

CONGRESSIONAL INACTION FAILS PEOPLE WITH AIDS

With congressional elections just two weeks away, AIDS advocates in Washington are still reeling from a difficult 103rd Congress. The session left a number of HIV/AIDS-related concerns, from health care reform to the Ryan White CARE Act, battered and bruised.

"When members of Congress returned to their home districts last week, they left behind a string of unfinished business that will adversely affect people living with HIV/AIDS," reports Daniel T. Bross, AIDS Action executive director. "Despite some gains in AIDS funding, partisan politics kept much AIDS-related legislation from taking significant advances."

Funding for AIDS programs received modest gains for 1995 in the Labor/Health and Human Services appropriations bill passed by Congress on September 28. As the appropriations process came to a close, federal AIDS funding for prevention, care, research and housing increased by \$172 million, a 6.7% increase over 1994 funding levels, bringing the total for federal AIDS funding to \$2.7 billion.

"While the final figures for all AIDS programs do not match those originally sought by AIDS Action and other AIDS advocates, they do represent crucial increases over last year's funding levels. Such increases

are significant in light of formidable budgetary constraints faced this year," commented AIDS Action Deputy Executive Director Christine Lubinski. AIDS Action sought a 40% increase to meet the need presented by the growing epidemic. "We worked harder this year to get fewer dollars and we're concerned that it's going to be even tougher to get even modest increases in AIDS funding next year," Lubinski added.

While immersed in a multi-faceted funding battle, AIDS Action also joined AIDS advocates from around the country to push for early reauthorization, or renewal, of
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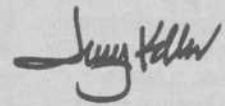
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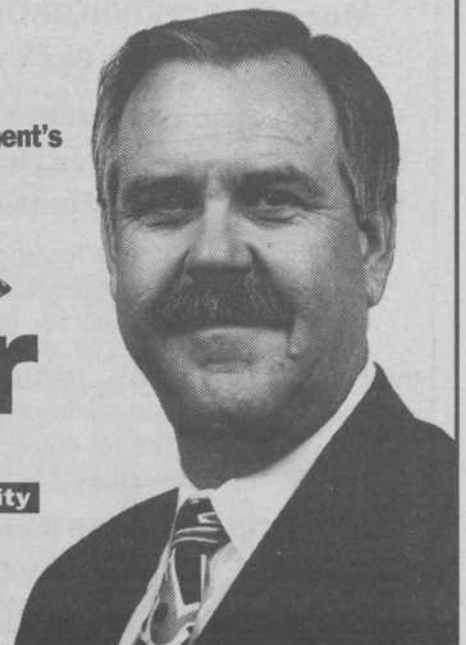
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FREE FLU SHOT CLINIC SCHEDULED

With the flu season just around the corner, Keith Bassett, President of Catholic Community Services, announced recently that Southwest Medical Associates, in cooperation with

Catholic Community Services, will once again conduct its annual FREE FLU SHOT CLINIC for homeless and economically at risk individuals. The clinic will be held at St.

Vincent's Plaza on October 27, 1994, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

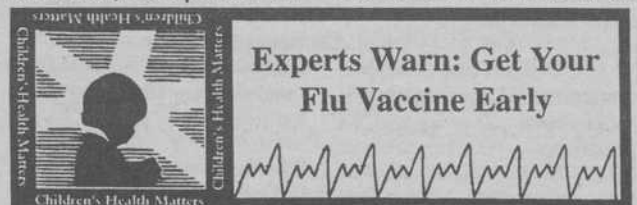
Shots will be made available to residents of St. Vincent's, The Shade Tree Shelter for women and children, Crossroads Shelter, Women's Development Center, Salvation Army and Temporary Assistance for Domestic Crisis Center. In addition, those who receive meals and assistance from St. Vincent's will be eligible for the immunization.

Jerry Reeves, M.D., President of Southwest Medical
(See Free Flu Clinic, Page 28)

ASTHMA CAMP

As Thanksgiving nears, many of us will reflect on our blessings. One of the most precious of these is our health...

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Experts Warn: Get Your Flu Vaccine Early

(DM)—Higher than normal rates of hospitalization and greatly increased death rates due to pneumonia and influenza during last winter's flu season reinforces the need for everyone -- especially senior citizens, those with respiratory ailments, and people with compromised immune systems, such as organ transplant recipients and AIDS patients as well as children undergoing chemotherapy -- to immunize early this year, according to Dr. Robert Webster of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.



Patient Ashley Johnson, age 7, receiving vaccination.

This year's predominant flu strains are predicted to be like A/Texas/91 (H₁N₁), A/Shangdong/93 (H₃N₂) and B/Panama/90.

"Immunity from the virus takes approximately 30 days to develop, and the vaccine usually is not effective if given after a person has been exposed to the disease. These are two of the main reasons we encourage people to get inoculated sooner, rather than later," said Dr. Webster.

Influenza shots are readily available through city and state health departments and private physicians nationwide every fall and winter.

Dr. Webster, who leads the virology and molecular biology department at St. Jude and is director of the World Health Organization's Collaborating Center on the Ecology of Influenza Viruses in Lower Animals, is internationally known for his research contributions to antigenic drift and genetic shift in the basic science of influenza viruses. This information is crucial in determining how flu viruses are generated and spread and how they affect children as well as adults.

"Our immune systems weaken as a natural course of aging, so people

over 65 are not only more at risk of catching the flu, they're at a greater risk of developing pneumonia and other serious complications from a bout with the flu," said Dr. Webster.

Influenza can be a very serious disease, especially for children undergoing cancer treatment. The effectiveness of influenza vaccines in children on chemotherapy is lessened because chemotherapy hampers the immune system, and depends on whether or not the child has previously experienced influenza. Also, the type of malignancy, type of chemotherapy and relapse status affect response.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, founded by the late entertainer Danny Thomas, is an internationally recognized biomedical research center dedicated to finding cures for the catastrophic diseases of children. Its work is primarily supported through public funds raised by American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities (ALSAC). All St. Jude patients are treated regardless of their ability to pay, with ALSAC covering all costs beyond those reimbursed by third party insurers, and total costs when no insurance is available.

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