Gay Boycott in Houston

Vivian Shapiro and Duke Comegys, co-chairs of the Houston Rights Campaign Fund, have jointly called on the people.

Community PAC was left with a sizable debt following the referendum.

The coalition's campaign charged that the ordinance amounted to an "endorsement" of the homosexual lifestyle, would lead to quotas in the hiring of gays by the city, and would see Houston become a "gay mecca."

"We were surprised to see an organization as supposedly up-standing as the Chamber of Commerce join forces with the Ku Klux Klan in endorsing discrimination," said co-chair Vivian Shapiro.

"We're hoping that some flexing of the gay community's coalition will be seen in favor of the ordinance as a symbol of gay solidarity on a national level."

Government report includes concerns of Gay/Lesbian victims

New York — Following a colloquium co-sponsored by the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) and the federal government's National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), a panel has drafted a statement on mental health consequences of victimization.

Bill Gates said the assessment panel, "The rising tide of resources and concern and awareness about victims of crime has not lifted all boats. By and large, lesbian and gay victims of crime have been overlooked and understated by people and agencies concerned about victims of crime."

"This is cause for concern, given the fact that members of our community are joining the ranks of victims at an alarming rate. If lesbian and gay victims are to be recognized as a target of violence, we need to ensure that the assessment statements, issues specific to their sexual orientation need to be addressed."

"Lesbian and gay victimization must be recognized not only as a gay issue, but a victim issue."

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The EBL/GDC then worked for the election of Berkeley city council.
Dignify Us With A Response

We've all heard the familiar retort, "I wouldn't dignify that with a response." To use generally signifies one of two reactions. Either an allegation has been made that is so outrageous it merits nothing more than dismissal, or one feels coerced by a statement and can come up with no effective defense. In either case, the refusal to respond passes an end to discussion of a subject, and a meeting of the minds is impossible.

In a battle of wits and wills, the refusal to respond is a tactic. Such a battle now seems to be going on between members of the gay and lesbian community and the United States Supreme Court. It's a battle which has already produced several skirmishes, and which promis...
**FORTUNES**

By Tyroco

Anu (March 21-April 20) This is a period of change and many new rules. Understand. Your career and future sit on the horizon. Your friends are turned off by the new ideas you present. Most important, you have to watch your food. It will wind up more sour than you anticipated.

Taurus (April 21-May 20) You can apply the useful in a more advanced way. You might take time to consider the accepted use of knowledge. Some change is afoot. It's a good time to look beyond the horizon, and watch your food. Taurus is too stubborn at this time of year, and he's on your side. It's a fine time to try and set the record straight, and watch your diet. It will wind up more sour than you anticipated.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) You will be engulfed if you set your goal too low or too high. Set it right. You are a useful person to society, but you know there's work to be done on the horizon. A good time to look beyond the horizon, and watch your food. Cancer is too stubborn at this time of year, and he's on your side. It's a fine time to try and set the record straight, and watch your diet. It will wind up more sour than you anticipated.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) You'll be a strong force in the world, but you're not likely to see the whole picture in a few days, and as long as you fulfill your present obligations. Grabbing onto work you already do, watch your diet. It will wind up more sour than you anticipated.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The signs are not always what they seem, and the orders you're given may not be what you think they are. Watch your diet. It will wind up more sour than you anticipated.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You have a chance now no matter how the world derides you. In a strange way that you don't see now, you hold the key. Libra is on your side.

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Happy Gay 'N Free

By Claire Mix '94

Happy Gay 'N Free is a personal essay and opinion column where the author describes his own culture and values, as well as his own personal experiences and perspectives. The column is written in a conversational and informative style, and covers a range of topics related to gay rights, identity, and culture. The author's unique perspective and personal experience make this column a valuable resource for readers interested in understanding and learning more about the gay community.

Community Center An Anniversary Celebration

By Ted Salt

I'm going to interrupt you. What's frustrating for me as a gay person is the feeling that there's a difference between the center and the community. I mean we have to realize in the center and the community, there's a difference. I'm going to backtrack a bit on that. We're talking about long-term badminton of the community. We're talking about long-term badminton of the community. The only way you can make a difference is by being part of the center. I'm going to backtrack a bit on that. We're talking about long-term badminton of the community. The only way you can make a difference is by being part of the center.

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Power. Anger. Menswear. M.S. Minnes have officially collided. Nuclear overkill. Uncut. Your gun is bigger than mine? A man's heart in his hands, and don't you forget it! Masculine macho territoriality... — the world belches... and don't you forget it! Nuclear stockpiling. — a world of pain—a world of plenty is not a world without hierarchies of power. Our children may not grow up. The world may very well be destroyed by those in power. The world is in the Oval Office, the pentagon, the Dragon. Everything people have created through the ages—gone. OUR STUNNING HARVEST. And that was just the openers. What next? And why delayed to read the full text.

Later, Nikki Craft, feminist activist, spoke to the audience. She displayed large color posters of nude women, bound and strung over tree limbs, exposing their genitals. The pictures are the subject of her wrath against the December issue that features the pictures of Asian women, under the title of Magic.

Craft is no stranger to San Jose. She and seven others from her group, called Preying Mantis, was arrested last year at the Miss Nude San Jose Pageant for pouring blood on the steps of the Center for Performing Arts. "We protest violent pornography," Craft said. "Our purpose is to reject as strongly as we can the lies perpetrated by Bob Ouedone, publisher of Penthouse magazine." We are not for censorship of Penthouse nor are we opposed to nudity and sexuality — a point made clearly with signs at every store that an action takes place.

The march began from the university, winding downtown to the Pussy Cat porno theater. "No rape! No war! Men stay out of the stores!" The line of march stopped traffic everywhere — drivers and passengers gawked. The march ended at San Jose State University. A spiritual happening took place while organizers decided tactics. It was decided to demonstrate in front of the Downtown Liquor store on Third. The manager panicked, rushed to the door with two of his clerks and locked it, dimming the store lights.

All's Green That Ends Green. St. Patrick's Day, that is. If you didn't polish up your new green-colored shillelagh and hood on down to Mac's Club, you missed a great show! LuLu and the Gang put on a St. Pat's show for all you Irish fans. You should have been there. — Ted Sahl


Mother of murder victim, Tania Zack (far right, holding picture of daughter) during anti-rape march. Photo by Ted Sahl

Women's Breaking Thru The Wall Run. Photo by Ted Sahl
Theatre Reviews
By Nick Rudy

**The Country Girl**

Strong emotions, good solid acting, and a happy ending are Odets, now playing at the San Jose Rep.

The direction, shared by Janice Hutchins and William Bell, never achieved the emotional intensity which Odets says it was in 1935. I fear it is partly the aging of the play, mostly the fault of shooting the empty stage.

Many of the actors affect a New England accent and come very rarely in that manner. That is not only very broad, but also very bad.

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The draft assessment statement, released Mar. 4, called for additional research "on populations that are at special risk for advanced mental health consequences of victimization," including members of the lesbian and gay community.

In evaluating treatments for vic­tims, the report states also that "gay and lesbian victims could and expected to do well in in­ sympathetic programs."

In his remarks to the assessment panel, Berrill also pointed out that the "great majority of lesbian and gay crime victims -- some estimates run higher than 80% -- do not report crimes against them to the police."

Those who do report often experience intimidation, hostility and discrimination. The assessment panel called for more research to clarify "the characteristics and mental health consequences of victims who do not seek mental health assistance or report their victimization to the police."

Berrill also called for more research into lesbian and gay vic­timization and its mental health consequences. Researchers interested in examining these issues are urged to contact NFGT for information about the subject and possible sources of funding.

Announcement

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance at Stanford (G.L.A.S.) will be sponsoring a dance on Friday, April 12, 1985, beginning at 8:30 p.m., in the Old Firehouse on Santa Teresa Street in the East Palo Alto Union on the Stanford campus. The dance will feature current hits on video, and refreshments will be available. A $2.50 donation will be requested at the door, and the proceeds will benefit the Mid-peninsula chapter of Parents of Lesbians and Gays. Everyone is welcome regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orienta­tion or Stanford affiliation.

For more information, call the Gay and Lesbian Events Tape at (415) 497-1488.