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Pelosi Goes To Washington

San Francisco — Nancy Pelosi, former chair of the California Democratic Party, left openly gay Supervisor Harry Britt trailing by 4,000 votes in Tuesday's balloting for the 5th Congressional seat left vacant by the death of Rep. Sala Burton.

With 38,021 votes, or 36 percent, Pelosi came out almost 4 percentage points ahead of Britt, with 34,031 votes, or 32.2 percent.

Kevin Wadsworth, a gay Republican activist, took 1,710 votes, less than 1 percent, in the world-famous "Gay Mecca."

Harriet Ross, the leading Republican vote-getter with 2,922 votes, will go up against Democrat Pelosi for a partisan run-off in June.

Pelosi is expected to win easily.

According to one exit poll, Pelosi succeeded in capturing 25 percent of the gay vote in the San Francisco balloting.

She was endorsed by Del Martin, a founder of the Daughters of Bilitis and co-author of *Lesbian/Woman*; James Hormel, a founding director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund; Paul Lorch, former editor of the Bay Area Reporter; Kim Corsaro, editor of *Coming Up!*; Jo Daly; Jack Fertig (*Sister Boom-Boom*); Ginny Foat; and many others.

Efforts by campaign manager Dick Pa-



bich to unify the gay community around his candidate failed to propel Britt into the Congressional seat.

Following unsuccessful attempts to dig up some dirt on Pelosi, Britt told a San Jose gathering that his opponent was "a perfectly nice woman who has no business running for Congress."

Britt supporters at the Mar. 29 fundraiser sponsored by BAYMEC and High Tech Gays donated \$3500 to his campaign.

As the votes were tallied on election night, showing Pelosi with an early lead, Britt sounded a conciliatory note, saying, "It was a strong campaign, but at this point it's time for us all to get back together."

Pelosi had avoided the use of hit pieces and the type of negative campaigning used by her opponents, four of whom were S.F. Supervisors.

But, according to the San Jose Mercury News, when the supes were lagging behind her in the polls, she could not resist quipping, "Obviously, for voters, to know them is not to love them." □

Coors excludes gays from race

In another of its continuing attacks on the lesbian and gay community, Adolph Coors Company specifically excluded same-sex couples from entering the Coors Couples Run on Valentine's Day in Portland, Oregon.

the race was held to benefit the American Heart Association.

Catherine Crooker, Special Events Coordinator for the Heart Association explained that the event's entire design and promotion was prepared by the sponsoring firm, Coors.

She suggested that questions be addressed to them: Adolph Coors Company, Golden, CO 80407.

She added, "the American Heart Association in Oregon does not discriminate against gays or any other group; after all, heart disease is nondiscriminatory."

When the race brochure was printed stating seven times that same-sex couples could not participate, Ms. Crooker questioned the policy.

She was told that the set-up of the race was not adaptable to same-sex runners because two men or two women would not be equal to a mixed couple in running strength.

"Exactly who does Coors see as inferior or superior to mixed couples, two lesbian women or two gay men?"

"Did they make sure that all mixed couples were of equal running strength? We doubt it," stated Carey Junkin of Couples, Inc., a Los Angeles based group: the National Organization for the Advancement of Lesbian

and Gay Couples.

Mr. Junkin added, "This only confirms the need to continue the total boycott of Coors beer."

"Coors has a history of homophobia and continuing bigotry towards our community and their employees."

"This latest action specifically adds same-sex couples to their list of unacceptable groups."

"These groups include people of color, labor unions and lesbians and gays."

According to Mr. Junkin, "Couples, Inc. firmly supports the continuing Coors boycott and reminds all lesbian and gays of the need to strengthen our efforts to demand equal treatment."

"Couples are invited to help us make this demand at 'The Wedding' in Washington, D.C. on October 10, 1987 at the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights on March 11, 1987."

"The Wedding" is a national demonstration officially sponsored by the National March on Washington to emphasize the demand that lesbian and gay domestic partners in committed same-sex relationships be entitled to the same rights as married heterosexual couples.

For more information on the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights contact MOW, P.O.Box 7781, Washington, D.C. 20044, or call (202) 783-1828.

For more information on "The Wedding" and other couples' issues, contact Couples, Inc., P.O.Box 13323, Los Angeles, CA 90013.

Downtown businesspeople hear Watergarden pres speak on AIDS

By David P. Steward

Sal Accardi, president of The Watergarden, was guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the San Jose Downtown Business Association March 25.

The 7:30 a.m. meeting at the Sainte Claire Hilton was attended by some 40 downtown businesspeople and civic leaders.

Ernie Glave, president of the organization, introduced Accardi by stating that there had been some resistance to having him speak on the AIDS crisis, with some members claiming that the topic had nothing to do with them.

Glave emphasized that even if they felt secure about their "AIDS risk," many in the audience had children and grandchildren who were at risk for what Glave called "HAGS" — i.e. Herpes, AIDS, Gonorrhea, and Syphilis.

True to his style, Accardi's speech was hard-hitting, not couched in euphemisms, and he did not back off from controversy.

"Like it or not, AIDS is not a gay disease and is not confined to the boundaries of New York or San Francisco. Also, it is being

discovered that, at great price, 'monogamous' heterosexual marriages are not always monogamous. Non-communication about sex permeates these marriages...

"Moralizing about sexually transmitted diseases has only served to make treatment less available, less confidential, and more difficult."

"Moralizing and politicizing this issue will serve only to keep people away from testing sites. The present policy of anonymous testing allows a person to be tested without fearing insurance and employment discrimination."

Gary Crawford of the Santa Clara County Health Department joined Accardi on the dais and also responded to questions from the audience.

Crawford reported that the rate of increase is higher among heterosexuals in this county and that about one-third of the new cases are among the heterosexual population.

In spite of this information, a hostile member of the audience asserted in his "question" that AIDS was not a problem in the

heterosexual community.

One member asked if it was not true that the straight equivalent of a bathhouse was a brothel. Accardi went to great lengths to explain the difference between a brothel and a bathhouse.

In response, the questioner remarked that the distinction was merely "the difference between a whore and a prostitute."

Accardi pointed out that it is a political conservative of the Mormon faith (Surgeon General Koop), speaking for a conservative administration, who cautions against moralizing as a cure for AIDS.

Just as denial took a deadly toll in the San Francisco gay community until safe sex caught on some two years ago, that same denial caused the early Santa Clara County AIDS/KS Foundation to close their doors.

The same denial, Crawford asserted, is causing the disease to make inroads into the heterosexual community, which will likely wreak havoc before the heterosexual community "owns" the AIDS problem.

A black woman who said she works with teenagers informed the group that the students she worked with had no idea what safe sex was, and that these students were sexually active.

The question-and-answer ses-

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Xerox Corp grants AIDS service leave

Doug Emerson, a senior marketing consultant with the Xerox Corporation in El Segundo, has joined AIDS Project Los Angeles to serve as Program Manager of Professional Training.

Emerson has joined the Project as part of a 16-year-old program in which Xerox employees are "loaned out" at full salary to non-profit organizations.

The program costs the company approximately \$350,000 each year.

Emerson is one of 13 Xerox employees granted Social Service Leave this year. Another Xerox employee is working with the San Francisco-based AIDS organization called the Shanti Project.

A Xerox employee for ten years, Emerson returned to Los

Angeles after several years in Texas and Virginia with the company.

"When I returned to LA a couple of years ago, the seriousness of the crisis hit home. Suddenly, I knew people who were affected by the disease, and I wanted to know more about it."

After spending time learning about the disease and doing some volunteer work for the AIDS Project Hotline, Emerson said he saw a direct link "between my skills as a trainer at Xerox and the needs at AIDS Project Los Angeles."

Emerson is currently working with several training programs including the Project's AIDS in the Workplace program.

(Reprinted from Focus on AIDS/A Publication of the AIDS Project Los Angeles).

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NGRA opposes anti-gay Insurance Discrimination in Texas

National Gay Rights Advocates has filed a complaint against an insurance company for refusing to sell life insurance to a Texas man who named his same-gender roommate as his beneficiary.

The insurer, National Home Life Assurance Company, is requiring applicant Gregor MacGregor to prove that his chosen beneficiary has an "insurable interest" in his life, because the two men are "unrelated."

"Texas law specifically recognizes that insurance applicants have the moral and legal right to

name anyone they choose a life insurance beneficiary.

"Insurance companies routinely insure applicants who name any family relation as beneficiary.

"It is outrageous for them to turn around and require gay applicants to prove that their lovers have an interest in their life!" said Benjamin Schatz, Director of NGRA's Civil Right Project.

"We believe that NHLAC is using the beneficiary issue as a smokescreen for weeding out gay men.

"Such discrimination directly violates guidelines issued by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners which specifically prohibit anti-gay discrimination by insurers.

"NGRA is determined to make sure that insurance companies observe these guidelines across the country," said Jean O'Leary, NGRA Executive Director.

NGRA's complaint on behalf of Mr. MacGregor has been filed with the Texas State Board of Insurance.

Gay father wins visitation in AIDS case

National Gay Rights Advocates, a national public interest law firm, and the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois announced settlement in Doe vs. Doe, a major AIDS related case. In dispute were John Doe's child visitation rights as a gay father.

At his ex-wife's request, an Illinois court ordered Doe last November to submit to an HIV antibody test as a requirement for child visitation.

NGRA successfully overturned the court order on medical grounds, leaving overnight visitation at issue.

The agreed-upon settlement gives Mr. Doe full visitation rights, including summers, overnight, and alternate Christmas and Thanksgiving vacations.

"Doe vs. Doe offers a frightening example of the exploitation of the AIDS crisis to scapegoat gay men.

"That Mr. Doe is gay does not mean that he has AIDS.

"And AIDS cannot be passed through casual contact.

"Gay fathers—like all fathers—have a right to see the children they love," commented Benjamin Schatz, Director of National Gay Rights Advocates' AIDS Civil Rights Project.

"John Doe posed no threat to his children, yet his ex-wife accused him of endangering them medically because of AIDS and morally because he's gay.

"With NGRA's help, John Doe has been vindicated on both counts—and that bodes well for gay fathers everywhere," said Jean O'Leary, NGRA Executive Director.

"Even if Mr. Doe had AIDS, there could be no rational basis for denying his visitation rights

with his children or for denying them their father's companionship.

"Family members cannot contract AIDS through normal interaction at home," commented Harvey Grossman of the ACLU

of Illinois, who also represented Mr. Doe.

Also working on the case were NGRA co-counsel Michael Cloesen, law professor at John Marshall Law School, and ACLU cooperating attorney, Barbara Hirsch.

Mr. Doe, a San Francisco resident, used a pseudonym in the case to protect the privacy of the children.

Marks appointed to AIDS Vaccine Task Force

Senator Milton Marks (D-San Francisco/Marin) was recently appointed by the Senate Rules Committee to the AIDS Vaccine Task Injury Compensation Policy Review Task Force.

Marks was the first appointment to the task force, established under AB 4250 last year.

Among other provisions, AB 4250 provided a compensation fund for individuals injured through the use of experimental AIDS vaccines.

The task force is charged with recommending to the legislature additional ground rules regarding the use of the compensation fund, including the ability of an injured individual to gain these public funds while also pursuing civil actions.

"Effective treatment and safe vaccines offer our only long term hope of stemming the spread of AIDS," Marks said.

"We must continue to provide innovative services, experimental programs, and full funding to ensure that government does all we can.

"This compensation fund will provide financial security for researchers and pharmaceutical companies, speeding up the development of a vaccine," the Senator added.

The task force is composed of

two appointments by the Speaker of the Assembly, two by Senate Rules Committee, 8 gubernatorial appointments, and the Director of Finance.

Both Senate Rules and the Speaker are about to complete their appointments.

However, Marks has called on the Governor to speed up the administration's appointment process.

Watergarden

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sion at the meeting suggests that:
 ✓ A great deal of education remains to be done in the general community.

✓ The general community has trouble shifting from the issue of personal morality to public policy. (There is an implication that if people do not subscribe to narrow and idealistic moral codes, they should die.)

✓ The Downtown Business Association president, Ernie Glave, is a courageous man who is willing to "disturb the peace" in order to get the business community to take a look at the greatest health threat of the 20th century. Such courage is rare in these times.

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AIDS Education

A. Damien Martin, Executive Director of the Institute for the Protection of Lesbian and Gay Youth, announced the development of an enhanced AIDS education program and the hiring of three new personnel at the Institute.

The new AIDS education program has been funded under grants from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Public Health Service through the New York City AIDS Consortium.

Andy Humm, the new Director of Education for the Institute, will oversee the program.

He comes to the Institute after eight years at the City University of New York where he coordinated a high school drop-out prevention program using college students as mentors, and eleven years as a Spokesperson for the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

"It is not easy to educate young people about AIDS," said Dr. Martin.

"Young gay men are at high risk for infection if they're sexually active, but few develop an AIDS diagnosis while still in their teens.

"Furthermore, adolescents tend to think that they are immortal—that nothing can harm them.

"Thus, we not only have to overcome the reticence of many educators and youth workers to talk about AIDS, we have to deal with a lot of denial on the part of the young people themselves.

"Beyond educating our young people about AIDS and seeing what approaches work best with them," Dr. Martin added, "we are consulting with other youth agencies and representatives of the public school system to help them make their AIDS education programs more effective."

Ms Bayo Anderson, who has worked with the Bureau of Prison Mental Services as a Senior Mental Health Worker and as a Case Manager at the Henry Street Settlement, is the new supervisor of the Institute's after-school drop-in center.

Under Anderson's direction, the center, now open from 3 to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Institute's 110 East 23rd Street offices, will be able to expand its schedule to Fridays and Saturdays soon and to offer more structured activities desired by some clients.

Humm will work with Anderson and the Institute's social work staff to integrate education programs into some of the drop-in center's activities.

AIDS education programs will also be enhanced at the on-site Harvey Milk School.

Joining IPLGY's social work staff is Marcia Nadel who most recently was employed by Graham-Windham Services to Families and Children providing services to foster children and biological families.

Nadel will be working with Director of Clinical Services Joyce Hunter and Steve Ashin. zy counseling the more than one thousand young people between the ages of 12 and 21 who contact the Institute for help each year.

"We're very excited about the addition of these staff members and AIDS education program for this most ignored—and most important—part of our community," said Peter Drago, President of the Institute's Board of Directors.

Dr. Martin quoted the co-founder of the Institute, Dr. Emery Hetrick, his lover of 12 years who died February 3rd of complications related to AIDS: "Emery said one time that our future—like the future of all communities—depends upon our youth. These programs are a part of this community's commitment to the next generation."

Shanti Project moves to new facilities

Shanti Project, a non-profit organization which provides support services to People with AIDS and their loved ones is moving to San Francisco.

The new telephone number is 777-CARE.

"This new facility," states Jess Randall, Finance Director for Shanti Project will enable Shanti to expand with the exploding epidemic, while at the same time keeping our overhead costs to a minimum."

Randall reports that after nine months of searching for a space and five months on negotiations on this space, that Shanti Project ended up with 56 rooms built to their specifications, all utilities included, for about half the going market rate for the next five years.

"At \$1. per square foot, including build-out, we really got a bargain," states Randall.

"The space is large enough to allow us to do our volunteer trainings and client support groups in-house, while at the same time allowing for expansion as the epidemic unfolds," continued Randall.

Currently, the AIDS Activity Office is estimating that the number of persons living with AIDS in San Francisco will grow from its current level of 1200 to 5000 in the year 1992.

Randall also reports that he community has responded overwhelmingly by donating artwork, plants and furnishings (including a 20-seat Board table and chairs).

Largely due to this, Shanti Project has been able to keep its community donated funds focused on providing direct ser-

vices to their clients. Shanti Project provides one-to-one peer counseling to People with AIDS and their loved ones through its Emotional Support Program.

The Practical Support Program provides volunteers who do the necessary chores (i.e., cleaning, shopping, cooking, etc.) for their clients.

Other programs operated by

Shanti Project include a long-term, low-cost Residence Program for adult People with AIDS, Counseling at San Francisco General Hospital; Support Groups for People with AIDS, and loved ones, families and friends; Information and Referral Service; and a Recreation Program for People with AIDS. Both the Practical support Program and the Educational

Support Program utilizes volunteers to assist the needs of Shanti's clients.

Volunteers are needed by both programs in order to continue to meet the demand for services.

Anyone interested in volunteering to perform either Emotional or Practical Support should contact Shanti Project at 777-CARE.

Couples, Inc. "The Wedding"

Washington, D.C.—On March 1, the Coordinating Committee for the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights received a report outlining the basic plans for "The Wedding" for October 10, 1987.

The Wedding is a national demonstration officially sponsored by the National March on Washington to emphasize the demand that lesbian and gay domestic partners in committed same-sex relationships be entitled to the same rights as married heterosexual couples.

The demonstration will include a non-sectarian union ceremony to celebrate existing on-going relationships followed by a reception for the participants, guests, sponsors and media representatives.

The report was presented by Carey Junkin representing Couples, Inc; this Los Angeles based group is the National Organization for the Advancement of

Lesbian and Gay Couples.

The goal of "The Wedding" is to have at least one thousand couples celebrate their existing on-going committed relationships in such a way to draw attention to the March demand for couples' rights.

"The Wedding" is not intended to be a marriage ceremony for new couples, nor will the organizers restrict participation by defining couples or acceptable relationships.

Couples, Inc. will be inviting representatives of numerous religious groups and non-religious leaders to serve on an advisory board to help define the demonstration.

Several nationally recognized figures will be invited to conduct the demonstration.

"The Wedding" is to be held at 2:00 p.m. on October 10, 1987, the eve of the March on Washington to help draw attention to the March.

It is also scheduled to encour-

age couples to come to Washington for the entire weekend to participate in the other sponsored events.

This self-supporting event will turn over excess monies collected to the National March Committee to help build and pay for the March and Rally.

To respect the diversity of the gay and lesbian community, Couples, Inc. will make a special effort to encourage participation by women and people of color.

This effort will work toward the March goal of including at least fifty percent women and twenty five percent people of color.

For more information on the March on Washington contact the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, Woodward Building, 733 15th Street, NW, Room 315, Washington, D.C. or for "The Wedding," Couples, Inc., P.O. Box 13323, Los Angeles, CA 90013.



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NEWS

Saturday, April 25, 1987: Western States Mobilization for No U.S. Intervention in Central America and the Caribbean; End U.S. Support for South African Apartheid; Jobs and Justice, Not War; Freeze and Reverse the Nuclear Arms Race. March and Rally schedule: Assemble 11 a.m. Justice Herman Plaza, March noon up Market Street. Rally at 1 p.m. Civic Center. For more information call 415/626-8053.

Attorney's Directory: is compiling data for the fourth edition. The Directory, published by Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD), lists lesbian and gay attorneys, legal organizations, and attorneys who are knowledgeable about lesbian and gay legal issues. Listings, on a state by state basis, enable gay people to find lawyers in their area who understand and are sympathetic to their legal needs. For more information call GLAD at (617) 426-1350.

Mid Pins: has an open invitation to bowlers to join their bowling league. Mid Pins are now taking reservations for full teams, couples, or single signups. Camino Bowl hopes to have the most successful gay league in the area. For more information call Pat Blair at 916-2121 or Bill Wallace at 296-3257. Mid Pins meet on Monday nights at 6:15 at Camino Bowl, 2025 El Camino, Mt. View. No experience necessary. Must be interested in meeting and socializing with old friends and new people.

Community Law Week: KQED and the Bar Association of San Francisco present the 10th annual "Call-A-Lawyer-Night," offering free legal assistance to the public Friday, May 1 from 7 to 10 p.m. Lawyers fluent in several languages and specializing in various areas of law ranging from tenant issues to insurance, tax, and immigration law, are available all evening to take calls in the KQED studios from anyone seeking free legal advice or referral information. The number to call is 415/864-1100.

DeFrank Center: receives donation from High Tech Gays in the amount of \$1000. The executive committee of HTG discussed the donation prior to their meeting and felt that such support was appropriate and within their means. HTG is very pleased with the success of their monthly meetings at the DeFrank Center and interested in seeing the Center continue. HTG urges their members as well as the community at large to sign up for the Center's Acorn Club or make a donations of some type.

Couples/LA: is an organization providing a social/educational outreach to Gay/Lesbians couples. As such, Couples/LA denies any claims by others that it is either affiliated with or is a part of any other organization oriented towards Couples related issues. Specifically, Couples/LA disclaims any relationship to Couples Inc. which is currently involved with the Mass Wedding at October's March on Washington, D.C. Couples/LA current calendar includes trips to the Museum of Contemporary Art with dinner afterwards, a Power of Attorney workshop, a couple of rap groups, a potluck and a trip to Tijuana. For more information, call (213) 655-4213.

S.F. Lesbian/Gay Parade: Open auditions are being held for performers to fill the stage at the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Celebration. Auditions will be on May 2, 1987 from 12 to 4 p.m. at Ollie's (4130 Telegraph Ave., Oakland) and on May 3, 1987 from 12 to 4 p.m. at the Baybrick Inn (1190 Folsom, S.F.) The goal this year is to have strong representation of our community's diverse talent on stage as well as in the streets. For more information call (415) 548-3703.

Key International: will not carry listings for the Union of South Africa in their 1987 guide to gay hotels, resorts and guest houses. "We are concerned not only about the hateful aspects of apartheid, but we omit any establishment anywhere when we learn of racial or religious discrimination," said Stan Leechei, publisher of the annual guide. "This would be true in Chicago or Capetown, and we encourage our readers to report any such incidents." Key '87 is on sale at major gay bookstores and from several gay organizations, or may be ordered from House of Leechei, PO Box 330406, Coconut Grove, Fla 33233. In North America the price is \$6.95, postpaid; elsewhere, \$7.95 in US funds by International money order.

Mediterranean Lesbians and Gays: A new group is forming in the Bay Area for gay women and men with roots in Albania, Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Libya, Monaco, Morocco, Spain, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, and Yugoslavia to explore and celebrate the rich cultural heritage of the Mediterranean region and to promote peace and understanding among its diverse peoples. For more information write MLG, Box 14051, San Francisco, CA 94114 or call Nikos (415) 775-6143 between 11 a.m. and 11 p.m.

On a fling and a prayer

by Ted Sahl

The religious right finally has a "soap opera" of their own on national TV.

The recent un-bible like revelations soaring through the bible belt from coast to coast over illicit sex, and corporate take over of (PTL), Praise the Lord ministries headed by Jim Bakker is enough to make the devil do a somersault through hoops of fire and brimstone.

Under attack is Jim Bakker's brief encounter (15 minutes) into the world of "Johns," leaving him defunct and hiding in Palm Springs.

Bakker's 500,000 member ministry boasted a reported 129 million dollars in revenue in 1986. The empire includes a sprawling complex called Heritage USA; a 500 room motel, convention center; amusement park and lots of real estate.

Bakker claims his empire is under a threat of "take over" by Jimmy Swaggert, another angelic darling of TV's religious broadcasting.

The alleged "hit-man" Swaggert went public eventually naming Jessica Hahn, a church groupie, who once said she used to clean church toilets, nobody made her do it.

Hahn claims she was invited to Bakker's hotel room to give him a back rub to pep him up for a revival meeting.

Hahn said things got out of hand—and into bed. The next day she was distressed and went home.

Since then, Swaggert has demanded that Bakker be immediately "defrocked" for his slimy slip from the evangelical world of purity into sex and debauchery.

Rev. Jim Bakker has turned over his empire to Jerry Falwell who is busy pleading for "peace and harmony."

Everyone is convinced that Jerry is the perfect choice, being himself a man of purity who was seen on several occasions sitting on the right hand of Ronald Reagan during his re-election campaign.

Oh, Bakker and his wife, Tammy are in seclusion until further notice at their villa in Palm Springs.

Many in the ministry have stated Bakker will probably be forgiven for his 15 minute bout with "deviltry" only to rise like an angel, back on stage before the microphone of God. . . Christians are forgiving you know! . . . Or will he. . .

We can't answer that folks, only God and hark the heard angels can, which leave many questions unanswered.

Can Jerry save the fold, like Sir Galahad?

Will Tammy be allowed to wear the devils make up? Can Jessica once again fill her calling, cleaning church toilets?



Will the alleged villain Jimmy Swaggert take over Praise the Lord ministries? Will Jim Bakker be allowed by the church to get "Re-Frocked?" Only a heavenly body can answer those questions. Seems as though there is a lot

of truth in the earthly saying: "Some days, it just don't pay to get out bed in the afternoon." Especially after a toilet cleaners back-rub, you might not smell too good. . . That's how it is in the land of Armageddon, USA.

Gay Games 1990

Gay Games III, one of the world's largest international athletic and cultural events, happens in Vancouver, Canada in 1990.

San Francisco founded these games in 1982 with 1300 athletes and hosted them again in 1986, this time with 3482 participants.

Former U.S. Olympic decathlete, Tom Waddell announced the site selection committee's decision at closing ceremonies of Gay Games II before 17,000 spectators.

With a focus on making the games more of an international event, San Francisco invited

other cities to bid for the games. A group of Vancouver organizers (Betty Baxter, Richard Dopson, Mark Mees, Barry McDell, Bill Raymond, and Judy Saunders), began probing the community to determine the level of support.

They found it favourable, not only in the lesbian and gay communities, but with individuals such as former Vancouver Mayor Michael Barcourt, Bruce Kidd (Canadian Olympic Academy), and Members of Parliament, Pat Carney and Margaret Mitchell.

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OUR CALENDAR

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Nonprofit Organizations

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Apr 9, 16, 23, 30: Men's Support Group: An informal support and social group, meets every Thursday at 7:30 pm at the Billy DeFrank Lesbian/Gay Community Center, 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Call 293-AGAY.

Apr 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30: El Camino Readers: Beginner's class on Thursday nights, advanced group on Tuesday nights. Call for details: Marilyn 408/996-3788 or Jim 408/984-8132.

Apr 10: Sisterspirit Coffeehouse: Social. 8:00 pm at the Billy DeFrank Lesbian/Gay Community Center, 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Sliding scale admission charge. Call 293-9372.

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Apr 11: Feminist Lesbian Social Group: Monthly potluck, 7:00 pm at Marilyn's house in Mt. View. Call 415/969-1260 for directions. To receive the *Entre Nous* newsletter, send \$12 to: FLSE, POB 70933, Sunnyvale, CA 94086.

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Apr 12: High Tech Gays: Monthly meeting at Billy DeFrank Center, 1040 Park Ave, San Jose.

Apr 12, 19, 26: Holy Trinity Church: A Christian Church for All People, member of the Independent Christian Church network, meets every Sunday from 10:00 am to noon at the Billy DeFrank Lesbian/Gay Community Center, 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Call 292-3071.

Apr 12, 19, 26: Sunnyhills United Methodist Church: Proclaiming grace and freedom for all. Sunday morning worship at 8:30 am and 11 am, Sunday school at 9:30 am, at 355 Dixon Road, Milpitas. Call 262-1486.

Apr 12, 19, 26: Calvary Metropolitan Community Church: Sunday worship at 5:00 pm at 2124 Brewster Ave, corner Brewster & Lowell, Redwood City. Call 415/368-0188.

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Apr 12, 19, 26: Peninsula Gay & Lesbian Youth Group: Meets 2 pm every Sunday at Fireside Room, University Lutheran Church, 1611 Stanford Ave, Palo Alto.

Apr 14: Beginning of Passover.
Apr 14: Slightly Older Lesbians: Dinner at China Station, 80 Senter Rd., San Jose, 7 pm sharp. Call Gretchen to R.S.V.P. at 225-8542.

Apr 14, 21, 28: San Jose Spurs: Country & western dance group, traditional and modern music, practice at Buck's, 301 Stockton Ave, San Jose, 7-9 pm. Call for information, Ray Dugan 972-9314, or write San Jose Spurs, P.O. Box 21895, San Jose, CA 95151-1895.

Apr 14, 21, 28: AIDS Support Group: All are welcome. Meets 7-9 pm every Tuesday at Christ The Good Shepherd Church, 1550 Meridian Ave, San Jose. For details, call ARIS Project 370-3272.

Apr 15, 22, 29: Peninsula Women's Group: A networking group for lesbians meets Weds at 7:30 pm at the United Church of Christ on Arroyo St. in San Carlos (2 blocks west of El Camino), second floor, first room on right. For details, call Pat at 415/969-4731 or Anne at 415/3-6332 or Betsy 408/243-1509. To receive newsletter, send \$6 to C. Benoit, 1512 Wildrose Way, Mountain View, CA 94043.

Apr 17: Good Friday.
Apr 17: Holy Trinity Church: Good Friday Service, 7 pm at DeFrank Center, 1040 Park Ave, San Jose.

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Apr 21: End of Passover.
Apr 21: Slightly Older Lesbians: Personal, non-chemical tranquilizers — share your ways to relax and get the kinks out. 7-9 pm at the Billy DeFrank Lesbian/Gay Community Center, 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Call 293-4525.

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Gay Actor Saluted on KQED

Chuck Solomon: Coming of Age, a one-hour KQED special presentation on Tuesday, April 6, is an uplifting celebration of the life of a remarkable man and his community.

After losing his brother, lover, and several friends to the AIDS epidemic, San Francisco actor/director Chuck Solomon was himself diagnosed with the disease.

Friends rallied their support by staging a joyous and defiant 40th birthday party for Solomon on March 10, 1986.

In *Chuck Solomon: Coming of*

Age, filmmakers Marc Huestis and Wendy Dallas honor their friend, who died December 2, 1986, by incorporating tape of the evening and interviews with Solomon, his friends, and his mother.

Solomon talks candidly of his life as a gay man and his career in the theater, illustrated by stills and footage from his performances in the groundbreaking *Crimes Against Nature*, *Factwin*, *Meets the Moral Majority*, and others.

Solomon is seen visiting his doctor, at work at Theatre Rhin-

oceros, which he co-founded, and finally at the birthday gala.

Counted among the friends who perform for Solomon are Doris Fish, poet Aaron Shurin, singer Esmeralda, comedian Tom Ammann, and the cast of *The A.I.D.S. Show*.

Solomon's personality — his intelligence, humor, and hope — is the life of *Chuck Solomon: Coming of Age*.

Acknowledging the outpouring of devotion shown by his friends at the birthday party, Solomon opens his emotional thank-you with, "To think so many people love me makes me feel like Sally Field."

Waiting for the Moon

The Northern California premiere of *Waiting for the Moon* will be held Thursday, April 16, 1987 at 7:30 p.m. in the Kabuki Theatre (Post at Fil-

more) in San Francisco to benefit Northern California Women in Film and Television. Admission will be \$10 per person.

Waiting for the Moon is a

provocative and witty portrait of the later lives of literary lioness Gertrude Stein (Linda Basses) and her longtime companion, Alice B. Toklas (Linda Hunt).

This rich, atmospheric film shot entirely on location in France, is peppered with amusing scenes and dialogue showing the relationship between the two women.

Academy Award winning actress Linda Hunt gives an intelligent and sparkling performance as Alice.

Waiting for the Moon was awarded the Grand Prize at the Sundance Institute's United States Film Festival in January 1987.

Waiting for the Moon was directed by Jill Godmilow, (Antonia). It was produced by Sandra Schulberg (Wildrose, Alambriesta, Belazire The Cajun), of Point Richmond, California.

The screenplay, full of conversations worthy of Stein and Toklas' reputations, is by Mark Magill, based on a story by Magill and Godmilow.

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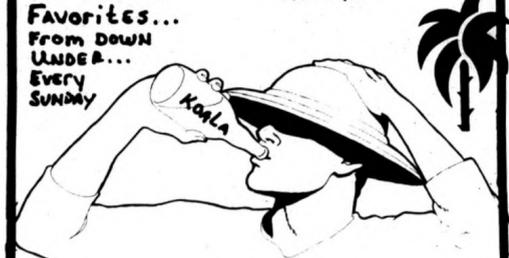
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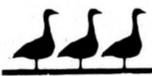
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Ma Rainey's Black Bottom continues through April 25 in repertory at the Geary Theatre before moving to an extended run in Los Angeles.

Gay Actor Saluted on KQED

Chuck Solomon: Coming of Age, a one-hour KQED special presentation on Tuesday, April 6, is an uplifting celebration of the life of a remarkable man and his community.

After losing his brother, lover, and several friends to the AIDS epidemic, San Francisco actor/director Chuck Solomon was himself diagnosed with the disease.

Friends rallied their support by staging a joyous and defiant 40th birthday party for Solomon on March 10, 1986.

In *Chuck Solomon: Coming of*

Age, filmmakers Marc Huestis and Wendy Dallas honor their friend, who died December 2, 1986, by incorporating tape of the evening and interviews with Solomon, his friends, and his mother.

Solomon talks candidly of his life as a gay man and his career in the theater, illustrated by stills and footage from his performances in the groundbreaking *Crimes Against Nature*, *Factwino Meets the Moral Majority*, and others.

Solomon is seen visiting his doctor, at work at Theatre Rhin-

oceros, which he co-founded, and finally at the birthday gala.

Counted among the friends who perform for Solomon are Doris Fish, poet Aaron Shurin, singer Esmeralda, comedian Tom Ammiano, and the cast of *The A.I.D.S. Show*.

Solomon's personality — his intelligence, humor, and hope — is the life of *Chuck Solomon: Coming of Age*.

Acknowledging the outpouring of devotion shown by his friends at the birthday party, Solomon opens his emotional thank-you with, "To think so many people love me makes me feel like Sally Field."

Waiting for the Moon

The Northern California premiere of *Waiting for the Moon* will be held Thursday, April 16, 1987 at 7:30 p.m. in the Kabuki Theatre (Post at Fil-

more) in San Francisco to benefit Northern California Women in Film and Television. Admission will be \$10 per person.

Waiting for the Moon is a

provocative and witty portrait of the later lives of literary lioness Gertrude Stein (Linda Basses) and her longtime companion, Alice B. Toklas (Linda Hunt).

This rich, atmospheric film shot entirely on location in France, is peppered with amusing scenes and dialogue showing the relationship between the two women.

Academy Award winning actress Linda Hunt gives an intelligent and sparkling performance as Alice.

Waiting for the Moon was awarded the Grand Prize at the Sundance Institute's United States Film Festival in January 1987.

Waiting for the Moon was directed by Jill Godmilow, (Antonia). It was produced by Sandra Schulberg (Wildrose, *Alambriesta*, *Belazire The Cajun*), of Point Richmond, California.

The screenplay, full of conversations worthy of Stein and Toklas' reputations, is by Mark Magill, based on a story by Magill and Godmilow.

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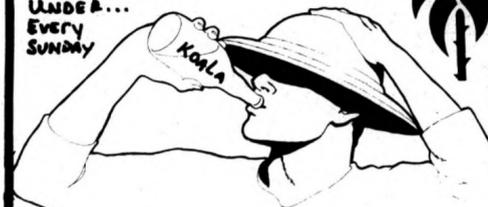
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FORTUNES

By Tycho

Aries (Mar 21-Apr 20)-The only thing that can get in the way of your great leap forward is you. An inflated view of yourself could obscure the deep and heartfelt affection that is being offered. Step out of the gold framed mirror and look forward to love.

Taurus (Apr 21-May 20)-Loving concern is what you're concerned with. This may be one of those times when listening is the kindest and most important thing you can do. When you do speak, you'll say it from the heart and mean it.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)-You continue to be the diplomat of the zodiac. Responding emotionally to a situation you had been somewhat detached from may surprise you at first. Empathy or sympathy may be what is required to break down barriers.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)-Don't overdo anything. Spring is in the air and there's the temptation to get out and of everything at once. Consider a quiet rendezvous and an intimate conversation as the most important things you need to do.

Leo (July 23-Aug 22)-Whether your travel plans are working out or not, this is definitely a time for increasing your horizon. If you can do it on the physical plane, so much the better. On the mental plane listen to words of wisdom but avoid flashy gurus.

Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 22)-Go with the flow! is a phrase from the seventies that is excellent advice for Virgos in April of 1987. If you can continue to smile and be amused at the changes you'll be fine. Playfulness and silliness will keep the flow going.

Libra (Sept 23-Oct 22)-The growing understanding between you and your partner is a beautiful thing. If you discover something about your partner that doesn't please you, set judgement aside for now. Don't let a small part of the picture distort the overall view.

Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 21)-Channel your creative power in the best possible way. You have a fine awareness of what is both beautiful and appropriate. Make the most of this awareness. The possibility of fulfilling yourself and serving others is closely aligned.

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21)-Call up your fiery friends and have a party. The old and the new you are the same person. What a discovery! Introduce your old friends to your new friends and have a ball. Aries and Leo people do figure prominently.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 18)-Meaningful work come naturally. Finding both pleasure and meaning in what you do with your time is one of the biggest keys to a successful life. Where others see dull routine you see interesting patterns. It must be 'all in your mind.'

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18)-You're on the go. While there are no big vacation plans in the picture, short jaunts and overnights look like a good idea. You may meet someone who has an enchanting, almost hypnotic effect on you.

Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20)-Power continues to be the big issue. Your power of persuasion can take you just about anywhere you want to go. Use it, don't abuse it, is the phrase to keep in mind. Your good sense of balance will be very useful.

Open Forum

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promote Self-Esteem and Social Responsibility, which was twice vetoed by Deukmejian met for the first time March 25th. There are 25 members on the three year panel, whose budget is \$245,000 per year. John Vasconcellos whose legislation led to the panel compares the budget with that of housing a 20 year old convict for life. The group chosen from over 400 applicants will explore Self-Esteem.

The panelists come from a variety of backgrounds, including a specialist in the relationship between yoga and neuroscience and an author on gay issues. According to John Vasconcellos (D-San Jose), "Self-Esteem might well be the vaccine that allows people not to be sucked into these diseases;" referring to the problems that

cost our society millions of dollars per year, including crime, violence, prostitution, pregnancy, alcoholism, drug abuse, welfare dependency and other anti-social behaviors.

T.V. Evangelists
I'm hesitant to get into the television evangelist scandals since we've already heard and read so much about it. Although Oral Roberts did receive a check for over a million dollars and has reached his goal of 8 million dollars—he remains in his tower. On Nightline, Oral Roberts accused Jimmy Swaggert of attempting a hostile takeover of the PTL Club which is run by none other than Jim and Tammy who have now turned over their authority to Jerry Falwell who has promised not to bring the PTL into his own 100 million dollar ministry.

Meanwhile, Roy Grutman,

attorney for Jim Bakker said there is "smelly laundry in his hamper," referring to Jimmy Swaggert, the accused. Incidentally, Jimmy Swaggert's hamper hold 1400 employees and last year he stuffed over 150 million dollars between the smelly socks.

Stay tuned, till next time when we find out if Jimmy Bakker returns to South Carolina from his Palm Springs seclusion to face charges of adultery. Will the Assemblies of God reinstate him or will he get the boot? If reinstated, will Falwell be able to give back the PTL? Will Bakker sue Swaggert for libel? Will the Lord's house be clean before 1988 when Pat seeks the Republican nomination for President?

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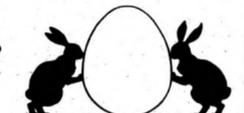
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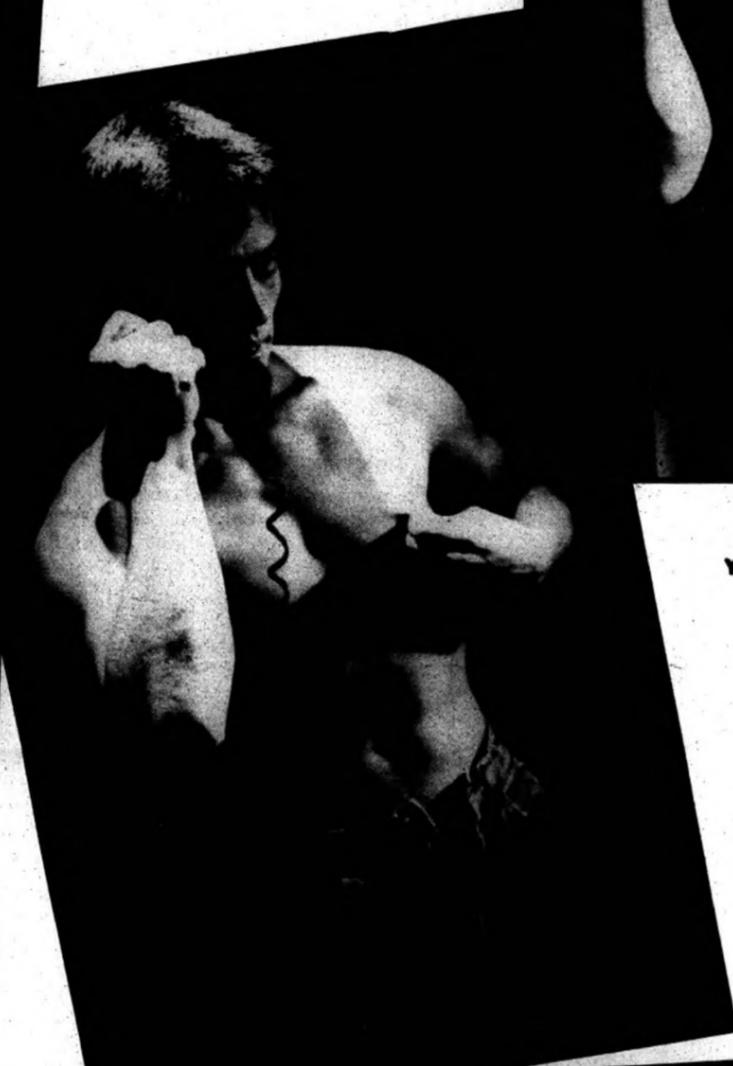
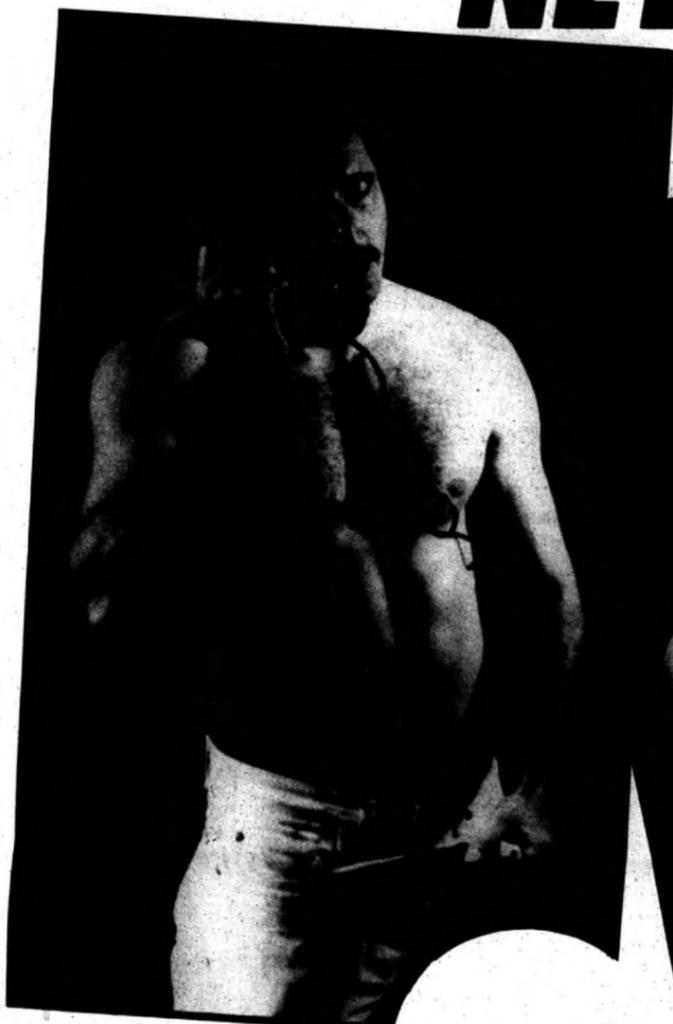
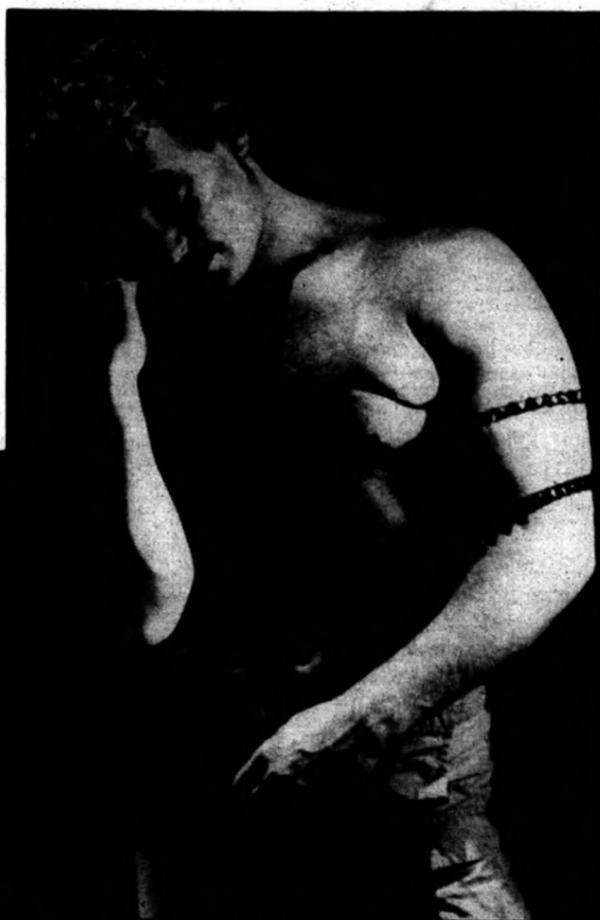
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