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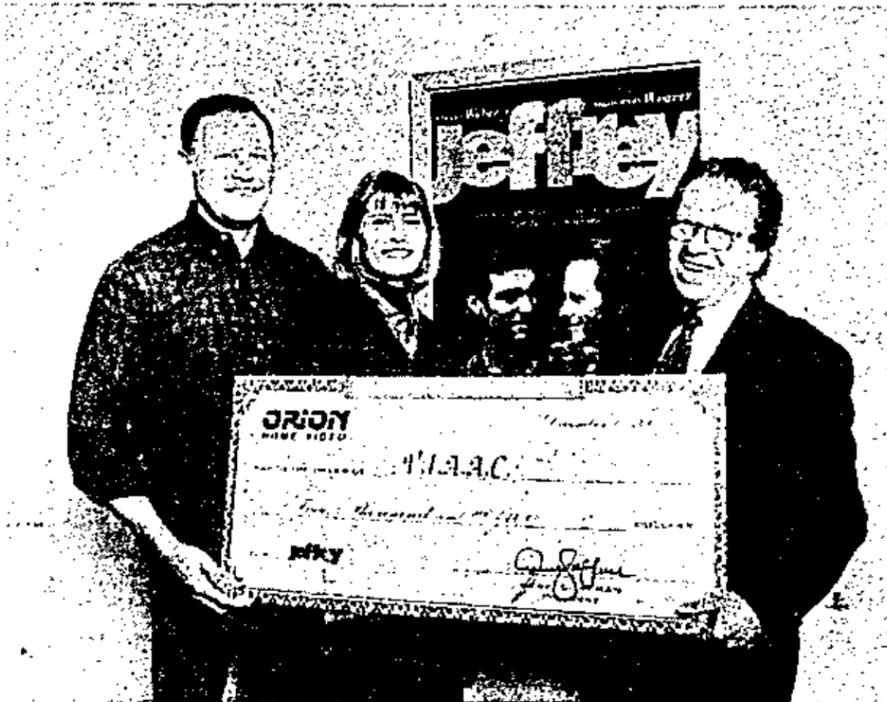
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Orion Home Video Donates \$5,00 To Video AIDS Organization



LOS ANGELES, CA - Orion Home Entertainment President Herb Dorfman (right) presents a \$5,000 check on behalf of Orion Home Video to Jere Rae-Mansfield, 1996 VIAAC (Video Industry AIDS Action Committee) President (center), and Jeff Jenet, VIAAC Treasurer, in commemoration of World AIDS Awareness Day. Orion Home Video will release the AIDS-related feature film, "Jeffrey," in February 1996. See related story below.

'Jeffrey' Video Debut Feb. 13, 1996

LOS ANGELES, CA - Orion Home Video announced that "Jeffrey," the feature film version of Paul Rudnick's award winning off Broadway play, will make its debut in the home video marketplace on February 13, 1996.

"Jeffrey" was released by Orion Classics in the theatrical market in August 1995 to critical acclaim and sell out crowds in major cities throughout the United States. The film broke box office records in New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Herb Dorfman, president of Orion Home Entertainment said, "We believe there will be a huge demand for 'Jeffrey' at video stores, thanks to the tremendous reception the film received within the Gay population of this country."

"We are supporting this video release with an extensive advertising and public relations program directed at the Gay media nationwide. In fact, we have established a worldwide web site to promote the video - <http://www/datalounge.com/jeffrey>. We are even releasing 'Jeffrey' one day prior to St. Valentine's Day."

"Jeffrey" is an uproariously funny and often touching exploration of love and intimacy in the '90s. It is the story of

Jeffrey (Steven Weber), a young Gay actor/writer who, having decided to become celibate when the risk of AIDS has taken all the joy out of sex, finally meets "Mr. Right" (Michael T. Weiss as Steve) and struggles with the issues of dating, love and commitment.

In addition to Weber ("Single White Female," "The Temp," TV's "Wings") and Weiss who makes his feature film debut in the film, "Jeffrey" stars Patrick Stewart ("Star Trek: Generations", "LA Story"); Bryan Batt (Broadway's "Cats", "Sunset Boulevard"); Sigourney Weaver (the "Alien" trilogy, "Working Girl," "Ghostbusters"); Kathy Najimi ("Sister Act"); Christine Baranski (TV's "Cybill"); Nathan Lane ("The Lion King", "Frankie & Johnny") and Olympia Dukakis ("Steel Magnolia's", "Moonstruck").

According to screenwriter/producer Paul Rudnick, bringing humor to the devastating tragedy of AIDS was a prime objective in writing the comedy. Jeffrey's humorous exploits from a fantasy game entitled "It's Just Sex!" to a bizarre encounter with Mrs. Marcangelo (Dukakis), the proud mother of a "pre-operative transsexual Lesbian son."

In Entertainment Today, Cathy
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Is There A Santa Claus?

by Cameron Larch

TUCSON - As a result of an overwhelming lack of requests, and with the research help from that renowned scientific journal, SPY Magazine, (January 1990), I am pleased to present the annual scientific inquiry into Santa Claus:

1. No known species of reindeer can fly. But there are 300,000 species of living organisms yet to be classified, and while most of these are insects and germs, this does not completely rule out flying reindeer which only Santa has ever seen.

2. There are two billion children (persons under 18) in the world. But since Santa doesn't appear to handle the Muslim, Hindu, Jewish, and Buddhist children, that reduces the workload to 15% of the total, 378 million according to the Population Reference Bureau. At an average census rate of 3.5 children per household, that's 91.8 million homes. One presumes there's at least one good child in each.

3. Santa has 31 hours of Christmas to work with, thanks to the different time zones and the rotation of the earth, assuming that he travels east to west, which seems logical. This works out to 822.6 visits per second. This is to say that for each Christian household with good children, Santa has 1/1000 of a second to park, hop out of the sleigh, jump down the chimney, fill the stockings, distribute the remaining presents under the tree, eat whatever snacks have been left, get back up the chimney, get back into sleigh, and move on to the next house.

Assuming that each of these 91.8 million stops are evenly distributed around the earth (which, of course we know to be false but for the purposes of our calculations we will accept), we are now talking about .78 miles per household, a total trip of 75 1/2 million miles, not counting stops

to do what most of us do at least once every 31 hours, plus feeding, and etc. This means that Santa's sleigh is moving at 650 miles per second, 300 times the speed of sound. For purposes of comparison, the fastest man-made vehicle on earth, the Ulysses space probe, moves at a poky 27.4 miles per second, a conventional reindeer can run, tops, 15 miles per hour.

4. The payload on the sleigh adds another interesting element. Assuming that each child gets nothing more than a medium sized lego set (two pounds), the sleigh is carrying 321,300 tons, not counting Santa, who is invariably described as overweight. On land, conventional reindeer can pull no more than 300 pounds. Even granting that "flying reindeer" (see point #1) could pull ten times the normal amount, we cannot do the job with eight, or even nine. We need 214,200 reindeer. This increases the payload, not even counting the weight of sleigh, to 353,430 tons. Again, for comparison, this is four times the weight of the Queens Elizabeth.

5. The 353,000 tons traveling at 650 miles per second creates enormous air resistance, this will heat the reindeer up in the same fashion as spacecraft re-entering the earth's atmosphere. The lead pair of reindeer will absorb 14.3 "quintillion" joules of energy, per second. Each, in short, will burst into flame almost instantaneously, exposing the reindeer behind them, and creating deafening sonic booms in their wake. The entire reindeer team will be vaporized within 4.26 thousandths of a second. Santa, meanwhile would be subjected to centrifugal forces 17,000.06 times greater than gravity. A 250 pound Santa, which seems ludicrously slim, would be pinned to the back of his sleigh by 4,315,015 of force.

In conclusion, if Santa ever did deliver presents on Christmas Eve, he's dead now.

Action Alert:

PWAs Face New Year's Threat

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Now that President Clinton has delivered on his promise to veto the Budget Reconciliation Act, the fate of Medicaid, and the lies of people with AIDS who rely on it, remain threatened. All will depend on the details of a new budget compromise taking shape over the next several weeks, so Congress and the president again need to hear from you.

Medicaid is the federal effort that makes health care available to 36 million poor and disabled Americans. Nearly half of all Americans living with AIDS are served by Medicaid, including more than

90 percent of children with the disease.

Urge Congress and the president to preserve Medicaid's guaranteed coverage as a new budget compromise is hammered out. Any proposal to reform Medicaid must maintain the fundamental structure of Medicaid while protecting adequate funding, existing guaranteed eligibility categories, basic benefits and services, accountability and quality of care.

One such proposal is a "per capita cap" which would protect health care and

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UPDATE

Anonymous HIV Testing Sites In Tucson

TUCSON - Here are the anonymous HIV testing sites, their addresses, days and hours and their phone numbers if you have any questions:

Theresa Lee Clinic, 322 S. Freeway. Hours - Monday - Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Thursday, 11:00 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. Phone - 791-7676.

COPASA, 3912 S. 6th Ave. Hours - M-F, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Phone - 749-7156.

TB Clinic, 150 W. Congress. Hours - Tuesday only, 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. Phone - 740-8406.

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The Insiders, 123 S. Stone. Hours - (Office) 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (Drop In) 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Phone - 798-1772.

"Antigone" in Phoenix Jan. 5 - Feb. 3

PHOENIX - Antigone by Sophocles, adapted by Peter Hames Cirino is being presented by planet earth multi-cultural theatre, January 5-February 3 at the Planet Earth Multi-Cultural Theatre, 909 North Third Street in Phoenix.

Lord Creon has declared that no one bury the body of Antigone's brother. Who, in Creon's eyes is an outcast for his sexual preference and for that died dishonorably. This decree goes against the laws of gods. Antigone, daughter of the tragic Oedipus, refuses the decree and proceeds to prepare the body for burial.

The production has been adapted to address modern day issues. Live music, movement and poetry accent the performance. The Greek chorus is consolidated to one character that serves as an advisor to the king. Four Shamen have been added, moving as living statues, to add social commentary on political, moral and historical issues. They are a visage to archetypical women goddesses.

The play will run on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The curtain rises on Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 P.M., and Sunday at 6:00 P.M. Tickets are \$9 general admission, \$7 for students and seniors. For more information call Planet Earth at (602) 241-1828.

"Jingle Bean Raffle '95" Raises \$3,100



Pictures with Teddy Bear (L to R) Jimmy Dawson, David Zinke, Barbara Levy (Executive Director of the Arizona Children's Home) and Rudi Riesgo presenting checks.

TUCSON - The annual "Teddy Bear Raffle", 1995 edition was a great success. The Gay community of Tucson certainly showed depth of their concern for less fortunate children. Congratulations Tucson!

Donations of wall art, sculptures, teddy bears, beans, gift certificates, leather food toys and clothing helped raise over \$1,500 in cash donations to directly assist in providing services for orphaned, abused and disturbed children.

Add to that the value of a truckload of clothing and food delivered by Rudi, David, and Jimmy, and we have a total collection of over \$3,100. Keep up the good work Tucson.

Wingspan Searching For Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Artists

TUCSON - The Wingspan Gallery having just completed its first successful year is searching for artists.

If you are an artist and would like to exhibit your work call Bob MacMahon at 571-8783 or Wingspan 624-1779.

You do not have to be a member of Wingspan to exhibit. The exhibition will run approximately 30 days. Wingspan will honor the artist with a reception on the first Saturday of each month 7 P.M. to 10 P.M. In October the Gallery will exhibit a multi-artists exhibit under the name of the annual OUToberFEST. There will be a jury whom will select pieces and award ribbons.

There some very talented Gay artists and it is hoped they will come forth and allow the rest of the community to enjoy their talents. All months in the year 1996 are open and Wingspan Gallery is here for you!

Two Gay Activists Murdered Suspect Caught

MEDFORD, OR - Two Gay rights activists who have been missing for four days were found dead in the back of a pickup truck.

The bodies of Roxanne Ellis and Michelle Abdill were found in Ellis' canopied pickup truck after a cable TV worker reported the vehicle to authorities. Residents had complained of a foul odor around the truck.

Sgt. Mike Moran said the women died violently, though details were withheld pending autopsies.

Ellis and Abdill disappeared after Ellis was scheduled to show a rental duplex to help Ellis jump start her truck, and neither woman had been seen since.

Later, the truck was parked outside an apartment building, where the cable worker found it.

Police were investigating whether the women's outspoken support of Gay rights led to their deaths. The possibility sent a shiver of fear through the Gay community.

"We have no reason to discount those fears, and we're not," Moran said.

Ellis and Abdill, who lived and worked together, had received threats. The two had given TV and newspaper interviews during campaigns to defeat statewide anti-Gay rights measures in recent years.

But a week later, a SWAT team converged on a motel and arrested a 27 year old man in the slaying of the two activists.

Robert James Acremant was jailed pending extradition on charges of murdering the two.

A phone tip had led police to a Motel 6 in the central California city, where Acremant had registered under his own name and had parked a U-Haul Van, said police Sgt. Billy Wykert. Acremant surrendered without incident.

The father of Acremant, Kenneth Acremant, said his son snapped under business and personal pressure and shot the women in a botched robbery attempt after killing another person.

Unchecked AIDS Forecast

KAMPALA, Uganda - An international AIDS conference in Kampala ended with a dismal forecast: The killer disease is likely to spread virtually unchecked for years to come.

"This disease is here to stay for some time," said Ibrahim Samba, Africa regional director of the World Health Organization.



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HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON
 by Raul Almeraz

Happy holidays everyone! Hope everyone is filled with holiday cheer. There are so many parties and so little time. 'Tis the season.

First on the agenda is the meeting and the Christmas Jamboree. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. Topic of discussion was communicating to the general membership. Well hopefully by now all have received your letter from our president Richard Gerardi, application for renewing your membership, and also the calendar of events for the next three months. Granted this seems to be a point of interest for many, and hopefully we will be able to continue this mailing process. If anyone has not received this information, please contact the AGRA hotline so we can update your mailing address and have one immediately sent out to you.

Also at this meeting, the elections for Vice President and Fund Raising Director were held. Bill Darnell was elected Vice-President and yours truly, Raul Almeraz was elected Fund Raising director. Also nominated for Vice President were Bobby Harris and Frank Meyers. Yours truly ran unopposed. Let me say now, I along with everyone else on the board will need everyone's help with fund raising and supporting the events. If there is no support, there is no funds, and there will be no rodeo.

We the board would like to extend a big thanks to all who did come out to participate at the membership meeting and helped support Christmas Jamboree at the Graduate. It was a great time. Also thanks to Art Lewis and his staff for hosting our event and being so accommodating.

Our very own Terri Ludlam was demoted from being AGRA's Miss Merry Christmas, to being just one of Santa's elves. She lost her crown and sash and was reissued a Santa hat. Gold lamme of course. Go figure.

The ornament sale is doing well and there are only a few ornaments left. So get yours soon, because after this week there will be no more available. The 50/50 raffle was won by Terry Delaney. The total was \$66.00 and Terry walked away with \$33.00 in his pocket for Christmas shopping.

scheduled to go on the Winterhaven hayride this Friday, December 22, we will be meeting at 7:00 P.M. and then caravan over for the ride. Dress warm ladies. Get those rabbit fur earmuffs out of the closet and bundle up. It is going to be a chilly night. Hopefully we'll be lit enough not to feel the cold (or is that lighted?). I'm sure Barney or Addison will be happily to correct me.

Events in the works are a rummage sale in mid-January. So be sure to call the AGRA hotline so arrangements can be made to receive your donated treasures. The Rodeo Romance Valentines Day Dance is scheduled for February 9 at the Southwest Center for Music. If there is anyone who would be interested in helping out with any events please call the AGRA hotline. We can always use the help. I personally am looking for volunteers for assistance on my fund raising committee.

Current members, please do not forget that deadline for renewing your membership is December 31 and your dues of \$20 must be paid in full along with the application to the AGRA post office box or submitted to any AGRA Tucson board member.

Another reminder to all interested, AGRA-Phoenix rodeo is scheduled for January 12-14. Hope to see everyone there who can make it.

Just for your info, Home On the Range will be taking a week off. The AGRA Board would like to take this time to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Please have a safe holiday because we want to see everyone back next year feeling great and ready for rodeo. Until next time, have fun and play safe.

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NEW YORK, NY - The Seventh Annual Gypsy of the Year Competition raised \$1,213,083 for Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, the most ever raised for a single BC/EFA fund raising event in history.

The show, which took place at the Virginia Theatre, marks the finale of a six week fund raising effort of Broadway and Off-Broadway companies for Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS.

The Absolut Theatre Award goes to the company which raised the most money. This year's winner was Victor/Victoria, which brought in a whopping \$115,500. The musical, which officially opened five weeks ago, raised their winning total in an amazing three weeks.

There was a tie for the first runner-up between Miss Saigon and The

7th Annual Gypsy of the Year Competition Raises Over \$1.2 Million to Fight AIDS

Phantom of the Opera, each raising \$90,000. The second runner up was also a tie between Show Boat and Sunset Boulevard, which both raised \$89,000. The third runner up was Les Miserables which raised a total of \$84,000.

For the first time this year, a new award, The Ain't Off-Broadway Grand Award, was given to the Off-Broadway company raising the most money. This year's recipient was Sylvia, raising a total of \$12,800.

The Gypsy of the Year Award is given to the show with the best presentation. This year's winner was Victor/Victoria, with a dazzling dance presentation by cast members, Arte Phillips and

Pascale Faye. Other highlights of the event, hosted this year by The Tempest's Mario Cantone included:

Patrick Stewart and Carol Burnett were on hand to announce the winners.

Betty Buckley and the Sunset Boulevard Company present a jazzy rendition of the song, "The Greatest Start of All".

The irrepressible Carol Channing and the Company of "Hello, Dolly!", performed a series of parodies of Channing as other popular Broadway characters including Grizabella, the Phantom, Belle, Fantine, and, of course, Norma Desmond.

Also from the Victor/Victoria Company, Anne Runolfsson performed a medley of Mira and Town Without Pity.

Jon Secada and the Company of Grease performed the pop hit, "Coming Out of the Dark."

In total, more than 320 people from 18 Broadway and Off-Broadway shows participated in this year's competition.



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MEDIA MUSH! Time Magazine this past week named House Speaker Newt Gingrich as their "Man of the Year."

[Can we say its Time to cancel our subscriptions!]

AZSHAM A GO! Arizona's sham Republican presidential primary, where only a minority will vote, while the majority pays the \$2 million dollar bill for it, received the okie-dokie from the U.S. Justice Department. [Janet Reno must have been on vacation!]



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POLITICS '95

by Mark R. Kerr

"But Burlap Chafes Me!"

Secretary of State Jane Dee "In it for a bigger pension" Hull commented, "We are free and clear for our presidential primary." [Right, you vote and we pay Miss Thing!]

Democrats had filed a protest over the primary because party by-laws exclude them from participating, since no national delegates can be picked before the first Tuesday in March. [March good! February bad!] And since Arizona has violated the Voting Rights Act, [And this isn't!], the state had to get approval from the feds to change election law. [They changed it for the worse. Can we say poll tax!]

MISGUIDED FIFE: Of course Arizona's soap opera, starring Governor J. Fife Whitebread III (R-Mercado), continues with trusts and decorating bills!

This past week, Whitebread's personal, [political and moral as well I say!], bankruptcy hearing in the "Evil City of the North" goes on with the Fifer losing a big one.

Over the objections of Whitebread's "mouthpieces", the federal bankruptcy judge [You go girl!] is allowing the attorney for the union pension funds, [the ones who got screwed by Fife's Mercado venture.], to look at Whitebread's trust fund records. [Yes, we have a plot twist, a big plot twist!]

U.S. District Judge George Neilson said Michael Manning, attorney for the pension funds, can subpoena documents from the Pennsylvania banks where his Fifeness has trusts he said were set up by his grandfather, [Who'll be portrayed by Bob Barker!].

The records will include not only deposits and withdrawals but also any justification Whitebread gave for seeking proceeds for his personal use. [Like running for Governor perhaps? Cue dramatic music!]

twist", depending upon what Manning finds, [and up to the writers], the ruling could give the pension funds and other creditors access to the funds, moolah his Fifeness says can't be used to settle his debts. [Or can it!]

His Fifeness, in a rambling soliloquy, said, "that he generally can't touch the proceeds other than to get scheduled 'distribution'". Thus they're off limits. But wait! Whitebread admitted during an earlier court hearing that he has receive unscheduled distributions from the trustees. [Ooh! Cue dramatic music!]

The pension funds lawyer, Manning wants to show that Whitebread has the ability to take the moolah at will, undermining Fifer's claim to the creditors, "Can't Touch This!" Manning is also looking for records of any deposits that could be used to show that his Fifeness put personal funds into the trust to hide them. [Fife would do that? We all know the answer to that question!]

Whitebread was in hot water later in the week over a newspaper story which alleged that the governor has spent almost twice the budget for renovation his office in the state capitol. [Shopping at WalMart were we?. Not!]

The Fifer, on his Diversion Tour '95, said on Phoenix radio that the allegations in the story were lies. Fife also said that the costs, \$1.7 million allocated by the State Circus, were to make his office "livable". His Fifeness rambled on, "[It's not over budget. It's a lie. Adding the figures together is a massive distortion of the truth." [And you're not? So, how much did you pay for the carpet and drapes dear? Enquiring minds want to know!]

And the story continues....

"WHEW!": The Circus, a.k.a. the State Legislature wrapped up their special session ram-rodging five bills through which his Fifeness signed during his diversion tour.

session made changes in the financial disclosure requirements for groups and individuals sponsoring initiatives and referendums. An original provision of the bill would have made paid circulators collecting signatures wear badges saying such. This provision was dropped after protest by legislators. [Some of the bozos up there finally admitted they're not virgins when it comes to paid circulators and their petitions!]

BIG HOLE SORTA OPEN: The Department of Interior and the state have reached an agreement to keep one of Arizona's famous "holes", the Grand Canyon open during the federal government shutdown. The state will pay \$17,000 a day to keep most of the park operating.

[Too bad, we could have seen his Fifeness and his "black shirts" invade the park again, costing taxpayers bucks and costing the public time reading, listening or watching the debacle!]

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entrance by Santa himself and you've got one fun evening in store.

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Our family would like to take this special time of the year to thank you for your friendship and support of us and the MPS Society. Please join us as we celebrate the holiday season with a festive evening of fun and entertainment. If you have any questions call Natalie or Beth at 747-7426.



TUCSON - On Thursday, Dec. 21, there will be a benefit show for the MPS Society. It will be a very unusual show as it will feature, for the first time, in a public appearance the "Norman Tabernacle Choir". The group is pictured above and their appearance will certainly raise more than a few eyebrows during their "performance". See related story below.

by Beth Tullis

TUCSON - As the trial of "The People vs. Kathy Mayer" dragged on, the poor jurors were sequestered for months. They were not allowed to talk about the trial so they sang, sang, and sang.

When the trial was over, the book offers were slow coming in and no other

deals were in sight. But alas, Rick Norman, not one to let an opportunity slip by, decided to form the "Norman Tabernacle Choir". After a little coaxing, perhaps a little bribing and yes, a few beers, the "Norman Tabernacle Choir" has agreed to do their first public appearance for the National MPS Society Christmas Party to be held on Thursday, December 21, 1995 at 8:30 P.M. at IBT's. There will be no

charge for admission to this "unique" event.

Lucinda Holliday (how appropriate) will be your MC for the evening with special guest appearances by Marilyn, Madonna and Barbra, and the, the live vocals of Sasha should certainly ring your bells. Add to that the tapping of Nancy Norman's "twinkle toes" and a grand

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Pin Me Down	10.0	6.0	18954
Tres Amigos	9.0	7.0	21068
Noisy Poisons	9.0	7.0	20693
Stray Cats	8.5	7.5	20235
Triple T	8.0	8.0	20872
Seaweeds	7.5	8.5	18562
2 Peas & A Pod	6.0	10.0	19984
HITT'ers	6.0	10.0	19065
Double Stuff	5.0	11.0	19905
Twelve	3.0	13.0	20120
Bee Bytes	2.5	13.5	18035

High Average: April D., 147; Mark K., 206; Rubber Queens 536.

High Series Scratch: April D., 510; Mark K., 726; Rubber Queens, 1866.

High Series Handicap: April D., 687; Mark K., 762; Rubber Queens, 2028.

High Game Scratch: April D., 200; Jeffrey T., 279; Triple T, 658.

High Game Handicap: April D., 259; Mark K., 298; Triple T, 733.

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Looney Tunes	10.5	1.5	39999
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Ooh Sh*t!	5.0	7.0	40259
Pigs R Us	4.0	8.0	39467
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High Average: Ann R., 170; Jack S., 190; Too Much 773.

High Series Scratch: Ann R., 566; Ray A., 648; Ooh Sh*t!, 2579.

High Series Handicap: Hilda C., 648; Ray A., 693; Ooh Sh*t!, 3038.

High Game Scratch: Ann R., 223; Ray A., 288; Too Much, 877.

High Game Handicap: Jackie M., 256; Ray A., 303; Pigs R Us, 1066.

DESERT COYOTES STILL HAVE OPENINGS

TUCSON - There are still openings available on Tucson's Gay and Lesbian Wednesday bowling league, The Desert Coyotes.

The Desert Coyotes Bowling League bowls, as mentioned, on Wednesdays at 9:00 P.M. at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile. The league consists of teams of three persons. The cost to bowl is \$8 per week.

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SHOOTIN AROUND TOWN by Wayne Steele

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PERSPECTIVE....

by Bettina Boxall

Few Gays Using Law That Bars Gay Bias

LOS ANGELES, CA - It was a measure born of controversy, preceded by intense conservative opposition, a gubernatorial veto and noisy Gay protests.

Yet for all the clamor, California's new law barring job discrimination against Gays and Lesbians has had remarkably quiet beginnings.

Gays who filled the streets to demand job protections have not flocked to file discrimination complaints. Predictions that bias claims would disrupt business and clog the court have not come to pass.

Only 159 sexual orientation discrimination claims were submitted last year to the state, compared with the more than 15,000 filed by Californians alleging job bias because of race, gender, national origin and the like.

There are no figures on the number of Gay discrimination lawsuits filed statewide in civil courts, but attorneys indicate that the volume is modest. "I don't see any explosion of litigation," said Victor Schachter, a senior partner in a San Francisco law firm that represents employers.

Representatives of two of the state's major business groups, the California Chamber of Commerce and the California Manufacturers Association, say their members have not complained about the regulations.

That record of calm runs counter to the fierce ideological debate that has turned anti-discrimination protections for Gays into a stubbornly contentious issue from coast to coast.

Referendums barring Gay rights laws have gone before voters in several states, and the U.S. Supreme Court is considering the constitutionality of one such measure approved in Colorado. President Clinton recently entered the fray when he became the first chief executive to endorse a long stalled congressional proposal to outlaw anti-Gay job discrimination nationally.

It took proponents more than a decade to make California one of nine states that prohibit employment discrimination against homosexuals.

The legislation, which took effect in 1993, was signed by Governor Pete Wilson a year after he vetoed an earlier proposal as being anti-business, setting off weeks of raucous street demonstrations by Gay men and Lesbians.

The compromise bill did not create a new body of law but instead wrote into statute earlier legal opinions holding that homosexuals were protected from job discrimination under the state Labor Code. The act exempts religious organizations and private employers with no more than five workers. It additionally prohibits the use of quotas or "other such affirmative action."

Gay rights proponents complain that by funneling sexual orientation claims through the labor commissioner's office, the law places Gays at a comparative disadvantage with other protected groups, who pursue their job bias complaints under the state Fair Employment and

Housing Act.

In particular, advocates say that the Labor Code's 30 day filing deadline is unfair, and a key reason that more sexual orientation complaints are not filed with the state.

"That is a very big problem," said Larry Brinkin, who coordinates the Gay and AIDS unit of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission. "It's pretty rare that people realize what happened to them, know how the law works and can file in 30 days."

Members of other protected categories have a year from the date of alleged job discrimination to file under the fair employment act.

Moreover, to win a case before the labor commissioner, a complainant has to meet a higher standard of proof than before the fair employment commission.

Regardless of the law's specifics, Gay rights attorneys say there is another, overarching issue that discourages homosexuals from filing claims and makes it harder to prove their cases: the closet.

"It's still not easy to come out as Gay or Lesbian even if there's a law protecting you," said San Francisco attorney Paul Wotman, who has handled several pioneering Gay discrimination cases. "There's still prejudice out there. If you identify yourself, people feel it limits their opportunity for the future."

Others offer a different explanation for the modest volume of claims.

"I think quite frankly...it would seem to me perhaps the Gay community was arguing there was a greater amount of discrimination than there is," said Robert Millman, managing partner in the Los Angeles office of a large management and labor law firm. "It's not a big issue. People would like to suggest that it is, but I don't think it is."

Gay rights advocates respond that just as it took years and Anita Hill's high profile allegations against Clarence Thomas to bring sexual harassment out of the work closet, so too will it take for sexual orientation discrimination to emerge from the office underground.

"I don't think the low number of complaints made...is in any way a reflection of the prevalence of the problem," said Los Angeles attorney Carla Barboza. "On the contrary, the law is still so new and we still have such a long way to go in terms of awareness and consciousness."

Sometimes, those responsible for enforcing the law haven't even been aware of it.

Attorney Frank Radoslovich says that when his three clients first went to a Sacramento field office to file a complaint last year, the labor commissioner's staff did not what they were talking about and handed them a wage claim form.

They wound up filing a lawsuit in state court last summer, deciding, like many others claiming bias, that even if they won, they would not get what they wanted from the labor office.

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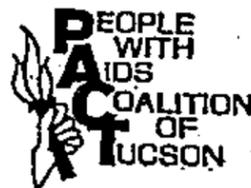
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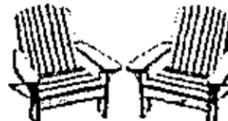


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by Frank E.G. Gallego

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Grandfather, Great Spirit, all over the world the faces of living ones are alike. With tenderness they have come up out of the ground. Look upon your children, with children in their arms, that they may face the winds and walk the good road to the day of quiet.

Grandfather, Great Spirit, fill us with the light. Give us the strength to understand and the eyes to see. Teach us to walk the soft earth as relatives to all that live.

Help us, for without you we are nothing.

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Christmas is the day when we celebrate the wonderful gift which God has given to each one of us. His son Jesus came to earth in the form of a baby so that he could live among people, grow up to be a man, and "when the time had fully come...redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons." (Galatians 4:4) How did he redeem unrighteous, to bring you to God." (I Peter 3:18) It is impossible to talk about what Christmas means without talking about Christ's death and resurrection which we celebrate during the Easter season. You see, if Jesus was just another baby, born to a Jewish peasant woman some 2000 years ago, destined to live his life uneventfully then die, there would be no reason to celebrate his birth this Christ-

mas. But because he came to earth with the specific purpose of dying to pay the penalty for every person's sins, we can say this Christmas season, "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" (II Corinthians 9:15)

Do you remember the message I received about the merchandise I thought wasn't for me, couldn't possibly be for me, and therefor ignored? Perhaps you are thinking that this wonderful gift which we celebrate at Christmas isn't for you. Maybe you think that God's gift is just for certain people, like the "good" ones or those who work hard at church. If so, you have misunderstood the message, just like I did, because, "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life!" (John 3:16) And just as I received another message about my gift, God is giving you another message today about his gift of life to you! I can't guarantee how long God will keep his gift of life to you! I can't guarantee how long God will keep his gift of life available, because it appears that the time is drawing very near and Jesus will return to take all his family home to Heaven to live with him forever. When that happens it will be too late for those behind to receive the salvation that is being offered to you today. Just as the merchandise at the store was mine from the moment my name was drawn, yet I couldn't have it until I accepted it, so salvation is yours today, but if you do not accept it you will never receive it and all the benefits which it brings. Do not wait for another message from God! Receive his gift of salvation through Jesus today!

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IBT'S - 8:30 p.m. MPS Christmas Party with the 'Norman Tabernacle Choir' and Bake Sale. Lucinda Holliday will be your hostess and there will be appearances by Marilyn Madonna and Barbra and live vocals of Sasha and a whole lot more! Don't miss this great event!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

HOURS - 8:00 p.m., join the gang for the "Rockin' 'Round The Christmas Tree" Party. Great music, drink specials and prizes.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

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sunday

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STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Pool tournament 3pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. Stonewall opens at 8pm with High Energy Music.
VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-8pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 8pm \$3 entry fee. Best Burgers 6-7, Tuff Stuff Tool 4-11pm.

monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. "Card Club" 7-9pm.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.28 Draft 764 Schnapps 764 Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!)
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VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 764 8am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 8pm-8pm.

tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. New Pool Tournament 7 pm. Boys Nite Out At The Biz! Non-Premium Beer \$1.50 8pm to 1am.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.28, Draft 764 Schnapps 764
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.28. Schnapps 764 7pm to close.
IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.50 domestic beer & well. 9 pm to close Tation Tuesday. \$1.28 well and \$1.50 domestic beer for those showing their tattoos. Prizes and surprises.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Spaghettif Feed \$2 donation for Shantl. Stonewall opens at 8pm with HI-ERG dance music.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 764 8am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm. Backside open 8pm-8pm.

wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Western Nite. Beer Bust 7-11 pm, \$1.28 Pitchers, 764 Glass.
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VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 764 8am-8pm. Cuervo Gold \$2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 8am-8pm. Backside open 8pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm.

thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8pm to close.
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HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.28. Heineken or Corona \$2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 to 1.
IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - with a pair of Calvin Klein underwear, \$1.28 Well and \$1.50 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear. HI energy dancing 8pm-close with DJ Clint Austin.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 10am-4pm. Peter specials all night long. Stonewall opens 9pm with hot male strippers from Phoenix.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 764 8am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm \$2 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open 8pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm.

friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hour O'Deuvres
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HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.28. Dance Music 8pm to 1am.
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saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Pool Tournament 8 pm. Pot matched, 1st 70%, 2nd 20%, 3rd 10%.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.28 draft 764 Schnapps 764. Pool Tournament 2pm, \$2 entry fee, pot matched.
HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Piña Coladas \$3. Dance Music 8-1.
IBT's - Open 11am to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and \$1.28 well. Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Free pool Saturday afternoon. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy Music.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Bitches & Beegals w/51 Bloody Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 8am-8pm. Backside open 8pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool Opens at 8:30pm.

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How To Beat The Holiday Blues

The holidays...when everyone is loving and happy, serene and peaceful, and we celebrate our spirituality, and are reconciled one to another...what's that you say? You don't think that's the way it is? What are you, some kind of Scrooge or something?? Or are you an atheist, not wanting to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior???

If a person criticizes the holidays, or even just fails to show overwhelming enthusiasm, he is often mercilessly ostracized by the very ones who, in their Christmas cards and their TV specials and their Christmas sermons, say they are celebrating love and good cheer.

Gay men are very often excluded from the festivities. It's kind of an unwritten clause in the holiday charter that it's about strengthening the heterosexual brainwashing. Christmas movies, Christmas songs, Christmas cards, Christmas shopping and advertisements: all underline the heterosexual couple, and the nuclear family they are obliged to spawn, as norm.

In the case of my own family of origin, they want me to be with them at the holidays, but not as me, a Gay man. They want me to be there without a friend or boyfriend, and monitor all my words before I say them so that nothing I say is, even indirectly, about my sexual/affectional orientation (imagine a straight person trying to do this!). They want me to pretend to be a straight person who can't find a date or mate. And if I stay away, they want me to feel very guilty, as if I'm hurting them somehow! Needless to say, I prefer spending the holidays with my Gay family.

The reason I'm talking about all this is to give some perspective on why we may feel unexplainably depressed around the holidays. Except when you're reading

a Gay magazine or attending a Gay event, everything Christmasy you see will be about heterosexuality. (Personally, I believe Jesus himself was probably Gay, so consider the irony in that...) Especially if you're not in a relationship over the holidays, there is every chance of feeling depressed and lonely at moments.

The key to overcoming these feelings is often just to get yourself out of the house. Of course, there are the bars, but there are other alternatives. For example, the Men's Social Network here in Tucson is a great way to meet other Gay men (see their listings under the Non-Bar Calendar here in the Observer). Or call someone you used to hang out with and invite them over. Or go out on a desert hike with someone you feel comfortable with. Or call Wingspan at 624-1779 and ask for information about the support groups they offer and holiday events they know about.

Certainly, if you are feeling extremely sad, you should call a Gay-supportive counselor. During the day, call Wingspan (624-1779) and ask them to recommend a counselor, or you can call the crisis line at 323-9373, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and there will always be someone available to listen to you in a non-judgmental way. If it's busy, keep trying! Of course, my own services as counselor or massage therapist are always available to you as well (by calling 623-1732).

If you attend family of origin gatherings, there are ways to make it less agonizing. Arrange to have phone or in-person contact with a supportive friend before and after the family gathering. You can wear a Gay T-shirt under your outer shirt, or carry a rainbow keychain, or your boyfriend's picture in your pocket: anything to remind you of your Gay identity.

Try not to overuse food, alcohol, or other drugs as ways to cope with sadness or nervousness or loneliness. If you attend heterosexual gatherings, you could balance these out by attending Gay gatherings as well. For example, if you go to church with your family on Christmas, you could also attend services at one of the Gay or Gay-friendly churches (for example, Metropolitan Community Church, Cornerstone Fellowship, St. Philip's Episcopal, St. Francis in the Foothills, all in the phone book).

If you go to Christmas dinner with your blood family, also invite some queer friends over to your place afterwards. In other words, take as much power as you can over your holiday experience. Of course, for those of us who have completely accepting families, all this advice is moot, but most of us have to cope with some form of homophobia over the holidays.

Have a great holiday season with those you care about most! And whether Christmas is easy or hard for you, be proud of who you are.

[Robert Feldhaus, Ph.D. is a counselor and bodyworker serving the Gay community. He offers individual and couples sessions, as well as groups and workshops. Please call 623-1732 for more information.]



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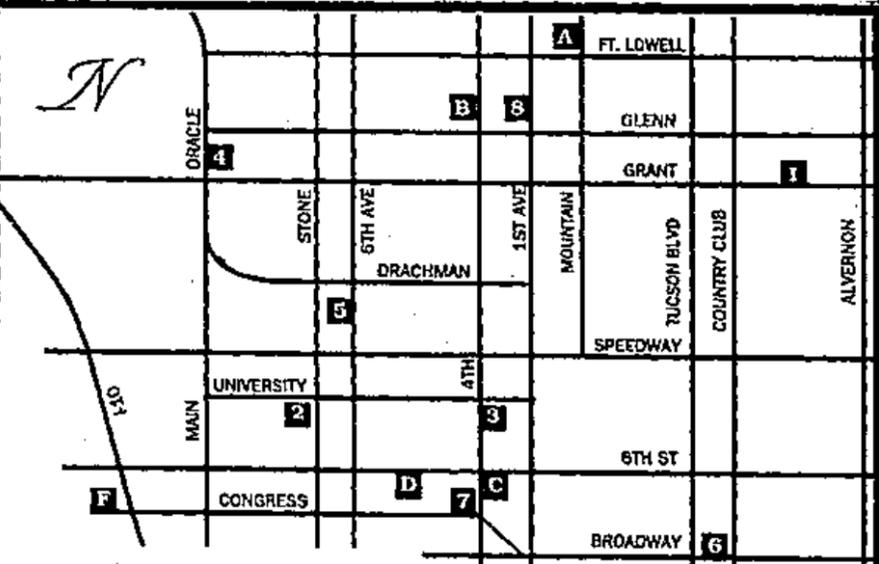
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That is because the commissioner can order an end to discriminatory practices, reimbursement of lost pay, and job reinstatement, but not, for the most part, damages.

Those with the money for legal fees and a strong enough case to merit an attorney's interest thus often turn to civil court, where they also have at least a year to file.

In the case of Radoslovich's clients, they allege that for roughly two years they were harassed by co-workers and supervisors in the Sacramento office of MCI Communications Corp.

Gary Soucie, the prime target, says a dead duckling was left on his desk, anti-Gay slurs were written in the office dust, coffee was poured over his papers and he was the subject of mocking sexual advances.

When he left work one day, he says, he found two of the tires on his pickup truck had been punctured. Duwanda Cash says two vehicles she's driven to work have been scratched with keys. Darren Frazier says a male co-worker grabbed his own crotch and demanded oral sex. People would tell demeaning Gay jokes and then laughingly look his way.

"You walk through the door and wonder, are they going to start cracking jokes and telling stories?" Soucie said. "It was kind of a hopeless feeling."

MCI attorneys declined comment on the case, but in court papers, the company denies "each and every allegation."

Advocates who are familiar with the labor investigations give them generally good marks, saying the commissioner's staff is conscientious and sensitive, if greatly overworked.

But some are troubled by the low number of cases in which the commissioner rules for the complainant.

Of 90 sexual orientation cases closed so far this year, Acting State Labor Commissioner Jose Milan says three were decided in favor of the person alleging discrimination. An additional nine cases have been settled; 25 complaints were dismissed in their early stages for various reasons and one decision was in the employer's favor. The remaining cases were dismissed in the early stages for various reasons and one decision was in the employer's favor. The remaining cases were abandoned or withdrawn, in some instances because the worker was pursuing a lawsuit.

In explaining the figures, Millan noted that to favor a complainant, an investigation has to find discrimination was not just a factor, but was the primary factor behind the employer's adverse actions, a difficult threshold to meet.

On the other hand, attorneys say people feel freer to utter anti-Gay slurs in the workplace than racial epithets, thus providing evidence of a hostile environment. But they also say anti-Gay discrimination is assuming subtler, and harder to prove, forms than in the past.

Now, West Hollywood attorney Joel Loquvam said, employers are more apt to use buzzwords, saying, for example, that a Gay man is not aggressive enough or a Lesbian is too assertive for the job.

That the bias is less blatant is a sign of progress. California's law may not have radically changed the landscape, but advocates insist its mere existence has had an effect.

"I do think that even if the labor commissioner was doing nothing, Lesbian and Gay people are better off having this law on the books," said Jon Davidson, supervising attorney in the western office of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Los Angeles Times

Tennessee Supremes Consider Appeal Of Sodomy Law

NASHVILLE, TN - A county judge's ruling overturning Tennessee's sodomy law is before the state Supreme Court, which is expected to clarify where the law remains in force.

Davidson County Circuit Judge Walter Kurtz declared the state law on same-sex sex acts unconstitutional in February. But he did not grant the injunction sought by the five people who filed the lawsuit.

Lawyer Abby Rubinfeld, who represents the five plaintiffs said the ruling left it "reasonably certain" that the law was no longer enforceable in Davidson County.

But how the ruling affects the rest of Tennessee has remained unclear.

Attorney General Charles Burson appealed Kurtz's ruling to the state Supreme Court, and Rubinfeld said she welcomed an appeal that will clarify the ruling.

The Supreme Court heard arguments, and the justices are expected to rule in the case within the next two months.

State attorney's argued that the justices should use a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that upheld Georgia's anti-sodomy law.

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1. Urge your senators and representative to support proposals that preserve Medicaid's guaranteed health coverage for all Americans, including people living with AIDS. Write, call, fax, and e-mail them. You can also contact them through the Human Right's Campaign's World Wide Web site at <http://www.hrcusa.org>. To call them, you can dial the Capitol switchboard, even if you aren't sure who they are. Just ask the switchboard operator and you will be connected. Ask for their fax numbers and e-mail addresses as well:

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'Jeffrey'

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Thompson-Georges reviewed the film as "the sweetest, wittiest and most enjoyable romantic comedy you [will] see all year..." 'Jeffrey' is a whole hearted and very funny celebration of friendship, love and sex. In a time of also-rans and half-hearted formula comedy, 'Jeffrey' is the real thing."

The San Jose Metro described "Jeffrey" as a Gay "Annie Hall."

Barry Walters of The San Francisco Examiner wrote: "Writer Paul Rudnick's screen adaptation of his own off Broadway hit has all the sweetness of traditional Hollywood, romance, rapid pacing, stars, sex appeal, punch lines for days, even cute choreography and a touch of tragedy, without the usual bitter after-taste."



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AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Friends usually provide the oomph in your life and now, with the happy Sun conjunct jolly Jupiter, pals provide the reason for being. Plan a few social events with like minded folk and become more involved in the group dynamic. Your mission, should you decide to accept it, is to find your spark of affirmation and personal fulfillment among all these people.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Oh pink Fish of little faith, didn't I tell you that career paths were being worked out for you? The fabulous conjunction of the Sun and Jupiter throws a light on the professional road ahead. Step back, survey the highway and think about what you want to do with the precious life of yours. The planets will listen and oblige. You impress those in authority now so make your best pitch.

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

If words move mountains, prepare for an earthquake. Sun conjunct Jupiter amplifies your desire to communicate. What better time for queer Libras to get involved in our agenda? As a spokesperson for the community you possess the valuable ability to diplomatically convince recalcitrants to understand our issues. You to do it with charm, grace and aptitude. Speak up darling!

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

You've counted pennies for years, splashing them around when you needed a psychological life. Now, the Sun conjunct Jupiter tests your financial will. Will you use money for status items or finally put it to work where it will count? Dear, queer Scorpion, search your heart of hearts and see how money plays itself out in your life. It's time to be sensible, or at least enlightened.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

All this planetary activity encourages you to explore your public face and how you appear to others. The Sun conjunct Jupiter puts you into the glare of the spotlight with excellent results. Even if you clumsily trip on your way to center stage and belch at the mike, it will seem like the perfectly diplomatic and graceful thing to do. (Honey, they don't call you lucky for nothing!)

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

We've been talking about closets in your life and the planets will provide no relief from those conservative Gay Goats who refuse to live their lives openly liberated. Now, with the Sun conjunct expansive Jupiter, at least the fallout will not be as bad as you expect. In fact, it may prove to be the only way to go to be truly happy and fulfilled. Life is far too short to compromise.

The Sun conjunct jolly Jupiter this week, leading us into grand temptation. Our personal mission is splashed with neon and we may feel especially confident and invincible. The secret is to eat the energy and have it glow inside of you, rather than allow the energy to come and go and flow and ebb like the tide. It's getting to be the time for resolutions. Let us resolve to harness the energy inside ourselves and proudly march forward with our missions.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Proud Rams are the glorious conquerors of the zodiac which is why you hanker to lead our troops on a global level. Well, the sparkling conjunction of the Sun and Jupiter provide a rocket launcher pad for all your hopes, dreams and desires in this area. Examine your personal philosophy this week and fine tune it to harmonize with the greater need. The naysayers will be unable to hold you back.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

We have been discussing the importance of sexual intimacy in your life for the past few weeks. Now the impressive conjunction of the Sun with Jupiter unleashes a deeper, more penetrating (as it were...) aspect to physical merging. Perhaps there is something about your lifestyle that feeds the inner soul and makes you the sane (or insane) Bull that you are. Think about it and enjoy every probe.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

The duality of your sign makes the current conjunction of Jupiter with the Sun even more meaningful. Gay Twins either have a fear of finding their perfect "other" (and so never truly commit) or cleave so closely to a partner that they become doormat for abuse. How clearly this plays out in your life now will depend on how seriously you are dealing with this issue. Remember, Jupiter is the planet of luck so don't be afraid.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Any health, diet or exercise regime will have an immediate and glorious benefit if the Sun and Jupiter conjunction has anything to do about it. In addition, the day to day job will explode with activity and make you feel that things are finally getting on track. Of course Jupiter is the planet of expansion so don't overdo, whether it's at the grindstone, on the treadmill or at the dinner table.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

I never recommend reckless gambling, but it couldn't hurt to buy a lottery ticket right now. The Sun conjunct Jupiter plays to an appreciative audience in anything involving fun, creativity, gambling and games. Proud Lions may finally decide to take to the stage and realize their life's dream of fame, fortune and adulation. (Not necessarily in that order...) Step Out into the spotlight, you'll floor them!

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

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FACT - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 801 W. Congress. Office hours 8 to 5 M-F (8-7 Wed); Support Group meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Call 770 1710 for info.

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P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575 8660 or write P.O. Box 38264, Tucson, AZ 85740 8264. All replies confidential

LIVING WATERS FAMILY CENTER now meeting in the front building of MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Worship services on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. Counseling provided for couples and individuals. For more information call 705 7266.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and referral about Al Anon 881 1794 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

YOUNG AND GAY?

Lesbian and Gay youth 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 422 N. 4th Avenue from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 824 1779.

WOMEN'S THIRD FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE meets third Friday of each month at Unitarian Universalist Church 4831 E. 22nd Street, featuring DJ Sister Jan. \$2 at the door (more if you can, less if not).

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men over 30 years old to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 887 7493 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday, 4-6 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmoor Center Bldg.). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Prevention, education programs. Business hours, M-F, 8-5. 322 8221. AIDS Hotline 328 AIDS.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL. Call information and referral 881 1794 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon - Fri.

AIDS HOTLINE 328 AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

GAY OR BI SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 8:30 - 7:30 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 884 0478 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 422 N. 4th Ave., offers support groups / info line / social evenings / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all, 8:00 p.m. Information 824 1779).

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 32. Call the church at 299 0063 for information.

UCHENHUNG CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hike with other women. Listings in Rubyfruit Journal available at Antigone's Books.

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX For information and membership write CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. 824 1779.

L.D.S., EX L.D.S., GAY LESBIAN, BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP. Meeting and activities. Call 791 7946 for information.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Sunday at 2pm at St. Francis in the Foothills for anyone who likes to play and there is a blast call Davey 888 1208 for more info.

METAPHYSICAL DISCUSSION GROUP, an informal group using inner guidance, mind power and universal law. Meets Mondays, 7:30 p.m. at St. Francis in the Foothills. (River/Swan), Rich 318 0540.

ARIZONA SONORA PROYECTO, S.L.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 862 3933. Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85745. 770 1314.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0905 or write AGRA Tucson, P.O. Box 40824, Tucson, AZ 85717.

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322 5655. Leave message.

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Advertisers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

ATTENTION ALL NUDDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 4 G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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GAY & LESBIAN THERAPY GROUP. This ongoing therapy group, facilitated by a licensed psychologist, provides a safe place to work on enhancing intimacy and self-esteem. Group can provide the sense of family that is often so hard to find. Membership will be limited to 7-8 people. Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. 570 0027

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course those who prefer their company). For more info, write 5250 N. Oracle Rd., #65, Tucson, AZ 85704 or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Catalina Foothills Lodge Clubhouse.

GAY AND LESBIAN OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Stop bingeing, purging and overeating. Get a life! Call 783 3488 / 290 1739. Come to a meeting. Meetings are held every Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 pm at Mostly Books, 1001 N. Winnet.

TUCSON ROOMMATE LOCATOR SERVICE

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SUN COUNTRY NATURISTS: Social Nudist Club for men and women. Write to: Sun Country Naturists, P.O. Box 43772, Tucson, AZ 85731 3772

NOTICES

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TUCSON HIKING CLUB. Persons interested in desert and mountain hiking and backpacking experiences which average 8 miles or more are encouraged to join. Hikers must be willing to create a drug/alcohol free, environmentally friendly experience. For information about hikes, write Les McAllen, P.O. Box 42532, Tucson, AZ 85733 2532.

NAME MEN Long haired Gay male personal network. Photo, 313C to join. Box 231, Station B, Ottawa, CANADA, K1P6C4

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP meets at St. Philips in the Hills Episcopal Church on alternate Mondays. Call David, 323 7943 for more info.

'AT EASE AGAIN', a men's discussion group meets at Wingspan at 7 p.m. every Tuesday. All Gay and Bisexual men are welcome. 422 N. 4th Ave.

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Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3681 N. Campbell Ave. #305, Tucson, AZ 85719.

All meetings with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

WENS SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690 9545 for information and a newsletter 558

T.G.S.A. - Tucson Greater Softball Association, Tucson's #1 Gay Softball League. For info call Robert S. 862 8513 or Mary O. 770 0979

DREAM GROUP for Gay and Bisexual men meets every Thursday at 7pm. Bring a dream and learn about your deepest self and that of others. Call Robert Felchauer, PhD 823 1732

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgment or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299 9063.

CATALINA CONCLAVE - Outreach for Transsexuals, transgendered and others desiring to explore the mystery of the galax, and our pagan heritage. Call Julia for more information, 825 0767.

ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE? The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers for the project. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young Gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call the Tucson AIDS Project at 322 8226.

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AIDS Patient Gets Last Chance Baboon Marrow Transplant

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA (AP) - A man dying of AIDS went past the point of no return and received a baboon bone-marrow transplant that might save his life.

Jeff Getty, 38, who had battled red tape for two years to undergo the procedure, received a marrow injection at San Francisco General Hospital. Getty said in a recorded message. The message said he was "doing well" and the infusion took about a half-hour.

Before the infusion, Getty had undergone a final round of radiation treatment that knocked out what was left of his immune system. Getty said of the treatment, "It's about time. I'm lucky to still be alive."

Getty, an AIDS activist and former policy analyst at the University of California at Berkeley, had labored to win permission for the highly experimental surgery, which has never been tried before.

In August, the Food and Drug Administration approved the surgery despite warnings from the agency's scientific advisers that the procedure would probably kill Getty and could spread baboon diseases to humans.

Human bone marrow contains stem cells that manufacture disease fighting immune system cells. The AIDS virus destroys this system.

The transplant idea arose because baboons, for reasons that scientists don't understand, don't get AIDS. The theory is that the AIDS resistant baboon stem cells will take root in Getty's bone marrow and produce immune system cells that can fight AIDS.

Getty had undergone drug and radiation treatments this week to destroy virtually all of what is left of his own immune system to prevent it from attacking the bone marrow, which otherwise would be perceived as an invader.

Those radiation treatments all but ensure he will die from AIDS associated infections if the transplant fails.

The results of the transplant will not be known for several months.

Jerome Zack, a virologist with the UCLA AIDS Institute, is concerned that the treatment could potentially spread baboon diseases to humans. AIDS, for instance, is believed to have originated in monkeys and mutated into a virulent human disease.

"We don't know what other viruses or diseases might be associated with baboons," he said. "And you run a risk to the patient, or other patients, if its transmissible."

The Human Society of the United States condemned the surgery. The baboon that supplied the bone marrow was killed because scientists monitoring the transplant required a large number of samples.

"Baboons, who are highly intelligent, social and emotional animals should

not be killed for such highly questionable experiments," said Dr. Martin Stephens, vice president for animal research issues.

Two years ago, doctors at the University of Pittsburgh Medical center injected whole baboon bone marrow into an AIDS patient, but it failed to take.

In Getty's case, doctors are transplanting stem cells rather than whole bone marrow in the hope of avoiding rejection. Stem cells are elementary cell forms that differentiate later into a wide range of disease fighting cells. Human stem cells have successfully been injected into baboons.

Included with the stem cells is a second class of newly discovered facilitator cells to help the stem cells take root in the body.

Getty, who has criticized the FDA for holding up the procedure, was eager to undergo the surgery. He has been infected with the AIDS virus for 14 years.

"This is for science. We could learn a lot here," he said. "I hope to make a contribution before I pass on. If there is a long shot chance this will pull me out, okay."

According to Getty's doctors, Jeff Getty is doing very well after the bone marrow transplant. In fact, Getty shared a pizza with his family and had a big breakfast the next morning.

Getty is now in isolation in his room at the hospital as a protection against infection while his immune system is further weakened temporarily by the chemotherapy and radiation treatments he had received. The treatment was necessary to prevent his body from rejecting the baboon bone marrow.

It will take months before the doctors learn whether the transplanted baboon cells can function to help restore his immune system and fight off the many so-called opportunistic infections that can be fatal to people with AIDS.

As the doctors examine Getty on rounds twice a day, they are looking for signs of infection and for tiny specks of blood under the skin, known as petechiae, which are evidence of internal bleeding caused by lack of a blood component called platelets. The doctors are also checking standard laboratory tests of Getty's blood for counts of white blood cells which fight infection, causing microbes, and of platelets.

This past Sunday, Getty's blood counts were on the low side of what is considered normal. The counts had dropped from last week's levels, as expected, because it takes time for his own immune system to be suppressed by the chemotherapy and radiation. The counts are expected to fall further over the next week.

"The hope is that his white blood count goes very low, but only for a brief period of time," Dr. Paul A. Volberding said in an interview. He is an AIDS expert and one of the lead investigators in the experiment.

Trikone Honored For Historical Achievement & Community Service

SAN JOSE, CA - Trikone, the nation's leading South Asian Lesbian and Gay group, has received two significant honors: the Historical Achievement Award from the Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California, and the Community Service Award from the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF).

The GLHS Historical Achievement Award recognized Trikone for "its pioneering achievement in bringing together Gay and Lesbian South Asians around the world." "It is not easy to be Gay or Lesbian in the U.S.," said Trikone co-chair Tinku Ishtiaq, "but it is even harder in countries like Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and Nepal. Our membership in those countries will be pleased to know of this recognition of our work. It is for them, for us, that we exist, and we accept this award in their name."

"This recognition from the larger queer community comes at a critical time," noted co-chair Dipti Ghosh. "With all the anti-immigrant, anti-affirmative action backlash in the country right now, it is important for us to speak up and build

coalitions." The NGLTF Award was given at the Creative Change Conference in Detroit, the largest gathering of Lesbian and Gay activists in the country. Trikone shared the award with the South Asian Lesbian & Gay Association of New York, which has fought for inclusion in New York's India Day Parade.

"Thanks to Trikone and SALGA, queer South Asians have a voice in our movement," said Robert Bray NGLTF Field Organizer, as he presented the award. "They have fostered the development of queer South Asian identity and community for men and women around the country." Urvashi Vaid, the author of Virtual Equality of former Executive Director of NGLTF, accepted the award on behalf of Trikone and SALGA.

Trikone is the country's first group of Lesbian and Gay South Asians, people who trace their descent from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Tibet, Bhutan, and Maldives. For more information contact Trikone at P.O. Box 21354, San Jose, CA 95151, (408) 270-8776.

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