POLITICAL DIGEST.
same-sex marriage

LEGAL

CONSTITUTIONAL BAN

STATUTORY BAN

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

NM Supreme Court will hear gay marriage case on Oct. 23

NJ Superior Court ruled that state must allow gay marriage by Oct. 21

VA filed to overturn ban on gay marriage.
ELECTIONS AT A GLANCE

NEW JERSEY GOVERNORIAL

CHRIS CHRISTIE (R)
Running for re-election to a 2nd term

BARRABAR BUONO (D)

VIRGINIA GOVERNORIAL

KEN CUCINELLI (R)
Current VA Attorney General

TERRY McCAULIFFE (D)
Former Chairman of the DNC

NEW YORK CITY MAYORIAL

JOE LHOTA (R)
Former Deputy Mayor under Rudolph Giuliani

BILL DEBLASIO (D)
Former NYC City Council member

TOMPKINS COUNTY

WANT TO VOTE IN THE NOV. 5 ELECTION?
REGISTER BY OCT. 11 AT TOMPKINSCOUNTYNY.GOV

STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE (14-YEAR TERM)
Two Justices will be elected, and currently, two are running unopposed.

EUGENE FAUGHMAN (R)
JUDITH O’SHEA (R)

COUNTY COURT JUDGE (10-YEAR TERM)

JOSEPH CASSIDY (D)
KELLY DAMM (INDEPENDENT)
STATE BUDGET SHORTFALLS

STATE BUDGET SHORTFALLS (AMOUNT OF MONEY THE STATE NEEDS TO MAKE UP FOR ANNUAL OVERSPENDING) EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE STATE'S ANNUAL BUDGET

- Black: <10%
- Dark Blue: 10 – 15.9%
- Medium Blue: 16 – 20%
- Light Blue: >20%
- Light Gray: NO DATA AVAILABLE
WHAT'S UP WITH...

OBAMACARE?
The Supreme Court ruled that states can decide to accept or reject the medicaid expansion provisions of The Affordable Care Act.

SYRIA?
The United Nations confirmed chemical weapon use in Syria on August 21; the attack killed 1,429 people. President Obama postponed retaliation against the Syrian Government to seek authorization from Congress. On September 14, the US and Russia called for Syria’s arsenal of chemical weapons to be removed or destroyed by mid-2014 and indefinitely stalled the prospect of American airstrikes. Syria has committed to getting rid of its stockpiles of chemical weapons in 9 months and the U.N. Security Council voted unanimously to oblige it to do so. However, the possibility of a U.S. Strike on Syria remains, and depends on whether Syria will hold up its end within the timeline of the US-Russia Accord.

THE SHUTDOWN?
On Saturday, October 5, a bipartisan House majority passed a bill that will pay back wages to furloughed federal employees who have now been home for nearly a week. The vote was 407 to 0 in favor of the bill, and 25 members abstained from the vote.

NATIONAL DEBT?
The U.S. Treasury says it will run out of borrowed money by October 17. The government needs to borrow more in order to repay its loans. Unless the debt ceiling is raised, the U.S. will default on our national debt.