



Goldfarb files ethics complaint

by Jay Brown

Mark Goldfarb, candidate for the Oregon State Senate in District 7 which encompasses most of Southeast Portland, has filed a complaint with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission asking it to determine whether public officials who hire their spouses to work for them are breaking the law.

Goldfarb said hiring spouses, which is common practice among lawmakers, violates a law against using public office for private gain — either for the official or for members of the official's family.

Goldfarb has asked the Ethics Commission to pursue the return of \$14,011 paid to Billie Monroe, spouse of Senator Rod Monroe (District 7), whom Monroe had employed as his secretary in 1981, then as legislative assistant in 1983.

The Oregon Code of Ethics and the Conflict of Interest Law specifically prohibits a legislator from making any decision or recommendation which results in financial gain for a member of his/her household. A violation could result in a civil penalty of \$1,000 and forfeiture of twice the amount realized from the violation.

Goldfarb said he became aware of the neglected law, passed in 1974, when he received an Ethics Commission financial disclosure form candidates are required to file.

Monroe, elected to the Senate in 1980, angered many of his constituents during the 1983 legislative session by voting against SB 319, the '83 gay rights bill, after he had promised to vote in favor of it. A large number of progressive, upwardly mobile gays and lesbians live in the 7th district, which begins at 20th Avenue and ends in Gresham.

Goldfarb, former managing editor of the Southeast Times recognizes his lesbian and gay constituency and has actively sought their support. Goldfarb has indicated a strong sensitivity to lesbian and gay concerns.

As for Goldfarb's ethics violation complaint, Monroe said he had never been told there was anything wrong with legislators hiring relatives.

McFarland slaps Reagan's "macho" image

by Rosanne King

"Until they get me, I'm going to fight. And after they get me, I have other things to do."

Ruth McFarland, Democratic candidate for the U.S. Congress in District 5 knows the price outspoken policies can exact from a politician's career.

Since her election to the state Senate in 1980, McFarland has been an unrestrained critic of Reagan administration policies and similar programs on the state level.

She calls U.S. military aid to El Salvador "Reprehensible. I can't think of enough bad words to describe it. We don't have any business down there with guns."

Nuclear disarmament "is close to being my number one priority," McFarland said. The proposed development and deployment of chemical weapons is close behind. She describes the weapons as "Dreadful. I'm absolutely against binary nerve gas."

Foreign policy and defense programs are indicative of an administration attitude which has affected many aspects of life in the U.S., according to the Senator.

"They've sent out a clear message that it's all right to do all these things. We worked hard to get away from the whole male, macho image, and the administration is saying it's okay again," she said.

That attitude is reflected in the upswing in discrimination against gay people and women, McFarland said.

"It's a pure, simple matter of human rights. Gay people have the same duties, they should have the same rights."

Discrimination on all levels is a major problem for the gay and lesbian community. When asked what she perceived as the single greatest problem confronting the community, she responded, "The gay community itself should speak to that issue. They should tell me."

Common sense is the basis of McFarland's opinions and policies. Her stand on school prayer is an example.

"I'm against any organized prayer program, but there isn't anything prohibiting prayer in school." She laughs, "As long as math teachers give tough tests and kids take them, there's going to be prayer in school."

Anti-abortion initiative filed

Two state legislators and a physician are the sponsors of an initiative measure which would end state payments for abortions except those necessary to save the mother's life.

Sen. Tony Meeker, R-Amity, state Representative Peg Jolin, D-Cottage Grove, and Portland physician Richard DeKlotz are sponsors of the proposed state constitutional amendment.

They have until July 6 to gather the 83,000 petition signatures needed to put the measure on the November general election

ballot.

There are now no restrictions on reasons for state paid abortions for welfare recipients. Under current rules the state generally will pay for only one abortion for women over 18 and two for women under 18.

Klamath voters face "nuclear free" measure

Voters in Klamath County, Oregon will be asked to decide whether Klamath County will be designated a nuclear free zone in the primary election on May 15.

A "Nuclear Free Zone" is an area that has been declared off limits to the nuclear arms race. In the declaration of nuclear free zones, citizens and communities proclaim their unconditional opposition to the nuclear arms race by banning nuclear weapons from their midst, as well as the facilities, equipment, or supplies associated with them.

On May 3, 1982, the citizens of Garrett Park, Maryland, voted overwhelmingly to declare their community a nuclear free zone — the first in America. Since then 36 other communities in the United States have passed similar measures. At present there are a variety of nuclear free zone campaigns underway in this country. There are numerous nuclear free zones established in England, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and Japan, in addition to campaigns being mounted in Canada and the Pacific Islands to the same end.

In Klamath County, the proposed ordinance would "prohibit the production, transportation, storage, processing or disposal of any nuclear weapon or nuclear waste" in the county. The penalty for violation of this ordinance would be a maximum fine of \$500.00 and/or sixty days in jail for each violation.

Just Out works with West Women's Hotel

In a unique venture to provide shelter for Portland's homeless women and children, **Just Out** Newsmagazine and the West Women's Hotel are offering a special subscription package.

A \$35 donation will provide a week's housing for a woman and her child, plus a year's subscription to **Just Out**, Oregon's complete lesbian and gay connection.

Burnside Community Council reports there are 200 to 300 homeless women in the Portland area. About 75 of them are served by shelters, including the West Women's Hotel. The others must subsist as they can. The added responsibility of a child makes survival an even more tenuous prospect.

Of the donation, \$25 is tax deductible. Join in this unusual project, provide shelter for a woman and her child for one week and read **Just Out** for a year. Make checks payable to West Women's Hotel and send to **Just Out**, 923 SW 17th, Portland, OR 97205.

L/G Pride planning in high gear

The Portland Lesbian and Gay Pride steering committee, meeting on April 12, significantly altered guidelines governing the week's activities by adding a statement aimed at curbing disruptive behavior or dress.

The guidelines, considered each year by the steering committee then current, have been altered by every committee since they were first adopted several years ago. But this addition is unique because it addresses behavior and dress which appears to demean or degrade any part of the community.

The complete text of the addition to the guidelines for Lesbian and Gay Pride Week '84, made by the L/GP Steering Committee 1984 is as follows:

"Whereas; the permit to use Waterfront Park as the site for the L/GP rally is granted by the L/GP Steering Committee, that committee reserves the right to request that a participant alter his/her behavior, dress, or placard because it appears to demean, degrade or mock any faction of the community on the basis of race, creed, sex, sexual preference, age, physical or mental disability. Non-compliance by such an individual will result in the ejection of said person from the march or rally site by the monitors."

Having adopted the national theme "Unity and More in '84" of 1984 Stonewall celebrations across the country several weeks ago, the L/GP Steering Committee last week added Portland's slogan "Put Power in Diversity." During discussion preceding the addition, concepts explored were *human rights for all people, diversity and challenge*.

Pat Bond, a well known and talented actor currently appearing in San Francisco, has been invited to be the featured speaker at the rally at Waterfront Park on June 16. Ms. Bond will be appearing in Portland in her play about Lorena Hickok under the sponsorship of Phoenix Rising during Lesbian and Gay Pride Week and has agreed to talk at the rally.

As a way to raise funds for the celebration, the L/GP Steering Committee is asking members of the community to host a Pride Party. Anyone can help L/P '84 by throwing a party, charge a cover and give the money to L/GP '84. Host an international potluck. Charge what you think your friends can pay.

Or if your friends have more money than they know what to do with ask them for a loan to L/GP '84; they will get satisfaction in helping this important celebration and interest on the loan.

The address of the committee is: L/GP '84, PO Box 6611, Portland, OR 97228; 231-5034.

Church okays women priests

A measure approving the ordaining of women as priests was passed last week by delegates of the 230,000-member Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

The revelation of the ordination of women priests by a member of the church was considered by the Orders and Quorums of the Church, then presented to the World Conference delegates for a vote. After 2½ hours of debate, the vote was 3-1 in favor of the revelation.