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## Names Project Director to speak at December Meeting

Cleve Jones, Executive Director of the Names Project, will be the guest speaker for the High Tech Gays December Holiday meeting. His appearance will coincide with the showing of the Names Project Quilt, a memorial to those who have died from AIDS, at the Moscone Center in San Francisco, December 13-18. The national tour of the Quilt and his feelings on the current state of the crisis will be two of the topics Jones will discuss with the group. If you have any panels for friends that you would like included in the showing at Moscone, Jones will deliver them to the Names Project headquarters in San Francisco. Please join us.



*Photo by Marcel Miranda*

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## HTG Needs New Member Contact Persons

We receive many calls each month from people who are interested in HTG and call for more information about the group and the meetings. We would like to have someone, perhaps a man and a woman who could return calls to interested people and to meet them and introduce new members to others at the meetings. Please leave a message on HTG's VoiceMail at (408) 993-3830 if you are interested.

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## HTG Donates to the Billy DeFrank Center

At the November HTG meeting, the Executive Committee proposed a motion which carried to provide 50% matching funds to anyone who joined the Billy DeFrank Center at the meeting.

Thanks to all of the members who either joined or made a donation to the Billy DeFrank Lesbian and Gay Community Center. High Tech Gays made a matching contribution of \$117.50 to the center. Remember, the center is community supported and in need of funds so please don't forget them at this special time of year.

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## Attention Writers!

We need people who would be willing to write an article once every 3 months for the newsletter.

If you have some ideas for articles, or are willing to work from suggestions, please contact Bob Correa on HTG's VoiceMail at (408) 993-3830, or at (415) 484-4416.

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## Calling all Cooks!!!

We still need at least two volunteers to cook turkeys for the December holiday meeting. If you would like to cook one for the meeting, please call Don at (408) 379-5074. Keep the receipt because HTG will reimburse you for the cost.

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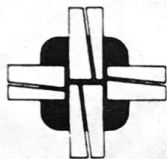
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## Post Election Blues

by *Bob Correa*

So another election has come and gone and it looks like we took a little "bashing."

The only good news was that prop 102 was defeated.

The bad news:

Proposition 96 passed. For some reason, perhaps unawareness of the facts, the California voters felt that it was worth spending millions of dollars to implement court ordered HIV testing of persons accused of convicting sex related crimes or assaults on police officers where bodily fluids may have been transferred.

With Bush and Quayle in the white house in January, you can probably forget the concept of gay civil rights.

For instance, George bush is seriously considering Deukmajean for a seat on the US Supreme Court.

The son of 102 is already being conceived right now. Just think, soon on your next shopping trip you will get to deal with brainwashed right wingers asking you to sign a petition "against AIDS."

We (the gay and lesbian community) had an opportunity to get a positive AIDS initiative on the June ballot earlier this year. We fell short by some 200 thousand signatures.

Do you know why we failed? Because we didn't work hard enough! A few dedicated volunteers spent Saturdays gathering signatures. All of us should have been working to gather signatures. The biggots can do it. Why can't we?

We should have learned a lesson from our foes on the right. They are organized, they work hard, and they spend lots of money. If we do not fight back, and hard, they are going to keep winning.

Within the South Bay Area gay and lesbian community, there were a couple hundred volunteers working the NO on 102 campaign. However, compare this with the over 1000 people who receive this newsletter, and the 6000 plus who attended the San Jose Gay Pride Rally in June. Do you see my point?

It is not too late to get organized, we have to get mad and fight back hard, and now!

We have to stop reading in the papers what the other side is doing next. Lets make our own news. Lets act now so we don't get trapped for a 4th round of "hysteria legislation." And it's going to take more than 1% of us to do the work!

Don't be so complacent and wait for others in the gay community to come up with ideas. Start writing to your representatives now, then when, you or someone else have a plan of attack, you will be ready to work hard to demand your rights and to fight for positive AIDS legislation and gay rights.

\*\*\* SVGMC \*\*\*

The Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus is now auditioning for their new season. They are seeking a few good men's voices. For more information call: (408) 578-7715.

## HTG Activities Calendar

### Dinner at Cats

Thursday December 1

Signups were taken at the November meeting but maybe there is a little space left. Call Voicemail to check. We meet at 7:00; take Rte. 17 south and get off at the first exit after Los Gatos. There is a yellow blinking light at the turn-off.

### South Tahoe Skiing

December 2 - 4

If you are interested, call Voicemail to see if there are any openings. The cost is \$75.00 for members and \$80.00 for guests. It will be a little extra (\$7.00 - 8.00) to join in the group dinner on Saturday evening.

### Teddy Bears and Toys

Saturday December 10

HTG will see how Teddy Bears are made, lunch on Taiwanese seafood, explore a toy museum, and celebrate the joy of St. Francis of Assisi. All in one day! The price for inclusion in this fun day? Bring along a donation for the Toys for Tots collection. There will be a \$4.00 admission fee for The Canticule of the Sun of St. Francis of Assisi if you decide to include it at the end of the day. If you didn't sign up at the November meeting, call Voicemail to let us know you are coming. We meet at 10:30 am in front of Basic Brown Bear, at Mariposa and De Haro in San Francisco, for this day-long series of events.

### HTG Monthly Meeting

Sunday December 11

Come to the next HTG monthly meeting and Holiday potluck supper at the Billy DeFrank Center at 1040 Park Ave. in San Jose. The potluck begins at 6:30 PM. HTG will provide plenty of roast turkey as the main course. You bring a dish to provide the trimmings. Please remember, do not bring any alcoholic beverages to the center.

Our very special guest speaker at the meeting will be Cleve Jones,

Executive Director of the Names Project.

### Messiah Sing-along

Monday December 12

Haven't sung since glee club days. I'll bet you can still belt out a rousing Hallelujah Chorus. Get your own tickets from the Flint Center (\$10.00) and then let us know you are going to be there. The first ones there will go inside immediately and try to hold a block of seats for everyone we know about. Most of the members of the Silicon Valley Men's Chorus will be joining us.

### The 1940's Radio Hour

Thursday December 15

Holly Near is featured in this production of a backstage musical about a producer trying to keep the show together at Christmas time, 1942. Tickets are \$15.00. Call Voicemail.

### North Tahoe Skiing

January 13 - 15

We have reserved 3 cabins in the Tahoe-Donner area, accomodating 30 people. We must confirm by mid-December, so the December meeting will be the deadline for signups. The cost is \$45 for members and \$50 for guests.

### Ma Rainey's Black Bottom

Thursday January 19

Theatreworks presents the winner of the New York Drama Critics Circle Best Play of 1984 award. The play takes place in a seedy Chicago recording studio in 1927, as the legendary Ma Rainey and her sidemen summon tragic music and resonant memories from a collective soul. Tickets at \$12.00 must be purchased at the December meeting. The performance is at the Burgess Theater in Menlo Park at 8:00 pm.

### Games Night

Saturday February 4

Pete and Don open up their new home for the latest reincarnation of HTG's now nearly famous Games Nights. Bring your favorite board game, a little libation or snack, and we'll see what we can get organized.

### P. D. Q. Bach vs. San Jose Symphony

Saturday February 11

We're ordering 20 tickets for this performance by the discoverer of "The lost Bach," NYU Music Professor, Peter Schickele. You haven't lived until you've heard such wonders as "Echo Sonata for Two Unfriendly Groups of Instruments" or "The Unbegun Symphony." Get your \$12.50 in as soon as possible, there won't be any more tickets.

### FUTURE EVENTS

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#### My One and Only

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