

include 18 organizations that have put resources, staff and funding toward achieving health equity for the queer community. The conference, in its third year, has served as a place where providers can receive information on the best practices to effectively serve sexual minorities community and is an opportunity for social service organizations to come together to strategize and effectively address community health.

The eighth annual Public Health Heroes awards ceremony recognized the contributions of community members like Lashua who have protected and promoted the health of Multnomah County residents.

In conjunction with the National Public Health Week theme, "Climate Change: Our Health in the Balance," Bradbury's presentation focused on how climate change affects Oregonians. Trained by former Vice President Al Gore, Bradbury promoted policy solutions to global warming.

CAP Executive Director Resigns

Jean Ann Van Krevelen surprised her staff at

Cascade AIDS Project when she resigned April 16 as executive director.

The Oklahoma resident moved to Portland two years ago after leading Regional AIDS Intercommunity Network in Oklahoma City.

"My nephew and niece came to live with me in January, and my partner and I never anticipated we would be parents," said Van Krevelen. "I find myself trying to be a good parent and a good director, and I don't feel I can do both of them well right now."

Van Krevelen wrote about a resurgence of AIDS activism as a guest columnist in *Just Out's* April 4 issue. She said, "We are the right people in the right place at the right time to be the start of a new chapter in the movement that ends AIDS."

Van Krevelen told *Just Out* she will stick around CAP until mid-May while the board searches for an interim executive director. She plans to start a consulting agency in Portland. 10

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Repeal Watch:

Keeping Tabs on Anti-Gay Initiatives

This new column updates readers on the status of right-wing initiatives designed to repeal equal rights laws for sexual minorities in Oregon. For frequent updates, visit www.justout.com.

All signs would indicate that Initiative Petition 144, an attempt to repeal Oregon's domestic partnership law, is dead, according to the insiders and the Web site of Concerned Oregonians, chief organizers behind several anti-gay initiatives.

But in a strategic move, a trio of current and former anti-gay legislators—including state Sen. Gary George, R-Newberg; state Rep. Sal Esquivel, R-Medford; and former state Sen. Marilyn Shannon, R-Brooks—have instead filed a new initiative to repeal the domestic partnerships law, Initiative Petition 146. The secretary of state will accept comments on this initiative through April 22.

The new filing sets Concerned Oregonians, a coalition of right-wing groups such as Restore America and LetOregonVote.com, back almost one month in the petitioning process. The soonest a certified Initiative Petition 146 could reach citizens across the state would be mid-May, which gives petitioners approximately eight weeks to collect 82,769 valid signatures to qualify for the November general election ballot.

Additionally, Initiative Petition 145—which seeks to repeal the Oregon Equality Act, a law banning discrimination against sexual minorities—continues to move ahead in the certification process, with a final ballot title expected by late April. IP 145 could reach citizens by the end of April.

David Crowe, founder and director of Restore America, a "sister" organization to Concerned Oregonians, which is involved in the repeal process, did not return phone calls seeking comment.

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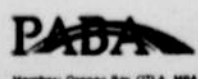
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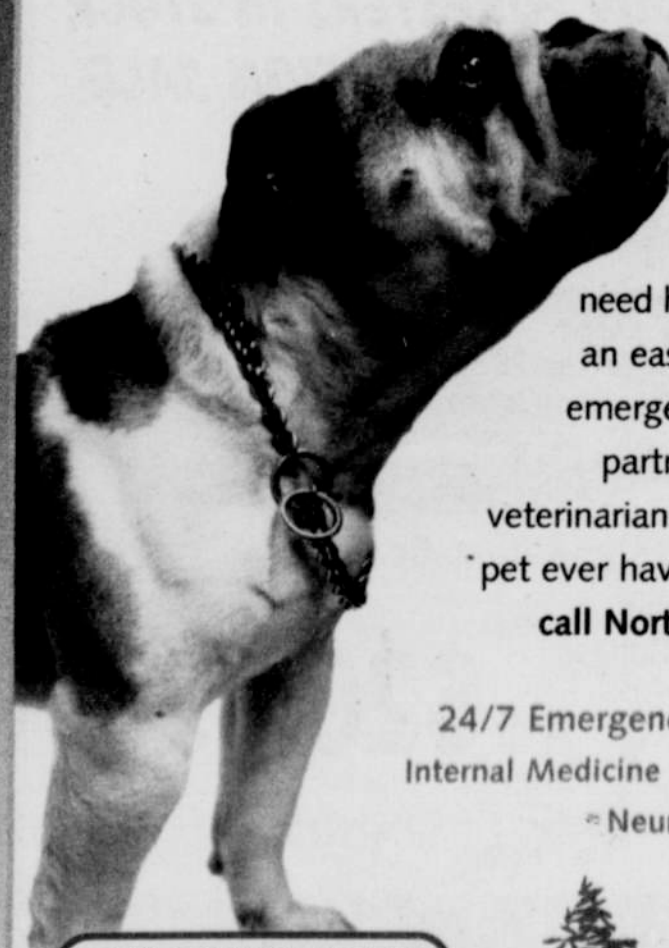
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