries of marriage that need attention? Why focus on the 3 percent when 40 percent to 50 percent of holy heterosexual unions dissolve at such a great cost to society?

And here are a few more free facts for candidates: Some of your neighbors are gay. Some of your family is gay. They vote. They were gay before this law went into effect, and they will continue to be gay even if you're successful in repealing the law (which would mean the end to visitation rights, inheritance laws, security benefits, etc., for same-sex couples). So, please explain why this is so important to you – to Iowa. We want details and they better be compelling and truthful.

Daniel Sitter

Cedar Rapids

Vander Plaats offers education strategy

By Rod Boshart Journal Des Moines Bureau |

DES MOINES -- Republican gubernatorial candidate Bob Vander Plaats on Monday issued a K-12 education strategy that calls for more charter schools, more emphasis on local control and high student performance standards.

Vander Plaats, a former business teacher and principal, said he wants to offer expanded school choice by encouraging more charter schools while allowing state aid to follow any student to a new school if their current school is failing to educate them. He also would expand tax credits for parents who choose to educate their children at home or at private schools as a way to promote competition and spur public schools to improve.

The Sioux City business consultant who is making his third gubernatorial bid said he would appoint a state education director and Iowa Board of Education members who are committed to returning control to the local schools and focused on the students, not the bureaucracy. The state Board of Education also will include representatives of private schools and parents who home school their children, he promised.

Vander Plaats said his education leadership strategy would be built on the premise that Iowa "needs to do things differently and it should start by freeing schools from senseless mandates and simplifying their funding." He said Iowa needs a governor who will lead, set high expectations and get out of the way so local communities can make good decisions for their students and families.

"My goal has always been to increase student performance and further professionalize the teaching profession," he said. "I want to reignite the teachers' passion for teaching so our students achieve the highest expectations, preparing them to be bold leaders of our future."

Vander Plaats said he wants to facilitate "real" charter schools that allow public, private, and nonprofit entities to be the chartering agency. Charter school applications would be approved by the state Board of Education and state per-pupil funding would follow students enrolled in charter schools.

The Sioux City Republican also pledged to set high student performance standards that would place a strong focus on advanced math, science and vocational education, and he would require local schools to report student achievement to the community in a regular, transparent manner.

He also pledged to give more control locally by lifting state educational mandates that don't relate to student achievement. We also would allow schools to decide how to reach the standards and make core curriculum elements voluntary, not a mandate.

"We can move ahead -- and move ahead by leaps and bounds to the direct benefit of Iowa's kids -- with higher standards and by freeing our schools from senseless mandates and simplifying their funding," he said. "Iowa doesn't need the federal government to pay us to innovate. We can innovate on our own and not be tied to federal mandates."

Vander Plaats said he also plans to release his strategy for community colleges, the state's three public universities and private higher education as the campaign progresses.

Health care reform dominates King meeting

By Bret Hayworth -

SIoux CITY -- When Iowa 5th District Congressman Steve King met with constituents for a town hall meeting Monday, it was as if the eight months since his August session had been merely an intermission.

At both events, at Western Iowa Tech Community College, the majority of Northwest Iowans in attendance indicated strong criticism for federal health care reform.

One huge difference marked Monday's discussion, however -- health care reform, still under debate in August, is now the law of the land.

It's a law King, a four-term Republican from Kiron, wants to repeal. That effort, however, has scant odds of success in a chamber controlled by Democrats. Nonetheless, when King expressed his desire to repeal the bill, a strong three-fourths of Monday's audience burst into applause.

Wearing an American-flag-print shirt, R. Doc Zortman, of Sioux City, referenced the August discussion about "death panels," a supposed reform element critics said would subject elderly Americans to rationed care at the end of life. Zortman said he foresees rationing of health care with the new law, such as a person with a hip injury being told the injury isn't severe enough to warrant prompt treatment.

King said Zortman may have given the best recitation on the possibilities of health care rationing he's heard.

"I don't want the government to make these decisions," King said.

Jim Rixner, who heads the Siouxland Mental Health Center in Sioux City, was the only speaker to tell King he supports the new reform law. Rixner said he likes the portion that allows people up to age 26 to remain on their parents' health insurance policy and the part whereby insurance companies can no longer deny medical coverage due to pre-existing conditions. He said the pre-existing condition clauses were particularly vexing for people with mental illnesses.

King said he opposes "Obamacare" and told Rixner he doesn't support the two portions Rixner found most beneficial, including the age-limit change.

"I want my kids to grow up and take care of themselves," King said.

He said he doesn't support making insurance companies move away from denying coverage based on pre-existing conditions. King said an Iowa program, whereby people with pre-existing conditions can buy into a special health plan, is a better way to go. That might come at costly premiums, King said, but those with the pre-existing conditions have found the plan to be worthwhile, since they can get treatment.

"Everyone in this country has health care, even if they have to show up in the emergency room," King said.

He said a better approach is for states to individually reform health care rather than having the big federal plan, which has a price tag of \$940 billion over 10 years.

"One size fits all takes away our freedom and liberty," King said.

Foreign policy and immigration reform also got a major airing Monday as King answered 10 questions over an hour. The congressman said the Obama administration is pushing a "comprehensive amnesty" for those who live illegally in America without citizenship status. He contended Obama is waiting to see if there is "political juice" to push immigration reform through in 2010.

Heath Reinke, of Spirit Lake, told King he was concerned that Obama had weakened America's stance internationally by signing a nuclear reduction treaty with Russia earlier this month and failing to support Israel with the strength of past administrations. Reinke said Obama is "castrating America" and the crowd tittered when he questioned the president's motives.

"I just wonder where the president is going with his foreign policy," he said.

Responded King, "The president has not presented a coherent foreign policy."

Troubling facts

By CONNIE JO BERHOW, Buffalo Center Share

Fifty-three million-plus abortions since 1973.

Our schools are closing; not enough students.

Social Security is going broke; not enough people paying in.

Duh! That's all I have to say.

Latham takes good care of Guard members

The patriotic men and women who serve in the National Guard make an enormous contribution to the well-being of all Americans. That's true when assorted local disasters and emergencies take place. During wartime, Guard members are frequently asked to put civilian pursuits on hold to augment the important work of the active military.

Making sure that inappropriate bureaucratic rules don't prevent Guard members who spend time on active duty from receiving benefits to which they should be entitled has been a priority for U.S. Rep. Tom Latham. In 2008, the Iowa Republican, who represents the 4th Congressional District, authored legislation to bring retirement benefits for Guard members with active duty service more in line with those received by full-time military personnel.

Unfortunately, a glitch developed in implementation that prevented Guard members whose active service fell within two fiscal years from easily getting full retirement credit. Latham has now teamed

with U.S. Rep. Dan Boren, D-Okla., to introduce legislation to correct the statutory loophole.

"The role of the Guard and Reserve has changed immensely in the last decade," Latham said in a statement announcing this initiative. "These soldiers play a central role in our military operations overseas, and we owe it to them to make sure their retirement benefits reflect the incredible sacrifices they make. This bill simply removes a technical glitch that is keeping some Guard members from the retirement benefits they've earned."

Latham is an exceptionally talented member of the U.S. House of Representatives. His aggressive, bipartisan work on this issue is an excellent example of his commitment to serve not only his constituents, but all Americans.

The Messenger salutes this outstanding congressman.

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Something I send out daily – a glimpse of what's going on around Iowa that pertains directly, or indirectly, to us. I have a staffer in Omaha who does this for Nebraska (the news out of Nebraska is decidedly more depressing).

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Critics urge delay in vote on casinos

By THOMAS BEAUMONT and WILLIAM PETROSKI • tbeaumont@dmreg.com • April 20, 2010

Gambling opponents said Monday that confidence in the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission would suffer if the commission votes on new casino applications before a ruling on whether campaign contributions from some Fort Dodge casino backers were proper.

The commission should postpone its scheduled May 13 decision on four casino licenses in light of the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation's questions about \$25,000 in campaign contributions to Gov. Chet Culver, they said.

One gambling critic, Tom Coates of Norwalk, said, "This is a big enough cloud, given the immensity of it and the taint that comes from it, that this is not something where they want to approve somebody and then have it come down later that it was illegal."

The chairman of the Racing and Gaming Commission said, however, that the commission plans to hold the vote as scheduled, at least at this point.

In other developments:

- The Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board will conduct its own investigation into the contributions of three Fort Dodge casino backers to Culver last year, the director of the state regulatory board said Monday.

- Culver's campaign had donated \$25,000 to three charities, an authorized option for dealing with questionable campaign contributions. But on Monday, a Des Moines homeless shelter that received part of the money returned it to Culver's campaign, after learning of the DCI investigation.

State investigators are trying to determine whether Peninsula Gaming, a Dubuque casino company that plans to help finance the Fort Dodge casino, gave three local backers \$25,000 with the intention that they donate it to Culver's campaign. In Iowa, it's illegal to make, or knowingly receive, a political contribution in another person's name.

Peninsula, the three donors and Culver have all said they did nothing wrong.

Officials respond to casino questions

Register Staff • April 20, 2010

The Des Moines Register e-mailed these questions about the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation's investigation to Gov. Chet Culver, Lt. Gov. Patty Judge, and senior administration and campaign staff. The administration's chief legal counsel, James Larew, and campaign manager Donn Stanley responded:

Q. Have the governor, lieutenant governor or any members of their official staffs or campaign staffs met with or been asked to meet with investigators with DCI to answer questions about campaign contributions from Steve Daniel, James Kesterson and Merrill D. Leffler?

A. The governor's office and the governor's campaign cannot comment on an ongoing DCI investigation. However, neither the governor's office nor the governor's campaign has any reason to believe that anyone with either organization is a target in the investigation. Further, the governor's office and the campaign have fully cooperated with the investigators at the governor's direction.

Q. Have the governor, lieutenant governor or any members of their official staffs or campaign staffs met with or been asked to meet with investigators with DCI to answer questions about campaign contributions from any other parties affiliated with other pending casino licenses?

A. Neither the governor's office nor the governor's campaign is aware of any such investigation.

Q. What has the campaign done with the contributions totaling \$25,000, given in six checks dated Nov. 23 and Dec. 7, 2009, from Steve Daniel, James Kesterson and Merrill D. Leffler?

A. The campaign made the following contributions on April 9, 2010 — \$8,334 to Door of Faith, \$8,334 to Churches United and \$8,344 to St. Vincent de Paul.

Q. Did contributions from Steve Daniel, James Kesterson and Merrill Leffler have any influence over Gov. Culver's March 4 letter urging the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission to grant licenses to the four casino license applicants?

A. Absolutely not. The governor and lieutenant governor have long supported granting licenses to communities that decide in local referendums to pursue such licenses. Further, many folks that have involvement in competing facilities and oppose these new licenses have also contributed to the governor's and lieutenant governor's campaign. The fact is that the governor and lieutenant governor have contributors and supporters on both sides of this and many other issues.

Q. Should a sitting governor accept campaign contributions from parties associated with pending casino license applications?

A. First, the governor has not made or taken any campaign contribution calls from any party associated with a license application once such a license application was submitted. Importantly, the Racing and Gaming Commission makes the licensing decision. There is no appeal to the governor. Some people associated with the current licensees have contributed to other candidates that oppose granting the new licenses just as some of these people have contributed to the governor's campaign. People supporting new licenses should have the same right to participate in the political process as those who oppose granting these new licenses.

Q. Did the governor, lieutenant governor or any members of their staffs meet with representatives of Peninsula Gaming, Webster County Gaming or Webster County Entertainment from Sept. 1, 2009, through March 13, 2010?

A. The governor and lieutenant governor have consistently supported the issue of licenses from communities after a local referendum. They were already on record supporting these applications. People from some of these groups, like all other Iowans, have the opportunity to meet with their state leaders.

Conlin keeps up theme of fighting injustice

By JENNIFER JACOBS • jejacobs@dmreg.com • April 20, 2010

Perky, carefully spelled messages on Twitter mark Roxanne Conlin's visits to Iowa's counties.

"Great crowd at Cronk's, political hub of Denison! Again concern about money in politics, corruption in Washington, and how we can fix it!"

And: "Big crowd in Spencer! Healthcare topic one."

A wealthy trial lawyer, Conlin was 38 the last time she ran for elected office - and was defeated.

This time, the Des Moines Democrat is challenging a powerful, longtime incumbent in Sen. Chuck Grassley, a Republican. Conlin aims to win with her message to create jobs, improve education and rein in corporate tax breaks.

Correcting past failures - or righting wrongs - is a lifelong theme for Conlin, now 65. Some examples:

- During her first year of marriage in 1964, she and her husband, Jim, earned \$1,500, and carried debt and stress from her enrollment in law school at a time when she felt scorn for being a female

law student. So for their 30th wedding anniversary, Conlin organized a gala event to celebrate, which she called a "re-wedding."

- Memories of an alcoholic father who beat her mother prompted Conlin to consider purchasing her childhood home on Des Moines' High Street to turn it into a shelter for domestic abuse victims. She still hopes to do that.

- A building at Seventh and Locust streets in Des Moines was the site of a soda fountain that refused to serve Edna Griffin, a black woman, in 1948. That sparked a landmark battle that helped end open discrimination in Iowa. A decade later, when Conlin was 14 and her family lived in poverty, she was a waitress there at the Katz Drug Store soda fountain. Later in life, she purchased the building, named it after Griffin, and moved her law office there, a firm bent on fixing injustices.

- When a company polluted water in the Mississippi River so badly it turned pink, Conlin forced the firm to clean it up.

- When a Des Moines family couldn't afford to bury a child struck by a car, Conlin quietly paid for the funeral.

- But she's most famous for arguing that Microsoft Corp. drove away competition - and winning a \$255 million settlement in a class-action lawsuit.

Conlin's failure in her governor's race against Terry Branstad in 1982 ushered in a 16-year stretch of Republican leadership in the Iowa governor's office.

"I really did not think I would run again for public office," Conlin said. "It just never came up again. I did the best I could. Lord knows it was the most fun I've ever had, and it was also the worst time I've ever had."

One pivotal issue in the 1982 campaign: A third of Iowans acknowledged they wouldn't vote for a female governor. Another: Conlin and her husband, Jim, paid no income tax that year - because, Conlin said, they did not owe any after federal deductibility was calculated.

"I think the way that was handled by media made it seem that somehow I cheated," she said. "That of course is not true."

Conlin said she'd be willing to share how much she's paying this year for 2009 income taxes. "I want to do something to put that to rest," she said. "I am happy to release my tax returns when Charles Grassley does."

Although Conlin didn't dip her toe in campaign politics for 28 years, she vouched for other candidates, including fellow trial lawyer and presidential candidate John Edwards, whom she called a friend of 20 years.

"What you see is what you get," Conlin told crowds in 2007. "The man is good to his soul. He's genuine. He's authentic."

Since Edwards admitted an extramarital affair, Conlin has not spoken to him and has made a conscious effort to avoid him.

"Like so many people, he fooled me," said Conlin, who was Iowa co-chairwoman of the Edwards campaign. "The sense of betrayal and disappointment is overwhelming."

But she hasn't abandoned the people-before-profits ideals she shared with Edwards. She rails against federal bailouts for Wall Street and "tax breaks for the very, very wealthy."

"Corporations have only one job ... to make a profit for their shareholders," she said. "Left to their own devices, they run roughshod over rights."

Even as she calls for the 76-year-old Grassley to retire, Conlin acknowledges she's not young, either. She jokes that "you learn that being 60 is a pre-existing condition." She sprained her knee hiding Easter eggs for her grandchildren. Her idea of good dance music is the accompaniment to the rumba, the cha-cha, the swing.

But she sets an aggressive schedule. She does her legal work after midnight.

"I get tired, but she doesn't," said Conlin's traveling chief of staff, Genevieve Craggs, 23.

A boiled-down resume of her achievements is nine pages. She was the nation's second female U.S. attorney and the first female president of the National Association of Trial Lawyers.

Even if someone is energetic and a nimble thinker, how effective can a freshman senator be?

"What does seniority matter if (Grassley's) not using it for us?" Conlin answered. "I think I can be seen and heard. You know I fight for a living."

Candidates release information on taxes

By JENNIFER JACOBS • jejacobs@dmreg.com • April 20, 2010

Republican Terry Branstad earned just under \$400,000 last year - substantially more than the \$130,000 salary an Iowa governor is paid.

Gov. Chet Culver, a Democrat who is seeking a second term, reported that he earned \$109,000 in taxable income last year. He cut his own pay 10 percent when he ordered a 10 percent across-the-board cut in October to deal with state budget troubles.

Republican Bob Vander Plaats, a business consultant, and his wife, Darla, a part-time accountant, together earned about \$60,000 in wages, but their total income was \$105,000 with royalties from the corporation he owns.

The three candidates for governor each released tax returns Monday. Their action was voluntary; governor candidates aren't required to release tax returns. A fourth candidate, Republican Rod Roberts, said he will share details soon.

The Culvers

Chester J. Culver and Mariclare Thinnes Culver, an attorney, released 10 pages of their scanned return. They earned about \$127,000 in 2009, their tax returns show. They reported a capital gain of \$7,500.

They paid about \$10,700 in state and local taxes, and about \$14,000 in federal taxes. They donated \$2,750 to charity.

They claimed two dependents, Clare, 8, and John, 7.

The Branstads

Branstad's campaign allowed reporters one hour to look through 89 pages of itemized returns.

"Governor Branstad has talked a lot about transparency in this campaign, and it was his opinion that when you're running for the office of governor, you need to hold yourself to a little higher standard when it comes to issues such as your personal tax return," said his campaign manager, Jeff Boeyink.

Terry E. and Christine A. Branstad, of Boone, gave \$41,000 to charities, including Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Boone, Christ the King Catholic Church in Des Moines, Dowling High School, Living History Farms, Blank Park Zoo and the Boone County Hospital Association.

Christine Branstad is not employed, but does volunteer work, primarily at the Boone County Hospital, campaign staff said.

Most of Terry Branstad's income - \$276,000 - was from 10 months of work as president of Des Moines University. He resigned in October to pursue the Republican nomination for governor.

If he'd worked at the university for a full year, his salary would have been roughly \$331,000.

Branstad owed \$86,000 in federal taxes and \$16,000 in state taxes. His tax refunds totaled \$11,900.

He took in just under \$52,000 in taxable pension income based on employment as a state legislator, lieutenant governor and governor.

His income also included about \$51,000 in rental real estate and partnerships. Of that, \$31,000 was from ownership of 13 rural Iowa post offices.

His business income was \$46,500, but his net income was \$21,600 after expenses. That was from fees for sitting on boards and acting as a consultant to four businesses: the Indianola-based Multi-Tech, which manufactures portable cement mixers; ConMed, which provides health care services to prison inmates; Liberty Bank; and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

"If he's elected governor, he's going to resign from all the corporate boards," Boeyink said.

Branstad has a small ownership stake in four companies: Lincolnway Energy LLC, an ethanol plant based in Nevada, Ia.; East Fork Biodiesel, LLC, a biodiesel plant in Algona; Liberty Bancshares Iowa Inc., the holding company for Liberty Bank; and Insite Mediacom, a company that does billboards and cell towers primarily in the south and east but has no relationship to the Mediacom cable company, Boeyink said.

He lost money on all four last year, his tax records show. The total loss was \$31,365.

Branstad also made a commission of \$50,000 from a fundraising firm he created after he left the governor's office: Policy Management Interests LLC. He uses it primarily to do fundraising for charities and other projects. As contributions come in, he gets a percentage, his campaign staff said.

If elected governor, Branstad will place all his investment assets into a blind trust to prevent concerns about how his decisions as governor might impact his personal finances, Boeyink said.

Branstad no longer owns any farm property, although he received a \$127 payment through a federal crop reserve program for a very small piece of tillable land on his 17-acre property in Boone, said his accountant, Jamie Ward.

The Vander Plaatses

Vander Plaats, who owns MVP Leadership in Sioux City, didn't release copies of his tax returns, just a summary.

It stated that Bob and Darla Vander Plaats' income included a capital gain of \$125, individual retirement account distributions of \$674, and royalties and S corporation income of \$44,094, for a total income of \$104,871.

The couple paid about \$9,500 in state and local taxes, as well as about \$9,000 in federal taxes. They donated \$5,700 to charity.

Republicans pan Core Curriculum

By STACI HUPP • shupp@dmreg.com • April 20, 2010

Three candidates who are vying for the Iowa Republican Party's nomination for governor want to dump a new law that forces public schools to follow a statewide curriculum.

Sioux City businessman Bob Vander Plaats, state Rep. Rod Roberts of Carroll and former Gov. Terry Branstad said key decisions about what students should learn in school are best left in local hands.

They called the Iowa Core Curriculum an expensive, flawed system that lacks strong standards to gauge how well students grasp skills and concepts.

In 2008, Gov. Chet Culver pushed to make the core curriculum mandatory for all public schools by 2014. The cost tops \$31 million.

Vander Plaats, a former business teacher and principal, said local control fuels cutting-edge classrooms more than a "top-down control system."

Branstad and Vander Plaats said they would push for high academic standards instead.

"Governor Branstad believes we must put in place 21st-century statewide standards and give local school districts the flexibility to achieve them," spokesman Tim Albrecht said.

Roberts said the core curriculum should be an option for schools, but it falls short as a law because "you do not have the standards, benchmarks and measurements to know whether the students have actually achieved what was intended," he said.

A spokeswoman for Culver's campaign could not be reached for comment Monday.

Vander Plaats released an education plan Monday that makes the Iowa Core Curriculum optional and gives parents more options.

His plan calls for an expanded tax credit for children taught at home or in private schools, and a school aid formula that sends tax dollars to any school of a student's choice, including private schools.

Vander Plaats also wants to expand the authority to run charter schools in Iowa. Charter schools receive taxpayer money but operate free of school district rules and teacher union contracts.

Critics have said Iowa law cripples innovation in charter schools because it allows only traditional districts to run them. In other states, the authority belongs to teachers, parent groups, city officials and other stakeholders who crave change.

Register staff writer Jennifer Jacobs contributed to this article.

Let marketplace sort out winners and losers

The Register's editorial • April 20, 2010

The competition among four Iowa communities for gambling casino licenses has taken on the appearance of a lottery.

The Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission plans to rule in May which of the applications for licenses - from Fort Dodge, Ottumwa and Lyon and Tama Counties - will be winners.

But this is not a lottery, and the decision could be made for the wrong reason.

The gaming commission is being pressured to block proposed casinos that would siphon gamblers from neighboring casinos, and that would be a mistake. Applicants should be judged solely on their own merits.

The notion of new casinos "cannibalizing" existing casinos has taken on increasing importance in some circles in this state, but that should not be a factor in the Racing and Gaming Commission's decision. The commission's job is to protect the interests of the public and gamblers from dishonest or illegal operators. It exists to make sure gambling is conducted according to state and federal law in casinos operated by financially sound businesses.

The commission's job is not to pick winners and losers.

Ever since the Iowa Legislature began approving and expanding gambling - first racing, then riverboats, and then land-based casinos - the intent of state legislators has been clear: Local communities choose to allow gambling or not. While some Iowa counties have rejected gambling, the voters in 17 counties have approved it at public referendums, some repeatedly. In those counties, investors have put their own money on the line to build casinos with the idea that they can make a profit, or shut down if they are wrong. That is the function of a free market, whether it be grocery

stores, bowling alleys or gambling operations.

Gov. Chet Culver has been criticized for writing a letter to the Racing and Gaming Commission in support of all four applicants. True, the decision is up to the commission (whose members he appoints), and Culver's letter acknowledges that. The governor, however, expressed concern that "the rules of the game" have changed to protect "existing operations" from new gambling enterprises rather than allowing newcomers to enter the market. Culver urged the four applications be judged on their own strengths, not their impact elsewhere.

"Competition is a good thing," the governor said in his letter. And he is right. By protecting existing casinos by refusing to license a competitor, the state might only be propping up poorly conceived or poorly managed operations simply because they happened to come along first. That is not a reason for the state to prevent a business from starting up, especially after the voters have said they want gambling, and investors have said they are willing to bankroll it.

These four communities have demonstrated public and financial support for establishing gambling casinos. Assuming the applicants meet all requirements of the laws governing the gambling industry, the Racing and Gaming Commission should grant them licenses. The marketplace should decide which casinos are allowed to succeed or fail, not state government.

Obradovich: Culver should ask for delay of casino vote

KATHIE OBRADOVICH • kobradov@dmreg.com • April 20, 2010

Gov. Chet Culver has to be the unluckiest man alive. He doesn't even have to set foot in a casino and he loses his shirt gambling.

The whiff of scandal over donations to Culver's campaign from Fort Dodge casino backers is probably not a serious legal problem for the governor. It's far worse than that - it's a political quagmire that he'll wallow in no matter how clean his hands are.

He'll have to take precious time away from touting his accomplishments as governor to explain why this situation wasn't his fault. It bolsters his opponents' position that Iowa has enough gaming and that Culver is on the wrong side of that argument. It calls attention to the many Culver friends with gaming interests.

The investigation could drag on for months. The best possible outcome for Culver would be a lack of evidence that his campaign did anything wrong. Politically, though, lack of evidence doesn't add up to innocence. He's unlucky, indeed.

People make their own luck, in many ways. Culver contributed to his own fate by writing a letter to the Racing and Gaming Commission last month, advocating approval of four new casino licenses.

His political opponents and others were shocked - shocked! - that the governor could be so crass as to inject politics into this otherwise pure process of casino licensing. Former and wants-to-be future Gov. Terry Branstad said he never would have tried to influence the commission - an independent panel whose members are appointed by the governor.

Of course he wouldn't have. Branstad signed the law that provided all the insulation any governor could want from the decisions of the commission. It could license all the casinos it saw fit, and the revenue would flow into the state budget. Branstad could happily spend that money and accept donations from gaming backers but refuse to take a public position on any specific casino proposal.

Underneath some of that shock may be amazement that Culver didn't take advantage of the built-in political cover. I've said before that he did nothing wrong in advocating the casino proposals. I seem to be in the minority on that. I've been appreciative that he was up front about his position, instead of being coy or pushing his agenda behind the scenes.

But I haven't said it was politically wise for him to do so, and this situation makes it obvious why it wasn't. There's just too much money, too much power, too much influence tied up in the industry. The politics may be veiled, but it's ruthless. It's amazing that we haven't seen a scandal before now. If Culver wants to put his hand into that pit of vipers, he has to expect to feel the fangs.

He really has only one choice now. He has to be so committed to clean gambling in Iowa that he touts this investigation as an example of how meticulous the state is in protecting the industry's integrity. No matter how disruptive or painful this ends up being to his campaign, he has to be happy and proud that the Division of Criminal Investigation is doing such a great job.

Stacey Cargill, a gambling opponent, asked the commission on April 4 to delay its decision on all four licenses until after the May 19 deadline for campaign finance reports. I didn't think that was necessary a week ago. Now, Culver should ask for the delay, at least for the Fort Dodge application.

Culver can't hide from this issue, attempt to minimize it or refuse to talk about it, although he may want to do so. He's been dealt a lousy hand, and now he has to play it.

Correction: In Sunday's column, I should have said that Roxanne Conlin's \$250,000 loan to her campaign was in addition to her quarterly donation total of about \$630,000, not part of the total. I apologize for the error.

I'm proud of reform

I'm a young girl from Illinois and passing health care was very important to me. Being under 18 lets me be involved in politics in a very different way, like becoming a page, volunteering and campaigns. All of them are important, but when it comes to health-care reform, it's even more important.

We needed real change. That's what we have now and I'm so proud to be a teenager that can say "Yeah. Obama is my president. Why shouldn't he be? He passed historic health-care reform!"

Em Spangler

Sterling

Bill 'forces charity'

I recently read in the Quad-City Times that poor people will get either free or subsidized health care. I have news for you who think that. There is no free lunch.

If any government entity doles out free or subsidized anything, they are not the ones footing the bill. It is the taxpayers. Only the federal government can print money. Unfortunately, if they do print too much money, everyone, including the poor, will receive a hideous tax known as inflation. In any case, the taxpayers lose.

In the recent health-care bill passed with the help of U.S. Reps. Bruce Braley and Phil Hare and U.S. Sens. Tom Harkin and Dick Durbin, mandates require that health insurance companies must cover preventative health measures such as a colonoscopy or a mammogram as well as sell insurance to those with preexisting conditions. These mandates will cost these companies much more than they have had to spend in the past.

Like any business that must make a profit to survive, it must pass along those additional costs on to its customers.

Therefore, these mandates will raise my premium even more than normal.

These additional costs are no more than forced charity making me pay for my neighbors' medical bills.

Once again, there is no free lunch. Some person must pay to cover those costs!

Larry L. Hintze

Eldridge

Lange outraises GOP primary opponents

By James Q. Lynch

The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — Although it's just a fraction of what the incumbent has raised, Ben Lange thinks the \$34,310 he has raised in campaign for the 1st District U.S. House seat puts him where he needs to be.

Lange has raised more than his three opponents for the GOP nomination combined, raising nearly seven times more than his nearest primary opponent.

However, the Independence lawyer believes energy, not money, will be the key to it defeating Rep. Bruce Braley, a Waterloo Democrat, in November.

Turnout at Republican events has been strong this spring, he said, noting Republicans outnumbered Democrats at Scott County caucuses by nearly a three-to-one margin.

Voter frustration with the federal government is energizing campaigns across the country and the 1st District, which sweeps across Eastern Iowa from Cedar Falls to the Quad Cities, is no exception,

"People are distrustful of Congress and frustrated with its policies," Lange said Monday.

Tea Party activities are the "personification of that frustration," he said.

"That frustration will propel them to act all the way through November," he said.

For the time being, Lange, 31, is concentrating on the June 8 primary. The East Buchanan High School graduate, who moved his family back to Eastern Iowa after working as a congressional aide, faces Mike LaCoste of Waterloo, James Budde of Bellevue and Will Johnson of Dubuque for the nomination.

Lange raised \$34,310, according to Federal Election Commission reports, and has \$27,713 cash on hand. Budde reported raising \$4,935 with \$1,791 cash on hand. LaCoste and Johnson have not filed FEC reports, which are required if a candidate raises or spends \$5,000.

Braley, also an attorney, has dwarfed the Republicans' fundraising efforts. His FEC report shows he's raised \$865,589 and has \$623,736 on hand. He has \$49,180 in campaign debt compared to Lange's \$4,773.

Despite the disparity in campaign wealth, Lange believes he can compete with and defeat Braley should he get the GOP nomination.

"I like where we're at," he said. "We know where he's at and where we need to be. People want change."

The FEC reports may be found at www.fec.gov.

VetPac endorses Krause for U.S. Senate

Fairfield Democrat Bob Krause has been endorsed by the Veterans' Alliance for Security and Democracy, VetPac, in his bid for the nomination for the U.S. Senate.

VetPac is a national political action committee that works to elect veterans to public office.

"I am pleased to accept the VetPac endorsement," Krause said. "America needs veterans in public office to ensure that we do not forget the vet, as has happened many times in the past. VetPac also promotes a progressive agenda of issues that concern veterans and soldiers."

Krause is vying with Tom Fiegen and Roxanne Conlin for the nomination to face Republican Chuck Grassley.

Marriage not necessary to recognize gay union

Posted on Apr 20, 2010 by Jeff Tecklenburg.

The definition of marriage is spousal. A spouse is a husband (man) or a wife (woman). When they get married, they become mates. Mate means to procreate (father or mother). Allowing same-sex couples a marriage license makes a mockery, a farce, of a real marriage. If they feel the need for a legal document, that's fine, but it doesn't have to be a marriage license.

Forget your political affiliation and vote for who promises to make sure that Iowans get the right to vote on this issue. Don't say this is not important. I believe that widows and widowers, husbands and wives, think it is very important.

Vi Emerson

Marion

Know the facts before attacking gay marriage

Posted on Apr 20, 2010 by Jeff Tecklenburg.

I would like to offer some free, yet unsolicited, advice to the Republican candidates who appear so outraged over the recent legalization of same-sex marriage in Iowa. I understand that you hope this will become a hot-button issue rallying support for your campaign, but you really need to provide valid and compelling reasons to motivate the populous.

Everyone's heard the statements like: "Homosexuals only constitute 3 percent of the population, why should we allow them to redefine the definition of marriage?" and, "We need to protect the sacred institution of marriage as a holy union between one man and one woman."

This may sound OK to many at first, but any reasonable person has to ask, "Shouldn't we focus on eliminating divorce? Criminalizing adultery?" Aren't those the overwhelming adversaries of marriage that need attention? Why focus on the 3 percent when 40 percent to 50 percent of holy heterosexual unions dissolve at such a great cost to society?

And here are a few more free facts for candidates: Some of your neighbors are gay. Some of your family is gay. They vote. They were gay before this law went into effect, and they will continue to be gay even if you're successful in repealing the law (which would mean the end to visitation rights, inheritance laws, security benefits, etc., for same-sex couples). So, please explain why this is so important to you – to Iowa. We want details and they better be compelling and truthful.

Daniel Sitter

Cedar Rapids

Vander Plaats offers education strategy

By Rod Boshart Journal Des Moines Bureau |

DES MOINES -- Republican gubernatorial candidate Bob Vander Plaats on Monday issued a K-12 education strategy that calls for more charter schools, more emphasis on local control and high student performance standards.

Vander Plaats, a former business teacher and principal, said he wants to offer expanded school choice by encouraging more charter schools while allowing state aid to follow any student to a new school if their current school is failing to educate them. He also would expand tax credits for parents who choose to educate their children at home or at private schools as a way to promote competition and spur public schools to improve.

The Sioux City business consultant who is making his third gubernatorial bid said he would appoint a state education director and Iowa Board of Education members who are committed to returning control to the local schools and focused on the students, not the bureaucracy. The state Board of Education also will include representatives of private schools and parents who home school their children, he promised.

Vander Plaats said his education leadership strategy would be built on the premise that Iowa "needs to do things differently and it should start by freeing schools from senseless mandates and simplifying their funding." He said Iowa needs a governor who will lead, set high expectations and get out of the way so local communities can make good decisions for their students and families.

"My goal has always been to increase student performance and further professionalize the teaching profession," he said. "I want to reignite the teachers' passion for teaching so our students achieve the highest expectations, preparing them to be bold leaders of our future."

Vander Plaats said he wants to facilitate "real" charter schools that allow public, private, and nonprofit entities to be the chartering agency. Charter school applications would be approved by the state Board of Education and state per-pupil funding would follow students enrolled in charter schools.

The Sioux City Republican also pledged to set high student performance standards that would place a strong focus on advanced math, science and vocational education, and he would require local schools to report student achievement to the community in a regular, transparent manner.

He also pledged to give more control locally by lifting state educational mandates that don't relate to student achievement. We also would allow schools to decide how to reach the standards and make core curriculum elements voluntary, not a mandate.

"We can move ahead -- and move ahead by leaps and bounds to the direct benefit of Iowa's kids -- with higher standards and by freeing our schools from senseless mandates and simplifying their

funding," he said. "Iowa doesn't need the federal government to pay us to innovate. We can innovate on our own and not be tied to federal mandates."

Vander Plaats said he also plans to release his strategy for community colleges, the state's three public universities and private higher education as the campaign progresses.

Health care reform dominates King meeting

By Bret Hayworth -

SIoux CITY -- When Iowa 5th District Congressman Steve King met with constituents for a town hall meeting Monday, it was as if the eight months since his August session had been merely an intermission.

At both events, at Western Iowa Tech Community College, the majority of Northwest Iowans in attendance indicated strong criticism for federal health care reform.

One huge difference marked Monday's discussion, however -- health care reform, still under debate in August, is now the law of the land.

It's a law King, a four-term Republican from Kiron, wants to repeal. That effort, however, has scant odds of success in a chamber controlled by Democrats. Nonetheless, when King expressed his desire to repeal the bill, a strong three-fourths of Monday's audience burst into applause.

Wearing an American-flag-print shirt, R. Doc Zortman, of Sioux City, referenced the August discussion about "death panels," a supposed reform element critics said would subject elderly Americans to rationed care at the end of life. Zortman said he foresees rationing of health care with the new law, such as a person with a hip injury being told the injury isn't severe enough to warrant prompt treatment.

King said Zortman may have given the best recitation on the possibilities of health care rationing he's heard.

"I don't want the government to make these decisions," King said.

Jim Rixner, who heads the Siouxlant Mental Health Center in Sioux City, was the only speaker to tell King he supports the new reform law. Rixner said he likes the portion that allows people up to age 26 to remain on their parents' health insurance policy and the part whereby insurance companies can no longer deny medical coverage due to pre-existing conditions. He said the pre-existing condition clauses were particularly vexing for people with mental illnesses.

King said he opposes "Obamacare" and told Rixner he doesn't support the two portions Rixner found most beneficial, including the age-limit change.

"I want my kids to grow up and take care of themselves," King said.

He said he doesn't support making insurance companies move away from denying coverage based

on pre-existing conditions. King said an Iowa program, whereby people with pre-existing conditions can buy into a special health plan, is a better way to go. That might come at costly premiums, King said, but those with the pre-existing conditions have found the plan to be worthwhile, since they can get treatment.

"Everyone in this country has health care, even if they have to show up in the emergency room," King said.

He said a better approach is for states to individually reform health care rather than having the big federal plan, which has a price tag of \$940 billion over 10 years.

"One size fits all takes away our freedom and liberty," King said.

Foreign policy and immigration reform also got a major airing Monday as King answered 10 questions over an hour. The congressman said the Obama administration is pushing a "comprehensive amnesty" for those who live illegally in America without citizenship status. He contended Obama is waiting to see if there is "political juice" to push immigration reform through in 2010.

Heath Reinke, of Spirit Lake, told King he was concerned that Obama had weakened America's stance internationally by signing a nuclear reduction treaty with Russia earlier this month and failing to support Israel with the strength of past administrations. Reinke said Obama is "castrating America" and the crowd tittered when he questioned the president's motives.

"I just wonder where the president is going with his foreign policy," he said.

Responded King, "The president has not presented a coherent foreign policy."

Troubling facts

By CONNIE JO BERHOW, Buffalo Center [Share](#)

Fifty-three million-plus abortions since 1973.

Our schools are closing; not enough students.

Social Security is going broke; not enough people paying in.

Duh! That's all I have to say.

Latham takes good care of Guard members

The patriotic men and women who serve in the National Guard make an enormous contribution to the well-being of all Americans. That's true when assorted local disasters and emergencies take place. During wartime, Guard members are frequently asked to put civilian pursuits on hold to augment the

important work of the active military.

Making sure that inappropriate bureaucratic rules don't prevent Guard members who spend time on active duty from receiving benefits to which they should be entitled has been a priority for U.S. Rep. Tom Latham. In 2008, the Iowa Republican, who represents the 4th Congressional District, authored legislation to bring retirement benefits for Guard members with active duty service more in line with those received by full-time military personnel.

Unfortunately, a glitch developed in implementation that prevented Guard members whose active service fell within two fiscal years from easily getting full retirement credit. Latham has now teamed with U.S. Rep. Dan Boren, D-Okla., to introduce legislation to correct the statutory loophole.

"The role of the Guard and Reserve has changed immensely in the last decade," Latham said in a statement announcing this initiative. "These soldiers play a central role in our military operations overseas, and we owe it to them to make sure their retirement benefits reflect the incredible sacrifices they make. This bill simply removes a technical glitch that is keeping some Guard members from the retirement benefits they've earned."

Latham is an exceptionally talented member of the U.S. House of Representatives. His aggressive, bipartisan work on this issue is an excellent example of his commitment to serve not only his constituents, but all Americans.

The Messenger salutes this outstanding congressman.

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Bram, I understand your rush! Thanks for the great information.

And I thoroughly enjoyed getting to meet you in person and chat. Thank you for taking the time.

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Hi, Jim – I apologize: I lost this email in the rush last week, and just noticed it.

I almost ALWAYS consult with the office experts, but MOST of the time they help me nail down what I can say for the office on the topic, either in an interview for TV or radio, to the reporter on phone, or in reply by email. (This is aside from the many times we arrange for Tom to do the TV interview or speak directly with a reporter.)

SOMETimes I ask our other hands-on person / expert to speak directly with media, but not too often. E.g., Bill Brauch often will speak for Consumer Protection. Also, our criminal prosecutors often handle media q's directly of course, when they are out doing a trial. Mary Tabor, our Criminal Appeals Director, also talks fairly often with media about our position or our response (or explication) when court decisions come down and media are asking for comment or info.)

Those are the main things that come to mind, Jim. Good question. Case-by-case decision, ultimately.

Best to you.

Bram

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Ha!

Unless they're for Nebraska?

B.

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Thanks, Bram. I'm not trying to impress, per se, but rather impress upon y'all my talents. ("Y'all" comes from my years in Texas; as a general policy, I don't put that in press releases. Generally.)

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This also is impressive, Jim!

Bram

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Critics urge delay in vote on casinos

Gambling opponents said Monday that confidence in the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission would suffer if the commission votes on new casino applications before a ruling on whether campaign contributions from some Fort Dodge casino backers were proper.

The commission should postpone its scheduled May 13 decision on four casino licenses in light of the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation's questions about \$25,000 in campaign contributions to Gov. Chet Culver, they said.

One gambling critic, Tom Coates of Norwalk, said, "This is a big enough cloud, given the immensity of it and the taint that comes from it, that this is not something where they want to approve somebody and then have it come down later that it was illegal."

The chairman of the Racing and Gaming Commission said, however, that the commission plans to hold the vote as scheduled, at least at this point.

In other developments:

- The Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board will conduct its own investigation into the contributions of three Fort Dodge casino backers to Culver last year, the director of the state regulatory board said Monday.

- Culver's campaign had donated \$25,000 to three charities, an authorized option for dealing with questionable campaign contributions. But on Monday, a Des Moines homeless shelter that received part of the money returned it to Culver's campaign, after learning of the DCI investigation.

State investigators are trying to determine whether Peninsula Gaming, a Dubuque casino company that plans to help finance the Fort Dodge casino, gave three local backers \$25,000 with the intention that they donate it to Culver's campaign. In Iowa, it's illegal to make, or knowingly receive, a political contribution in another person's name.

Peninsula, the three donors and Culver have all said they did nothing wrong.

Officials respond to casino questions

The Des Moines Register e-mailed these questions about the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation's investigation to Gov. Chet Culver, Lt. Gov. Patty Judge, and senior administration and campaign staff. The administration's chief legal counsel, James Larew, and campaign manager Donn Stanley responded:

Q. Have the governor, lieutenant governor or any members of their official staffs or campaign staffs met with or been asked to meet with investigators with DCI to answer questions about campaign contributions from Steve Daniel, James Kesterson and Merrill D. Leffler?

A. The governor's office and the governor's campaign cannot comment on an ongoing DCI investigation. However, neither the governor's office nor the governor's campaign has any reason to believe that anyone with either organization is a target in the investigation. Further, the governor's office and the campaign have fully cooperated with the investigators at the governor's direction.

Q. Have the governor, lieutenant governor or any members of their official staffs or campaign staffs met with or been asked to meet with investigators with DCI to answer questions about campaign contributions from any other parties affiliated with other pending casino licenses?

A. Neither the governor's office nor the governor's campaign is aware of any such investigation.

Q. What has the campaign done with the contributions totaling \$25,000, given in six checks dated Nov. 23 and Dec. 7, 2009, from Steve Daniel, James Kesterson and Merrill D. Leffler?

A. The campaign made the following contributions on April 9, 2010 — \$8,334 to Door of Faith, \$8,334 to Churches United and \$8,344 to St. Vincent de Paul.

Q. Did contributions from Steve Daniel, James Kesterson and Merrill Leffler have any influence over Gov. Culver's March 4 letter urging the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission to grant licenses to the four casino license applicants?

A. Absolutely not. The governor and lieutenant governor have long supported granting licenses to communities that decide in local referendums to pursue such licenses. Further, many folks that have involvement in competing facilities and oppose these new licenses have also contributed to the governor's and lieutenant governor's campaign. The fact is that the governor and lieutenant governor have contributors and supporters on both sides of this and many other issues.

Q. Should a sitting governor accept campaign contributions from parties associated with pending casino license applications?

A. First, the governor has not made or taken any campaign contribution calls from any party associated with a license application once such a license application was submitted. Importantly, the Racing and Gaming Commission makes the licensing decision. There is no appeal to the governor. Some people associated with the current licensees have contributed to other candidates that oppose granting the new licenses just as some of these people have contributed to the governor's campaign. People supporting new licenses should have the same right to participate in the political process as those who oppose granting these new licenses.

Q. Did the governor, lieutenant governor or any members of their staffs meet with representatives of Peninsula Gaming, Webster County Gaming or Webster County Entertainment from Sept. 1, 2009, through March 13, 2010?

A. The governor and lieutenant governor have consistently supported the issue of licenses from communities after a local referendum. They were

already on record supporting these applications. People from some of these groups, like all other Iowans, have the opportunity to meet with their state leaders.

Conlin keeps up theme of fighting injustice

Perky, carefully spelled messages on Twitter mark Roxanne Conlin's visits to Iowa's counties.

"Great crowd at Cronk's, political hub of Denison! Again concern about money in politics, corruption in Washington, and how we can fix it!"

And: "Big crowd in Spencer! Healthcare topic one."

A wealthy trial lawyer, Conlin was 38 the last time she ran for elected office - and was defeated.

This time, the Des Moines Democrat is challenging a powerful, longtime incumbent in Sen. Chuck Grassley, a Republican. Conlin aims to win with her message to create jobs, improve education and rein in corporate tax breaks.

Correcting past failures - or righting wrongs - is a lifelong theme for Conlin, now 65. Some examples:

- During her first year of marriage in 1964, she and her husband, Jim, earned \$1,500, and carried debt and stress from her enrollment in law school at a time when she felt scorn for being a female law student. So for their 30th wedding anniversary, Conlin organized a gala event to celebrate, which she called a "re-wedding."

- Memories of an alcoholic father who beat her mother prompted Conlin to consider purchasing her childhood home on Des Moines' High Street to turn it into a shelter for domestic abuse victims. She still hopes to do that.

- A building at Seventh and Locust streets in Des Moines was the site of a soda fountain that refused to serve Edna Griffin, a black woman, in 1948. That sparked a landmark battle that helped end open discrimination in Iowa. A decade later, when Conlin was 14 and her family lived in poverty, she was a waitress there at the Katz Drug Store soda fountain. Later in life, she purchased the building, named it after Griffin, and moved her law office there, a firm bent on fixing injustices.

- When a company polluted water in the Mississippi River so badly it turned pink, Conlin forced the firm to clean it up.

- When a Des Moines family couldn't afford to bury a child struck by a car, Conlin quietly paid for the funeral.

- But she's most famous for arguing that Microsoft Corp. drove away competition - and winning a \$255 million settlement in a class-action lawsuit.

Conlin's failure in her governor's race against Terry Branstad in 1982 ushered in a 16-year stretch of Republican leadership in the Iowa governor's office.

"I really did not think I would run again for public office," Conlin said. "It just never came up again. I did the best I could. Lord knows it was the most fun I've ever had, and it was also the worst time I've ever had."

One pivotal issue in the 1982 campaign: A third of Iowans acknowledged they wouldn't vote for a female governor. Another: Conlin and her husband, Jim, paid no income tax that year - because, Conlin said, they did not owe any after federal deductibility was calculated.

"I think the way that was handled by media made it seem that somehow I cheated," she said. "That of course is not true."

Conlin said she'd be willing to share how much she's paying this year for 2009 income taxes. "I want to do something to put that to rest," she said. "I am happy to release my tax returns when Charles Grassley does."

Although Conlin didn't dip her toe in campaign politics for 28 years, she vouched for other candidates, including fellow trial lawyer and presidential candidate John Edwards, whom she called a friend of 20 years.

"What you see is what you get," Conlin told crowds in 2007. "The man is good to his soul. He's genuine. He's authentic."

Since Edwards admitted an extramarital affair, Conlin has not spoken to him and has made a conscious effort to avoid him.

"Like so many people, he fooled me," said Conlin, who was Iowa co-chairwoman of the Edwards campaign. "The sense of betrayal and disappointment is overwhelming."

But she hasn't abandoned the people-before-profits ideals she shared with Edwards. She rails against federal bailouts for Wall Street and "tax breaks for the very, very wealthy."

"Corporations have only one job ... to make a profit for their shareholders," she said. "Left to their own devices, they run roughshod over rights."

Even as she calls for the 76-year-old Grassley to retire, Conlin acknowledges she's not young, either. She jokes that "you learn that being 60 is a pre-

existing condition." She sprained her knee hiding Easter eggs for her grandchildren. Her idea of good dance music is the accompaniment to the rumba, the cha-cha, the swing.

But she sets an aggressive schedule. She does her legal work after midnight.

"I get tired, but she doesn't," said Conlin's traveling chief of staff, Genevieve Craggs, 23.

A boiled-down resume of her achievements is nine pages. She was the nation's second female U.S. attorney and the first female president of the National Association of Trial Lawyers.

Even if someone is energetic and a nimble thinker, how effective can a freshman senator be?

"What does seniority matter if (Grassley's) not using it for us?" Conlin answered. "I think I can be seen and heard. You know I fight for a living."

Candidates release information on taxes

Republican Terry Branstad earned just under \$400,000 last year - substantially more than the \$130,000 salary an Iowa governor is paid.

Gov. Chet Culver, a Democrat who is seeking a second term, reported that he earned \$109,000 in taxable income last year. He cut his own pay 10 percent when he ordered a 10 percent across-the-board cut in October to deal with state budget troubles.

Republican Bob Vander Plaats, a business consultant, and his wife, Darla, a part-time accountant, together earned about \$60,000 in wages, but their total income was \$105,000 with royalties from the corporation he owns.

The three candidates for governor each released tax returns Monday. Their action was voluntary; governor candidates aren't required to release tax returns. A fourth candidate, Republican Rod Roberts, said he will share details soon.

The Culvers

Chester J. Culver and Mariclare Thinnes Culver, an attorney, released 10 pages of their scanned return. They earned about \$127,000 in 2009, their tax returns show. They reported a capital gain of \$7,500.

They paid about \$10,700 in state and local taxes, and about \$14,000 in federal taxes. They donated \$2,750 to charity.

They claimed two dependents, Clare, 8, and John, 7.

The Branstads

Branstad's campaign allowed reporters one hour to look through 89 pages of itemized returns.

"Governor Branstad has talked a lot about transparency in this campaign, and it was his opinion that when you're running for the office of governor, you need to hold yourself to a little higher standard when it comes to issues such as your personal tax return," said his campaign manager, Jeff Boeyink.

Terry E. and Christine A. Branstad, of Boone, gave \$41,000 to charities, including Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Boone, Christ the King Catholic Church in Des Moines, Dowling High School, Living History Farms, Blank Park Zoo and the Boone County Hospital Association.

Christine Branstad is not employed, but does volunteer work, primarily at the Boone County Hospital, campaign staff said.

Most of Terry Branstad's income - \$276,000 - was from 10 months of work as president of Des Moines University. He resigned in October to pursue the Republican nomination for governor.

If he'd worked at the university for a full year, his salary would have been roughly \$331,000.

Branstad owed \$86,000 in federal taxes and \$16,000 in state taxes. His tax refunds totaled \$11,900.

He took in just under \$52,000 in taxable pension income based on employment as a state legislator, lieutenant governor and governor.

His income also included about \$51,000 in rental real estate and partnerships. Of that, \$31,000 was from ownership of 13 rural Iowa post offices.

His business income was \$46,500, but his net income was \$21,600 after expenses. That was from fees for sitting on boards and acting as a consultant to four businesses: the Indianola-based Multi-Tech, which manufactures portable cement mixers; ConMed, which provides health care services to prison inmates; Liberty Bank; and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

"If he's elected governor, he's going to resign from all the corporate boards," Boeyink said.

Branstad has a small ownership stake in four companies: Lincolnway Energy LLC, an ethanol plant based in Nevada, Ia.; East Fork Biodiesel, LLC, a biodiesel plant in Algona; Liberty Bancshares Iowa Inc., the holding company for Liberty Bank; and Insite Mediacom, a company that does billboards and cell towers primarily in the south and east but has no relationship to the Mediacom cable company, Boeyink said.

He lost money on all four last year, his tax records show. The total loss was \$31,365.

Branstad also made a commission of \$50,000 from a fundraising firm he created after he left the governor's office: Policy Management Interests LLC. He uses it primarily to do fundraising for charities and other projects. As contributions come in, he gets a percentage, his campaign staff said.

If elected governor, Branstad will place all his investment assets into a blind trust to prevent concerns about how his decisions as governor might impact his personal finances, Boeyink said.

Branstad no longer owns any farm property, although he received a \$127 payment through a federal crop reserve program for a very small piece of tillable land on his 17-acre property in Boone, said his accountant, Jamie Ward.

The Vander Plaatses

Vander Plaats, who owns MVP Leadership in Sioux City, didn't release copies of his tax returns, just a summary.

It stated that Bob and Darla Vander Plaats' income included a capital gain of \$125, individual retirement account distributions of \$674, and royalties and S corporation income of \$44,094, for a total income of \$104,871.

The couple paid about \$9,500 in state and local taxes, as well as about \$9,000 in federal taxes. They donated \$5,700 to charity.

Republicans pan Core Curriculum

Three candidates who are vying for the Iowa Republican Party's nomination for governor want to dump a new law that forces public schools to follow a statewide curriculum.

Sioux City businessman Bob Vander Plaats, state Rep. Rod Roberts of Carroll and former Gov. Terry Branstad said key decisions about what students should learn in school are best left in local hands.

They called the Iowa Core Curriculum an expensive, flawed system that lacks strong standards to gauge how well students grasp skills and concepts.

In 2008, Gov. Chet Culver pushed to make the core curriculum mandatory for all public schools by 2014. The cost tops \$31 million.

Vander Plaats, a former business teacher and principal, said local control fuels cutting-edge classrooms more than a "top-down control system."

Branstad and Vander Plaats said they would push for high academic standards instead.

"Governor Branstad believes we must put in place 21st-century statewide standards and give local school districts the flexibility to achieve them," spokesman Tim Albrecht said.

Roberts said the core curriculum should be an option for schools, but it falls short as a law because "you do not have the standards, benchmarks and measurements to know whether the students have actually achieved what was intended," he said.

A spokeswoman for Culver's campaign could not be reached for comment Monday.

Vander Plaats released an education plan Monday that makes the Iowa Core Curriculum optional and gives parents more options.

His plan calls for an expanded tax credit for children taught at home or in private schools, and a school aid formula that sends tax dollars to any school of a student's choice, including private schools.

Vander Plaats also wants to expand the authority to run charter schools in Iowa. Charter schools receive taxpayer money but operate free of school district rules and teacher union contracts.

Critics have said Iowa law cripples innovation in charter schools because it allows only traditional districts to run them. In other states, the authority belongs to teachers, parent groups, city officials and other stakeholders who crave change.

Register staff writer Jennifer Jacobs contributed to this article.

Let marketplace sort out winners and losers

The competition among four Iowa communities for gambling casino licenses has taken on the appearance of a lottery.

The Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission plans to rule in May which of the applications for licenses - from Fort Dodge, Ottumwa and Lyon and Tama Counties - will be winners.

But this is not a lottery, and the decision could be made for the wrong reason.

The gaming commission is being pressured to block proposed casinos that would siphon gamblers from neighboring casinos, and that would be a mistake. Applicants should be judged solely on their own merits.

The notion of new casinos "cannibalizing" existing casinos has taken on increasing importance in some circles in this state, but that should not be a factor in the Racing and Gaming Commission's decision. The commission's job is to protect the interests of the public and gamblers from dishonest or illegal operators. It exists to make sure gambling is conducted according to state and federal law in casinos operated by financially sound businesses.

The commission's job is not to pick winners and losers.

Ever since the Iowa Legislature began approving and expanding gambling - first racing, then riverboats, and then land-based casinos - the intent of state legislators has been clear: Local communities choose to allow gambling or not. While some Iowa counties have rejected gambling, the voters in 17 counties have approved it at public referendums, some repeatedly. In those counties, investors have put their own money on the line to build casinos with the idea that they can make a profit, or shut down if they are wrong. That is the function of a free market, whether it be grocery stores, bowling alleys or gambling operations.

Gov. Chet Culver has been criticized for writing a letter to the Racing and Gaming Commission in support of all four applicants. True, the decision is up to the commission (whose members he appoints), and Culver's letter acknowledges that. The governor, however, expressed concern that "the rules of the game" have changed to protect "existing operations" from new gambling enterprises rather than allowing newcomers to enter the market. Culver urged the four applications be judged on their own strengths, not their impact elsewhere.

"Competition is a good thing," the governor said in his letter. And he is right. By protecting existing casinos by refusing to license a competitor, the state might only be propping up poorly conceived or poorly managed operations simply because they happened to come along first. That is not a reason for the state to prevent a business from starting up, especially after the voters have said they want gambling, and investors have said they are willing to bankroll it.

These four communities have demonstrated public and financial support for establishing gambling casinos. Assuming the applicants meet all requirements of the laws governing the gambling industry, the Racing and Gaming Commission should grant them licenses. The marketplace should decide which casinos are allowed to succeed or fail, not state government.

Obradovich: Culver should ask for delay of casino vote

Gov. Chet Culver has to be the unluckiest man alive. He doesn't even have to set foot in a casino and he loses his shirt gambling.

The whiff of scandal over donations to Culver's campaign from Fort Dodge casino backers is probably not a serious legal problem for the governor. It's far worse than that - it's a political quagmire that he'll wallow in no matter how clean his hands are.

He'll have to take precious time away from touting his accomplishments as governor to explain why this situation wasn't his fault. It bolsters his opponents' position that Iowa has enough gaming and that Culver is on the wrong side of that argument. It calls attention to the many Culver friends with gaming interests.

The investigation could drag on for months. The best possible outcome for Culver would be a lack of evidence that his campaign did anything wrong. Politically, though, lack of evidence doesn't add up to innocence. He's unlucky, indeed.

People make their own luck, in many ways. Culver contributed to his own fate by writing a letter to the Racing and Gaming Commission last month, advocating approval of four new casino licenses.

His political opponents and others were shocked - shocked! - that the governor could be so crass as to inject politics into this otherwise pure process of casino licensing. Former and wants-to-be future Gov. Terry Branstad said he never would have tried to influence the commission - an independent panel whose members are appointed by the governor.

Of course he wouldn't have. Branstad signed the law that provided all the insulation any governor could want from the decisions of the commission. It could license all the casinos it saw fit, and the revenue would flow into the state budget. Branstad could happily spend that money and accept donations from gaming backers but refuse to take a public position on any specific casino proposal.

Underneath some of that shock may be amazement that Culver didn't take advantage of the built-in political cover. I've said before that he did nothing wrong in advocating the casino proposals. I seem to be in the minority on that. I've been appreciative that he was up front about his position, instead of being coy or pushing his agenda behind the scenes.

But I haven't said it was politically wise for him to do so, and this situation makes it obvious why it wasn't. There's just too much money, too much power, too much influence tied up in the industry. The politics may be veiled, but it's ruthless. It's amazing that we haven't seen a scandal before now. If Culver wants to put his hand into that pit of vipers, he has to expect to feel the fangs.

He really has only one choice now. He has to be so committed to clean gambling in Iowa that he touts this investigation as an example of how meticulous the state is in protecting the industry's integrity. No matter how disruptive or painful this ends up being to his campaign, he has to be happy and proud that the Division of Criminal Investigation is doing such a great job.

Stacey Cargill, a gambling opponent, asked the commission on April 4 to delay its decision on all four licenses until after the May 19 deadline for campaign finance reports. I didn't think that was necessary a week ago. Now, Culver should ask for the delay, at least for the Fort Dodge application.

Culver can't hide from this issue, attempt to minimize it or refuse to talk about it, although he may want to do so. He's been dealt a lousy hand, and now he has to play it.

Correction: In Sunday's column, I should have said that Roxanne Conlin's \$250,000 loan to her campaign was in addition to her quarterly donation total of about \$630,000, not part of the total. I apologize for the error.

I'm proud of reform

I'm a young girl from Illinois and passing health care was very important to me. Being under 18 lets me be involved in politics in a very different way, like becoming a page, volunteering and campaigns. All of them are important, but when it comes to health-care reform, it's even more important.

We needed real change. That's what we have now and I'm so proud to be a teenager that can say "Yeah. Obama is my president. Why shouldn't he be? He passed historic health-care reform!"

Em Spangler

Sterling

Bill 'forces charity'

I recently read in the Quad-City Times that poor people will get either free or subsidized health care. I have news for you who think that. There is no free lunch.

If any government entity doles out free or subsidized anything, they are not the ones footing the bill. It is the taxpayers. Only the federal government can print money. Unfortunately, if they do print too much money, everyone, including the poor, will receive a hideous tax known as inflation. In any case, the taxpayers lose.

In the recent health-care bill passed with the help of U.S. Reps. Bruce Braley and Phil Hare and U.S. Sens. Tom Harkin and Dick Durbin, mandates require that health insurance companies must cover preventative health measures such as a colonoscopy or a mammogram as well as sell insurance to those with preexisting conditions. These mandates will cost these companies much more than they have had to spend in the past.

Like any business that must make a profit to survive, it must pass along those additional costs on to its customers.

Therefore, these mandates will raise my premium even more than normal.

These additional costs are no more than forced charity making me pay for my neighbors' medical bills.

Once again, there is no free lunch. Some person must pay to cover those costs!

Larry L. Hintze

Eldridge

Lange outraises GOP primary opponents

By James Q. Lynch

The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — Although it's just a fraction of what the incumbent has raised, Ben Lange thinks the \$34,310 he has raised in campaign for the 1st District U.S. House seat puts him where he needs to be.

Lange has raised more than his three opponents for the GOP nomination combined, raising nearly seven times more than his nearest primary opponent.

However, the Independence lawyer believes energy, not money, will be the key to it defeating Rep. Bruce Braley, a Waterloo Democrat, in November.

Turnout at Republican events has been strong this spring, he said, noting Republicans outnumbered Democrats at Scott County caucuses by nearly a three-to-one margin.

Voter frustration with the federal government is energizing campaigns across the country and the 1st District, which sweeps across Eastern Iowa from Cedar Falls to the Quad Cities, is no exception,

"People are distrustful of Congress and frustrated with its policies," Lange said Monday.

Tea Party activities are the "personification of that frustration," he said.

"That frustration will propel them to act all the way through November," he said.

For the time being, Lange, 31, is concentrating on the June 8 primary. The East Buchanan High School graduate, who moved his family back to Eastern Iowa after working as a congressional aide, faces Mike LaCoste

of Waterloo, James Budde of Bellevue and Will Johnson of Dubuque for the nomination.

Lange raised \$34,310, according to Federal Election Commission reports, and has \$27,713 cash on hand. Budde reported raising \$4,935 with \$1,791 cash on hand. LaCoste and Johnson have not filed FEC reports, which are required if a candidate raises or spends \$5,000.

Braley, also an attorney, has dwarfed the Republicans' fundraising efforts. His FEC report shows he's raised \$865,589 and has \$623,736 on hand. He has \$49,180 in campaign debt compared to Lange's \$4,773.

Despite the disparity in campaign wealth, Lange believes he can compete with and defeat Braley should he get the GOP nomination.

"I like where we're at," he said. "We know where he's at and where we need to be. People want change."

The FEC reports may be found at www.fec.gov.

VetPac endorses Krause for U.S. Senate

Fairfield Democrat Bob Krause has been endorsed by the Veterans' Alliance for Security and Democracy, VetPac, in his bid for the nomination for the U.S. Senate.

VetPac is a national political action committee that works to elect veterans to public office.

"I am pleased to accept the VetPac endorsement," Krause said. "America needs veterans in public office to ensure that we do not forget the vet, as has happened many times in the past. VetPac also promotes a progressive agenda of issues that concern veterans and soldiers."

Krause is vying with Tom Fiegen and Roxanne Conlin for the nomination to face Republican Chuck Grassley.

Marriage not necessary to recognize gay union

Posted on Apr 20, 2010 by [Jeff Tecklenburg](#).

The definition of marriage is spousal. A spouse is a husband (man) or a wife (woman). When they get married, they become mates. Mate means to procreate (father or mother). Allowing same-sex couples a marriage license makes a mockery, a farce, of a real marriage. If they feel the need for a legal document, that's fine, but it doesn't have to be a marriage license.

Forget your political affiliation and vote for who promises to make sure that Iowans get the right to vote on this issue. Don't say this is not important. I believe that widows and widowers, husbands and wives, think it is very important.

Vi Emerson

Marion

Know the facts before attacking gay marriage

Posted on Apr 20, 2010 by Jeff Tecklenburg.

I would like to offer some free, yet unsolicited, advice to the Republican candidates who appear so outraged over the recent legalization of same-sex marriage in Iowa. I understand that you hope this will become a hot-button issue rallying support for your campaign, but you really need to provide valid and compelling reasons to motivate the populous.

Everyone's heard the statements like: "Homosexuals only constitute 3 percent of the population, why should we allow them to redefine the definition of marriage?" and, "We need to protect the sacred institution of marriage as a holy union between one man and one woman."

This may sound OK to many at first, but any reasonable person has to ask, "Shouldn't we focus on eliminating divorce? Criminalizing adultery?" Aren't those the overwhelming adversaries of marriage that need attention? Why focus on the 3 percent when 40 percent to 50 percent of holy heterosexual unions dissolve at such a great cost to society?

And here are a few more free facts for candidates: Some of your neighbors are gay. Some of your family is gay. They vote. They were gay before this law went into effect, and they will continue to be gay even if you're successful in repealing the law (which would mean the end to visitation rights, inheritance laws, security benefits, etc., for same-sex couples). So, please explain why this is so important to you – to Iowa. We want details and they better be compelling and truthful.

Daniel Sitter

Cedar Rapids

Vander Plaats offers education strategy

By Rod Boshart Journal Des Moines Bureau |

DES MOINES -- Republican gubernatorial candidate Bob Vander Plaats on Monday issued a K-12 education strategy that calls for more charter schools, more emphasis on local control and high student performance standards.

Vander Plaats, a former business teacher and principal, said he wants to offer expanded school choice by encouraging more charter schools while allowing state aid to follow any student to a new school if their current school is failing to educate them. He also would expand tax credits for parents who choose to educate their children at home or at private schools as a way to promote competition and spur public schools to improve.

The Sioux City business consultant who is making his third gubernatorial bid said he would appoint a state education director and Iowa Board of Education members who are committed to returning control to the local schools and focused on the students, not the bureaucracy. The state Board of Education also will include representatives of private schools and parents who home school their children, he promised.

Vander Plaats said his education leadership strategy would be built on the premise that Iowa "needs to do things differently and it should start by freeing schools from senseless mandates and simplifying their funding." He said Iowa needs a governor who will lead, set high expectations and get out of the way so local communities can make good decisions for their students and families.

"My goal has always been to increase student performance and further professionalize the teaching profession," he said. "I want to reignite the teachers' passion for teaching so our students achieve the highest expectations, preparing them to be bold leaders of our future."

Vander Plaats said he wants to facilitate "real" charter schools that allow public, private, and nonprofit entities to be the chartering agency. Charter school applications would be approved by the state Board of Education and state per-pupil funding would follow students enrolled in charter schools.

The Sioux City Republican also pledged to set high student performance standards that would place a strong focus on advanced math, science and vocational education, and he would require local schools to report student achievement to the community in a regular, transparent manner.

He also pledged to give more control locally by lifting state educational mandates that don't relate to student achievement. We also would allow schools to decide how to reach the standards and make core curriculum elements voluntary, not a mandate.

"We can move ahead -- and move ahead by leaps and bounds to the direct benefit of Iowa's kids -- with higher standards and by freeing our schools from senseless mandates and simplifying their funding," he said. "Iowa doesn't need the federal government to pay us to innovate. We can innovate on our own and not be tied to federal mandates."

Vander Plaats said he also plans to release his strategy for community colleges, the state's three public universities and private higher education as the campaign progresses.

Health care reform dominates King meeting

By Bret Hayworth -

SIOUX CITY -- When Iowa 5th District Congressman Steve King met with constituents for a town hall meeting Monday, it was as if the eight months since his August session had been merely an intermission.

At both events, at Western Iowa Tech Community College, the majority of Northwest Iowans in attendance indicated strong criticism for federal health care reform.

One huge difference marked Monday's discussion, however -- health care reform, still under debate in August, is now the law of the land.

It's a law King, a four-term Republican from Kiron, wants to repeal. That effort, however, has scant odds of success in a chamber controlled by Democrats. Nonetheless, when King expressed his desire to repeal the bill, a strong three-fourths of Monday's audience burst into applause.

Wearing an American-flag-print shirt, R. Doc Zortman, of Sioux City, referenced the August discussion about "death panels," a supposed reform element critics said would subject elderly Americans to rationed care at the end of life. Zortman said he foresees rationing of health care with the new law, such as a person with a hip injury being told the injury isn't severe enough to warrant prompt treatment.

King said Zortman may have given the best recitation on the possibilities of health care rationing he's heard.

"I don't want the government to make these decisions," King said.

Jim Rixner, who heads the Siouxland Mental Health Center in Sioux City, was the only speaker to tell King he supports the new reform law. Rixner said he likes the portion that allows people up to age 26 to remain on their parents' health insurance policy and the part whereby insurance companies can no longer deny medical coverage due to pre-existing conditions. He said the pre-existing condition clauses were particularly vexing for people with mental illnesses.

King said he opposes "Obamacare" and told Rixner he doesn't support the two portions Rixner found most beneficial, including the age-limit change.

"I want my kids to grow up and take care of themselves," King said.

He said he doesn't support making insurance companies move away from denying coverage based on pre-existing conditions. King said an Iowa program, whereby people with pre-existing conditions can buy into a special health plan, is a better way to go. That might come at costly premiums, King said, but those with the pre-existing conditions have found the plan to be worthwhile, since they can get treatment.

"Everyone in this country has health care, even if they have to show up in the emergency room," King said.

He said a better approach is for states to individually reform health care rather than having the big federal plan, which has a price tag of \$940 billion over 10 years.

"One size fits all takes away our freedom and liberty," King said.

Foreign policy and immigration reform also got a major airing Monday as King answered 10 questions over an hour. The congressman said the Obama administration is pushing a "comprehensive amnesty" for those who live illegally in America without citizenship status. He contended Obama is waiting to see if there is "political juice" to push immigration reform through in 2010.

Heath Reinke, of Spirit Lake, told King he was concerned that Obama had weakened America's stance internationally by signing a nuclear reduction treaty with Russia earlier this month and failing to support Israel with the strength of past administrations. Reinke said Obama is "castrating America" and the crowd tittered when he questioned the president's motives.

"I just wonder where the president is going with his foreign policy," he said.

Responded King, "The president has not presented a coherent foreign policy."

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Tabor, Eric [AG]

From: Flansburg, Jim [Jim.Flansburg@PPHeartland.org]
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2010 9:39 AM
To: Tabor, Eric [AG]
Subject: Hey Eric

Hi Eric.

Just checking in to 1) ensure my package got there; and 2) inquire what time frame you are operating under for interviews, etc.

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From: Tabor, Eric [AG]
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2010 2:43 PM
To: 'Flansburg, Jim'
Subject: RE: Inquiry

Jim – Thanks for the email and interest in the office. We are advertising the position tomorrow in the DMR and would welcome a cover letter and resume from you.

Thanks again. Eric

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From: Brammer, Robert [AG]
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2010 12:56 PM
To: Tabor, Eric [AG]
Subject: FW: PP Heartland's weekly employee newsletter
Attachments: Inside Source April 20 indd.pdf

Just fyi: Jim Flansburg shared a couple things today. Here's one – their weekly PP employee newsletter.
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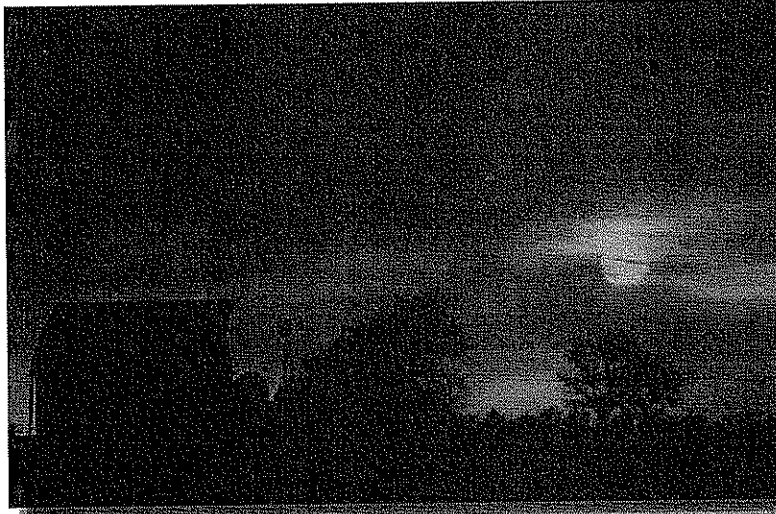
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April 20, 2010

Sex education study a first



study of rural sex education known to date.

Kirsten is one of only 15 health educators taking part in the nationwide study. Every day the study coordinator asks the educators a question. Kirsten then responds to the question and comments on the other educators' responses. She's finding out some educators face even more controversy than she does and they inspire her to try new teaching methods. And she's trying to change the methods of other educators.

"They're using educational topics Planned Parenthood doesn't promote, like scaring people with giant

slides showing STIs from having sex," Kirsten said. "I'm able to ask why do you think you need to use those slides, and they're responding saying, 'wow, I didn't think about that.'"

The study is focusing on how GLBT students are being included or excluded in the sex education talks. Kirsten tries to raise student awareness by explaining why she always uses the word "partner" instead of boyfriend or girlfriend when teaching. She's hoping to learn more tips from the other educators to build on her inclusion of GLBT, as well as break the stereotype of rural school districts.

"I hope they are able to determine that 'wow, there's really a lot of great stuff happening in the rural areas.' They think the big schools have the really comprehensive stuff, but it's happening in the small schools as well."

The study wraps up this week with results to follow.

If there's a way to teach students about safe sex without being able to show them a condom, Kirsten Colt gets the job done. The Sioux City health educator visits some of the most rural school districts in her area.

"Recently, I was asked to give a sex education talk to high schoolers just before their prom," Kirsten said. "When I asked the staff if it was okay to show a demonstration on how to use a condom, they said 'No, you can't, but it's OK to talk about condoms.'"

Some of the schools she visits don't even allow Kirsten to mention condoms despite the staggering STI rates in which one in two sexually active young people will get an STI before they're 25 – and most won't know it.

All of Kirsten's experiences are being shared in a three-week rural sex education teacher study sponsored by Penn State University and The Center for Family Life Education. The project, which began April 1, is the only

Employee Spotlight:



Cristina Walshire

Title: Clinic Assistant
Location: Iowa City
Part of PP Heartland family since November 2005.

Ask any of her co-workers and they'd probably agree: Cristina doesn't hold anything back.

"I'm a pretty open person," she said, laughing. And that sincerity transfers over into her relationships with her co-workers, patients and, above all else, her dedication to her job.

"It's challenging for me because I have ADHD, and while I take medication for it, it's still hard for me," Cristina said. "I want to be able to do things fast, but I have to stop and walk myself through it. When I need help, I try to ask for and accept it, because I want to be good at things, not just OK." And in return, she does the same for others, helping ensure everything runs smoothly for the day.

Cristina says she's lucky to work at a place where everyone is so supportive of one another, and it's those relationships that have helped keep her

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Reuniting photos and families



of deceased owner), wedding albums (one more successfully returned) and even a diamond earring worth several hundred dollars have been found.

Volunteers want to promote bringing in old items found at the Book Sale for the Fall Sale so they can potentially be returned to their owners. This photo was found 10 years ago by a volunteer Marian Luke. She posted it on geneology.com and just had a family member claim it this year!

The photo was from the 1890s and was claimed by a great niece of the brothers and sisters in the photo. She shared, "I am so grateful that you retrieved, and then safeguarded,

this precious photo for all these years! I continue to be amazed that we were able to make the connection from the message you posted more than 10 years ago! Indeed, who would have thought? Know that the photo will be cherished!"

Book Sale volunteers receive hundreds of donations during the year and often find photos tucked in books or even albums filled with old photographs. Sad to say, most of the time the photos cannot be identified, since practically all of them come in anonymously. Not only photos, but money (tucked in books), traveler's checks (were returned to daughter

at PP Heartland.

"We've got a tight bond here, we're a pretty tight group," Cristina said. "If someone needs help in one area, we're right there to help each other, and try to encourage one another. That's what it's all about."

Cristina truly enjoys what she does, and it shows.

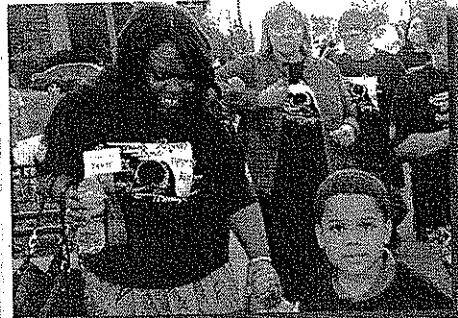
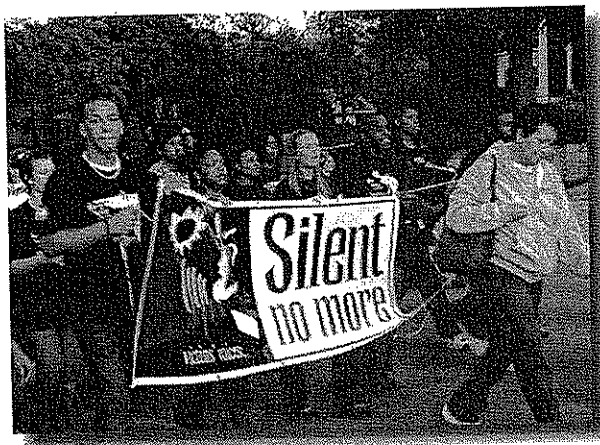
"I once had a patient say 'You're one of the reasons why I come here. You just have such a great glow about you. I know that may sound weird, but I really look forward to seeing you.'"

Many people have impacted Cristina over the years, but her father influenced her more than anyone.

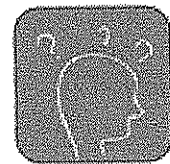
"He always wanted me to go to school, and to finish my degree," Cristina said. "My dad worked for the railroad for 35 years, and only missed one day of work, he was recognized for it when he retired. My dad passed away four months ago, he was really proud of me and where I am working."

Cristina lives in West Liberty with her children, Jasmarina, 18, and Joshua, 12; her oldest daughter, Vanessa, 22, lives nearby in Nichols. In her free time, Cristina loves going country dancing, watching her kids play sports, and just hanging out with them watching movies.

Des Moines takes back the night



PP Heartland staffer Tawny Walton (pictured above with her son, Julius) shared her story as a rape survivor at 2010 Take Back the Night held at Des Moines University. She was also part of news stories to promote the event. Center Manager Kat Frink also talked to the news about PP Heartland's SART partnership, in which sexual assault victims can come to Rosenfield Center after an assault for their exam rather than a busy and impersonal emergency room.

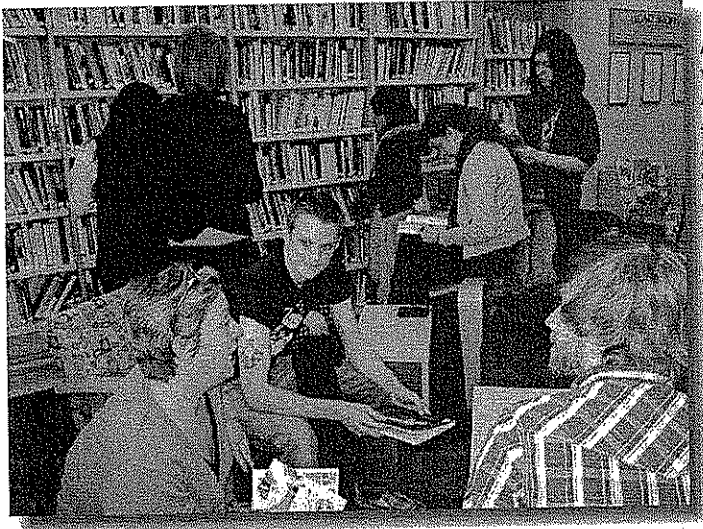


Did you know?

If you haven't seen the Web site for this year's Deeper Well Conference that PP Heartland is hosting in Des Moines this summer, you're missing out. Click here to check it out. Kudos to Graphic Designer and Web Editor Leng Vong on the design and layout!

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College students visit ERC



Health Educator Susie Cook speaks to students visiting from Grinnell College at the ERC Des Moines. The students are a part of Grinnell's Sexual Health Information Center (SHIC), a recently established student-run organization on campus created to promote awareness and educate Grinnell students about their sexual health. Susie reached out to the students earlier this year while doing programming at Grinnell, and invited the group to Des Moines. The students met with Susie and Librarian and Resource Coordinator Etta Thornburg, checking out all the resources the ERC has to offer, before heading to the Rosenfield Center for a clinic tour with Center Manager Kat Frink. The students later met with Bilingual Outreach Coordinator Jenn Morton to discuss peer education, the premier service SHIC offers.

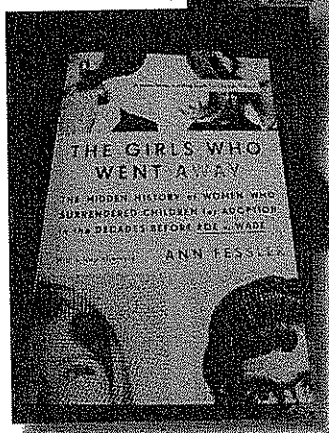
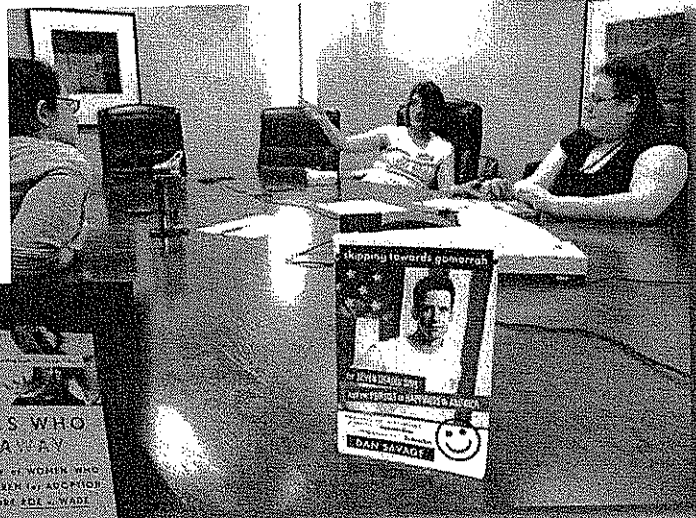
A reminder to staff: If you have something you would like to mail to the O Street Center in Lincoln, please mail it to the center's P.O. Box address:

P.O. Box 80773
Lincoln, NE 68501

Any mail sent to the building's physical address is first routed to the Cowles Admin. building in Des Moines for billing purposes. If you have any questions regarding which address to use, e-mail Cowles Receptionist Robin Peter at robin.peter@ppheartland.org.

Planned Parenthood Young Leaders group is planning its annual "friend-raiser." The event, Choice and Cocktails, is set for May 13 from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Des Moines Social Club. Free drinks, pizza and a sexual health carnival of games and prizes are all on the agenda! In the meantime, PPYL is hosting its annual Condom Crawl during the Drake Relays in Des Moines. Anyone interested in joining in the fun this Thursday night may email Mark Buhrmester at mark.buhrmester@ppheartland.org.

Book club chat



This month's PP Heartland Book Club read was *Skipping towards Gomorrah* by Dan Savage. May's book, *The Girls Who Went Away: the hidden history of women who surrendered children for adoption in the decades before Roe v. Wade* by Ann Fessler, is available through the ERC for \$12. The book club will meet again on May 12, from 12 to 1 p.m. via Cowles or Polycam.

The PP Heartland Garage Sale isn't for another month and a half, but volunteers report they've already sold more than \$700 worth of merchandise! A perk to volunteering is first dibs at the sale items. Last year's sale raised some \$7,000. This year's sale starts May 20 and ends May 22, with a special preview day for employees on May 19. And there's still time to donate your garage sale items to the Book Works. Remember, no clothing donations please.

When the health-care reform campaign started, Regional Organizer Amanda Kimber attended an event and met a woman who spoke about her pre-existing condition (breast cancer). Amanda gave her one of our hot pink "Protect Women's Health" T-shirts at that event. When she ran into her last week, the woman said she's been proudly wearing her PP T-shirt while at her chemo treatments!

Proud of your green thumb? How green is your garden? We want to know! E-mail dave.stone@ppheartland.org about your personal garden. Growing vegetables? Prized roses? Are you a part-time farmer? Let us know for an upcoming feature in the Inside Source.

Fort Dodge fun facts



Fort Dodge Main Street

Their assignment was clear. Major Samuel Wood and the men of Company E of the Sixth United States Infantry were to create a fort along the Des Moines River in north central Iowa. Their mission: To keep peace between Native Americans and European descendants who were starting to trickle into the area.

By the middle of the summer in 1850, the ensemble chose a spot near the mouth of Lizard Creek. The area appealed to them: plentiful water, timber and large rocks for construction. They named it Fort Dodge.

Construction of the fort went quickly and, at the height of its existence, had about 90 men living there. But that number was constantly changing because more than a third of them deserted to head west during the Gold Rush. By 1853, the post was abandoned and purchased by William Williams, who had been a storekeeper for the post. By 1854, Fort Dodge was platted as a city.

That very same year, a man by the name of Lorenzo Coffin arrived in a covered wagon with his new wife, where they took up farming in what today is Fort

*"In the fall of 2008, the center relocated across town near the mall. Because of the layout of the old center, confidentiality was hard to protect as the small parking lot was off a main road and because the lab and exam rooms were right beside the checkout counter. The waiting room was divided so we could not always see what was happening out there and the front office had two doors which was a safety issue. The new location seemed to have solved all of our problems."
— Julie Bosier, center manager II*

Dodge. Coffin, an ardent abolitionist, enlisted in the Civil War. But his days as an activist were far from over following the war. In 1874, he saw a train brakeman lose two fingers while he was trying to manually couple – or connect – two rail cars. They were the last two fingers the man had. Coffin learned that virtually all experienced brakemen were missing fingers – this despite the invention of automatic coupling.

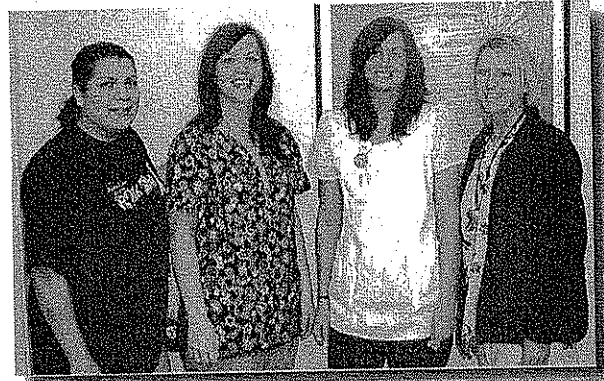
Coffin found that unacceptable, and for the next three decades fought the nation's rail lines to have the automatic couplings installed. The lines argued they would be too expensive. Through Coffin's perseverance, he was able to get the public on his side. Eventually,

the lines relented. Through Coffin's actions, it was estimated that employee deaths on the lines dropped 60 percent.

While Coffin pursued his convictions, the city of Fort Dodge was budding. By the 1860s, gypsum – an ingredient for making plaster – was being milled and railed off to the east coast. In fact, it was Fort Dodge gypsum that was used to create the Cardiff Giant – a 10-foot fossilized giant humanoid. The giant was actually carved in Illinois, and buried in Cardiff, New York, as a hoax. The discovery created quite a sensation until a paleontologist debunked it.

To this day, the city of 26,000 people is a large manufacturer of gypsum and a companion industry, drywall.

Fort Dodge celebrates its history with the Fort Museum and Frontier Village: a full scale recreation of a military outpost complete with village from the same time period.



From Left to Right: Rocio Vasquez CA, Shannon Hanson IFPN Specialist, Libby Pratt RN, Tatum Olson CMA. Missing is Julie Bosier, center manager and Rhonda Ruby, health educator: Ruth Trecker, clinician, took the photo.

Birthdays...

- 4/18 Melissa McCoy, Medical Assistant, Northwest
- 4/22 Cristina Walshire, Clinic Assistant, Iowa City
- 4/26 Roxanne Rogers, Grants Manager, Cowles
- 4/26 Kathleen Solari, Clinic Assistant, South St.
- 4/26 Tiffney Wotruba, Clinic Assistant, South St.

Anniversaries...

- 4/23 Julie Bosier, Center Manager II, Cedar Falls/Fort Dodge 13 years

Hello...

- 4/12 Melissa McCoy, Medical Assistant, Northwest

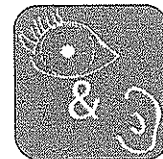
Goodbye...

- 4/15 Spomi Tudovic, Call Center Rep., Cowles
Interim contact: Monica Stovall
- 4/15 Janece Potter, Clinic Assistant, Southwest
Interim contact: Joyce Craft
- 4/15 Katie Bradshaw, Marketing Manager of New Technologies, Cowles
Interim contact: Marsha Dorhout
- 4/15 Nancy Robertson, Staff Attorney, Cowles
Interim contact: Kyle Carlson



Vulva art

Health Educator Lisa Schulze recently attended the Advanced Sexuality Educator and Trainer (ASET) Retreat in Philadelphia, Penn. "I was privileged to be amid the top sex educators in the nation, one of which was Peggy Brick, formerly of Planned Parenthood of Greater Northern New Jersey, past chair of SIECUS, and author of the well-renowned and respected (my copies are dog-eared) curricula 'Unequal Partners, Educating About Abortion, Positive Images,' and 'Teaching Safer Sex,'" Lisa said. "Here she is holding my beautiful, recently created vulva art. (I was mortified!! I DO NOT sew!!) It was created with inspiration and direction from the infamous Judith Steinhart, founder of the Go Ask Alice Web site through Columbia University. What a wild weekend!"



Seen and heard

Just when Kim Gunnes and Patrick Schrodth think they've heard it all: "Kim and I were staffing a booth at Central Academy in Des Moines for a health fair when a student asked if it tickles when the sperm swim up the fallopian tubes."

Cowles Receptionist Robin Peter found a first while entering in one of 3,000 patient satisfaction surveys last month. The question: "If it's your first visit to Planned Parenthood, how did you learn about us? Someone wrote "Probation officer."

Nicole Cable, RN at Rosenfield, was following up with a patient in ultrasound and asked how her form of birth control was working for her. The patient, who had chosen Nuva Ring two weeks earlier, responded with, "So this Nuva Ring is like having a glow stick in my vagina, I'm not sure how to handle that!" Nicole simply nodded and agreed that it was an interesting form of birth control.

New employee comment

A comment on the back of a New Employee Orientation evaluation from IFPN Specialist Shannon Hanson from Fort Dodge.

I am so glad to be apart of PP Heartland! It is the first place of employment that I have truly been passionate and appreciate what we do. I am looking forward to making a career out of my position with PP Heartland! It is an inspiring and heart wrenching feeling to see the great people that believe in what we do and donate generously!



Omaha Admin. staff was startled last Thursday afternoon when loud walls began to emanate from Melissa Grant's office. When several people ran to her office to check on her, they found her still at her desk, alternately swatting at flying insects and ducking down, covering her hair. Majken Johanson, whose office is next door to Melissa's, also had a few of the uninvited guests. Her response was a lot more subdued, though. It wasn't until Friday morning that the culprits were identified: Their offices were teeming with termites, which had waited for the warm spring weather to emerge from their underground nest. Gives new meaning to the phrase "shiver me timbers."

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OK, thanks, Bram. Make it a great day.

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To: Flansburg, Jim
Subject: RE: quick question

I don't know, Jim. Eric and perhaps Tom, too, will be deciding that (and I'm not sure when they'll decide.) We were thinking they'd try to make a hiring decision in May....but I haven't heard that's been put into plan.

Bram

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Nebraska is indeed a special case. Generally, we don't go higher than two-syllable words there.

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Ha!

Unless they're for Nebraska?

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From: Flansburg, Jim [mailto:Jim.Flansburg@PPHeartland.org]
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Thanks, Bram. I'm not trying to impress, per se, but rather impress upon y'all my talents. ("Y'all" comes from my years in Texas; as a general policy, I don't put that in press releases. Generally.)

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Thanks, Bram. I'm not trying to impress, per se, but rather impress upon y'all my talents. ("Y'all" comes from my years in Texas; as a general policy, I don't put that in press releases. Generally.)

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This also is impressive, Jim!

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Critics urge delay in vote on casinos

Gambling opponents said Monday that confidence in the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission would suffer if the commission votes on new casino applications before a ruling on whether campaign contributions from some Fort Dodge casino backers were proper.

The commission should postpone its scheduled May 13 decision on four casino licenses in light of the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation's questions about \$25,000 in campaign contributions to Gov. Chet Culver, they said.

One gambling critic, Tom Coates of Norwalk, said, "This is a big enough cloud, given the immensity of it and the taint that comes from it, that this is not something where they want to approve somebody and then have it come down later that it was illegal."

The chairman of the Racing and Gaming Commission said, however, that the commission plans to hold the vote as scheduled, at least at this point.

In other developments:

- The Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board will conduct its own investigation into the contributions of three Fort Dodge casino backers to Culver last year, the director of the state regulatory board said Monday.

- Culver's campaign had donated \$25,000 to three charities, an authorized option for dealing with questionable campaign contributions. But on Monday, a Des Moines homeless shelter that received part of the money returned it to Culver's campaign, after learning of the DCI investigation.

State investigators are trying to determine whether Peninsula Gaming, a Dubuque casino company that plans to help finance the Fort Dodge casino, gave three local backers \$25,000 with the intention that they donate it to Culver's campaign. In Iowa, it's illegal to make, or knowingly receive, a political contribution in another person's name.

Peninsula, the three donors and Culver have all said they did nothing wrong.

Officials respond to casino questions

The Des Moines Register e-mailed these questions about the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation's investigation to Gov. Chet Culver, Lt. Gov. Patty Judge, and senior administration and campaign staff. The administration's chief legal counsel, James Larew, and campaign manager Donn Stanley responded:

Q. Have the governor, lieutenant governor or any members of their official staffs or campaign staffs met with or been asked to meet with investigators with DCI to answer questions about campaign contributions from Steve Daniel, James Kesterson and Merrill D. Leffler?

A. The governor's office and the governor's campaign cannot comment on an ongoing DCI investigation. However, neither the governor's office nor the governor's campaign has any reason to believe that anyone with either organization is a target in the investigation. Further, the governor's office and the campaign have fully cooperated with the investigators at the governor's direction.

Q. Have the governor, lieutenant governor or any members of their official staffs or campaign staffs met with or been asked to meet with investigators with DCI to answer questions about campaign contributions from any other parties affiliated with other pending casino licenses?

A. Neither the governor's office nor the governor's campaign is aware of any such investigation.

Q. What has the campaign done with the contributions totaling \$25,000, given in six checks dated Nov. 23 and Dec. 7, 2009, from Steve Daniel, James Kesterson and Merrill D. Leffler?

A. The campaign made the following contributions on April 9, 2010 — \$8,334 to Door of Faith, \$8,334 to Churches United and \$8,344 to St. Vincent de Paul.

Q. Did contributions from Steve Daniel, James Kesterson and Merrill Leffler have any influence over Gov. Culver's March 4 letter urging the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission to grant licenses to the four casino license applicants?

A. Absolutely not. The governor and lieutenant governor have long supported granting licenses to communities that decide in local referendums to pursue such licenses. Further, many folks that have involvement in competing facilities and oppose these new licenses have also contributed to the governor's and lieutenant governor's campaign. The fact is that the governor and lieutenant governor have contributors and supporters on both sides of this and many other issues.

Q. Should a sitting governor accept campaign contributions from parties associated with pending casino license applications?

A. First, the governor has not made or taken any campaign contribution calls from any party associated with a license application once such a license application was submitted. Importantly, the Racing and Gaming Commission makes the licensing decision. There is no appeal to the governor. Some people associated with the current licensees have contributed to other candidates that oppose granting the new licenses just as some of these people have contributed to the governor's campaign. People supporting new licenses should have the same right to participate in the political process as those who oppose granting these new licenses.

Q. Did the governor, lieutenant governor or any members of their staffs meet with representatives of Peninsula Gaming, Webster County Gaming or Webster County Entertainment from Sept. 1, 2009, through March 13, 2010?

A. The governor and lieutenant governor have consistently supported the issue of licenses from communities after a local referendum. They were already on record supporting these applications. People from some of these groups, like all other lowans, have the opportunity to meet with their state leaders.

Conlin keeps up theme of fighting injustice

Perky, carefully spelled messages on Twitter mark Roxanne Conlin's visits to Iowa's counties.

"Great crowd at Cronk's, political hub of Denison! Again concern about money in politics, corruption in Washington, and how we can fix it!"

And: "Big crowd in Spencer! Healthcare topic one."

A wealthy trial lawyer, Conlin was 38 the last time she ran for elected office - and was defeated.

This time, the Des Moines Democrat is challenging a powerful, longtime incumbent in Sen. Chuck Grassley, a Republican. Conlin aims to win with her message to create jobs, improve education and rein in corporate tax breaks.

Correcting past failures - or righting wrongs - is a lifelong theme for Conlin, now 65. Some examples:

- During her first year of marriage in 1964, she and her husband, Jim, earned \$1,500, and carried debt and stress from her enrollment in law school at a time when she felt scorn for being a female law student. So for their 30th wedding anniversary, Conlin organized a gala event to celebrate, which she called a "re-wedding."

- Memories of an alcoholic father who beat her mother prompted Conlin to consider purchasing her childhood home on Des Moines' High Street to turn it into a shelter for domestic abuse victims. She still hopes to do that.

- A building at Seventh and Locust streets in Des Moines was the site of a soda fountain that refused to serve Edna Griffin, a black woman, in 1948. That sparked a landmark battle that helped end open discrimination in Iowa. A decade later, when Conlin was 14 and her family lived in poverty, she was a waitress there at the Katz Drug Store soda fountain. Later in life, she purchased the building, named it after Griffin, and moved her law office there, a firm bent on fixing injustices.

- When a company polluted water in the Mississippi River so badly it turned pink, Conlin forced the firm to clean it up.

- When a Des Moines family couldn't afford to bury a child struck by a car, Conlin quietly paid for the funeral.

- But she's most famous for arguing that Microsoft Corp. drove away competition - and winning a \$255 million settlement in a class-action lawsuit.

Conlin's failure in her governor's race against Terry Branstad in 1982 ushered in a 16-year stretch of Republican leadership in the Iowa governor's office.

"I really did not think I would run again for public office," Conlin said. "It just never came up again. I did the best I could. Lord knows it was the most fun I've ever had, and it was also the worst time I've ever had."

One pivotal issue in the 1982 campaign: A third of Iowans acknowledged they wouldn't vote for a female governor. Another: Conlin and her husband, Jim, paid no income tax that year - because, Conlin said, they did not owe any after federal deductibility was calculated.

"I think the way that was handled by media made it seem that somehow I cheated," she said. "That of course is not true."

Conlin said she'd be willing to share how much she's paying this year for 2009 income taxes. "I want to do something to put that to rest," she said. "I am happy to release my tax returns when Charles Grassley does."

Although Conlin didn't dip her toe in campaign politics for 28 years, she vouched for other candidates, including fellow trial lawyer and presidential candidate John Edwards, whom she called a friend of 20 years.

"What you see is what you get," Conlin told crowds in 2007. "The man is good to his soul. He's genuine. He's authentic."

Since Edwards admitted an extramarital affair, Conlin has not spoken to him and has made a conscious effort to avoid him.

"Like so many people, he fooled me," said Conlin, who was Iowa co-chairwoman of the Edwards campaign. "The sense of betrayal and disappointment is overwhelming."

But she hasn't abandoned the people-before-profits ideals she shared with Edwards. She rails against federal bailouts for Wall Street and "tax breaks for the very, very wealthy."

"Corporations have only one job ... to make a profit for their shareholders," she said. "Left to their own devices, they run roughshod over rights."

Even as she calls for the 76-year-old Grassley to retire, Conlin acknowledges she's not young, either. She jokes that "you learn that being 60 is a pre-existing condition." She sprained her knee hiding Easter eggs for her grandchildren. Her idea of good dance music is the accompaniment to the rumba, the cha-cha, the swing.

But she sets an aggressive schedule. She does her legal work after midnight.

"I get tired, but she doesn't," said Conlin's traveling chief of staff, Genevieve Craggs, 23.

A boiled-down resume of her achievements is nine pages. She was the nation's second female U.S. attorney and the first female president of the National Association of Trial Lawyers.

Even if someone is energetic and a nimble thinker, how effective can a freshman senator be?

"What does seniority matter if (Grassley's) not using it for us?" Conlin answered. "I think I can be seen and heard. You know I fight for a living."

Candidates release information on taxes

Republican Terry Branstad earned just under \$400,000 last year - substantially more than the \$130,000 salary an Iowa governor is paid.

Gov. Chet Culver, a Democrat who is seeking a second term, reported that he earned \$109,000 in taxable income last year. He cut his own pay 10 percent when he ordered a 10 percent across-the-board cut in October to deal with state budget troubles.

Republican Bob Vander Plaats, a business consultant, and his wife, Darla, a part-time accountant, together earned about \$60,000 in wages, but their total income was \$105,000 with royalties from the corporation he owns.

The three candidates for governor each released tax returns Monday. Their action was voluntary; governor candidates aren't required to release tax returns. A fourth candidate, Republican Rod Roberts, said he will share details soon.

The Culvers

Chester J. Culver and Mariclaire Thinnes Culver, an attorney, released 10 pages of their scanned return. They earned about \$127,000 in 2009, their tax returns show. They reported a capital gain of \$7,500.

They paid about \$10,700 in state and local taxes, and about \$14,000 in federal taxes. They donated \$2,750 to charity.

They claimed two dependents, Clare, 8, and John, 7.

The Branstads

Branstad's campaign allowed reporters one hour to look through 89 pages of itemized returns.

"Governor Branstad has talked a lot about transparency in this campaign, and it was his opinion that when you're running for the office of governor, you need to hold yourself to a little higher standard when it comes to issues such as your personal tax return," said his campaign manager, Jeff Boeyink.

Terry E. and Christine A. Branstad, of Boone, gave \$41,000 to charities, including Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Boone, Christ the King Catholic Church in Des Moines, Dowling High School, Living History Farms, Blank Park Zoo and the Boone County Hospital Association.

Christine Branstad is not employed, but does volunteer work, primarily at the Boone County Hospital, campaign staff said.

Most of Terry Branstad's income - \$276,000 - was from 10 months of work as president of Des Moines University. He resigned in October to pursue the Republican nomination for governor.

If he'd worked at the university for a full year, his salary would have been roughly \$331,000.

Branstad owed \$86,000 in federal taxes and \$16,000 in state taxes. His tax refunds totaled \$11,900.

He took in just under \$52,000 in taxable pension income based on employment as a state legislator, lieutenant governor and governor.

His income also included about \$51,000 in rental real estate and partnerships. Of that, \$31,000 was from ownership of 13 rural Iowa post offices.

His business income was \$46,500, but his net income was \$21,600 after expenses. That was from fees for sitting on boards and acting as a consultant to four businesses: the Indianola-based Multi-Tech, which manufactures portable cement mixers; ConMed, which provides health care services to prison inmates; Liberty Bank; and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

"If he's elected governor, he's going to resign from all the corporate boards," Boeyink said.

Branstad has a small ownership stake in four companies: Lincolnway Energy LLC, an ethanol plant based in Nevada, Ia.; East Fork Biodiesel, LLC, a

biodiesel plant in Algona; Liberty Bancshares Iowa Inc., the holding company for Liberty Bank; and Insite Mediacom, a company that does billboards and cell towers primarily in the south and east but has no relationship to the Mediacom cable company, Boeyink said.

He lost money on all four last year, his tax records show. The total loss was \$31,365.

Branstad also made a commission of \$50,000 from a fundraising firm he created after he left the governor's office: Policy Management Interests LLC. He uses it primarily to do fundraising for charities and other projects. As contributions come in, he gets a percentage, his campaign staff said.

If elected governor, Branstad will place all his investment assets into a blind trust to prevent concerns about how his decisions as governor might impact his personal finances, Boeyink said.

Branstad no longer owns any farm property, although he received a \$127 payment through a federal crop reserve program for a very small piece of tillable land on his 17-acre property in Boone, said his accountant, Jamie Ward.

The Vander Plaatses

Vander Plaats, who owns MVP Leadership in Sioux City, didn't release copies of his tax returns, just a summary.

It stated that Bob and Darla Vander Plaats' income included a capital gain of \$125, individual retirement account distributions of \$674, and royalties and S corporation income of \$44,094, for a total income of \$104,871.

The couple paid about \$9,500 in state and local taxes, as well as about \$9,000 in federal taxes. They donated \$5,700 to charity.

Republicans pan Core Curriculum

Three candidates who are vying for the Iowa Republican Party's nomination for governor want to dump a new law that forces public schools to follow a statewide curriculum.

Sioux City businessman Bob Vander Plaats, state Rep. Rod Roberts of Carroll and former Gov. Terry Branstad said key decisions about what students should learn in school are best left in local hands.

They called the Iowa Core Curriculum an expensive, flawed system that lacks strong standards to gauge how well students grasp skills and concepts.

In 2008, Gov. Chet Culver pushed to make the core curriculum mandatory for all public schools by 2014. The cost tops \$31 million.

Vander Plaats, a former business teacher and principal, said local control fuels cutting-edge classrooms more than a "top-down control system."

Branstad and Vander Plaats said they would push for high academic standards instead.

"Governor Branstad believes we must put in place 21st-century statewide standards and give local school districts the flexibility to achieve them," spokesman Tim Albrecht said.

Roberts said the core curriculum should be an option for schools, but it falls short as a law because "you do not have the standards, benchmarks and measurements to know whether the students have actually achieved what was intended," he said.

A spokeswoman for Culver's campaign could not be reached for comment Monday.

Vander Plaats released an education plan Monday that makes the Iowa Core Curriculum optional and gives parents more options.

His plan calls for an expanded tax credit for children taught at home or in private schools, and a school aid formula that sends tax dollars to any school of a student's choice, including private schools.

Vander Plaats also wants to expand the authority to run charter schools in Iowa. Charter schools receive taxpayer money but operate free of school district rules and teacher union contracts.

Critics have said Iowa law cripples innovation in charter schools because it allows only traditional districts to run them. In other states, the authority belongs to teachers, parent groups, city officials and other stakeholders who crave change.

Register staff writer Jennifer Jacobs contributed to this article.

Let marketplace sort out winners and losers

The competition among four Iowa communities for gambling casino licenses has taken on the appearance of a lottery.

The Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission plans to rule in May which of the applications for licenses - from Fort Dodge, Ottumwa and Lyon and Tama Counties - will be winners.

But this is not a lottery, and the decision could be made for the wrong reason.

The gaming commission is being pressured to block proposed casinos that would siphon gamblers from neighboring casinos, and that would be a mistake. Applicants should be judged solely on their own merits.

The notion of new casinos "cannibalizing" existing casinos has taken on increasing importance in some circles in this state, but that should not be a factor in the Racing and Gaming Commission's decision. The commission's job is to protect the interests of the public and gamblers from dishonest or illegal operators. It exists to make sure gambling is conducted according to state and federal law in casinos operated by financially sound businesses.

The commission's job is not to pick winners and losers.

Ever since the Iowa Legislature began approving and expanding gambling - first racing, then riverboats, and then land-based casinos - the intent of state legislators has been clear: Local communities choose to allow gambling or not. While some Iowa counties have rejected gambling, the voters in 17 counties have approved it at public referendums, some repeatedly. In those counties, investors have put their own money on the line to build casinos with the idea that they can make a profit, or shut down if they are wrong. That is the function of a free market, whether it be grocery stores, bowling alleys or gambling operations.

Gov. Chet Culver has been criticized for writing a letter to the Racing and Gaming Commission in support of all four applicants. True, the decision is up to the commission (whose members he appoints), and Culver's letter acknowledges that. The governor, however, expressed concern that "the rules of the game" have changed to protect "existing operations" from new gambling enterprises rather than allowing newcomers to enter the market. Culver urged the four applications be judged on their own strengths, not their impact elsewhere.

"Competition is a good thing," the governor said in his letter. And he is right. By protecting existing casinos by refusing to license a competitor, the state might only be propping up poorly conceived or poorly managed operations simply because they happened to come along first. That is not a reason for the state to prevent a business from starting up, especially after the voters have said they want gambling, and investors have said they are willing to bankroll it.

These four communities have demonstrated public and financial support for establishing gambling casinos. Assuming the applicants meet all requirements of the laws governing the gambling industry, the Racing and Gaming Commission should grant them licenses. The marketplace should decide which casinos are allowed to succeed or fail, not state government.

Obradovich: Culver should ask for delay of casino vote

Gov. Chet Culver has to be the unluckiest man alive. He doesn't even have to set foot in a casino and he loses his shirt gambling.

The whiff of scandal over donations to Culver's campaign from Fort Dodge casino backers is probably not a serious legal problem for the governor. It's far worse than that - it's a political quagmire that he'll wallow in no matter how clean his hands are.

He'll have to take precious time away from touting his accomplishments as governor to explain why this situation wasn't his fault. It bolsters his opponents' position that Iowa has enough gaming and that Culver is on the wrong side of that argument. It calls attention to the many Culver friends with gaming interests.

The investigation could drag on for months. The best possible outcome for Culver would be a lack of evidence that his campaign did anything wrong. Politically, though, lack of evidence doesn't add up to innocence. He's unlucky, indeed.

People make their own luck, in many ways. Culver contributed to his own fate by writing a letter to the Racing and Gaming Commission last month, advocating approval of four new casino licenses.

His political opponents and others were shocked - shocked! - that the governor could be so crass as to inject politics into this otherwise pure process of casino licensing. Former and wants-to-be future Gov. Terry Branstad said he never would have tried to influence the commission - an independent panel whose members are appointed by the governor.

Of course he wouldn't have. Branstad signed the law that provided all the insulation any governor could want from the decisions of the commission. It could license all the casinos it saw fit, and the revenue would flow into the state budget. Branstad could happily spend that money and accept donations

from gaming backers but refuse to take a public position on any specific casino proposal.

Underneath some of that shock may be amazement that Culver didn't take advantage of the built-in political cover. I've said before that he did nothing wrong in advocating the casino proposals. I seem to be in the minority on that. I've been appreciative that he was up front about his position, instead of being coy or pushing his agenda behind the scenes.

But I haven't said it was politically wise for him to do so, and this situation makes it obvious why it wasn't. There's just too much money, too much power, too much influence tied up in the industry. The politics may be veiled, but it's ruthless. It's amazing that we haven't seen a scandal before now. If Culver wants to put his hand into that pit of vipers, he has to expect to feel the fangs.

He really has only one choice now. He has to be so committed to clean gambling in Iowa that he touts this investigation as an example of how meticulous the state is in protecting the industry's integrity. No matter how disruptive or painful this ends up being to his campaign, he has to be happy and proud that the Division of Criminal Investigation is doing such a great job.

Stacey Cargill, a gambling opponent, asked the commission on April 4 to delay its decision on all four licenses until after the May 19 deadline for campaign finance reports. I didn't think that was necessary a week ago. Now, Culver should ask for the delay, at least for the Fort Dodge application.

Culver can't hide from this issue, attempt to minimize it or refuse to talk about it, although he may want to do so. He's been dealt a lousy hand, and now he has to play it.

Correction: In Sunday's column, I should have said that Roxanne Conlin's \$250,000 loan to her campaign was in addition to her quarterly donation total of about \$630,000, not part of the total. I apologize for the error.

I'm proud of reform

I'm a young girl from Illinois and passing health care was very important to me. Being under 18 lets me be involved in politics in a very different way, like becoming a page, volunteering and campaigns. All of them are important, but when it comes to health-care reform, it's even more important.

We needed real change. That's what we have now and I'm so proud to be a teenager that can say "Yeah. Obama is my president. Why shouldn't he be? He passed historic health-care reform!"

Em Spangler

Sterling

Bill 'forces charity'

I recently read in the Quad-City Times that poor people will get either free or subsidized health care. I have news for you who think that. There is no free lunch.

If any government entity doles out free or subsidized anything, they are not the ones footing the bill. It is the taxpayers. Only the federal government can print money. Unfortunately, if they do print too much money, everyone, including the poor, will receive a hideous tax known as inflation. In any case, the taxpayers lose.

In the recent health-care bill passed with the help of U.S. Reps. Bruce Braley and Phil Hare and U.S. Sens. Tom Harkin and Dick Durbin, mandates require that health insurance companies must cover preventative health

measures such as a colonoscopy or a mammogram as well as sell insurance to those with preexisting conditions. These mandates will cost these companies much more than they have had to spend in the past.

Like any business that must make a profit to survive, it must pass along those additional costs on to its customers.

Therefore, these mandates will raise my premium even more than normal.

These additional costs are no more than forced charity making me pay for my neighbors' medical bills.

Once again, there is no free lunch. Some person must pay to cover those costs!

Larry L. Hintze

Eldridge

Lange outraises GOP primary opponents

By James Q. Lynch

The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — Although it's just a fraction of what the incumbent has raised, Ben Lange thinks the \$34,310 he has raised in campaign for the 1st District U.S. House seat puts him where he needs to be.

Lange has raised more than his three opponents for the GOP nomination combined, raising nearly seven times more than his nearest primary opponent.

However, the Independence lawyer believes energy, not money, will be the key to it defeating Rep. Bruce Braley, a Waterloo Democrat, in November.

Turnout at Republican events has been strong this spring, he said, noting Republicans outnumbered Democrats at Scott County caucuses by nearly a three-to-one margin.

Voter frustration with the federal government is energizing campaigns across the country and the 1st District, which sweeps across Eastern Iowa from Cedar Falls to the Quad Cities, is no exception,

"People are distrustful of Congress and frustrated with its policies," Lange said Monday.

Tea Party activities are the "personification of that frustration," he said.

"That frustration will propel them to act all the way through November," he said.

For the time being, Lange, 31, is concentrating on the June 8 primary. The East Buchanan High School graduate, who moved his family back to Eastern Iowa after working as a congressional aide, faces Mike LaCoste of Waterloo, James Budde of Bellevue and Will Johnson of Dubuque for the nomination.

Lange raised \$34,310, according to Federal Election Commission reports, and has \$27,713 cash on hand. Budde reported raising \$4,935 with \$1,791 cash on hand. LaCoste and Johnson have not filed FEC reports, which are required if a candidate raises or spends \$5,000.

Braley, also an attorney, has dwarfed the Republicans' fundraising efforts. His FEC report shows he's raised \$865,589 and has \$623,736 on hand. He has \$49,180 in campaign debt compared to Lange's \$4,773.

Despite the disparity in campaign wealth, Lange believes he can compete with and defeat Braley should he get the GOP nomination.

"I like where we're at," he said. "We know where he's at and where we need to be. People want change."

The FEC reports may be found at www.fec.gov.

VetPac endorses Krause for U.S. Senate

Fairfield Democrat Bob Krause has been endorsed by the Veterans' Alliance for Security and Democracy, VetPac, in his bid for the nomination for the U.S. Senate.

VetPac is a national political action committee that works to elect veterans to public office.

"I am pleased to accept the VetPac endorsement," Krause said. "America needs veterans in public office to ensure that we do not forget the vet, as has happened many times in the past. VetPac also promotes a progressive agenda of issues that concern veterans and soldiers."

Krause is vying with Tom Fiegen and Roxanne Conlin for the nomination to face Republican Chuck Grassley.

Marriage not necessary to recognize gay union

Posted on Apr 20, 2010 by [Jeff Tecklenburg](#).

The definition of marriage is spousal. A spouse is a husband (man) or a wife (woman). When they get married, they become mates. Mate means to procreate (father or mother). Allowing same-sex couples a marriage license makes a mockery, a farce, of a real marriage. If they feel the need for a legal document, that's fine, but it doesn't have to be a marriage license.

Forget your political affiliation and vote for who promises to make sure that Iowans get the right to vote on this issue. Don't say this is not important. I believe that widows and widowers, husbands and wives, think it is very important.

Vi Emerson

Marion

Know the facts before attacking gay marriage

Posted on Apr 20, 2010 by Jeff Tecklenburg.

I would like to offer some free, yet unsolicited, advice to the Republican candidates who appear so outraged over the recent legalization of same-sex marriage in Iowa. I understand that you hope this will become a hot-button issue rallying support for your campaign, but you really need to provide valid and compelling reasons to motivate the populous.

Everyone's heard the statements like: "Homosexuals only constitute 3 percent of the population, why should we allow them to redefine the definition of marriage?" and, "We need to protect the sacred institution of marriage as a holy union between one man and one woman."

This may sound OK to many at first, but any reasonable person has to ask, "Shouldn't we focus on eliminating divorce? Criminalizing adultery?" Aren't those the overwhelming adversaries of marriage that need attention? Why focus on the 3 percent when 40 percent to 50 percent of holy heterosexual unions dissolve at such a great cost to society?

And here are a few more free facts for candidates: Some of your neighbors are gay. Some of your family is gay. They vote. They were gay before this law went into effect, and they will continue to be gay even if you're successful in repealing the law (which would mean the end to visitation rights, inheritance laws, security benefits, etc., for same-sex couples). So, please explain why this is so important to you – to Iowa. We want details and they better be compelling and truthful.

Daniel Sitter

Cedar Rapids

Vander Plaats offers education strategy

By Rod Boshart Journal Des Moines Bureau |

DES MOINES -- Republican gubernatorial candidate Bob Vander Plaats on Monday issued a K-12 education strategy that calls for more charter schools, more emphasis on local control and high student performance standards.

Vander Plaats, a former business teacher and principal, said he wants to offer expanded school choice by encouraging more charter schools while allowing state aid to follow any student to a new school if their current school is failing to educate them. He also would expand tax credits for parents who choose to educate their children at home or at private schools as a way to promote competition and spur public schools to improve.

The Sioux City business consultant who is making his third gubernatorial bid said he would appoint a state education director and Iowa Board of Education members who are committed to returning control to the local

schools and focused on the students, not the bureaucracy. The state Board of Education also will include representatives of private schools and parents who home school their children, he promised.

Vander Plaats said his education leadership strategy would be built on the premise that Iowa “needs to do things differently and it should start by freeing schools from senseless mandates and simplifying their funding.” He said Iowa needs a governor who will lead, set high expectations and get out of the way so local communities can make good decisions for their students and families.

“My goal has always been to increase student performance and further professionalize the teaching profession,” he said. “I want to reignite the teachers' passion for teaching so our students achieve the highest expectations, preparing them to be bold leaders of our future.”

Vander Plaats said he wants to facilitate “real” charter schools that allow public, private, and nonprofit entities to be the chartering agency. Charter school applications would be approved by the state Board of Education and state per-pupil funding would follow students enrolled in charter schools.

The Sioux City Republican also pledged to set high student performance standards that would place a strong focus on advanced math, science and vocational education, and he would require local schools to report student achievement to the community in a regular, transparent manner.

He also pledged to give more control locally by lifting state educational mandates that don't relate to student achievement. We also would allow schools to decide how to reach the standards and make core curriculum elements voluntary, not a mandate.

“We can move ahead -- and move ahead by leaps and bounds to the direct benefit of Iowa's kids -- with higher standards and by freeing our schools from senseless mandates and simplifying their funding,” he said. “Iowa doesn't need the federal government to pay us to innovate. We can innovate on our own and not be tied to federal mandates.”

Vander Plaats said he also plans to release his strategy for community colleges, the state's three public universities and private higher education as the campaign progresses.

Health care reform dominates King meeting

By Bret Hayworth -

SIOUX CITY -- When Iowa 5th District Congressman Steve King met with constituents for a town hall meeting Monday, it was as if the eight months since his August session had been merely an intermission.

At both events, at Western Iowa Tech Community College, the majority of Northwest Iowans in attendance indicated strong criticism for federal health care reform.

One huge difference marked Monday's discussion, however -- health care reform, still under debate in August, is now the law of the land.

It's a law King, a four-term Republican from Kiron, wants to repeal. That effort, however, has scant odds of

success in a chamber controlled by Democrats. Nonetheless, when King expressed his desire to repeal the bill, a strong three-fourths of Monday's audience burst into applause.

Wearing an American-flag-print shirt, R. Doc Zortman, of Sioux City, referenced the August discussion about "death panels," a supposed reform element critics said would subject elderly Americans to rationed care at the end of life. Zortman said he foresees rationing of health care with the new law, such as a person with a hip injury being told the injury isn't severe enough to warrant prompt treatment.

King said Zortman may have given the best recitation on the possibilities of health care rationing he's heard.

"I don't want the government to make these decisions," King said.

Jim Rixner, who heads the Siouxland Mental Health Center in Sioux City, was the only speaker to tell King he supports the new reform law. Rixner said he likes the portion that allows people up to age 26 to remain on their parents' health insurance policy and the part whereby insurance companies can no longer deny medical coverage due to pre-existing conditions. He said the pre-existing condition clauses were particularly vexing for people with mental illnesses.

King said he opposes "Obamacare" and told Rixner he doesn't support the two portions Rixner found most beneficial, including the age-limit change.

"I want my kids to grow up and take care of themselves," King said.

He said he doesn't support making insurance companies move away from denying coverage based on pre-existing conditions. King said an Iowa program, whereby people with pre-existing conditions can buy into a special health plan, is a better way to go. That might come at costly premiums, King said, but those with the pre-existing conditions have found the plan to be worthwhile, since they can get treatment.

"Everyone in this country has health care, even if they have to show up in the emergency room," King said.

He said a better approach is for states to individually reform health care rather than having the big federal plan, which has a price tag of \$940 billion over 10 years.

"One size fits all takes away our freedom and liberty," King said.

Foreign policy and immigration reform also got a major airing Monday as King answered 10 questions over an hour. The congressman said the Obama administration is pushing a "comprehensive amnesty" for those who live illegally in America without citizenship status. He contended Obama is waiting to see if there is "political juice" to push immigration reform through in 2010.

Heath Reinke, of Spirit Lake, told King he was concerned that Obama had weakened America's stance internationally by signing a nuclear reduction treaty with Russia earlier this month and failing to support Israel with the strength of past administrations. Reinke said Obama is "castrating America" and the crowd tittered when he questioned the president's motives.

"I just wonder where the president is going with his foreign policy," he said.

Responded King, "The president has not presented a coherent foreign policy."

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It may not be apropos to the AG's office, but I wanted to share nonetheless.

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That's impressive, Jim – excellent compendium or digest. I don't make time to do that, although I do copy up very key stories that show up in our clips or I spot otherwise....mainly for Tom and for key people working on an issue.

Thanks for sharing this. I'll pass on to others.

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Something I send out daily – a glimpse of what's going on around Iowa that pertains directly, or indirectly, to us. I have a staffer in Omaha who does this for Nebraska (the news out of Nebraska is

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Critics urge delay in vote on casinos

By THOMAS BEAUMONT and WILLIAM PETROSKI • tbeaumont@dmreg.com • April 20, 2010

Gambling opponents said Monday that confidence in the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission would suffer if the commission votes on new casino applications before a ruling on whether campaign contributions from some Fort Dodge casino backers were proper.

The commission should postpone its scheduled May 13 decision on four casino licenses in light of the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation's questions about \$25,000 in campaign contributions to Gov. Chet Culver, they said.

One gambling critic, Tom Coates of Norwalk, said, "This is a big enough cloud, given the immensity of it and the taint that comes from it, that this is not something where they want to approve somebody and then have it come down later that it was illegal."

The chairman of the Racing and Gaming Commission said, however, that the commission plans to hold the vote as scheduled, at least at this point.

In other developments:

- The Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board will conduct its own investigation into the contributions of three Fort Dodge casino backers to Culver last year, the director of the state regulatory board said Monday.

- Culver's campaign had donated \$25,000 to three charities, an authorized option for dealing with questionable campaign contributions. But on Monday, a Des Moines homeless shelter that received part of the money returned it to Culver's campaign, after learning of the DCI investigation.

State investigators are trying to determine whether Peninsula Gaming, a Dubuque casino company that plans to help finance the Fort Dodge casino, gave three local backers \$25,000 with the intention

that they donate it to Culver's campaign. In Iowa, it's illegal to make, or knowingly receive, a political contribution in another person's name.

Peninsula, the three donors and Culver have all said they did nothing wrong.

Officials respond to casino questions

Register Staff • April 20, 2010

The Des Moines Register e-mailed these questions about the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation's investigation to Gov. Chet Culver, Lt. Gov. Patty Judge, and senior administration and campaign staff. The administration's chief legal counsel, James Larew, and campaign manager Donn Stanley responded:

Q. Have the governor, lieutenant governor or any members of their official staffs or campaign staffs met with or been asked to meet with investigators with DCI to answer questions about campaign contributions from Steve Daniel, James Kesterson and Merrill D. Leffler?

A. The governor's office and the governor's campaign cannot comment on an ongoing DCI investigation. However, neither the governor's office nor the governor's campaign has any reason to believe that anyone with either organization is a target in the investigation. Further, the governor's office and the campaign have fully cooperated with the investigators at the governor's direction.

Q. Have the governor, lieutenant governor or any members of their official staffs or campaign staffs met with or been asked to meet with investigators with DCI to answer questions about campaign contributions from any other parties affiliated with other pending casino licenses?

A. Neither the governor's office nor the governor's campaign is aware of any such investigation.

Q. What has the campaign done with the contributions totaling \$25,000, given in six checks dated Nov. 23 and Dec. 7, 2009, from Steve Daniel, James Kesterson and Merrill D. Leffler?

A. The campaign made the following contributions on April 9, 2010 — \$8,334 to Door of Faith, \$8,334 to Churches United and \$8,344 to St. Vincent de Paul.

Q. Did contributions from Steve Daniel, James Kesterson and Merrill Leffler have any influence over Gov. Culver's March 4 letter urging the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission to grant licenses to the four casino license applicants?

A. Absolutely not. The governor and lieutenant governor have long supported granting licenses to communities that decide in local referendums to pursue such licenses. Further, many folks that have involvement in competing facilities and oppose these new licenses have also contributed to the governor's and lieutenant governor's campaign. The fact is that the governor and lieutenant governor have contributors and supporters on both sides of this and many other issues.

Q. Should a sitting governor accept campaign contributions from parties associated with pending casino license applications?

A. First, the governor has not made or taken any campaign contribution calls from any party associated with a license application once such a license application was submitted. Importantly, the Racing and Gaming Commission makes the licensing decision. There is no appeal to the governor. Some people associated with the current licensees have contributed to other candidates that oppose granting the new licenses just as some of these people have contributed to the governor's campaign. People supporting new licenses should have the same right to participate in the political process as those who oppose granting these new licenses.

Q. Did the governor, lieutenant governor or any members of their staffs meet with representatives of Peninsula Gaming, Webster County Gaming or Webster County Entertainment from Sept. 1, 2009, through March 13, 2010?

A. The governor and lieutenant governor have consistently supported the issue of licenses from communities after a local referendum. They were already on record supporting these applications. People from some of these groups, like all other Iowans, have the opportunity to meet with their state leaders.

Conlin keeps up theme of fighting injustice

By JENNIFER JACOBS • jjacobs@dmreg.com • April 20, 2010

Perky, carefully spelled messages on Twitter mark Roxanne Conlin's visits to Iowa's counties.

"Great crowd at Cronk's, political hub of Denison! Again concern about money in politics, corruption in Washington, and how we can fix it!"

And: "Big crowd in Spencer! Healthcare topic one."

A wealthy trial lawyer, Conlin was 38 the last time she ran for elected office - and was defeated.

This time, the Des Moines Democrat is challenging a powerful, longtime incumbent in Sen. Chuck Grassley, a Republican. Conlin aims to win with her message to create jobs, improve education and rein in corporate tax breaks.

Correcting past failures - or righting wrongs - is a lifelong theme for Conlin, now 65. Some examples:

- During her first year of marriage in 1964, she and her husband, Jim, earned \$1,500, and carried debt and stress from her enrollment in law school at a time when she felt scorn for being a female law student. So for their 30th wedding anniversary, Conlin organized a gala event to celebrate, which she called a "re-wedding."

- Memories of an alcoholic father who beat her mother prompted Conlin to consider purchasing her childhood home on Des Moines' High Street to turn it into a shelter for domestic abuse victims. She still hopes to do that.

- A building at Seventh and Locust streets in Des Moines was the site of a soda fountain that refused to serve Edna Griffin, a black woman, in 1948. That sparked a landmark battle that helped end open discrimination in Iowa. A decade later, when Conlin was 14 and her family lived in poverty, she was a

waitress there at the Katz Drug Store soda fountain. Later in life, she purchased the building, named it after Griffin, and moved her law office there, a firm bent on fixing injustices.

- When a company polluted water in the Mississippi River so badly it turned pink, Conlin forced the firm to clean it up.
- When a Des Moines family couldn't afford to bury a child struck by a car, Conlin quietly paid for the funeral.
- But she's most famous for arguing that Microsoft Corp. drove away competition - and winning a \$255 million settlement in a class-action lawsuit.

Conlin's failure in her governor's race against Terry Branstad in 1982 ushered in a 16-year stretch of Republican leadership in the Iowa governor's office.

"I really did not think I would run again for public office," Conlin said. "It just never came up again. I did the best I could. Lord knows it was the most fun I've ever had, and it was also the worst time I've ever had."

One pivotal issue in the 1982 campaign: A third of Iowans acknowledged they wouldn't vote for a female governor. Another: Conlin and her husband, Jim, paid no income tax that year - because, Conlin said, they did not owe any after federal deductibility was calculated.

"I think the way that was handled by media made it seem that somehow I cheated," she said. "That of course is not true."

Conlin said she'd be willing to share how much she's paying this year for 2009 income taxes. "I want to do something to put that to rest," she said. "I am happy to release my tax returns when Charles Grassley does."

Although Conlin didn't dip her toe in campaign politics for 28 years, she vouched for other candidates, including fellow trial lawyer and presidential candidate John Edwards, whom she called a friend of 20 years.

"What you see is what you get," Conlin told crowds in 2007. "The man is good to his soul. He's genuine. He's authentic."

Since Edwards admitted an extramarital affair, Conlin has not spoken to him and has made a conscious effort to avoid him.

"Like so many people, he fooled me," said Conlin, who was Iowa co-chairwoman of the Edwards campaign. "The sense of betrayal and disappointment is overwhelming."

But she hasn't abandoned the people-before-profits ideals she shared with Edwards. She rails against federal bailouts for Wall Street and "tax breaks for the very, very wealthy."

"Corporations have only one job ... to make a profit for their shareholders," she said. "Left to their own devices, they run roughshod over rights."

Even as she calls for the 76-year-old Grassley to retire, Conlin acknowledges she's not young, either. She jokes that "you learn that being 60 is a pre-existing condition." She sprained her knee hiding Easter eggs for her grandchildren. Her idea of good dance music is the accompaniment to the

rhumba, the cha-cha, the swing.

But she sets an aggressive schedule. She does her legal work after midnight.

"I get tired, but she doesn't," said Conlin's traveling chief of staff, Genevieve Craggs, 23.

A boiled-down resume of her achievements is nine pages. She was the nation's second female U.S. attorney and the first female president of the National Association of Trial Lawyers.

Even if someone is energetic and a nimble thinker, how effective can a freshman senator be?

"What does seniority matter if (Grassley's) not using it for us?" Conlin answered. "I think I can be seen and heard. You know I fight for a living."

Candidates release information on taxes

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Republican Terry Branstad earned just under \$400,000 last year - substantially more than the \$130,000 salary an Iowa governor is paid.

Gov. Chet Culver, a Democrat who is seeking a second term, reported that he earned \$109,000 in taxable income last year. He cut his own pay 10 percent when he ordered a 10 percent across-the-board cut in October to deal with state budget troubles.

Republican Bob Vander Plaats, a business consultant, and his wife, Darla, a part-time accountant, together earned about \$60,000 in wages, but their total income was \$105,000 with royalties from the corporation he owns.

The three candidates for governor each released tax returns Monday. Their action was voluntary; governor candidates aren't required to release tax returns. A fourth candidate, Republican Rod Roberts, said he will share details soon.

The Culvers

Chester J. Culver and Mariclare Thinnies Culver, an attorney, released 10 pages of their scanned return. They earned about \$127,000 in 2009, their tax returns show. They reported a capital gain of \$7,500.

They paid about \$10,700 in state and local taxes, and about \$14,000 in federal taxes. They donated \$2,750 to charity.

They claimed two dependents, Clare, 8, and John, 7.

The Branstads

Branstad's campaign allowed reporters one hour to look through 89 pages of itemized returns.

"Governor Branstad has talked a lot about transparency in this campaign, and it was his opinion that when you're running for the office of governor, you need to hold yourself to a little higher standard when it comes to issues such as your personal tax return," said his campaign manager, Jeff Boeyink.

Terry E. and Christine A. Branstad, of Boone, gave \$41,000 to charities, including Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Boone, Christ the King Catholic Church in Des Moines, Dowling High School, Living History Farms, Blank Park Zoo and the Boone County Hospital Association.

Christine Branstad is not employed, but does volunteer work, primarily at the Boone County Hospital, campaign staff said.

Most of Terry Branstad's income - \$276,000 - was from 10 months of work as president of Des Moines University. He resigned in October to pursue the Republican nomination for governor.

If he'd worked at the university for a full year, his salary would have been roughly \$331,000.

Branstad owed \$86,000 in federal taxes and \$16,000 in state taxes. His tax refunds totaled \$11,900.

He took in just under \$52,000 in taxable pension income based on employment as a state legislator, lieutenant governor and governor.

His income also included about \$51,000 in rental real estate and partnerships. Of that, \$31,000 was from ownership of 13 rural Iowa post offices.

His business income was \$46,500, but his net income was \$21,600 after expenses. That was from fees for sitting on boards and acting as a consultant to four businesses: the Indianola-based Multi-Tech, which manufactures portable cement mixers; ConMed, which provides health care services to prison inmates; Liberty Bank; and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

"If he's elected governor, he's going to resign from all the corporate boards," Boeyink said.

Branstad has a small ownership stake in four companies: Lincolnway Energy LLC, an ethanol plant based in Nevada, Ia.; East Fork Biodiesel, LLC, a biodiesel plant in Algona; Liberty Bancshares Iowa Inc., the holding company for Liberty Bank; and Insite Mediacom, a company that does billboards and cell towers primarily in the south and east but has no relationship to the Mediacom cable company, Boeyink said.

He lost money on all four last year, his tax records show. The total loss was \$31,365.

Branstad also made a commission of \$50,000 from a fundraising firm he created after he left the governor's office: Policy Management Interests LLC. He uses it primarily to do fundraising for charities and other projects. As contributions come in, he gets a percentage, his campaign staff said.

If elected governor, Branstad will place all his investment assets into a blind trust to prevent concerns about how his decisions as governor might impact his personal finances, Boeyink said.

Branstad no longer owns any farm property, although he received a \$127 payment through a federal crop reserve program for a very small piece of tillable land on his 17-acre property in Boone, said his accountant, Jamie Ward.

The Vander Plaatses

Vander Plaats, who owns MVP Leadership in Sioux City, didn't release copies of his tax returns, just a summary.

It stated that Bob and Darla Vander Plaats' income included a capital gain of \$125, individual retirement account distributions of \$674, and royalties and S corporation income of \$44,094, for a total income of \$104,871.

The couple paid about \$9,500 in state and local taxes, as well as about \$9,000 in federal taxes. They donated \$5,700 to charity.

Republicans pan Core Curriculum

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Three candidates who are vying for the Iowa Republican Party's nomination for governor want to dump a new law that forces public schools to follow a statewide curriculum.

Sioux City businessman Bob Vander Plaats, state Rep. Rod Roberts of Carroll and former Gov. Terry Branstad said key decisions about what students should learn in school are best left in local hands.

They called the Iowa Core Curriculum an expensive, flawed system that lacks strong standards to gauge how well students grasp skills and concepts.

In 2008, Gov. Chet Culver pushed to make the core curriculum mandatory for all public schools by 2014. The cost tops \$31 million.

Vander Plaats, a former business teacher and principal, said local control fuels cutting-edge classrooms more than a "top-down control system."

Branstad and Vander Plaats said they would push for high academic standards instead.

"Governor Branstad believes we must put in place 21st-century statewide standards and give local school districts the flexibility to achieve them," spokesman Tim Albrecht said.

Roberts said the core curriculum should be an option for schools, but it falls short as a law because "you do not have the standards, benchmarks and measurements to know whether the students have actually achieved what was intended," he said.

A spokeswoman for Culver's campaign could not be reached for comment Monday.

Vander Plaats released an education plan Monday that makes the Iowa Core Curriculum optional and gives parents more options.

His plan calls for an expanded tax credit for children taught at home or in private schools, and a school aid formula that sends tax dollars to any school of a student's choice, including private schools.

Vander Plaats also wants to expand the authority to run charter schools in Iowa. Charter schools

receive taxpayer money but operate free of school district rules and teacher union contracts.

Critics have said Iowa law cripples innovation in charter schools because it allows only traditional districts to run them. In other states, the authority belongs to teachers, parent groups, city officials and other stakeholders who crave change.

Register staff writer Jennifer Jacobs contributed to this article.

Let marketplace sort out winners and losers

The Register's editorial • April 20, 2010

The competition among four Iowa communities for gambling casino licenses has taken on the appearance of a lottery.

The Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission plans to rule in May which of the applications for licenses - from Fort Dodge, Ottumwa and Lyon and Tama Counties - will be winners.

But this is not a lottery, and the decision could be made for the wrong reason.

The gaming commission is being pressured to block proposed casinos that would siphon gamblers from neighboring casinos, and that would be a mistake. Applicants should be judged solely on their own merits.

The notion of new casinos "cannibalizing" existing casinos has taken on increasing importance in some circles in this state, but that should not be a factor in the Racing and Gaming Commission's decision. The commission's job is to protect the interests of the public and gamblers from dishonest or illegal operators. It exists to make sure gambling is conducted according to state and federal law in casinos operated by financially sound businesses.

The commission's job is not to pick winners and losers.

Ever since the Iowa Legislature began approving and expanding gambling - first racing, then riverboats, and then land-based casinos - the intent of state legislators has been clear: Local communities choose to allow gambling or not. While some Iowa counties have rejected gambling, the voters in 17 counties have approved it at public referendums, some repeatedly. In those counties, investors have put their own money on the line to build casinos with the idea that they can make a profit, or shut down if they are wrong. That is the function of a free market, whether it be grocery stores, bowling alleys or gambling operations.

Gov. Chet Culver has been criticized for writing a letter to the Racing and Gaming Commission in support of all four applicants. True, the decision is up to the commission (whose members he appoints), and Culver's letter acknowledges that. The governor, however, expressed concern that "the rules of the game" have changed to protect "existing operations" from new gambling enterprises rather than allowing newcomers to enter the market. Culver urged the four applications be judged on their own strengths, not their impact elsewhere.

"Competition is a good thing," the governor said in his letter. And he is right. By protecting existing

casinos by refusing to license a competitor, the state might only be propping up poorly conceived or poorly managed operations simply because they happened to come along first. That is not a reason for the state to prevent a business from starting up, especially after the voters have said they want gambling, and investors have said they are willing to bankroll it.

These four communities have demonstrated public and financial support for establishing gambling casinos. Assuming the applicants meet all requirements of the laws governing the gambling industry, the Racing and Gaming Commission should grant them licenses. The marketplace should decide which casinos are allowed to succeed or fail, not state government.

Obradovich: Culver should ask for delay of casino vote

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Gov. Chet Culver has to be the unluckiest man alive. He doesn't even have to set foot in a casino and he loses his shirt gambling.

The whiff of scandal over donations to Culver's campaign from Fort Dodge casino backers is probably not a serious legal problem for the governor. It's far worse than that - it's a political quagmire that he'll wallow in no matter how clean his hands are.

He'll have to take precious time away from touting his accomplishments as governor to explain why this situation wasn't his fault. It bolsters his opponents' position that Iowa has enough gaming and that Culver is on the wrong side of that argument. It calls attention to the many Culver friends with gaming interests.

The investigation could drag on for months. The best possible outcome for Culver would be a lack of evidence that his campaign did anything wrong. Politically, though, lack of evidence doesn't add up to innocence. He's unlucky, indeed.

People make their own luck, in many ways. Culver contributed to his own fate by writing a letter to the Racing and Gaming Commission last month, advocating approval of four new casino licenses.

His political opponents and others were shocked - shocked! - that the governor could be so crass as to inject politics into this otherwise pure process of casino licensing. Former and wants-to-be future Gov. Terry Branstad said he never would have tried to influence the commission - an independent panel whose members are appointed by the governor.

Of course he wouldn't have. Branstad signed the law that provided all the insulation any governor could want from the decisions of the commission. It could license all the casinos it saw fit, and the revenue would flow into the state budget. Branstad could happily spend that money and accept donations from gaming backers but refuse to take a public position on any specific casino proposal.

Underneath some of that shock may be amazement that Culver didn't take advantage of the built-in political cover. I've said before that he did nothing wrong in advocating the casino proposals. I seem to be in the minority on that. I've been appreciative that he was up front about his position, instead of being coy or pushing his agenda behind the scenes.

But I haven't said it was politically wise for him to do so, and this situation makes it obvious why it wasn't. There's just too much money, too much power, too much influence tied up in the industry. The politics may be veiled, but it's ruthless. It's amazing that we haven't seen a scandal before now. If Culver wants to put his hand into that pit of vipers, he has to expect to feel the fangs.

He really has only one choice now. He has to be so committed to clean gambling in Iowa that he touts this investigation as an example of how meticulous the state is in protecting the industry's integrity. No matter how disruptive or painful this ends up being to his campaign, he has to be happy and proud that the Division of Criminal Investigation is doing such a great job.

Stacey Cargill, a gambling opponent, asked the commission on April 4 to delay its decision on all four licenses until after the May 19 deadline for campaign finance reports. I didn't think that was necessary a week ago. Now, Culver should ask for the delay, at least for the Fort Dodge application.

Culver can't hide from this issue, attempt to minimize it or refuse to talk about it, although he may want to do so. He's been dealt a lousy hand, and now he has to play it.

Correction: In Sunday's column, I should have said that Roxanne Conlin's \$250,000 loan to her campaign was in addition to her quarterly donation total of about \$630,000, not part of the total. I apologize for the error.

I'm proud of reform

I'm a young girl from Illinois and passing health care was very important to me. Being under 18 lets me be involved in politics in a very different way, like becoming a page, volunteering and campaigns. All of them are important, but when it comes to health-care reform, it's even more important.

We needed real change. That's what we have now and I'm so proud to be a teenager that can say "Yeah. Obama is my president. Why shouldn't he be? He passed historic health-care reform!"

Em Spangler

Sterling

Bill 'forces charity'

I recently read in the Quad-City Times that poor people will get either free or subsidized health care. I have news for you who think that. There is no free lunch.

If any government entity doles out free or subsidized anything, they are not the ones footing the bill. It

is the taxpayers. Only the federal government can print money. Unfortunately, if they do print too much money, everyone, including the poor, will receive a hideous tax known as inflation. In any case, the taxpayers lose.

In the recent health-care bill passed with the help of U.S. Reps. Bruce Braley and Phil Hare and U.S. Sens. Tom Harkin and Dick Durbin, mandates require that health insurance companies must cover preventative health measures such as a colonoscopy or a mammogram as well as sell insurance to those with preexisting conditions. These mandates will cost these companies much more than they have had to spend in the past.

Like any business that must make a profit to survive, it must pass along those additional costs on to its customers.

Therefore, these mandates will raise my premium even more than normal.

These additional costs are no more than forced charity making me pay for my neighbors' medical bills.

Once again, there is no free lunch. Some person must pay to cover those costs!

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Lange outraises GOP primary opponents

By James Q. Lynch

The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — Although it's just a fraction of what the incumbent has raised, Ben Lange thinks the \$34,310 he has raised in campaign for the 1st District U.S. House seat puts him where he needs to be.

Lange has raised more than his three opponents for the GOP nomination combined, raising nearly seven times more than his nearest primary opponent.

However, the Independence lawyer believes energy, not money, will be the key to it defeating Rep. Bruce Braley, a Waterloo Democrat, in November.

Turnout at Republican events has been strong this spring, he said, noting Republicans outnumbered Democrats at Scott County caucuses by nearly a three-to-one margin.

Voter frustration with the federal government is energizing campaigns across the country and the 1st District, which sweeps across Eastern Iowa from Cedar Falls to the Quad Cities, is no exception,

"People are distrustful of Congress and frustrated with its policies," Lange said Monday.

Tea Party activities are the "personification of that frustration," he said.

"That frustration will propel them to act all the way through November," he said.

For the time being, Lange, 31, is concentrating on the June 8 primary. The East Buchanan High School graduate, who moved his family back to Eastern Iowa after working as a congressional aide, faces Mike LaCoste of Waterloo, James Budde of Bellevue and Will Johnson of Dubuque for the nomination.

Lange raised \$34,310, according to Federal Election Commission reports, and has \$27,713 cash on hand. Budde reported raising \$4,935 with \$1,791 cash on hand. LaCoste and Johnson have not filed FEC reports, which are required if a candidate raises or spends \$5,000.

Braley, also an attorney, has dwarfed the Republicans' fundraising efforts. His FEC report shows he's raised \$865,589 and has \$623,736 on hand. He has \$49,180 in campaign debt compared to Lange's \$4,773.

Despite the disparity in campaign wealth, Lange believes he can compete with and defeat Braley should he get the GOP nomination.

"I like where we're at," he said. "We know where he's at and where we need to be. People want change."

The FEC reports may be found at www.fec.gov.

VetPac endorses Krause for U.S. Senate

Fairfield Democrat Bob Krause has been endorsed by the Veterans' Alliance for Security and Democracy, VetPac, in his bid for the nomination for the U.S. Senate.

VetPac is a national political action committee that works to elect veterans to public office.

"I am pleased to accept the VetPac endorsement," Krause said. "America needs veterans in public office to ensure that we do not forget the vet, as has happened many times in the past. VetPac also promotes a progressive agenda of issues that concern veterans and soldiers."

Krause is vying with Tom Fiegen and Roxanne Conlin for the nomination to face Republican Chuck Grassley.

Marriage not necessary to recognize gay union

Posted on Apr 20, 2010 by [Jeff Tecklenburg](#).

The definition of marriage is spousal. A spouse is a husband (man) or a wife (woman). When they get married, they become mates. Mate means to procreate (father or mother). Allowing same-sex couples a marriage license makes a mockery, a farce, of a real marriage. If they feel the need for a legal document, that's fine, but it doesn't have to be a marriage license.

Forget your political affiliation and vote for who promises to make sure that Iowans get the right to vote on this issue. Don't say this is not important. I believe that widows and widowers, husbands and wives, think it is very important.

Vi Emerson

Marion

Know the facts before attacking gay marriage

Posted on Apr 20, 2010 by [Jeff Tecklenburg](#).

I would like to offer some free, yet unsolicited, advice to the Republican candidates who appear so outraged over the recent legalization of same-sex marriage in Iowa. I understand that you hope this will become a hot-button issue rallying support for your campaign, but you really need to provide valid and compelling reasons to motivate the populous.

Everyone's heard the statements like: "Homosexuals only constitute 3 percent of the population, why should we allow them to redefine the definition of marriage?" and, "We need to protect the sacred institution of marriage as a holy union between one man and one woman."

This may sound OK to many at first, but any reasonable person has to ask, "Shouldn't we focus on eliminating divorce? Criminalizing adultery?" Aren't those the overwhelming adversaries of marriage that need attention? Why focus on the 3 percent when 40 percent to 50 percent of holy heterosexual unions dissolve at such a great cost to society?

And here are a few more free facts for candidates: Some of your neighbors are gay. Some of your family is gay. They vote. They were gay before this law went into effect, and they will continue to be gay even if you're successful in repealing the law (which would mean the end to visitation rights, inheritance laws, security benefits, etc., for same-sex couples). So, please explain why this is so important to you – to Iowa. We want details and they better be compelling and truthful.

Daniel Sitter

Cedar Rapids

Vander Plaats offers education strategy

By Rod Boshart Journal Des Moines Bureau |

DES MOINES -- Republican gubernatorial candidate Bob Vander Plaats on Monday issued a K-12 education strategy that calls for more charter schools, more emphasis on local control and high student performance standards.

Vander Plaats, a former business teacher and principal, said he wants to offer expanded school choice by encouraging more charter schools while allowing state aid to follow any student to a new school if their current school is failing to educate them. He also would expand tax credits for parents who choose to educate their children at home or at private schools as a way to promote competition and spur public schools to improve.

The Sioux City business consultant who is making his third gubernatorial bid said he would appoint a state education director and Iowa Board of Education members who are committed to returning control to the local schools and focused on the students, not the bureaucracy. The state Board of Education also will include representatives of private schools and parents who home school their children, he promised.

Vander Plaats said his education leadership strategy would be built on the premise that Iowa "needs to do things differently and it should start by freeing schools from senseless mandates and simplifying their funding." He said Iowa needs a governor who will lead, set high expectations and get out of the way so local communities can make good decisions for their students and families.

"My goal has always been to increase student performance and further professionalize the teaching profession," he said. "I want to reignite the teachers' passion for teaching so our students achieve the highest expectations, preparing them to be bold leaders of our future."

Vander Plaats said he wants to facilitate "real" charter schools that allow public, private, and nonprofit entities to be the chartering agency. Charter school applications would be approved by the state Board of Education and state per-pupil funding would follow students enrolled in charter schools.

The Sioux City Republican also pledged to set high student performance standards that would place a strong focus on advanced math, science and vocational education, and he would require local schools to report student achievement to the community in a regular, transparent manner.

He also pledged to give more control locally by lifting state educational mandates that don't relate to student achievement. We also would allow schools to decide how to reach the standards and make core curriculum elements voluntary, not a mandate.

"We can move ahead -- and move ahead by leaps and bounds to the direct benefit of Iowa's kids -- with higher standards and by freeing our schools from senseless mandates and simplifying their funding," he said. "Iowa doesn't need the federal government to pay us to innovate. We can innovate on our own and not be tied to federal mandates."

Vander Plaats said he also plans to release his strategy for community colleges, the state's three public universities and private higher education as the campaign progresses.

Health care reform dominates King meeting

By Bret Hayworth -

SIOUX CITY -- When Iowa 5th District Congressman Steve King met with constituents for a town hall meeting Monday, it was as if the eight months since his August session had been merely an intermission.

At both events, at Western Iowa Tech Community College, the majority of Northwest Iowans in attendance indicated strong criticism for federal health care reform.

One huge difference marked Monday's discussion, however -- health care reform, still under debate in August, is now the law of the land.

It's a law King, a four-term Republican from Kiron, wants to repeal. That effort, however, has scant odds of success in a chamber controlled by Democrats. Nonetheless, when King expressed his desire to repeal the bill, a strong three-fourths of Monday's audience burst into applause.

Wearing an American-flag-print shirt, R. Doc Zortman, of Sioux City, referenced the August discussion about "death panels," a supposed reform element critics said would subject elderly Americans to rationed care at the end of life. Zortman said he foresees rationing of health care with the new law, such as a person with a hip injury being told the injury isn't severe enough to warrant prompt treatment.

King said Zortman may have given the best recitation on the possibilities of health care rationing he's heard.

"I don't want the government to make these decisions," King said.

Jim Rixner, who heads the Siouxland Mental Health Center in Sioux City, was the only speaker to tell King he supports the new reform law. Rixner said he likes the portion that allows people up to age 26 to remain on their parents' health insurance policy and the part whereby insurance companies can no longer deny medical coverage due to pre-existing conditions. He said the pre-existing condition clauses were particularly vexing for people with mental illnesses.

King said he opposes "Obamacare" and told Rixner he doesn't support the two portions Rixner found most beneficial, including the age-limit change.

"I want my kids to grow up and take care of themselves," King said.

He said he doesn't support making insurance companies move away from denying coverage based on pre-existing conditions. King said an Iowa program, whereby people with pre-existing conditions can buy into a special health plan, is a better way to go. That might come at costly premiums, King said, but those with the pre-existing conditions have found the plan to be worthwhile, since they can get treatment.

"Everyone in this country has health care, even if they have to show up in the emergency room," King said.

He said a better approach is for states to individually reform health care rather than having the big federal plan, which has a price tag of \$940 billion over 10 years.

"One size fits all takes away our freedom and liberty," King said.

Foreign policy and immigration reform also got a major airing Monday as King answered 10 questions over an hour. The congressman said the Obama administration is pushing a "comprehensive amnesty" for those who live illegally in America without citizenship status. He contended Obama is waiting to see if there is "political juice" to push immigration reform through in 2010.

Heath Reinke, of Spirit Lake, told King he was concerned that Obama had weakened America's stance internationally by signing a nuclear reduction treaty with Russia earlier this month and failing to support Israel with the strength of past administrations. Reinke said Obama is "castrating America" and the crowd tittered when he questioned the president's motives.

"I just wonder where the president is going with his foreign policy," he said.

Responded King, "The president has not presented a coherent foreign policy."

Troubling facts

By CONNIE JO BERHOW, Buffalo Center Share

Fifty-three million-plus abortions since 1973.

Our schools are closing; not enough students.

Social Security is going broke; not enough people paying in.

Duh! That's all I have to say.

Latham takes good care of Guard members

The patriotic men and women who serve in the National Guard make an enormous contribution to the well-being of all Americans. That's true when assorted local disasters and emergencies take place. During wartime, Guard members are frequently asked to put civilian pursuits on hold to augment the important work of the active military.

Making sure that inappropriate bureaucratic rules don't prevent Guard members who spend time on active duty from receiving benefits to which they should be entitled has been a priority for U.S. Rep. Tom Latham. In 2008, the Iowa Republican, who represents the 4th Congressional District, authored legislation to bring retirement benefits for Guard members with active duty service more in line with those received by full-time military personnel.

Unfortunately, a glitch developed in implementation that prevented Guard members whose active service fell within two fiscal years from easily getting full retirement credit. Latham has now teamed

with U.S. Rep. Dan Boren, D-Okla., to introduce legislation to correct the statutory loophole.

"The role of the Guard and Reserve has changed immensely in the last decade," Latham said in a statement announcing this initiative. "These soldiers play a central role in our military operations overseas, and we owe it to them to make sure their retirement benefits reflect the incredible sacrifices they make. This bill simply removes a technical glitch that is keeping some Guard members from the retirement benefits they've earned."

Latham is an exceptionally talented member of the U.S. House of Representatives. His aggressive, bipartisan work on this issue is an excellent example of his commitment to serve not only his constituents, but all Americans.

The Messenger salutes this outstanding congressman.

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Brammer, Robert [AG]

From: Brammer, Robert [AG]
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2010 12:52 PM
To: 'Flansburg, Jim'
Subject: RE: Around Iowa

That's impressive, Jim – excellent compendium or digest. I don't make time to do that, although I do copy up very key stories that show up in our clips or I spot otherwise....mainly for Tom and for key people working on an issue.

Thanks for sharing this. I'll pass on to others.

Bram

From: Flansburg, Jim [mailto:Jim.Flansburg@PPHeartland.org]
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2010 12:51 PM
To: Brammer, Robert [AG]; Roach, Bill [AG]; Stanley, Donald [AG]
Subject: FW: Around Iowa

Something I send out daily – a glimpse of what's going on around Iowa that pertains directly, or indirectly, to us. I have a staffer in Omaha who does this for Nebraska (the news out of Nebraska is decidedly more depressing).

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Critics urge delay in vote on casinos

Gambling opponents said Monday that confidence in the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission would suffer if the commission votes on new casino applications before a ruling on whether campaign contributions from some Fort Dodge casino backers were proper.

The commission should postpone its scheduled May 13 decision on four casino licenses in light of the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation's questions about \$25,000 in campaign contributions to Gov. Chet Culver, they said.

One gambling critic, Tom Coates of Norwalk, said, "This is a big enough cloud, given the immensity of it and the taint that comes from it, that this is not something where they want to approve somebody and then have it come down later that it was illegal."

The chairman of the Racing and Gaming Commission said, however, that the commission plans to hold the vote as scheduled, at least at this point.

In other developments:

- The Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board will conduct its own investigation into the contributions of three Fort Dodge casino backers to Culver last year, the director of the state regulatory board said Monday.

- Culver's campaign had donated \$25,000 to three charities, an authorized option for dealing with questionable campaign contributions. But on Monday, a Des Moines homeless shelter that received part of the money returned it to Culver's campaign, after learning of the DCI investigation.

State investigators are trying to determine whether Peninsula Gaming, a Dubuque casino company that plans to help finance the Fort Dodge casino, gave three local backers \$25,000 with the intention that they donate it to Culver's campaign. In Iowa, it's illegal to make, or knowingly receive, a political contribution in another person's name.

Peninsula, the three donors and Culver have all said they did nothing wrong.

Officials respond to casino questions

The Des Moines Register e-mailed these questions about the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation's investigation to Gov. Chet Culver, Lt. Gov. Patty Judge, and senior administration and campaign staff. The administration's chief legal counsel, James Larew, and campaign manager Donn Stanley responded:

Q. Have the governor, lieutenant governor or any members of their official staffs or campaign staffs met with or been asked to meet with investigators with DCI to answer questions about campaign contributions from Steve Daniel, James Kesterson and Merrill D. Leffler?

A. The governor's office and the governor's campaign cannot comment on an ongoing DCI investigation. However, neither the governor's office nor the governor's campaign has any reason to believe that anyone with either organization is a target in the investigation. Further, the governor's office and the campaign have fully cooperated with the investigators at the governor's direction.

Q. Have the governor, lieutenant governor or any members of their official staffs or campaign staffs met with or been asked to meet with investigators with DCI to answer questions about campaign contributions from any other parties affiliated with other pending casino licenses?

A. Neither the governor's office nor the governor's campaign is aware of any such investigation.

Q. What has the campaign done with the contributions totaling \$25,000, given in six checks dated Nov. 23 and Dec. 7, 2009, from Steve Daniel, James Kesterson and Merrill D. Leffler?

A. The campaign made the following contributions on April 9, 2010 — \$8,334 to Door of Faith, \$8,334 to Churches United and \$8,344 to St. Vincent de Paul.

Q. Did contributions from Steve Daniel, James Kesterson and Merrill Leffler have any influence over Gov. Culver's March 4 letter urging the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission to grant licenses to the four casino license applicants?

A. Absolutely not. The governor and lieutenant governor have long supported granting licenses to communities that decide in local referendums to pursue such licenses. Further, many folks that have involvement in competing facilities and oppose these new licenses have also contributed to the governor's and lieutenant governor's campaign. The fact is that the governor and lieutenant governor have contributors and supporters on both sides of this and many other issues.

Q. Should a sitting governor accept campaign contributions from parties associated with pending casino license applications?

A. First, the governor has not made or taken any campaign contribution calls from any party associated with a license application once such a license application was submitted. Importantly, the Racing and Gaming Commission makes the licensing decision. There is no appeal to the governor. Some people associated with the current licensees have contributed to other candidates that oppose granting the new licenses just as some of these people have contributed to the governor's campaign. People supporting new licenses should have the same right to participate in the political process as those who oppose granting these new licenses.

Q. Did the governor, lieutenant governor or any members of their staffs meet with representatives of Peninsula Gaming, Webster County Gaming or Webster County Entertainment from Sept. 1, 2009, through March 13, 2010?

A. The governor and lieutenant governor have consistently supported the issue of licenses from communities after a local referendum. They were

already on record supporting these applications. People from some of these groups, like all other Iowans, have the opportunity to meet with their state leaders.

Conlin keeps up theme of fighting injustice

Perky, carefully spelled messages on Twitter mark Roxanne Conlin's visits to Iowa's counties.

"Great crowd at Cronk's, political hub of Denison! Again concern about money in politics, corruption in Washington, and how we can fix it!"

And: "Big crowd in Spencer! Healthcare topic one."

A wealthy trial lawyer, Conlin was 38 the last time she ran for elected office - and was defeated.

This time, the Des Moines Democrat is challenging a powerful, longtime incumbent in Sen. Chuck Grassley, a Republican. Conlin aims to win with her message to create jobs, improve education and rein in corporate tax breaks.

Correcting past failures - or righting wrongs - is a lifelong theme for Conlin, now 65. Some examples:

- During her first year of marriage in 1964, she and her husband, Jim, earned \$1,500, and carried debt and stress from her enrollment in law school at a time when she felt scorn for being a female law student. So for their 30th wedding anniversary, Conlin organized a gala event to celebrate, which she called a "re-wedding."

- Memories of an alcoholic father who beat her mother prompted Conlin to consider purchasing her childhood home on Des Moines' High Street to turn it into a shelter for domestic abuse victims. She still hopes to do that.

- A building at Seventh and Locust streets in Des Moines was the site of a soda fountain that refused to serve Edna Griffin, a black woman, in 1948. That sparked a landmark battle that helped end open discrimination in Iowa. A decade later, when Conlin was 14 and her family lived in poverty, she was a waitress there at the Katz Drug Store soda fountain. Later in life, she purchased the building, named it after Griffin, and moved her law office there, a firm bent on fixing injustices.

- When a company polluted water in the Mississippi River so badly it turned pink, Conlin forced the firm to clean it up.

- When a Des Moines family couldn't afford to bury a child struck by a car, Conlin quietly paid for the funeral.

- But she's most famous for arguing that Microsoft Corp. drove away competition - and winning a \$255 million settlement in a class-action lawsuit.

Conlin's failure in her governor's race against Terry Branstad in 1982 ushered in a 16-year stretch of Republican leadership in the Iowa governor's office.

"I really did not think I would run again for public office," Conlin said. "It just never came up again. I did the best I could. Lord knows it was the most fun I've ever had, and it was also the worst time I've ever had."

One pivotal issue in the 1982 campaign: A third of Iowans acknowledged they wouldn't vote for a female governor. Another: Conlin and her husband, Jim, paid no income tax that year - because, Conlin said, they did not owe any after federal deductibility was calculated.

"I think the way that was handled by media made it seem that somehow I cheated," she said. "That of course is not true."

Conlin said she'd be willing to share how much she's paying this year for 2009 income taxes. "I want to do something to put that to rest," she said. "I am happy to release my tax returns when Charles Grassley does."

Although Conlin didn't dip her toe in campaign politics for 28 years, she vouched for other candidates, including fellow trial lawyer and presidential candidate John Edwards, whom she called a friend of 20 years.

"What you see is what you get," Conlin told crowds in 2007. "The man is good to his soul. He's genuine. He's authentic."

Since Edwards admitted an extramarital affair, Conlin has not spoken to him and has made a conscious effort to avoid him.

"Like so many people, he fooled me," said Conlin, who was Iowa co-chairwoman of the Edwards campaign. "The sense of betrayal and disappointment is overwhelming."

But she hasn't abandoned the people-before-profits ideals she shared with Edwards. She rails against federal bailouts for Wall Street and "tax breaks for the very, very wealthy."

"Corporations have only one job ... to make a profit for their shareholders," she said. "Left to their own devices, they run roughshod over rights."

Even as she calls for the 76-year-old Grassley to retire, Conlin acknowledges she's not young, either. She jokes that "you learn that being 60 is a pre-

existing condition." She sprained her knee hiding Easter eggs for her grandchildren. Her idea of good dance music is the accompaniment to the rumba, the cha-cha, the swing.

But she sets an aggressive schedule. She does her legal work after midnight.

"I get tired, but she doesn't," said Conlin's traveling chief of staff, Genevieve Craggs, 23.

A boiled-down resume of her achievements is nine pages. She was the nation's second female U.S. attorney and the first female president of the National Association of Trial Lawyers.

Even if someone is energetic and a nimble thinker, how effective can a freshman senator be?

"What does seniority matter if (Grassley's) not using it for us?" Conlin answered. "I think I can be seen and heard. You know I fight for a living."

Candidates release information on taxes

Republican Terry Branstad earned just under \$400,000 last year - substantially more than the \$130,000 salary an Iowa governor is paid.

Gov. Chet Culver, a Democrat who is seeking a second term, reported that he earned \$109,000 in taxable income last year. He cut his own pay 10 percent when he ordered a 10 percent across-the-board cut in October to deal with state budget troubles.

Republican Bob Vander Plaats, a business consultant, and his wife, Darla, a part-time accountant, together earned about \$60,000 in wages, but their total income was \$105,000 with royalties from the corporation he owns.

The three candidates for governor each released tax returns Monday. Their action was voluntary; governor candidates aren't required to release tax returns. A fourth candidate, Republican Rod Roberts, said he will share details soon.

The Culvers

Chester J. Culver and Mariclaire Thinnis Culver, an attorney, released 10 pages of their scanned return. They earned about \$127,000 in 2009, their tax returns show. They reported a capital gain of \$7,500.

They paid about \$10,700 in state and local taxes, and about \$14,000 in federal taxes. They donated \$2,750 to charity.

They claimed two dependents, Clare, 8, and John, 7.

The Branstads

Branstad's campaign allowed reporters one hour to look through 89 pages of itemized returns.

"Governor Branstad has talked a lot about transparency in this campaign, and it was his opinion that when you're running for the office of governor, you need to hold yourself to a little higher standard when it comes to issues such as your personal tax return," said his campaign manager, Jeff Boeyink.

Terry E. and Christine A. Branstad, of Boone, gave \$41,000 to charities, including Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Boone, Christ the King Catholic Church in Des Moines, Dowling High School, Living History Farms, Blank Park Zoo and the Boone County Hospital Association.

Christine Branstad is not employed, but does volunteer work, primarily at the Boone County Hospital, campaign staff said.

Most of Terry Branstad's income - \$276,000 - was from 10 months of work as president of Des Moines University. He resigned in October to pursue the Republican nomination for governor.

If he'd worked at the university for a full year, his salary would have been roughly \$331,000.

Branstad owed \$86,000 in federal taxes and \$16,000 in state taxes. His tax refunds totaled \$11,900.

He took in just under \$52,000 in taxable pension income based on employment as a state legislator, lieutenant governor and governor.

His income also included about \$51,000 in rental real estate and partnerships. Of that, \$31,000 was from ownership of 13 rural Iowa post offices.

His business income was \$46,500, but his net income was \$21,600 after expenses. That was from fees for sitting on boards and acting as a consultant to four businesses: the Indianola-based Multi-Tech, which manufactures portable cement mixers; ConMed, which provides health care services to prison inmates; Liberty Bank; and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

"If he's elected governor, he's going to resign from all the corporate boards," Boeyink said.

Branstad has a small ownership stake in four companies: Lincolnway Energy LLC, an ethanol plant based in Nevada, Ia.; East Fork Biodiesel, LLC, a biodiesel plant in Algona; Liberty Bancshares Iowa Inc., the holding company for Liberty Bank; and Insite Mediacom, a company that does billboards and cell towers primarily in the south and east but has no relationship to the Mediacom cable company, Boeyink said.

He lost money on all four last year, his tax records show. The total loss was \$31,365.

Branstad also made a commission of \$50,000 from a fundraising firm he created after he left the governor's office: Policy Management Interests LLC. He uses it primarily to do fundraising for charities and other projects. As contributions come in, he gets a percentage, his campaign staff said.

If elected governor, Branstad will place all his investment assets into a blind trust to prevent concerns about how his decisions as governor might impact his personal finances, Boeyink said.

Branstad no longer owns any farm property, although he received a \$127 payment through a federal crop reserve program for a very small piece of tillable land on his 17-acre property in Boone, said his accountant, Jamie Ward.

The Vander Plaatses

Vander Plaats, who owns MVP Leadership in Sioux City, didn't release copies of his tax returns, just a summary.

It stated that Bob and Darla Vander Plaats' income included a capital gain of \$125, individual retirement account distributions of \$674, and royalties and S corporation income of \$44,094, for a total income of \$104,871.

The couple paid about \$9,500 in state and local taxes, as well as about \$9,000 in federal taxes. They donated \$5,700 to charity.

Republicans pan Core Curriculum

Three candidates who are vying for the Iowa Republican Party's nomination for governor want to dump a new law that forces public schools to follow a statewide curriculum.

Sioux City businessman Bob Vander Plaats, state Rep. Rod Roberts of Carroll and former Gov. Terry Branstad said key decisions about what students should learn in school are best left in local hands.

They called the Iowa Core Curriculum an expensive, flawed system that lacks strong standards to gauge how well students grasp skills and concepts.

In 2008, Gov. Chet Culver pushed to make the core curriculum mandatory for all public schools by 2014. The cost tops \$31 million.

Vander Plaats, a former business teacher and principal, said local control fuels cutting-edge classrooms more than a "top-down control system."

Branstad and Vander Plaats said they would push for high academic standards instead.

"Governor Branstad believes we must put in place 21st-century statewide standards and give local school districts the flexibility to achieve them," spokesman Tim Albrecht said.

Roberts said the core curriculum should be an option for schools, but it falls short as a law because "you do not have the standards, benchmarks and measurements to know whether the students have actually achieved what was intended," he said.

A spokeswoman for Culver's campaign could not be reached for comment Monday.

Vander Plaats released an education plan Monday that makes the Iowa Core Curriculum optional and gives parents more options.

His plan calls for an expanded tax credit for children taught at home or in private schools, and a school aid formula that sends tax dollars to any school of a student's choice, including private schools.

Vander Plaats also wants to expand the authority to run charter schools in Iowa. Charter schools receive taxpayer money but operate free of school district rules and teacher union contracts.

Critics have said Iowa law cripples innovation in charter schools because it allows only traditional districts to run them. In other states, the authority belongs to teachers, parent groups, city officials and other stakeholders who crave change.

Register staff writer Jennifer Jacobs contributed to this article.

Let marketplace sort out winners and losers

The competition among four Iowa communities for gambling casino licenses has taken on the appearance of a lottery.

The Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission plans to rule in May which of the applications for licenses - from Fort Dodge, Ottumwa and Lyon and Tama Counties - will be winners.

But this is not a lottery, and the decision could be made for the wrong reason.

The gaming commission is being pressured to block proposed casinos that would siphon gamblers from neighboring casinos, and that would be a mistake. Applicants should be judged solely on their own merits.

The notion of new casinos "cannibalizing" existing casinos has taken on increasing importance in some circles in this state, but that should not be a factor in the Racing and Gaming Commission's decision. The commission's job is to protect the interests of the public and gamblers from dishonest or illegal operators. It exists to make sure gambling is conducted according to state and federal law in casinos operated by financially sound businesses.

The commission's job is not to pick winners and losers.

Ever since the Iowa Legislature began approving and expanding gambling - first racing, then riverboats, and then land-based casinos - the intent of state legislators has been clear: Local communities choose to allow gambling or not. While some Iowa counties have rejected gambling, the voters in 17 counties have approved it at public referendums, some repeatedly. In those counties, investors have put their own money on the line to build casinos with the idea that they can make a profit, or shut down if they are wrong. That is the function of a free market, whether it be grocery stores, bowling alleys or gambling operations.

Gov. Chet Culver has been criticized for writing a letter to the Racing and Gaming Commission in support of all four applicants. True, the decision is up to the commission (whose members he appoints), and Culver's letter acknowledges that. The governor, however, expressed concern that "the rules of the game" have changed to protect "existing operations" from new gambling enterprises rather than allowing newcomers to enter the market. Culver urged the four applications be judged on their own strengths, not their impact elsewhere.

"Competition is a good thing," the governor said in his letter. And he is right. By protecting existing casinos by refusing to license a competitor, the state might only be propping up poorly conceived or poorly managed operations simply because they happened to come along first. That is not a reason for the state to prevent a business from starting up, especially after the voters have said they want gambling, and investors have said they are willing to bankroll it.

These four communities have demonstrated public and financial support for establishing gambling casinos. Assuming the applicants meet all requirements of the laws governing the gambling industry, the Racing and Gaming Commission should grant them licenses. The marketplace should decide which casinos are allowed to succeed or fail, not state government.

Obradovich: Culver should ask for delay of casino vote

Gov. Chet Culver has to be the unluckiest man alive. He doesn't even have to set foot in a casino and he loses his shirt gambling.

The whiff of scandal over donations to Culver's campaign from Fort Dodge casino backers is probably not a serious legal problem for the governor. It's far worse than that - it's a political quagmire that he'll wallow in no matter how clean his hands are.

He'll have to take precious time away from touting his accomplishments as governor to explain why this situation wasn't his fault. It bolsters his opponents' position that Iowa has enough gaming and that Culver is on the wrong side of that argument. It calls attention to the many Culver friends with gaming interests.

The investigation could drag on for months. The best possible outcome for Culver would be a lack of evidence that his campaign did anything wrong. Politically, though, lack of evidence doesn't add up to innocence. He's unlucky, indeed.

People make their own luck, in many ways. Culver contributed to his own fate by writing a letter to the Racing and Gaming Commission last month, advocating approval of four new casino licenses.

His political opponents and others were shocked - shocked! - that the governor could be so crass as to inject politics into this otherwise pure process of casino licensing. Former and wants-to-be future Gov. Terry Branstad said he never would have tried to influence the commission - an independent panel whose members are appointed by the governor.

Of course he wouldn't have. Branstad signed the law that provided all the insulation any governor could want from the decisions of the commission. It could license all the casinos it saw fit, and the revenue would flow into the state budget. Branstad could happily spend that money and accept donations from gaming backers but refuse to take a public position on any specific casino proposal.

Underneath some of that shock may be amazement that Culver didn't take advantage of the built-in political cover. I've said before that he did nothing wrong in advocating the casino proposals. I seem to be in the minority on that. I've been appreciative that he was up front about his position, instead of being coy or pushing his agenda behind the scenes.

But I haven't said it was politically wise for him to do so, and this situation makes it obvious why it wasn't. There's just too much money, too much power, too much influence tied up in the industry. The politics may be veiled, but it's ruthless. It's amazing that we haven't seen a scandal before now. If Culver wants to put his hand into that pit of vipers, he has to expect to feel the fangs.

He really has only one choice now. He has to be so committed to clean gambling in Iowa that he touts this investigation as an example of how meticulous the state is in protecting the industry's integrity. No matter how disruptive or painful this ends up being to his campaign, he has to be happy and proud that the Division of Criminal Investigation is doing such a great job.

Stacey Cargill, a gambling opponent, asked the commission on April 4 to delay its decision on all four licenses until after the May 19 deadline for campaign finance reports. I didn't think that was necessary a week ago. Now, Culver should ask for the delay, at least for the Fort Dodge application.

Culver can't hide from this issue, attempt to minimize it or refuse to talk about it, although he may want to do so. He's been dealt a lousy hand, and now he has to play it.

Correction: In Sunday's column, I should have said that Roxanne Conlin's \$250,000 loan to her campaign was in addition to her quarterly donation total of about \$630,000, not part of the total. I apologize for the error.

I'm proud of reform

I'm a young girl from Illinois and passing health care was very important to me. Being under 18 lets me be involved in politics in a very different way, like becoming a page, volunteering and campaigns. All of them are important, but when it comes to health-care reform, it's even more important.

We needed real change. That's what we have now and I'm so proud to be a teenager that can say "Yeah. Obama is my president. Why shouldn't he be? He passed historic health-care reform!"

Em Spangler

Sterling

Bill 'forces charity'

I recently read in the Quad-City Times that poor people will get either free or subsidized health care. I have news for you who think that. There is no free lunch.

If any government entity doles out free or subsidized anything, they are not the ones footing the bill. It is the taxpayers. Only the federal government can print money. Unfortunately, if they do print too much money, everyone, including the poor, will receive a hideous tax known as inflation. In any case, the taxpayers lose.

In the recent health-care bill passed with the help of U.S. Reps. Bruce Braley and Phil Hare and U.S. Sens. Tom Harkin and Dick Durbin, mandates require that health insurance companies must cover preventative health measures such as a colonoscopy or a mammogram as well as sell insurance to those with preexisting conditions. These mandates will cost these companies much more than they have had to spend in the past.

Like any business that must make a profit to survive, it must pass along those additional costs on to its customers.

Therefore, these mandates will raise my premium even more than normal.

These additional costs are no more than forced charity making me pay for my neighbors' medical bills.

Once again, there is no free lunch. Some person must pay to cover those costs!

Larry L. Hintze

Eldridge

Lange outraises GOP primary opponents

By James Q. Lynch

The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — Although it's just a fraction of what the incumbent has raised, Ben Lange thinks the \$34,310 he has raised in campaign for the 1st District U.S. House seat puts him where he needs to be.

Lange has raised more than his three opponents for the GOP nomination combined, raising nearly seven times more than his nearest primary opponent.

However, the Independence lawyer believes energy, not money, will be the key to it defeating Rep. Bruce Braley, a Waterloo Democrat, in November.

Turnout at Republican events has been strong this spring, he said, noting Republicans outnumbered Democrats at Scott County caucuses by nearly a three-to-one margin.

Voter frustration with the federal government is energizing campaigns across the country and the 1st District, which sweeps across Eastern Iowa from Cedar Falls to the Quad Cities, is no exception,

"People are distrustful of Congress and frustrated with its policies," Lange said Monday.

Tea Party activities are the "personification of that frustration," he said.

"That frustration will propel them to act all the way through November," he said.

For the time being, Lange, 31, is concentrating on the June 8 primary. The East Buchanan High School graduate, who moved his family back to Eastern Iowa after working as a congressional aide, faces Mike LaCoste

of Waterloo, James Budde of Bellevue and Will Johnson of Dubuque for the nomination.

Lange raised \$34,310, according to Federal Election Commission reports, and has \$27,713 cash on hand. Budde reported raising \$4,935 with \$1,791 cash on hand. LaCoste and Johnson have not filed FEC reports, which are required if a candidate raises or spends \$5,000.

Braley, also an attorney, has dwarfed the Republicans' fundraising efforts. His FEC report shows he's raised \$865,589 and has \$623,736 on hand. He has \$49,180 in campaign debt compared to Lange's \$4,773.

Despite the disparity in campaign wealth, Lange believes he can compete with and defeat Braley should he get the GOP nomination.

"I like where we're at," he said. "We know where he's at and where we need to be. People want change."

The FEC reports may be found at www.fec.gov.

VetPac endorses Krause for U.S. Senate

Fairfield Democrat Bob Krause has been endorsed by the Veterans' Alliance for Security and Democracy, VetPac, in his bid for the nomination for the U.S. Senate.

VetPac is a national political action committee that works to elect veterans to public office.

"I am pleased to accept the VetPac endorsement," Krause said. "America needs veterans in public office to ensure that we do not forget the vet, as has happened many times in the past. VetPac also promotes a progressive agenda of issues that concern veterans and soldiers."

Krause is vying with Tom Fiegen and Roxanne Conlin for the nomination to face Republican Chuck Grassley.

Marriage not necessary to recognize gay union

Posted on Apr 20, 2010 by [Jeff Tecklenburg](#).

The definition of marriage is spousal. A spouse is a husband (man) or a wife (woman). When they get married, they become mates. Mate means to procreate (father or mother). Allowing same-sex couples a marriage license makes a mockery, a farce, of a real marriage. If they feel the need for a legal document, that's fine, but it doesn't have to be a marriage license.

Forget your political affiliation and vote for who promises to make sure that Iowans get the right to vote on this issue. Don't say this is not important. I believe that widows and widowers, husbands and wives, think it is very important.

Vi Emerson

Marion

Know the facts before attacking gay marriage

Posted on Apr 20, 2010 by [Jeff Tecklenburg](#).

I would like to offer some free, yet unsolicited, advice to the Republican candidates who appear so outraged over the recent legalization of same-sex marriage in Iowa. I understand that you hope this will become a hot-button issue rallying support for your campaign, but you really need to provide valid and compelling reasons to motivate the populous.

Everyone's heard the statements like: "Homosexuals only constitute 3 percent of the population, why should we allow them to redefine the definition of marriage?" and, "We need to protect the sacred institution of marriage as a holy union between one man and one woman."

This may sound OK to many at first, but any reasonable person has to ask, "Shouldn't we focus on eliminating divorce? Criminalizing adultery?" Aren't those the overwhelming adversaries of marriage that need attention? Why focus on the 3 percent when 40 percent to 50 percent of holy heterosexual unions dissolve at such a great cost to society?

And here are a few more free facts for candidates: Some of your neighbors are gay. Some of your family is gay. They vote. They were gay before this law went into effect, and they will continue to be gay even if you're successful in repealing the law (which would mean the end to visitation rights, inheritance laws, security benefits, etc., for same-sex couples). So, please explain why this is so important to you – to Iowa. We want details and they better be compelling and truthful.

Daniel Sitter

Cedar Rapids

Vander Plaats offers education strategy

By Rod Boshart Journal Des Moines Bureau |

DES MOINES -- Republican gubernatorial candidate Bob Vander Plaats on Monday issued a K-12 education strategy that calls for more charter schools, more emphasis on local control and high student performance standards.

Vander Plaats, a former business teacher and principal, said he wants to offer expanded school choice by encouraging more charter schools while allowing state aid to follow any student to a new school if their current school is failing to educate them. He also would expand tax credits for parents who choose to educate their children at home or at private schools as a way to promote competition and spur public schools to improve.

The Sioux City business consultant who is making his third gubernatorial bid said he would appoint a state education director and Iowa Board of Education members who are committed to returning control to the local schools and focused on the students, not the bureaucracy. The state Board of Education also will include representatives of private schools and parents who home school their children, he promised.

Vander Plaats said his education leadership strategy would be built on the premise that Iowa “needs to do things differently and it should start by freeing schools from senseless mandates and simplifying their funding.” He said Iowa needs a governor who will lead, set high expectations and get out of the way so local communities can make good decisions for their students and families.

“My goal has always been to increase student performance and further professionalize the teaching profession,” he said. “I want to reignite the teachers' passion for teaching so our students achieve the highest expectations, preparing them to be bold leaders of our future.”

Vander Plaats said he wants to facilitate “real” charter schools that allow public, private, and nonprofit entities to be the chartering agency. Charter school applications would be approved by the state Board of Education and state per-pupil funding would follow students enrolled in charter schools.

The Sioux City Republican also pledged to set high student performance standards that would place a strong focus on advanced math, science and vocational education, and he would require local schools to report student achievement to the community in a regular, transparent manner.

He also pledged to give more control locally by lifting state educational mandates that don't relate to student achievement. We also would allow schools to decide how to reach the standards and make core curriculum elements voluntary, not a mandate.

“We can move ahead -- and move ahead by leaps and bounds to the direct benefit of Iowa's kids -- with higher standards and by freeing our schools from senseless mandates and simplifying their funding,” he said. “Iowa doesn't need the federal government to pay us to innovate. We can innovate on our own and not be tied to federal mandates.”

Vander Plaats said he also plans to release his strategy for community colleges, the state's three public universities and private higher education as the campaign progresses.

Health care reform dominates King meeting

By Bret Hayworth -

SIoux CITY -- When Iowa 5th District Congressman Steve King met with constituents for a town hall meeting Monday, it was as if the eight months since his August session had been merely an intermission.

At both events, at Western Iowa Tech Community College, the majority of Northwest Iowans in attendance indicated strong criticism for federal health care reform.

One huge difference marked Monday's discussion, however -- health care reform, still under debate in August, is now the law of the land.

It's a law King, a four-term Republican from Kiron, wants to repeal. That effort, however, has scant odds of success in a chamber controlled by Democrats. Nonetheless, when King expressed his desire to repeal the bill, a strong three-fourths of Monday's audience burst into applause.

Wearing an American-flag-print shirt, R. Doc Zortman, of Sioux City, referenced the August discussion about "death panels," a supposed reform element critics said would subject elderly Americans to rationed care at the end of life. Zortman said he foresees rationing of health care with the new law, such as a person with a hip injury being told the injury isn't severe enough to warrant prompt treatment.

King said Zortman may have given the best recitation on the possibilities of health care rationing he's heard.

"I don't want the government to make these decisions," King said.

Jim Rixner, who heads the Siouxland Mental Health Center in Sioux City, was the only speaker to tell King he supports the new reform law. Rixner said he likes the portion that allows people up to age 26 to remain on their parents' health insurance policy and the part whereby insurance companies can no longer deny medical coverage due to pre-existing conditions. He said the pre-existing condition clauses were particularly vexing for people with mental illnesses.

King said he opposes "Obamacare" and told Rixner he doesn't support the two portions Rixner found most beneficial, including the age-limit change.

"I want my kids to grow up and take care of themselves," King said.

He said he doesn't support making insurance companies move away from denying coverage based on pre-existing conditions. King said an Iowa program, whereby people with pre-existing conditions can buy into a special health plan, is a better way to go. That might come at costly premiums, King said, but those with the pre-existing conditions have found the plan to be worthwhile, since they can get treatment.

"Everyone in this country has health care, even if they have to show up in the emergency room," King said.

He said a better approach is for states to individually reform health care rather than having the big federal plan, which has a price tag of \$940 billion over 10 years.

"One size fits all takes away our freedom and liberty," King said.

Foreign policy and immigration reform also got a major airing Monday as King answered 10 questions over an hour. The congressman said the Obama administration is pushing a "comprehensive amnesty" for those who live illegally in America without citizenship status. He contended Obama is waiting to see if there is "political juice" to push immigration reform through in 2010.

Heath Reinke, of Spirit Lake, told King he was concerned that Obama had weakened America's stance internationally by signing a nuclear reduction treaty with Russia earlier this month and failing to support Israel with the strength of past administrations. Reinke said Obama is "castrating America" and the crowd tittered when he questioned the president's motives.

"I just wonder where the president is going with his foreign policy," he said.

Responded King, "The president has not presented a coherent foreign policy."

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Something I send out daily – a glimpse of what’s going on around Iowa that pertains directly, or indirectly, to us. I have a staffer in Omaha who does this for Nebraska (the news out of Nebraska is decidedly more depressing).

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Critics urge delay in vote on casinos

By THOMAS BEAUMONT and WILLIAM PETROSKI • tbeaumont@dmreg.com • April 20, 2010

Gambling opponents said Monday that confidence in the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission would suffer if the commission votes on new casino applications before a ruling on whether campaign contributions from some Fort Dodge casino backers were proper.

The commission should postpone its scheduled May 13 decision on four casino licenses in light of the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation's questions about \$25,000 in campaign contributions to Gov. Chet Culver, they said.

One gambling critic, Tom Coates of Norwalk, said, "This is a big enough cloud, given the immensity of it and the taint that comes from it, that this is not something where they want to approve somebody and then have it come down later that it was illegal."

The chairman of the Racing and Gaming Commission said, however, that the commission plans to hold the vote as scheduled, at least at this point.

In other developments:

- The Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board will conduct its own investigation into the contributions of three Fort Dodge casino backers to Culver last year, the director of the state regulatory board said Monday.

- Culver's campaign had donated \$25,000 to three charities, an authorized option for dealing with questionable campaign contributions. But on Monday, a Des Moines homeless shelter that received part of the money returned it to Culver's campaign, after learning of the DCI investigation.

State investigators are trying to determine whether Peninsula Gaming, a Dubuque casino company that plans to help finance the Fort Dodge casino, gave three local backers \$25,000 with the intention that they donate it to Culver's campaign. In Iowa, it's illegal to make, or knowingly receive, a political contribution in another person's name.

Peninsula, the three donors and Culver have all said they did nothing wrong.

Officials respond to casino questions

Register Staff • April 20, 2010

The Des Moines Register e-mailed these questions about the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation's investigation to Gov. Chet Culver, Lt. Gov. Patty Judge, and senior administration and campaign staff. The administration's chief legal counsel, James Larew, and campaign manager Donn Stanley responded:

Q. Have the governor, lieutenant governor or any members of their official staffs or campaign staffs met with or been asked to meet with investigators with DCI to answer questions about campaign contributions from Steve Daniel, James Kesterson and Merrill D. Leffler?

A. The governor's office and the governor's campaign cannot comment on an ongoing DCI investigation. However, neither the governor's office nor the governor's campaign has any reason to believe that anyone with either organization is a target in the investigation. Further, the governor's office and the campaign have fully cooperated with the investigators at the governor's direction.

Q. Have the governor, lieutenant governor or any members of their official staffs or campaign staffs met with or been asked to meet with investigators with DCI to answer questions about campaign contributions from any other parties affiliated with other pending casino licenses?

A. Neither the governor's office nor the governor's campaign is aware of any such investigation.

Q. What has the campaign done with the contributions totaling \$25,000, given in six checks dated Nov. 23 and Dec. 7, 2009, from Steve Daniel, James Kesterson and Merrill D. Leffler?

A. The campaign made the following contributions on April 9, 2010 — \$8,334 to Door of Faith, \$8,334 to Churches United and \$8,344 to St. Vincent de Paul.

Q. Did contributions from Steve Daniel, James Kesterson and Merrill Leffler have any influence over Gov. Culver's March 4 letter urging the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission to grant licenses to the four casino license applicants?

A. Absolutely not. The governor and lieutenant governor have long supported granting licenses to communities that decide in local referendums to pursue such licenses. Further, many folks that have involvement in competing facilities and oppose these new licenses have also contributed to the governor's and lieutenant governor's campaign. The fact is that the governor and lieutenant governor have contributors and supporters on both sides of this and many other issues.

Q. Should a sitting governor accept campaign contributions from parties associated with pending casino license applications?

A. First, the governor has not made or taken any campaign contribution calls from any party associated with a license application once such a license application was submitted. Importantly, the Racing and Gaming Commission makes the licensing decision. There is no appeal to the governor. Some people associated with the current licensees have contributed to other candidates that oppose granting the new licenses just as some of these people have contributed to the governor's campaign. People supporting new licenses should have the same right to participate in the political process as those who oppose granting these new licenses.

Q. Did the governor, lieutenant governor or any members of their staffs meet with representatives of Peninsula Gaming, Webster County Gaming or Webster County Entertainment from Sept. 1, 2009, through March 13, 2010?

A. The governor and lieutenant governor have consistently supported the issue of licenses from communities after a local referendum. They were already on record supporting these applications. People from some of these groups, like all other Iowans, have the opportunity to meet with their state leaders.

Conlin keeps up theme of fighting injustice

By JENNIFER JACOBS • jjacobs@dmreg.com • April 20, 2010

Perky, carefully spelled messages on Twitter mark Roxanne Conlin's visits to Iowa's counties.

"Great crowd at Cronk's, political hub of Denison! Again concern about money in politics, corruption in Washington, and how we can fix it!"

And: "Big crowd in Spencer! Healthcare topic one."

A wealthy trial lawyer, Conlin was 38 the last time she ran for elected office - and was defeated.

This time, the Des Moines Democrat is challenging a powerful, longtime incumbent in Sen. Chuck Grassley, a Republican. Conlin aims to win with her message to create jobs, improve education and rein in corporate tax breaks.

Correcting past failures - or righting wrongs - is a lifelong theme for Conlin, now 65. Some examples:

- During her first year of marriage in 1964, she and her husband, Jim, earned \$1,500, and carried debt and stress from her enrollment in law school at a time when she felt scorn for being a female

law student. So for their 30th wedding anniversary, Conlin organized a gala event to celebrate, which she called a "re-wedding."

- Memories of an alcoholic father who beat her mother prompted Conlin to consider purchasing her childhood home on Des Moines' High Street to turn it into a shelter for domestic abuse victims. She still hopes to do that.

- A building at Seventh and Locust streets in Des Moines was the site of a soda fountain that refused to serve Edna Griffin, a black woman, in 1948. That sparked a landmark battle that helped end open discrimination in Iowa. A decade later, when Conlin was 14 and her family lived in poverty, she was a waitress there at the Katz Drug Store soda fountain. Later in life, she purchased the building, named it after Griffin, and moved her law office there, a firm bent on fixing injustices.

- When a company polluted water in the Mississippi River so badly it turned pink, Conlin forced the firm to clean it up.

- When a Des Moines family couldn't afford to bury a child struck by a car, Conlin quietly paid for the funeral.

- But she's most famous for arguing that Microsoft Corp. drove away competition - and winning a \$255 million settlement in a class-action lawsuit.

Conlin's failure in her governor's race against Terry Branstad in 1982 ushered in a 16-year stretch of Republican leadership in the Iowa governor's office.

"I really did not think I would run again for public office," Conlin said. "It just never came up again. I did the best I could. Lord knows it was the most fun I've ever had, and it was also the worst time I've ever had."

One pivotal issue in the 1982 campaign: A third of Iowans acknowledged they wouldn't vote for a female governor. Another: Conlin and her husband, Jim, paid no income tax that year - because, Conlin said, they did not owe any after federal deductibility was calculated.

"I think the way that was handled by media made it seem that somehow I cheated," she said. "That of course is not true."

Conlin said she'd be willing to share how much she's paying this year for 2009 income taxes. "I want to do something to put that to rest," she said. "I am happy to release my tax returns when Charles Grassley does."

Although Conlin didn't dip her toe in campaign politics for 28 years, she vouched for other candidates, including fellow trial lawyer and presidential candidate John Edwards, whom she called a friend of 20 years.

"What you see is what you get," Conlin told crowds in 2007. "The man is good to his soul. He's genuine. He's authentic."

Since Edwards admitted an extramarital affair, Conlin has not spoken to him and has made a conscious effort to avoid him.

"Like so many people, he fooled me," said Conlin, who was Iowa co-chairwoman of the Edwards campaign. "The sense of betrayal and disappointment is overwhelming."

But she hasn't abandoned the people-before-profits ideals she shared with Edwards. She rails against federal bailouts for Wall Street and "tax breaks for the very, very wealthy."

"Corporations have only one job ... to make a profit for their shareholders," she said. "Left to their own devices, they run roughshod over rights."

Even as she calls for the 76-year-old Grassley to retire, Conlin acknowledges she's not young, either. She jokes that "you learn that being 60 is a pre-existing condition." She sprained her knee hiding Easter eggs for her grandchildren. Her idea of good dance music is the accompaniment to the rumba, the cha-cha, the swing.

But she sets an aggressive schedule. She does her legal work after midnight.

"I get tired, but she doesn't," said Conlin's traveling chief of staff, Genevieve Craggs, 23.

A boiled-down resume of her achievements is nine pages. She was the nation's second female U.S. attorney and the first female president of the National Association of Trial Lawyers.

Even if someone is energetic and a nimble thinker, how effective can a freshman senator be?

"What does seniority matter if (Grassley's) not using it for us?" Conlin answered. "I think I can be seen and heard. You know I fight for a living."

Candidates release information on taxes

By JENNIFER JACOBS • jejacobs@dmreg.com • April 20, 2010

Republican Terry Branstad earned just under \$400,000 last year - substantially more than the \$130,000 salary an Iowa governor is paid.

Gov. Chet Culver, a Democrat who is seeking a second term, reported that he earned \$109,000 in taxable income last year. He cut his own pay 10 percent when he ordered a 10 percent across-the-board cut in October to deal with state budget troubles.

Republican Bob Vander Plaats, a business consultant, and his wife, Darla, a part-time accountant, together earned about \$60,000 in wages, but their total income was \$105,000 with royalties from the corporation he owns.

The three candidates for governor each released tax returns Monday. Their action was voluntary; governor candidates aren't required to release tax returns. A fourth candidate, Republican Rod Roberts, said he will share details soon.

The Culvers

Chester J. Culver and Mariclare Thinnis Culver, an attorney, released 10 pages of their scanned return. They earned about \$127,000 in 2009, their tax returns show. They reported a capital gain of \$7,500.

They paid about \$10,700 in state and local taxes, and about \$14,000 in federal taxes. They donated \$2,750 to charity.

They claimed two dependents, Clare, 8, and John, 7.

The Branstads

Branstad's campaign allowed reporters one hour to look through 89 pages of itemized returns.

"Governor Branstad has talked a lot about transparency in this campaign, and it was his opinion that when you're running for the office of governor, you need to hold yourself to a little higher standard when it comes to issues such as your personal tax return," said his campaign manager, Jeff Boeyink.

Terry E. and Christine A. Branstad, of Boone, gave \$41,000 to charities, including Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Boone, Christ the King Catholic Church in Des Moines, Dowling High School, Living History Farms, Blank Park Zoo and the Boone County Hospital Association.

Christine Branstad is not employed, but does volunteer work, primarily at the Boone County Hospital, campaign staff said.

Most of Terry Branstad's income - \$276,000 - was from 10 months of work as president of Des Moines University. He resigned in October to pursue the Republican nomination for governor.

If he'd worked at the university for a full year, his salary would have been roughly \$331,000.

Branstad owed \$86,000 in federal taxes and \$16,000 in state taxes. His tax refunds totaled \$11,900.

He took in just under \$52,000 in taxable pension income based on employment as a state legislator, lieutenant governor and governor.

His income also included about \$51,000 in rental real estate and partnerships. Of that, \$31,000 was from ownership of 13 rural Iowa post offices.

His business income was \$46,500, but his net income was \$21,600 after expenses. That was from fees for sitting on boards and acting as a consultant to four businesses: the Indianola-based Multi-Tech, which manufactures portable cement mixers; ConMed, which provides health care services to prison inmates; Liberty Bank; and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

"If he's elected governor, he's going to resign from all the corporate boards," Boeyink said.

Branstad has a small ownership stake in four companies: Lincolnway Energy LLC, an ethanol plant based in Nevada, Ia.; East Fork Biodiesel, LLC, a biodiesel plant in Algona; Liberty Bancshares Iowa Inc., the holding company for Liberty Bank; and Insite Mediacom, a company that does billboards and cell towers primarily in the south and east but has no relationship to the Mediacom cable company, Boeyink said.

He lost money on all four last year, his tax records show. The total loss was \$31,365.

Branstad also made a commission of \$50,000 from a fundraising firm he created after he left the governor's office: Policy Management Interests LLC. He uses it primarily to do fundraising for charities and other projects. As contributions come in, he gets a percentage, his campaign staff said.

If elected governor, Branstad will place all his investment assets into a blind trust to prevent concerns about how his decisions as governor might impact his personal finances, Boeyink said.

Branstad no longer owns any farm property, although he received a \$127 payment through a federal crop reserve program for a very small piece of tillable land on his 17-acre property in Boone, said his accountant, Jamie Ward.

The Vander Plaatses

Vander Plaats, who owns MVP Leadership in Sioux City, didn't release copies of his tax returns, just a summary.

It stated that Bob and Darla Vander Plaats' income included a capital gain of \$125, individual retirement account distributions of \$674, and royalties and S corporation income of \$44,094, for a total income of \$104,871.

The couple paid about \$9,500 in state and local taxes, as well as about \$9,000 in federal taxes. They donated \$5,700 to charity.

Republicans pan Core Curriculum

By STACI HUPP • shupp@dmreg.com • April 20, 2010

Three candidates who are vying for the Iowa Republican Party's nomination for governor want to dump a new law that forces public schools to follow a statewide curriculum.

Sioux City businessman Bob Vander Plaats, state Rep. Rod Roberts of Carroll and former Gov. Terry Branstad said key decisions about what students should learn in school are best left in local hands.

They called the Iowa Core Curriculum an expensive, flawed system that lacks strong standards to gauge how well students grasp skills and concepts.

In 2008, Gov. Chet Culver pushed to make the core curriculum mandatory for all public schools by 2014. The cost tops \$31 million.

Vander Plaats, a former business teacher and principal, said local control fuels cutting-edge classrooms more than a "top-down control system."

Branstad and Vander Plaats said they would push for high academic standards instead.

"Governor Branstad believes we must put in place 21st-century statewide standards and give local school districts the flexibility to achieve them," spokesman Tim Albrecht said.

Roberts said the core curriculum should be an option for schools, but it falls short as a law because "you do not have the standards, benchmarks and measurements to know whether the students have actually achieved what was intended," he said.

A spokeswoman for Culver's campaign could not be reached for comment Monday.

Vander Plaats released an education plan Monday that makes the Iowa Core Curriculum optional and gives parents more options.

His plan calls for an expanded tax credit for children taught at home or in private schools, and a school aid formula that sends tax dollars to any school of a student's choice, including private schools.

Vander Plaats also wants to expand the authority to run charter schools in Iowa. Charter schools receive taxpayer money but operate free of school district rules and teacher union contracts.

Critics have said Iowa law cripples innovation in charter schools because it allows only traditional districts to run them. In other states, the authority belongs to teachers, parent groups, city officials and other stakeholders who crave change.

Register staff writer Jennifer Jacobs contributed to this article.

Let marketplace sort out winners and losers

The Register's editorial • April 20, 2010

The competition among four Iowa communities for gambling casino licenses has taken on the appearance of a lottery.

The Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission plans to rule in May which of the applications for licenses - from Fort Dodge, Ottumwa and Lyon and Tama Counties - will be winners.

But this is not a lottery, and the decision could be made for the wrong reason.

The gaming commission is being pressured to block proposed casinos that would siphon gamblers from neighboring casinos, and that would be a mistake. Applicants should be judged solely on their own merits.

The notion of new casinos "cannibalizing" existing casinos has taken on increasing importance in some circles in this state, but that should not be a factor in the Racing and Gaming Commission's decision. The commission's job is to protect the interests of the public and gamblers from dishonest or illegal operators. It exists to make sure gambling is conducted according to state and federal law in casinos operated by financially sound businesses.

The commission's job is not to pick winners and losers.

Ever since the Iowa Legislature began approving and expanding gambling - first racing, then riverboats, and then land-based casinos - the intent of state legislators has been clear: Local communities choose to allow gambling or not. While some Iowa counties have rejected gambling, the voters in 17 counties have approved it at public referendums, some repeatedly. In those counties, investors have put their own money on the line to build casinos with the idea that they can make a profit, or shut down if they are wrong. That is the function of a free market, whether it be grocery

stores, bowling alleys or gambling operations.

Gov. Chet Culver has been criticized for writing a letter to the Racing and Gaming Commission in support of all four applicants. True, the decision is up to the commission (whose members he appoints), and Culver's letter acknowledges that. The governor, however, expressed concern that "the rules of the game" have changed to protect "existing operations" from new gambling enterprises rather than allowing newcomers to enter the market. Culver urged the four applications be judged on their own strengths, not their impact elsewhere.

"Competition is a good thing," the governor said in his letter. And he is right. By protecting existing casinos by refusing to license a competitor, the state might only be propping up poorly conceived or poorly managed operations simply because they happened to come along first. That is not a reason for the state to prevent a business from starting up, especially after the voters have said they want gambling, and investors have said they are willing to bankroll it.

These four communities have demonstrated public and financial support for establishing gambling casinos. Assuming the applicants meet all requirements of the laws governing the gambling industry, the Racing and Gaming Commission should grant them licenses. The marketplace should decide which casinos are allowed to succeed or fail, not state government.

Obradovich: Culver should ask for delay of casino vote

KATHIE OBRADOVICH • kbradov@dmreg.com • April 20, 2010

Gov. Chet Culver has to be the unluckiest man alive. He doesn't even have to set foot in a casino and he loses his shirt gambling.

The whiff of scandal over donations to Culver's campaign from Fort Dodge casino backers is probably not a serious legal problem for the governor. It's far worse than that - it's a political quagmire that he'll wallow in no matter how clean his hands are.

He'll have to take precious time away from touting his accomplishments as governor to explain why this situation wasn't his fault. It bolsters his opponents' position that Iowa has enough gaming and that Culver is on the wrong side of that argument. It calls attention to the many Culver friends with gaming interests.

The investigation could drag on for months. The best possible outcome for Culver would be a lack of evidence that his campaign did anything wrong. Politically, though, lack of evidence doesn't add up to innocence. He's unlucky, indeed.

People make their own luck, in many ways. Culver contributed to his own fate by writing a letter to the Racing and Gaming Commission last month, advocating approval of four new casino licenses.

His political opponents and others were shocked - shocked! - that the governor could be so crass as to inject politics into this otherwise pure process of casino licensing. Former and wants-to-be future Gov. Terry Branstad said he never would have tried to influence the commission - an independent panel whose members are appointed by the governor.

Of course he wouldn't have. Branstad signed the law that provided all the insulation any governor could want from the decisions of the commission. It could license all the casinos it saw fit, and the revenue would flow into the state budget. Branstad could happily spend that money and accept donations from gaming backers but refuse to take a public position on any specific casino proposal.

Underneath some of that shock may be amazement that Culver didn't take advantage of the built-in political cover. I've said before that he did nothing wrong in advocating the casino proposals. I seem to be in the minority on that. I've been appreciative that he was up front about his position, instead of being coy or pushing his agenda behind the scenes.

But I haven't said it was politically wise for him to do so, and this situation makes it obvious why it wasn't. There's just too much money, too much power, too much influence tied up in the industry. The politics may be veiled, but it's ruthless. It's amazing that we haven't seen a scandal before now. If Culver wants to put his hand into that pit of vipers, he has to expect to feel the fangs.

He really has only one choice now. He has to be so committed to clean gambling in Iowa that he touts this investigation as an example of how meticulous the state is in protecting the industry's integrity. No matter how disruptive or painful this ends up being to his campaign, he has to be happy and proud that the Division of Criminal Investigation is doing such a great job.

Stacey Cargill, a gambling opponent, asked the commission on April 4 to delay its decision on all four licenses until after the May 19 deadline for campaign finance reports. I didn't think that was necessary a week ago. Now, Culver should ask for the delay, at least for the Fort Dodge application.

Culver can't hide from this issue, attempt to minimize it or refuse to talk about it, although he may want to do so. He's been dealt a lousy hand, and now he has to play it.

Correction: In Sunday's column, I should have said that Roxanne Conlin's \$250,000 loan to her campaign was in addition to her quarterly donation total of about \$630,000, not part of the total. I apologize for the error.

I'm proud of reform

I'm a young girl from Illinois and passing health care was very important to me. Being under 18 lets me be involved in politics in a very different way, like becoming a page, volunteering and campaigns. All of them are important, but when it comes to health-care reform, it's even more important.

We needed real change. That's what we have now and I'm so proud to be a teenager that can say "Yeah. Obama is my president. Why shouldn't he be? He passed historic health-care reform!"

Em Spangler

Sterling

Bill 'forces charity'

I recently read in the Quad-City Times that poor people will get either free or subsidized health care. I have news for you who think that. There is no free lunch.

If any government entity doles out free or subsidized anything, they are not the ones footing the bill. It is the taxpayers. Only the federal government can print money. Unfortunately, if they do print too much money, everyone, including the poor, will receive a hideous tax known as inflation. In any case, the taxpayers lose.

In the recent health-care bill passed with the help of U.S. Reps. Bruce Braley and Phil Hare and U.S. Sens. Tom Harkin and Dick Durbin, mandates require that health insurance companies must cover preventative health measures such as a colonoscopy or a mammogram as well as sell insurance to those with preexisting conditions. These mandates will cost these companies much more than they have had to spend in the past.

Like any business that must make a profit to survive, it must pass along those additional costs on to its customers.

Therefore, these mandates will raise my premium even more than normal.

These additional costs are no more than forced charity making me pay for my neighbors' medical bills.

Once again, there is no free lunch. Some person must pay to cover those costs!

Larry L. Hintze

Eldridge

Lange outraises GOP primary opponents

By James Q. Lynch

The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — Although it's just a fraction of what the incumbent has raised, Ben Lange thinks the \$34,310 he has raised in campaign for the 1st District U.S. House seat puts him where he needs to be.

Lange has raised more than his three opponents for the GOP nomination combined, raising nearly seven times more than his nearest primary opponent.

However, the Independence lawyer believes energy, not money, will be the key to it defeating Rep. Bruce Braley, a Waterloo Democrat, in November.

Turnout at Republican events has been strong this spring, he said, noting Republicans outnumbered Democrats at Scott County caucuses by nearly a three-to-one margin.

Voter frustration with the federal government is energizing campaigns across the country and the 1st District, which sweeps across Eastern Iowa from Cedar Falls to the Quad Cities, is no exception,

"People are distrustful of Congress and frustrated with its policies," Lange said Monday.

Tea Party activities are the "personification of that frustration," he said.

"That frustration will propel them to act all the way through November," he said.

For the time being, Lange, 31, is concentrating on the June 8 primary. The East Buchanan High School graduate, who moved his family back to Eastern Iowa after working as a congressional aide, faces Mike LaCoste of Waterloo, James Budde of Bellevue and Will Johnson of Dubuque for the nomination.

Lange raised \$34,310, according to Federal Election Commission reports, and has \$27,713 cash on hand. Budde reported raising \$4,935 with \$1,791 cash on hand. LaCoste and Johnson have not filed FEC reports, which are required if a candidate raises or spends \$5,000.

Braley, also an attorney, has dwarfed the Republicans' fundraising efforts. His FEC report shows he's raised \$865,589 and has \$623,736 on hand. He has \$49,180 in campaign debt compared to Lange's \$4,773.

Despite the disparity in campaign wealth, Lange believes he can compete with and defeat Braley should he get the GOP nomination.

"I like where we're at," he said. "We know where he's at and where we need to be. People want change."

The FEC reports may be found at www.fec.gov.

VetPac endorses Krause for U.S. Senate

Fairfield Democrat Bob Krause has been endorsed by the Veterans' Alliance for Security and Democracy, VetPac, in his bid for the nomination for the U.S. Senate.

VetPac is a national political action committee that works to elect veterans to public office.

"I am pleased to accept the VetPac endorsement," Krause said. "America needs veterans in public office to ensure that we do not forget the vet, as has happened many times in the past. VetPac also promotes a progressive agenda of issues that concern veterans and soldiers."

Krause is vying with Tom Fiegen and Roxanne Conlin for the nomination to face Republican Chuck Grassley.

Marriage not necessary to recognize gay union

Posted on Apr 20, 2010 by Jeff Tecklenburg.

The definition of marriage is spousal. A spouse is a husband (man) or a wife (woman). When they get married, they become mates. Mate means to procreate (father or mother). Allowing same-sex couples a marriage license makes a mockery, a farce, of a real marriage. If they feel the need for a legal document, that's fine, but it doesn't have to be a marriage license.

Forget your political affiliation and vote for who promises to make sure that Iowans get the right to vote on this issue. Don't say this is not important. I believe that widows and widowers, husbands and wives, think it is very important.

Vi Emerson

Marion

Know the facts before attacking gay marriage

Posted on Apr 20, 2010 by Jeff Tecklenburg.

I would like to offer some free, yet unsolicited, advice to the Republican candidates who appear so outraged over the recent legalization of same-sex marriage in Iowa. I understand that you hope this will become a hot-button issue rallying support for your campaign, but you really need to provide valid and compelling reasons to motivate the populous.

Everyone's heard the statements like: "Homosexuals only constitute 3 percent of the population, why should we allow them to redefine the definition of marriage?" and, "We need to protect the sacred institution of marriage as a holy union between one man and one woman."

This may sound OK to many at first, but any reasonable person has to ask, "Shouldn't we focus on eliminating divorce? Criminalizing adultery?" Aren't those the overwhelming adversaries of marriage that need attention? Why focus on the 3 percent when 40 percent to 50 percent of holy heterosexual unions dissolve at such a great cost to society?

And here are a few more free facts for candidates: Some of your neighbors are gay. Some of your family is gay. They vote. They were gay before this law went into effect, and they will continue to be gay even if you're successful in repealing the law (which would mean the end to visitation rights, inheritance laws, security benefits, etc., for same-sex couples). So, please explain why this is so important to you – to Iowa. We want details and they better be compelling and truthful.

Daniel Sitter

Cedar Rapids

Vander Plaats offers education strategy

By Rod Boshart Journal Des Moines Bureau |

DES MOINES — Republican gubernatorial candidate Bob Vander Plaats on Monday issued a K-12 education strategy that calls for more charter schools, more emphasis on local control and high student performance standards.

Vander Plaats, a former business teacher and principal, said he wants to offer expanded school choice by encouraging more charter schools while allowing state aid to follow any student to a new school if their current school is failing to educate them. He also would expand tax credits for parents who choose to educate their children at home or at private schools as a way to promote competition and spur public schools to improve.

The Sioux City business consultant who is making his third gubernatorial bid said he would appoint a state education director and Iowa Board of Education members who are committed to returning control to the local schools and focused on the students, not the bureaucracy. The state Board of Education also will include representatives of private schools and parents who home school their children, he promised.

Vander Plaats said his education leadership strategy would be built on the premise that Iowa “needs to do things differently and it should start by freeing schools from senseless mandates and simplifying their funding.” He said Iowa needs a governor who will lead, set high expectations and get out of the way so local communities can make good decisions for their students and families.

“My goal has always been to increase student performance and further professionalize the teaching profession,” he said. “I want to reignite the teachers’ passion for teaching so our students achieve the highest expectations, preparing them to be bold leaders of our future.”

Vander Plaats said he wants to facilitate “real” charter schools that allow public, private, and nonprofit entities to be the chartering agency. Charter school applications would be approved by the state Board of Education and state per-pupil funding would follow students enrolled in charter schools.

The Sioux City Republican also pledged to set high student performance standards that would place a strong focus on advanced math, science and vocational education, and he would require local schools to report student achievement to the community in a regular, transparent manner.

He also pledged to give more control locally by lifting state educational mandates that don’t relate to student achievement. We also would allow schools to decide how to reach the standards and make core curriculum elements voluntary, not a mandate.

“We can move ahead -- and move ahead by leaps and bounds to the direct benefit of Iowa’s kids -- with higher standards and by freeing our schools from senseless mandates and simplifying their

funding," he said. "Iowa doesn't need the federal government to pay us to innovate. We can innovate on our own and not be tied to federal mandates."

Vander Plaats said he also plans to release his strategy for community colleges, the state's three public universities and private higher education as the campaign progresses.

Health care reform dominates King meeting

By Bret Hayworth -

SIoux CITY -- When Iowa 5th District Congressman Steve King met with constituents for a town hall meeting Monday, it was as if the eight months since his August session had been merely an intermission.

At both events, at Western Iowa Tech Community College, the majority of Northwest Iowans in attendance indicated strong criticism for federal health care reform.

One huge difference marked Monday's discussion, however -- health care reform, still under debate in August, is now the law of the land.

It's a law King, a four-term Republican from Kiron, wants to repeal. That effort, however, has scant odds of success in a chamber controlled by Democrats. Nonetheless, when King expressed his desire to repeal the bill, a strong three-fourths of Monday's audience burst into applause.

Wearing an American-flag-print shirt, R. Doc Zortman, of Sioux City, referenced the August discussion about "death panels," a supposed reform element critics said would subject elderly Americans to rationed care at the end of life. Zortman said he foresees rationing of health care with the new law, such as a person with a hip injury being told the injury isn't severe enough to warrant prompt treatment.

King said Zortman may have given the best recitation on the possibilities of health care rationing he's heard.

"I don't want the government to make these decisions," King said.

Jim Rixner, who heads the Siouxland Mental Health Center in Sioux City, was the only speaker to tell King he supports the new reform law. Rixner said he likes the portion that allows people up to age 26 to remain on their parents' health insurance policy and the part whereby insurance companies can no longer deny medical coverage due to pre-existing conditions. He said the pre-existing condition clauses were particularly vexing for people with mental illnesses.

King said he opposes "Obamacare" and told Rixner he doesn't support the two portions Rixner found most beneficial, including the age-limit change.

"I want my kids to grow up and take care of themselves," King said.

He said he doesn't support making insurance companies move away from denying coverage based

on pre-existing conditions. King said an Iowa program, whereby people with pre-existing conditions can buy into a special health plan, is a better way to go. That might come at costly premiums, King said, but those with the pre-existing conditions have found the plan to be worthwhile, since they can get treatment.

"Everyone in this country has health care, even if they have to show up in the emergency room," King said.

He said a better approach is for states to individually reform health care rather than having the big federal plan, which has a price tag of \$940 billion over 10 years.

"One size fits all takes away our freedom and liberty," King said.

Foreign policy and immigration reform also got a major airing Monday as King answered 10 questions over an hour. The congressman said the Obama administration is pushing a "comprehensive amnesty" for those who live illegally in America without citizenship status. He contended Obama is waiting to see if there is "political juice" to push immigration reform through in 2010.

Heath Reinke, of Spirit Lake, told King he was concerned that Obama had weakened America's stance internationally by signing a nuclear reduction treaty with Russia earlier this month and failing to support Israel with the strength of past administrations. Reinke said Obama is "castrating America" and the crowd tittered when he questioned the president's motives.

"I just wonder where the president is going with his foreign policy," he said.

Responded King, "The president has not presented a coherent foreign policy."

Troubling facts

By CONNIE JO BERHOW, Buffalo Center [Share](#)

Fifty-three million-plus abortions since 1973.

Our schools are closing; not enough students.

Social Security is going broke; not enough people paying in.

Duh! That's all I have to say.

Latham takes good care of Guard members

The patriotic men and women who serve in the National Guard make an enormous contribution to the well-being of all Americans. That's true when assorted local disasters and emergencies take place. During wartime, Guard members are frequently asked to put civilian pursuits on hold to augment the

important work of the active military.

Making sure that inappropriate bureaucratic rules don't prevent Guard members who spend time on active duty from receiving benefits to which they should be entitled has been a priority for U.S. Rep. Tom Latham. In 2008, the Iowa Republican, who represents the 4th Congressional District, authored legislation to bring retirement benefits for Guard members with active duty service more in line with those received by full-time military personnel.

Unfortunately, a glitch developed in implementation that prevented Guard members whose active service fell within two fiscal years from easily getting full retirement credit. Latham has now teamed with U.S. Rep. Dan Boren, D-Okla., to introduce legislation to correct the statutory loophole.

"The role of the Guard and Reserve has changed immensely in the last decade," Latham said in a statement announcing this initiative. "These soldiers play a central role in our military operations overseas, and we owe it to them to make sure their retirement benefits reflect the incredible sacrifices they make. This bill simply removes a technical glitch that is keeping some Guard members from the retirement benefits they've earned."

Latham is an exceptionally talented member of the U.S. House of Representatives. His aggressive, bipartisan work on this issue is an excellent example of his commitment to serve not only his constituents, but all Americans.

The Messenger salutes this outstanding congressman.

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Bram, I understand your rush! Thanks for the great information.

And I thoroughly enjoyed getting to meet you in person and chat. Thank you for taking the time.

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Hi, Jim – I apologize: I lost this email in the rush last week, and just noticed it.

I almost ALWAYS consult with the office experts, but MOST of the time they help me nail down what I can say for the office on the topic, either in an interview for TV or radio, to the reporter on phone, or in reply by email. (This is aside from the many times we arrange for Tom to do the TV interview or speak directly with a reporter.)

SOMETimes I ask our other hands-on person / expert to speak directly with media, but not too often. E.g., Bill Brauch often will speak for Consumer Protection. Also, our criminal prosecutors often handle media q's directly of course, when they are out doing a trial. Mary Tabor, our Criminal Appeals Director, also talks fairly often with media about our position or our response (or explication) when court decisions come down and media are asking for comment or info.)

Those are the main things that come to mind, Jim. Good question. Case-by-case decision, ultimately.

Best to you.

Bram

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Brammer, Robert [AG]

From: Brammer, Robert [AG]
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2010 4:22 PM
To: Tabor, Eric [AG]
Subject: FW: Opening

FYI, ET

I told Nancy I would pass this on to you.

Bram

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Thanks for the cordial message, Nancy.
I will share with Eric Tabor re Jim Flans

It's always a pleasure to work closely with you. And especially sweet when we win one!

Best to you.

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From: Flansburg, Jim [Jim.Flansburg@PPHeartland.org]
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2010 9:39 AM
To: Tabor, Eric [AG]
Subject: Hey Eric

Hi Eric.

Just checking in to 1) ensure my package got there; and 2) inquire what time frame you are operating under for interviews, etc.

Jim Flansburg | Director of Communications

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Tabor, Eric [AG]

From: Tabor, Eric [AG]
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2010 2:43 PM
To: 'Flansburg, Jim'
Subject: RE: Inquiry

Jim – Thanks for the email and interest in the office. We are advertising the position tomorrow in the DMR and would welcome a cover letter and resume from you.

Thanks again. Eric

Eric J. Tabor

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From: Flansburg, Jim [mailto:Jim.Flansburg@PPHeartland.org]
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2010 8:20 AM
To: Tabor, Eric [AG]
Subject: Inquiry

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