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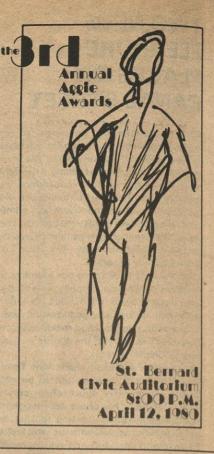
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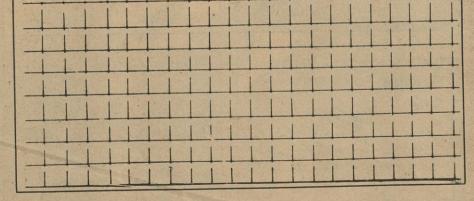
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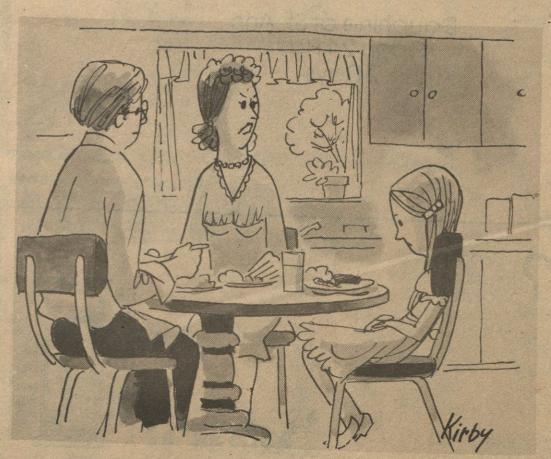
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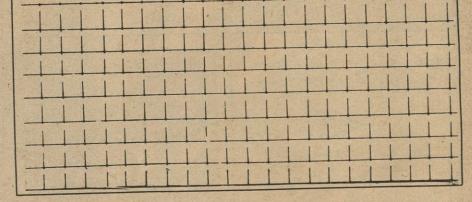
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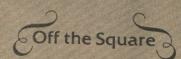


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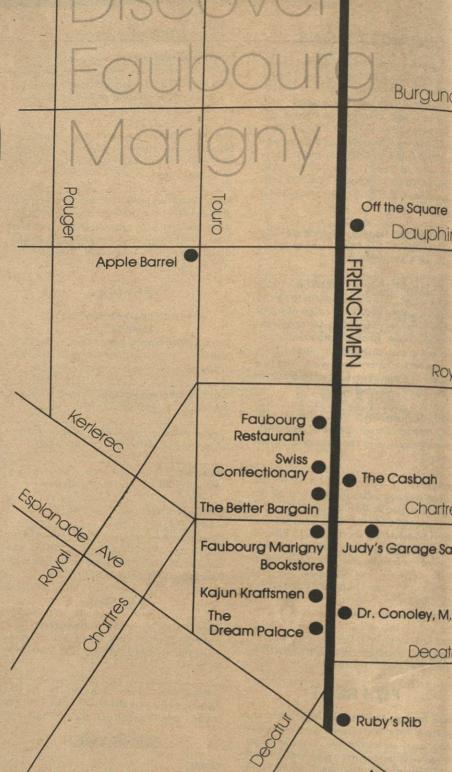
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Judge Bruce F. Allen, in ordering the proargument included, explained that he was exercising the judicial discretion granted him by the state Supreme Court.

Earlier, a supporter of the ordinance, which will appear on the June 3 ballot, had brought suit, after the office of the County Registrar of Voters had refused to accept the pro-gay-rights argument when the doors of the office were shut promptly at 5

Judge Allen said that he ordered George Mann of the Registrar's office to accept the material and include it in the voter package because he felt it important that both arguments be read.

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First Openly Gay Presidential Candidate

Although not expected to beat Jimmy Carter, David McReynolds, an open gay, is running for president.

McReynolds is the democratic socialist candidate seeking the nomination of the Peace and Freedom Party. Should he win either the nomination or the election, he would be the first gay president of the United States. (James Buchanan, however, was a bachelor.)

McReynolds is the national secretary of the War Resisters League and was arrested in 1978 in Moscow for an anti-nuclear demonstration.

He has been a draft resister and opponent since the Korean War.

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# Gay Organist Loses First Round

A fundamentalist pastor has retained the right to fire an organist he discovered to be gay, but it cost \$100,000 in legal expenses

"I don't think it was a waste. I think it is a godly battle," the Rev. Charles McIlhenney told The San Diego Union.

A judge of the San Francisco Superior Court has ruled that a city ordinance prohibiting discrimination based on sexual preference does not apply to churches

'That is all we are asking," McIlhenney said, "to defend the church's separation from the state. A city ordinance has no business interfering in the church's internal affairs."

The case arose when McIlhenny, pastor of the First Orthodox Presbyterian Church, fired Kevin Walker for being gay when a member of the church who is homosexual but who had "chosen celibacy in order to be saved" reported Walker's sexual preference

"I told him if he remained an unrepentant sinner, we could not use him in a leadership position in the church," McIlhenney said.

After he was fired, Walker's roommate wrote to the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, charging that the church had violated the city ordinance.

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church then sought support from other Christian churches across the country, fearing government intervention in what they see as a

Lawyers for Gay Rights Advocates, who defended Walker, said that they had no interest in forcing the church to believe that homosexuality is moral.

We are not talking about ordaining ministers or priests. Certainly his sexual orientation has nothing to do with how well or how poorly he plays the organ," attorney Donald Knutsen said.

Gay Rights Advocates has appealed the

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# **CBS** Documentary On Gays

Howls of protest, followed by the filing of official complaints with the National News Council, greeted the recent CBS television documentary entitled "Gay Power, Gay Politics," which purported to examine the effect of homosexuals on the recent Mayoral election in San Francisco, but which proved to be a call for heterosexuals across the nation to be on guard against gay liberation goals in their communities.

The National Gay Task Force, Mayor

Dianne Feinstein and Supervisor Harry Britt of San Francisco, as well as others, have prepared statements that condemn the program.

These actions resulted because it is felt that CBS News failed to meet reasonable standards of accuracy and fairness for broadcast journalism. Further, the producers are being accused of misrepresentation, distortion, and sensationalism.

Chief among the complaints are the use of two children as witnesses to "public sex" in the heavily wooded Buena Vista Park in San Francisco and the showing of S&M paraphernalia in a deceptive and shocking way, capitalizing on ignorance and fear of the subject and equating S&M with the results of gay political power.

It is also claimed that the editing of cer-

tain scenes so as to make events seem to have occurred simultaneously when in fact they did not, as well as the juxtaposing of eccentricly dressed people (such as during Halloween celebrations) with discussions of serious gay grievances resulted in a

manipulation of the facts and could only lead viewers to false conclusions about gay

The National Gay Task Force condemned the program because of its consequen-" damage to the cause of civil rights and human dignity for the nation's lesbian and gay citizens and a further erosion of public confidence in the media's ability to accurately and fairly report the truth.

The program has brought up important questions about the ability of networks to control the way information is conveyed to the public. If the press becomes untrustworthy, where can a fact-finding citizen turn for information?

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In a live panel discussion that followed the showing of the documentary (broadcast only in the San Francisco area, not nationally) some of the major participants in the program met face-to-face with producers Geroge Crile and Grace Diekhaus, and a furious debate ensued.

Among the highlights were:

Cleve Jones, who was the man chosen as the focus of the program, said that he felt betrayed by the producers.

Armistead Maupin, author of Tales of the City, said that he was surprised that producer Crile had spent so much of the show pointing out and deploring gay backroom sex when the producer had told Maupin that he envied the sexual freedom of gays, because he himself feels hemmed in by his marriage.

Gwenn Craig, a black lesbian, asked the producers why almost nothing about lesbians appeared in the program. The answer was that the producers had decided to leave lesbians out because they couldn't find anthing controversial about them

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# Carter Orders Protection For Gay Civil Servants

President Carter formally ordered this week that all federal agencies protect the right of gay civil service employees and applicants and also that gay applicants be credited with gay community work experience if that work is related to federal

Though gay leaders had expected this directive-covering 95% of the 2.7 million federal civilian workers-for several months, the permitting of gays to claim their community work experience even in noncompensated jobs came as a surprise. While such qualifying experience has been accepted as standard for other community work for applicants, gays, not protected by federal policy until now, feared discrimination.

Federal agency heads and personnel officers will be held personally responsible for prevention of discrimination and complience and enforcement of the directive.

Agencies not covered in the 1978 Civil Service Reform Act-the State Department, FBI, security agencies and the military-are still exempted. Also exempted are White House personnel and appointees though an aid of Stuart Eisen stadt, Carter's Domestic Policy Staff chief said, "These principles are applied by the White House Personnel Office in making all our appointments.'

Eisenstadt, whom the SENTINEL termed, "the last gatekeeper on gay issues before the President's door is reached," blocked a 1976 Carter effort to let delegates vote on a gay rights plank.

"My personal attitude might well be different than what it was in 1976," says Eisenstadt. Presidential aides claim that Carter accomplishment mean more than Kennedy campaign promises which, they suggest, might evaporate under the pressures of the presidency.

The Sentinel, May 16

# University Officials Nix Lesbian Film Project

Officials at the University of Oregon in Eugene have refused the request of Academy Award winning Robert Towne (co-scripted "Bonnie and Clyde", "Chinatown" and "Shampoo") to use the campus as the site of a Warner Brothers movie about a lesbian Olympic pentathlete.

Towne had hoped to shoot "Personal Best" starring Mariel Hemingway during the June 21-29 Olympic trials at the University's Hayward Field but an official letter from the university's vice-president for Public Affairs, Kurt Simic, on April 8 expressed concerns that the film might damage the University's image

An unidentified member of the University's athletic department specified that the film's lesbian theme was the reason for the rejection.

The University of Oregon, which served as the film location for "Animal House", has no plans to back down on this decision though Simic observed that the United States Olympic Committee might hold the final decision.

## March of Courage

Tallahassee-Almost three dozen gay Christians braved threats from the Ku Klux Klan to participate in a grueling 8 day, 168 mile march in support of the beleagured Tallahassee Metropolitan Community Church.

The march, in response to the defamation campaign of Baptist minister Gerald Sutek who placed a sign reading, "Did you know there is a queer church on North Adams Street?" in front of his church which in front of his church which reduced the Tallahassee Metroplitan Community Church congregation from 30 members to 3, began in Jacksonville and culminated in a rally at the Florida capital of Tallahassee. Threats of ambush from the KKK prompted Florida Governor Bob Graham to provide a police escort at points in the march and 200 telegrams of support for the marchers, including one from California Governor Jerry Brown, were received. No violence was reported.
(SENTINEL)

## Sammy Davis Junior Gives Blow Job

In her 250 page repudiation of her porn queen role, ORDEAL, Linda Lovelace of DEEP THROAT fame, details a scene in which Sammy Davis Junior asks to be taught to "deep throat" too. Lovelace says she coached him on the technique, using her husband, Chuck Traynor for practice.

Lovelace also tells of having sex with Hugh Hefner and of Hefner's attempts to choreograph a dog/Lovelace sex scene for his mansion guests, which failed. She reports meeting Xaviera Hollander, the "Happy Hooker," and describes her as, "fat. Her hair was dirty, all caked with grease. She had piled the makeup on a face that needed more than mere makeup.

PLAYBOY has panned ORDEAL, accusing Lovelace of celebrity name-dropping and suggesting that only because Lovelace now claims her porn career was against her will and she enjoyed none of it, is she suitable for talk shows and media coverage. MS magazine has embraced ORDEAL, observing Lovelace's tale of coercion and innocence, "could happen to anyone.

Lovelace, who claims she had never heard of oral sex when she met Traynor and refused to neck on dates, gave birth to an illegitimate child at the age of twenty

# American Psychiatric Association Reject N. O.

As a result of feminist pressure from both within the association and elsewhere, the American Psychiatric Association has decided against holding its 1981 convention in New Orleans because Louisiana has not passed the Equal Rights Amendment. The decision was reached by the Board of the 25,000 member APA after considerable protest at the annual meeting in San Francisco, early this month. Male and female psychiatrists and other ERA supporters picketed the convention's meeting sites and feminist leader, Gloria Steinem, delivered a speech to a standing-room only crowd at the San Francisco Hilton, threatening to publicize the names of psychiatrists who attended, if the APA convention were held in New Orleans.

"Women are not masochists anymore," said Steinem. "We're not going to support people who do not support us.'

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Numerous lectures and seminars on homosexuality were held during the weeklong San Francisco meeting and the Caucus of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual members of the APA lobbied for minority status in the organization. No statement from New Orleans gay leaders was made public on this decision. (SENTINEL)

# Immigration Lesbian Harassment Revealed

41 persons between August 10, 1979 and March 31, 1980 were reported either turned away or admitted on a "deferred" basis at the U.S.—Canadian border. The largest number of exclusions—16—were reported at Port Huron, Michigan during a crackdown sparked by Immigration and Naturalization Service suspicions that a nearby women's music festival would attract Canadian lesbians. These findings came from a report made available to the National Gay Task Force under a Freedom of Information request. (SENTINEL)

## Minister Robinson Challenged by Gay Task Force

New York, N.Y.—The National Gay Task Force has filed a request with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) opposing the complaint by James Robison Evangelistic Association (JREA) against a Dallas TV station. The Robison complaint seeks to overturn a February 27 decision by the FCC that the TV station was within its rights in cancelling Robison's program.

After Robison had preached a televised sermon on morality including much onesided mention of homosexuality, the TV station had cancelled his program, stating that it believed religious programs should not deal with controversial issues of public importance. This decision was based on the Fairness Doctrine and Personal Attack Rule, following a personal attack complaint filed by the Dallas Gay Political Caucus.

(UPFRONT AMERICA)

# Queers Set Fires

New York, N.Y.—The National Gay Task Force filed a complaint against a manual used in the Fire Arson Investigation Training Course of the National Fire Academy, which resulted in revision of the manual.

The original manual had asserted that female arsonists are often thought to be lesbians and that a homosexual pyromaniac harbors distinct predilections for arson, "initiated by hatred, jealousy or other uncontrolled emotions."

U.S. Fire Administration Administrator Gordon Vickery remarked, "While those materials assert that arson is in part associated with homosexuality, they are not sufficiently documented to objectively support the assertion. Consequently, I have instructed the Superintendent of the National Fire Academy to take those steps necessary to delete...statements which might directly or by inference tend to unfairly discriminate against any group."

### (UPFRONT AMERICA)

# "SUCCESS" on Capital Hill

Washington, D.C.—The first Congressional Briefings on gay civil rights legislation were a "tremendous success" according to the Gay Rights National Lobby. The Lobby had assisted Representatives Ted Weiss and Henry Waxman, in coordinating the Briefings, termed a "dress rehearsal" for Congressional Hearings expected next spring and well attended by

Congressional Offices.

One of the highlights of the Briefings was the announcement that John Anderson (R. Illinois) had co-sponsored H.R.2047, the bill at issue in the Briefings. Steve Endean, Executive Director of the Gay Rights National Lobby remarked, "We have long believed that this legislation is consistent with Republican philosophy of the right to privacy and less government intervention in private lives. The fact that a major Presidential candidate has chosen to cosponsor is both a sign of our continuing national progress and another tribute to Representative Anderson's political courage."

A bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in the fields of employment, public accomodations, education and health and welfare services has been introduced into the Baltimore City Council. Facing scrutiny by five city departments and an eventual vote by the entire City Council, Bill 177, nonetheless indicates a growing strength of Baltimore's estimated 75—100,000 gay citizens, claiming nine separate co-sponsors and the written endorsement of 14 Baltimore neighborhoods.

(GAY COMMUNITY CENTER)

# Discriminating Disco Settles Out of Court—\$2,350

Washington, D.C.—A six year old law suit against the now defunct GRAND CENTRAL filed by Washington D.C.'s Commission on Human Rights has been settled out of court. Filed on behalf of eight lesbians and gay men, the GRAND CENTRAL had been charged with discriminating against women, blacks and

older people, using inconsistent carding practices and arbitrary or abusive treatment by bartenders and staff at the Washington disco.

While the titular GRAND CENTRAL corporation, Interco, had closed and cleaned out its accounts, complainants were able to target seven persons and three corporations as actual owners/profiteers of the disco and hence defendants. Faced with possible charges of per jury stemming from inconsistent testimony in the investigations and the prospect of some twenty witnesses to discrimination, the defendants chose to settle out of court for 40% of the original sum sought by the Commission on Human Rights—\$2,350.

Two white males, among the complainants, received monetary compensation for being denied the right to socialize in a racially-mixed place of public accommodation, after they had complained to GRAND CENTRAL employees about the discrimination they observed.

(GAY COMMUNITY NEWS)

# Against His Will

Mel P. Wald, the S&M consultant appearing on CBS' GAY POWER, GAY POLITICS, in a letter to the San Francisco SENTINEL, claims he was grossly misled about the nature of the notorius documentary. He claims the "playroom" scene in which he displays various S&M acouter ments occurred after CBS had told him their cameras were turned off and that his disclosures to Larry Maatz, the Police Beat Reporter, occured in November '79 and were intended as proposals to police and city and county agencies. When these proposals were turned down, Wald writes, Maatz included them in the CBS special without having seen the entire transcript. (SENTINEL)

