they negotiated with the city in what we thought was good faith, they didn't raise any issues that are in the lawsuit," Katz says.

She and Ammiano authored the legislation because they believe the airline misrepresented its position in order to obtain the airport lease.

Conservatives challenge S.F. ordinance

The American Center for Law and Justice, a firm founded by the Rev. Pat Robertson, is suing to have San Francisco's domestic partner benefits ordinance struck down in federal court.

Benjamin Bull, an attorney with the Washington, D.C.-based center, says the goal of the ordinance is to destroy traditional marriage with whatever arrangements are currently in vogue.

"San Francisco is attempting to force businesses located all across America to adopt its extremist and radical agenda. Its efforts are not only wrong, but unconstitutional," Bull told United Press International.

The lawsuit, filed on behalf of PM&M Electric Inc., is scheduled for a hearing on Aug. 1 in U.S. District Court. The suit claims federal law overrides the local ordinance.

PBS fumbles funding issue

Out at Work, a documentary about issues facing lesbians and gay men on the job, was refused carriage by PBS on the grounds that it violates the network's underwriting guidelines.

The film had been scheduled to air as part of the series *P.O.V.*, a national showcase for independent documentaries. It follows the stories of three sexual minority workers over the course of five years.



In a letter to P.O.V., PBS director of News and Information Programming Sandra Heberer wrote that "PBS' guidelines prohibit funding that might lead to an assumption that individual underwriters might have exercised editorial control over program content—even if, as is clear in this case, those underwriters did not."

Twenty-three percent of the program's \$65,000 budget came from sources the letter defined as "problematical," including ASTRAEA National Lesbian Action Foundation and a number of labor unions.

Critics of PBS' underwriting guidelines say the network aired a documentary funded by the New York Times about its own history, James Reston: The Man Millions Read, and that corporations like Prudential Securities, Met Life and Travelers underwrite the PBS series Wall Street Week and Adam Smith's Money World.

Out at Work is available for purchase and rental. For distribution information, contact Frameline, 346 Ninth St., San Francisco, CA 94103; (415) 703-8650; Frameline@aol.com.

Sperm donor seeks parental rights

Kevin P. Green, 37, a Lincoln Park, Ill., real estate broker who provided his sperm to a woman for a do-it-yourself artificial insemination, has gone to court seeking enforcement of his rights as father of the child, who was born last August.

The defendant, Lynn Alleruzzo, 34, contends

that Green reneged on a promise to let her and her partner adopt the child. She also says Green made it clear he did not want any financial responsibility for the baby.



Green, however, alleges that it was always understood that he would be the child's father and would be involved in parenting.

Lawyers for both parties say the case raises issues never decided by Illinois courts.

One issue is whether the Illinois Parentage Act—which was enacted in 1983 to clarify parental rights where artificial insemination is involved—applies to married couples only.

Questioning strays to gays

Interior Department official Bob Hattoy says his grilling with Whitewater investigators was "something out of the McCarthy era" when questions arose concerning gay men and lesbians in government jobs.

Whitewater prosecutors and an FBI agent probing payments to presidential friend Webster Hubbell reportedly questioned Hattoy for two hours in April about whether he attended any fund-raisers or helped Hubbell's wife get a job at Interior.

Hattoy is the White House liaison for the Interior Department and a gay activist who spoke about living with AIDS at the 1992 Democratic convention.

He told The Associated Press that investigators asked him, "'By the way, one of your jobs was to hire homosexuals in the highest positions in government.' They said, 'Do you think you were successful?'"

Hattoy says the "question was way off the subject. I was appalled. It chilled me. I told them I was very successful, that gays were at the State Department, the Commerce Department, the Interior Department and I think I saw a few coming into the building."

Debbie Gershman, a spokeswoman for Whitewater Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, declined comment.

Clinton issues Pride Proclamation

President Clinton proclaimed June to be Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Employee Awareness Month.

The proclamation stressed the importance of ending discrimination and hate crimes against gay men, lesbians and bisexuals, and urged passage of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which aims to establish federal protections from workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation.

ENDA failed by one vote in the Senate last fall and was recently reintroduced.

The proclamation, which also acknowledged gay men and lesbians who have served openly in the Clinton administration, included the president's personal pledge to "continue striving to foster compassion and understanding, working not simply to tolerate our differences, but to celebrate them."

Clinton is the nation's first chief executive to have issued such a statement.

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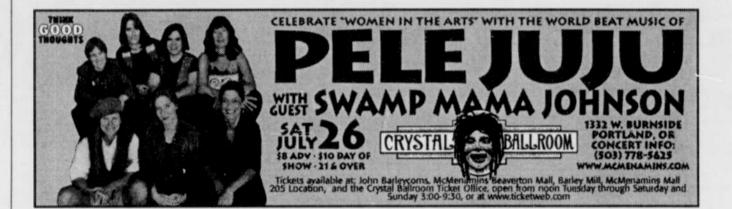


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