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STOP AIDS CEO resigns

Amy McMahan, as of last Thursday, is officially no longer CEO of STOP AIDS.

She says, "I will continue to help out as a volunteer as the agency works towards its new structure, and Todd Rademaker who is the director of Education and Testing will continue to take a leadership role in developing and delivering those services."

She continues, "Loss of grant funding, delayed payment from funders, slow fund-raising environment...are all reasons STOP AIDS can't afford to keep me on as paid staff. I'll continue to help out, but not in my

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STOP AIDS looks forward.

Scott Knox: Ohio Department of Health broke its old rules.

GLBT leaders meet.

John Maddux: Revisionist history

Newsome named to National GLSEN Advisory Committee.

Ron Hirth: "Get to the game".

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previous role."

Sources tell **GLBT News** that for the same "funding" issues all case workers have been laid off

(STOP AIDS stories appeared in our April Print Edition. You can obtain an e.mail copy by sending your e.mail info to MAP@ella.net)

Episcopal group reorganizing

By the Rev. Thomas J. Fehr

I am sending this invitation for Integrity Greater Cincinnati's next gathering to members and friends as well as clergy and wardens in the Greater Cincinnati area.

We had a successful first gathering last month. There were nine people present. Most of the people were new to Integrity and there was a lot of energy in our time together. There was a consensus to meet over the next few months to continue our conversation about resurrecting our Integrity chapter.

To that end, our next gathering will begin with a potluck and end with

Evening Prayer with time for discussion in between. We will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 15 and end no later than 9 p.m. We will meet at Church of Our Saviour, 65 E. Hollister St., Cincinnati, OH 45219 (in the Mt. Auburn area of Cincinnati near UC).

Please share this information with anyone you think might be interested.

Some Gay Couples will not file separate income tax returns

Some same-sex married couples are refusing to file their federal tax returns separately this tax season, as part of a movement

demonstrating that they're no longer content to quietly comply with the federal law that does not recognize same-sex marriage. And in some cases, these taxpayers will pay Uncle Sam more when they do so.

Same-sex couples who have married, or who have a legal status equivalent to marriage in certain states, must still file separate federal returns because the government — and therefore the Internal Revenue Service — defines marriage as a legal union between a man and a woman.

Using that definition, federal tax returns ask taxpayers to check one of five options under their

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filing status: single, married filing jointly, married filing separately, head of household or qualifying widow(er) with dependent child.

Married same-sex partners typically file their own federal returns either as single or, if they qualify, as head of household, which has more favorable rates than the single filing status.

But many same-sex couples contend that filing as single amounts to lying about their marriage status, and that's the message behind the "Refuse to Lie" campaign created by Gay

activists, which is timed to coincide with tax season.

"More people are refusing to lie on those forms, even though the government is telling them to," said Nadine Smith, executive director of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender advocacy group Equality Florida, who plans on filing a joint return with her wife, Andrea. "It would be both dishonest and deeply humiliating to now disavow each other or our marriage and declare ourselves single on our tax form."

Walmart did not discriminate

An appellate court has ruled that Walmart did not discriminate against the religious freedoms of an employee by firing the woman for caustic anti-

Gay remarks directed at a homosexual coworker.

In September of 2005, a Lesbian employee of a suburban Chicago Walmart was approached by her colleague, Tanisha Matthews. During a break in the overnight shift, Matthews began shouting at the woman, given only as Amy in court documents.

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From the Seventh Circuit Court Ruling:

"Over the next three months, Walmart investigated the incident by interviewing and obtaining statements from employees who were present during the conversation. In her statement, Amy reported that Matthews was 'screaming over her' that God does not accept Gays, they should not 'be on earth,' and they will 'go to hell' because they are not 'right in the head.' Five other employees confirmed that Matthews had said that Gays are sinners and are going to hell."

After the investigation, the Joliet, Illinois Walmart dismissed Matthews for violating the chain's non-discrimination policy, writes **Edge Chicago**, a blog that covers LGBT issues.

Matthews, an Apostolic Christian, responded by filing suit against the company, claiming that her religious beliefs — which, apparently, include vitriolic hatred for Gays — were violated in her firing, **Gay City News** reported.

Huffington Post

Republicans pounce on "Candidate" Obama

With launch of President Barack Obama's re-election campaign, a response from the Republican National Committee was to be expected.

"Hope Isn't Hiring," a new site launched by the RNC includes a page of talking points on social issues, taking aim several times at Obama's record on LGBT equality.

Among the topics are "Despite It Being The Law Of The Land, Obama Refused To Continue To Defend The Defense Of Marriage Act In Court"; "Obama Repealed Don't Ask Don't Tell While U.S. Troops Are Still On The Battlefield"; and "Obama Opposed California's Prop 8 And Has Expanded Government Recognition Of Same-Sex Couples."

Regarding the government recognition of same-sex couples, the RNC specifically targets hospital visitation rights, noting "Obama Issued an Executive Order Allowing Same Sex Couples Hospital Visitation Rights."

The RNC also claims in that section of the new site that "Obama Has Been Acting On Policy Recommendations From The Human Rights Campaign Since Taking Office."

HRC's president, Joe Solmonese, responded quickly, saying in a statement, "It's just mind-boggling that with all of the challenges that face us as Americans, the Republican Party apparatus would resort to this demeaning fundraising stunt....."



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