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Keating Charged, Goes to Jail

Ex-chief of failed S&L couldn't meet \$5 million bail

By George Williamson
Chronicle Staff Writer

Charles H. Keating Jr., the one-time Lincoln Savings potentate who dispensed millions of dollars to politicians before his scandal-ridden thrift was seized 17 months ago, was imprisoned at Los Angeles County Jail yesterday because he could not meet a \$5 million bail.

Two other Lincoln executives and the head of Lincoln's parent firm, American Continental Corp., also went to jail on the first criminal indictments brought in the aftermath of the Lincoln collapse, which became the largest single S&L collapse in a national thrift catastrophe now expected to cost taxpayers \$500 billion.

The four made no comment during a 45-minute hearing in Los Angeles County Superior Court that preceded their incarceration.

The felony charges stem from the sale of about \$250 million in now-worthless bonds to 23,000 investors, most of them elderly people who were persuaded to convert their savings from federally insured accounts to the high-risk

Flag-Waving for Mom



BY CHRIS STEWART/THE CHRONICLE

Two-year-old Anastasia Vizcarra showed the flag while her brother Anthony, 3, amused himself during a ceremony at Treasure Island

their mother, Lucia, from the Philippines — became U.S. citizens. The ceremony marked the 50th anniversary of both Citizenship Day and

House Members Say Bush Policy Encouraged Iraq

Demos criticize courting of Saddam in days before invasion of Kuwait

Baltimore Sun

Washington

For the first time since the Persian Gulf crisis erupted last month, congressional Democrats bitterly attacked the Bush administration's conduct yesterday, accusing officials of pursuing a misguided foreign policy that may have contributed to Iraq's seizure of Kuwait.

"The obsequious treatment of (Iraqi President Saddam Hussein) by a large number of high-ranking officials encouraged him to take that action, and there's no escaping that responsibility," Representative Tom Lantos, D-Calif., told Assistant Secretary of State John Kelly at a House Foreign Affairs subcommittee hearing.

When Kelly last appeared before the subcommittee — two days before the August 2 invasion of Kuwait — he had strongly opposed congressional attempts to impose sanctions against Iraq.

Chairman Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., scolded the administration yesterday for having sought closer ties to Baghdad, ostensibly to change the belligerent behavior of Saddam. He said that Kelly and

Winnie Mandela To Go on Trial In Kidnaping

4 youths attacked in '88 — 1 died of stab wounds

By Scott Kraft
Los Angeles Times

Johannesburg

Winnie Mandela, the fiery and controversial wife of the African

Keating and his three colleagues of fraudulently selling the bonds through misrepresentations and omissions of facts.

Bails were set at \$1 million each for former Lincoln top executives Ray Fidel, 32, and Robin Symes, 37, and for Judy Wischer, 42, former president of American Continental. They joined Keating in going to jail in lieu of paying the bail.

Each of the defendants could face 10 years in prison if found guilty, Judge Gary Klausner pointed out in explaining his decision to demand seven-figure bails.

Prosecutors made no recommendation on bail at the hearing. But, over protests from the defendants' lawyers, Klausner said the case "certainly justifies a substantial bail."

Senator Alan Cranston, who with four other senators is being investigated by the Senate ethics committee on whether Keating's substantial political contributions prompted them to intervene with federal regulators on Lincoln's behalf, said in a prepared statement yesterday:

"The charges against Charles Keating still have to be proved, and he is entitled to due process of the law. But if he is found guilty, I hope they throw the book at him."

Cranston, who solicited \$850,000 from Keating for voter registration groups, added that "whatever criminal activity Charles Keating may have been involved in no way involved me. Specifically, I knew nothing about the bond sales until after Lincoln Savings was taken over by the gov-

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Atlanta Picked to Host 1996 Summer Olympics

Sentimental favorite Athens comes in 2nd

By Steven R. Weisman
New York Times

Tokyo

With a powerful display of personal lobbying and financial clout, Atlanta yesterday won the right to hold the 1996 Summer Olympic Games, turning back a strong sentimental appeal by Athens to become the site for the 100th anniversary of the first modern Olympic Games.

The decision by the International Olympic Committee, announced last night after five rounds of secret balloting, brings the Summer Olympics back to the

United States only 12 years after the Games were held in Los Angeles.

Atlanta had fashioned a proposal to spend about \$1.2 billion in private funds to hold the Games, with the expectation of generating about \$1.4 billion in revenues from television broadcast rights, commercial sponsorships, tickets and other promotions.

But to the 300 delirious Georgians in the official delegation visiting Tokyo, the Olympics' appeal

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Yosemite Park Chief Orders Volunteers to Halt Criticism

The superintendent of Yosemite National Park has silenced the Yosemite Association, a venerable volunteer group, setting off sharp criticism.

The association had criticized a National Park Service report on the future of the park and accused the service of ignoring public criticism. Yosemite Superintendent Michael Finley said the comments violated National Park Service

guidelines and told the group that it could take no further public positions on park policy.

The group's board of directors went along with Finley's demands months ago but did not tell its 5,000 members that it had been muffled until the annual meeting at the park earlier this month.

Chronicle staff writer Carl Nolte's story is on Page A16.

Inflationary Rate Soars, Along With Trade Gap

By Jonathan Marshall
Chronicle Economics Editor

Sharp increases in consumer prices in August and a widening trade gap in July gave workers, investors and economic planners more bad news yesterday.

The Labor Department announced a jump of 0.8 percent in the seasonally adjusted August Consumer Price Index, reflecting a doubling of petroleum costs from July to August. For the first eight months of 1990, prices rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 6.2 percent, up sharply from the 4.6 percent rise for all of 1989.

The Bay Area did slightly better than the nation, with an unadjusted price rise of 0.6 percent. Coming on top of a 1.3 percent leap in the August Producer Price Index, a measure of wholesale prices, the numbers reflect an economy slipping further into a period of inflationary stagnation.

A 75 percent increase in the nation's trade deficit from June to July, reported yesterday by the Commerce Department, could tip the economy further toward recession.

Analysts had predicted a deficit of about \$7.3 billion in July, up from June's strong showing of only \$5.34 billion. Instead, the trade gap ballooned to \$9.3 billion as exports fell and imports rose almost across the board. (A story on the

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not to come to the defense of Kuwait" in the event of an invasion, said Hamilton, who recited Kelly's own testimony from previous hearings this year that the United States had no defense treaty or other formal obligation to defend Kuwait.

"That left the impression that if Kuwait was attacked, we would not respond," he said.

Since the invasion, President Bush has received wide praise for his handling of the crisis, winning bipartisan support.

Kelly's hostile reception stood in sharp contrast to the overwhelmingly cordial session two weeks ago when the full Foreign Affairs Committee heard from Secretary of State James Baker. Committee members voiced strong support for the administra-

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yesterday.

Klaus von Lieres, attorney general for the Johannesburg district, said that he decided to file the charges "because of my duty ... to uphold and apply the law to all alike."

Winnie Mandela, 54, will stand trial with seven members of her former retinue of bodyguards. The leader of those bodyguards, Jerry Richardson, 41, already has been sentenced to death in the murder of one of the four victims, 14-year-old Stompie Seipei.

The decision to charge Winnie Mandela could hamper peace talks between the government and the ANC, political analysts say, and strain one factor that has been largely responsible for the success of the talks thus far — the feeling of mutual respect between Presi-

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S.F. Picks Non-Medical Man To Run Its Health Department

By Lori Olszewski
Chronicle Staff Writer

The former acting head of the corporation that runs New York City's public hospitals, the largest municipal hospital system in the nation, was named yesterday as the new director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health.

Raymond Baxter, 43, has accepted the job as head of San Francisco's largest city department and will begin work in December, a spokesman for Mayor Art Agnos said. Baxter was unavailable for comment yesterday.

It is believed to be the first time in city history that someone who is not a medical doctor has been hired for the city's highest health post.

Dr. Edward Chow, president of the San Francisco Health Commission, said Baxter has shown that he can work with physicians, community agencies and medical bureaucracies "in an era of increasing demand for services and declining resources."

Chow and others stressed that

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RELIGIOUS CURRENTS

Ministries Try to Turn Gays Straight

By Don Lattin
Chronicle Religion Writer

"Unhappy and Gay? Join the Exodus," the posters proclaim. "Thousands of men and women just like us are overcoming homosexuality through the power of Jesus Christ. You can too!"

They are known as "change ministers" and "ex-gay counselors," and they are proliferating from California to the Bible Belt. If you are a homosexual and want to get right with the Lord, these Christian counselors say, all you have to do is change your sexual preference.

Although change ministries date back to the mid-1970s, AIDS

and the increasing protests by gays seeking a place in church pews and pulpits have focused new attention on them. And as various religious denominations reopen the book on the morality of homosexuality and gay ordination, the question of whether "God makes people gay" has taken on new importance.

"God doesn't create people gay," said Jim Smid, administrative director of Love in Action, the Bay Area chapter of Exodus International, a coalition of change ministries.

"God creates people as heterosexuals, but out of fear, hurt and other motivations, people turn away from that," said Smid,

who renounced the gay lifestyle in 1984, after his Christian conversion. "I think homosexuality is basically a fear of relating to the opposite sex on an intimate level."

For many people in the gay and lesbian community, however, those are fighting words.

"Suppose I suggested to you, as a heterosexual man, to forget about the love and companionship of a woman and be with a man instead," said Jim Bailey, editor of Second Stone, a New Orleans-based national newspaper for gay and lesbian Christians. "How easily could you

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How to Make Small Talk With a Future Queen

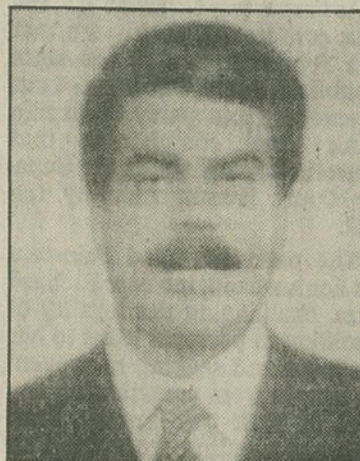
In his new book, "Diana's Diary" (Summit Books), Andrew Morton ("one of Britain's leading authorities on the royal family," according to the book jacket) reveals that Princess Diana likes to wear slinky outfits at night and enjoys the stimulation of meaningful talk.

"She is a sensitive woman," said one friend, "but is also a spunky lady who likes to laugh at sex and finds it far more amusing if a chap bowls up and talks about the mysteries of the orgasm rather than making awkward conversation about the weather."

The Voice of Saddam Hussein

When Entertainment Weekly asked a spokeswoman for the Iraqi Embassy in Washington to identify the by-now familiar man who reads Saddam Hussein's statements on Iraqi TV, she gushingly identified him as Miqdad Muradi.

"I guess he's the best newscaster in Iraq," said Mahasin Yono. "That's why they chose him to read the statements, because he's so good. And also because he's so handsome. Don't you think he's handsome?"



Muradi: looks count

Quickies

■ Miles Davis played Monday night at the opening of Blues Alley Tokyo, a Japanese branch of a Washington, D.C. club. The cover charge was \$292 a person.

■ Bert Parks gave celebrity interviewer Glenn Plaskin his official response to critics who complained about his performance during the Miss America pageant finals:

"Go to hell. . . . Why do people have to make a tragedy out of everything? Everybody makes mistakes."

Cher's Necessities

As reported herein previously, Cher is up to some important business in Washington this week (tea with Barbara Bush, for example), and the Washington Post reports that she has checked in at the Carlton Hotel.

A few little extras the star requested for her room, the Presidential Suite: a rowing machine, stationary bicycle, barbells and a Stairmaster.

Also plain M & Ms and Pepperidge Farm goldfish.

SEX TALK

"I hate immorality. I hate womanizers, child pornographers, sado-masochists, bondage and dominance, all the kinky, weird, perverted sex. Bisexuals, even if they can't seem to make up their minds, it's all the same to me. They're all violations of one of the seven deadly sins: lust."

Representative Robert Dornan, R-Garden Grove, quoted in the Washington Times.

"I mean, people really believe that I'm gay! It's a real trip. . . . All I can say is, it cracks me up."

that's what you think, go for it. I'm not going to spend the rest of my life trying to prove it's

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make that choice, lose your interest in women, and become attracted to men?"

Bailey — a lay leader in a New Orleans parish of the Evangelical Lutheran Church — is convinced that, for most gays, homosexuality is an innate, rather than an acquired, trait.

"Religious Right groups say it's Christians on one side and gays and lesbians on the other. But there are tens of thousands of us in the middle — active gay and lesbian Christians," Bailey said. "The Religious Right offers only one avenue to gays and lesbians, and that is, 'Straighten Up.'"

No Consensus

Scientists and psychologists have not reached a consensus on the root cause of homosexuality, leaving highly politicized groups in the gay community and conservative evangelical churches to claim that they have the answer.

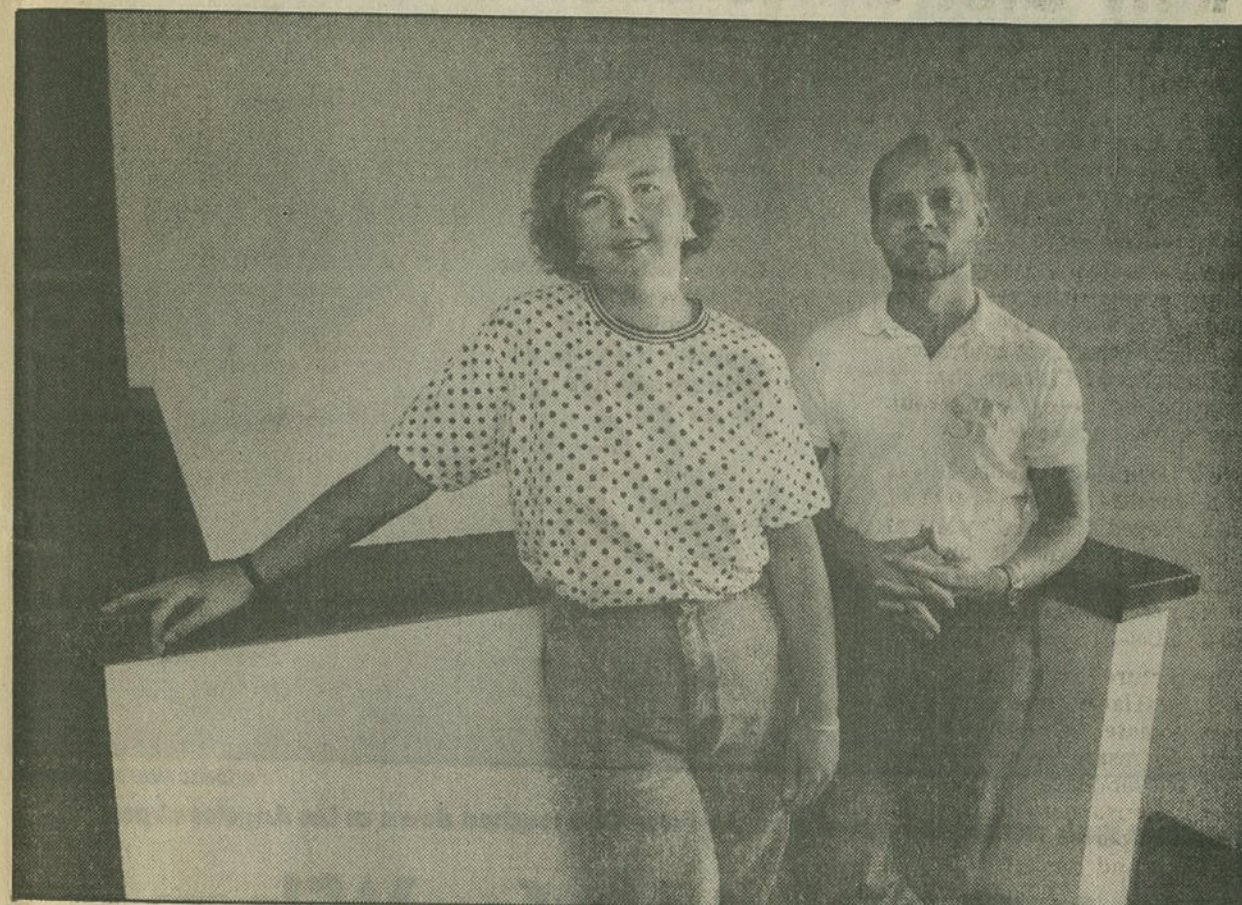
While change ministries try to turn homosexuals into heterosexuals, gay groups are lobbying most major denominations to change church law and achieve greater acceptance for homosexuals.

Gay Catholics call their group "Dignity." Episcopalians have "Integrity." Southern Baptists have "Honesty." Methodists have "Affirmation." Lutherans have "Lutherans Concerned." Evangelicals have "Evangelicals Concerned." Presbyterians have "Presbyterians for Gay/Lesbian Concerns."

And then there is the 20-year-old national network of Metropolitan Community Churches, a small denomination composed primarily of gay and lesbian Christians.

Much of the attention in the gay Christian debate has focused on the controversial, Southern California-based ministry of the Rev. Lou Sheldon, head of the Coalition for Traditional Values. But it is San Rafael-based Exodus International, a 14-year-old coalition of 64 local change ministries in the United States and abroad, that is leading the crusade.

"There are a lot of people in the



BY FREDERIC LARSON/THE CHRONICLE

Ex-gay counselors Jeanette Howard and Jim Smid of Love in Action of San Rafael

The U.S. crusade is being led by Exodus International of San Rafael

turn to "change ministries" in a desperate attempt to achieve salvation. "Their theology is screwed up because they say your sexuality is what saves you or condemns you," she said.

Pennington and Bailey said divorce and emotional turmoil often result when gays and lesbians try to change their sexual orientation by marrying. When the homosexual partner bails out of marriage, the spouse and children are often left confused, hurt and angry.

Davies said his organization keeps no statistics on its success rate. He acknowledges that changing one's sexuality is extremely difficult, concedes that some members of his staff have "reverted to the gay lifestyle" and says bad marriages have resulted from people trying to force a sexual conversion.

"This is a very difficult life change," he said. "It's the hardest thing I have ever had to deal with."

Davies compares his ministry to Alcoholics Anonymous.

"Many people drop out of AA and go back to drinking," Davies said. "But that doesn't invalidate the fact that there are many people who go to AA, do make it and are overjoyed with that change in their life."

For conservative evangelicals, he said, the bottom line is the Bible, which in a half-dozen passages appears to condemn homosexuality.

Bailey agreed that all gay Christians struggle with the Bible and what are known as the "clobber passages," verses in which homosexuality is condemned as a sin and "abomination." But he said fundamentalists take those few verses out of context, both textually and historically.

"Those who cling to their Bibles and read six verses to alienate gays and lesbians should consider the message of the other 31,095 verses," he said. "A place where love and understanding and compassion should prevail becomes a place of hate, rejection and ignorance."



Houston: whatever

"Even as a child, I was fascinated with androgyny. A person who has characteristics of both sexes has a broader perspective. There should be an androgynous ruling class. Get the malathion helicopters, fill 'em with estrogen and start spraying the White House!"

Artist Philip Garner, who, according to October's Exposure magazine, has had (female) breast implants. For additional developments, see below.

CONSUMING INTERESTS

Victor Mature, Where Are You?

US magazine, which is not exactly the New England Journal of Medicine but does report on the lifestyles of the beautiful people, reports that more men than ever — Hollywood men, that is — are getting he-man pectoral implants to augment their God-given chests.

According to US, the pec job uses three flat implants that resemble the three planes of the pectoralis major muscle; the surgery costs about \$6,500.

Brian Novack, a Beverly Hills plastic surgeon, told the magazine he thinks the implants could become as popular as female breast implants. "I did a guy about a month ago," he said. "He never works out, and he had a totally sunken chest. He never wanted to take off his shirt. Now, the guy's off to the beach all the time."

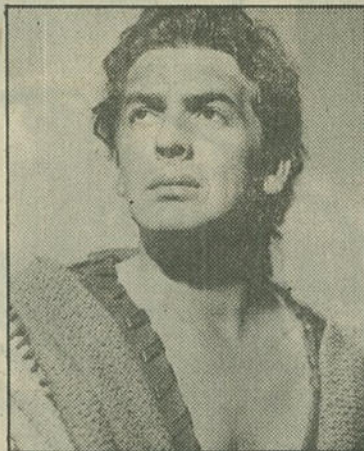
An anonymous musician gave first-person testimony: "When I found out something could be done about my chest, I said, 'Why not?' I didn't want a huge chest like Schwarzenegger. I wanted it to look firm and natural. I do take off my shirt more on stage now."

The Seeds of Aggravation

In a W magazine story about problems that arise when the clients of interior designers get divorced, Howard Slatkin talks about a wife who was in the habit of threatening to divorce her husband.

"She had a portrait painted of herself a la Madame X by Sargent," recalled Slatkin. "In it, she's decked out in a black gown, wearing masses of jewelry which she doesn't own — four bracelets, a massive emerald necklace and a 30-karat diamond ring.

"She told her husband, 'When you remarry, I want your second wife to go crazy wondering why she doesn't have any of these jewels.'"



Mature: God-given asset

America's Favorite Fish

The National Fisheries Institute's Seafood Source, which promotes the wonderful world of American fish, informs us that the top 10 fish favored by Americans are (in order):

Tuna, shrimp, cod, Alaska Pollock, catfish, clams, flounder/sole, salmon, scallops and crab.

Furthermore, the Source recommends that "if a child says 'yuk' to seafood, make him eat just one bite and then praise him highly.

Gators for The Glitterati

Lisa Bruno, publisher of the periodical Accessoryes, told People magazine that there is good reason the trendiest dressers are snapping up reptile accessories. "People are looking for luxurious substitutes for fur," she said.

Kathleen Turner, Liza Minnelli, Diana Ross and Bette Midler have recently purchased alligator bags by Luc Benoit (which cost \$1,500 to \$5,000), and Janet Jackson and Arnold Schwarzenegger have bought alligator belts by Kleinberg Sherrill (which are in the \$500 and up range).

get tired of these theoretical discussions as to whether homosexuals can change. Look, we have changed."

One Man's Case

Smid, 36, was married in Nebraska at age 19 and fathered two children while "struggling with homosexual fantasies." After discussing those fantasies with a gay man, Smid said, he had his first homosexual experience. At age 24, he divorced his wife and dived "fully into the gay lifestyle."

Depressed after a string of meaningless affairs, Smid said he began "praying for God to take me out of the gay lifestyle while I was still going to the bars." In a Nebraska church, he found "sensitive, caring, straight men," and he renounced his homosexuality.

Gay women have had similar experiences, said Jeanette Howard, a volunteer counselor at Love in Action. She believes that emotional and sexual abuse causes many women to turn to lesbianism.

"Five years ago, as a lesbian, I was in competition with men. I thought there was nothing a man could do that I couldn't do," she said. "Now I am looking to complement man."

'Discipleship Program'

Love in Action, Smid said, works only with homosexuals who come to it for help. They seek their sexual and spiritual conversion through a yearlong "discipleship program" with four meetings a week of Bible study, church worship and group therapy to examine behavior patterns, lifestyle changes and the underlying psychological causes of homosexuality.

"It's like a self-help group," Davies said, "but the bottom line is we believe it is God who makes change in people's lives."

Bailey insists that Christian counseling to "cure" homosexuality does not work, citing as evidence a story in his newspaper about two founders of Exodus International denouncing "reparative therapy."

That issue of Second Stone — which takes its name from the famous Bible passage, "Let he among you who is without sin cast the first stone" — also features an article by the Rev. Sylvia Pennington, who was raised in the Pentecostal Assemblies of God church and worked in a change ministry.

'Screwed Up' Theology

Pennington, author of "Ex-Gays: There Are None," estimates that 25 percent of gay Christians

was there for me every step of the way."



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