

HTG Activities Calendar

West Side Story

Sunday, May 7

The performance is at the Center for the Performing Arts in downtown San Jose, at 2:00 p.m. Gene will meet you outside the CPA at about 1:40 with your tickets if you paid at the April meeting.

Tacky Tour of I-80

(The Wooz & Other Delights)

Saturday, May 13

Get lost in The Wooz, have lunch at the Nut Tree (how many times have you passed by and said "One day I'll stop there just to see how tacky it really is?"), and finish up with miniature golf at the Scandia Fun Center. What could be more fun? (What, indeed?)

We'll meet at the Denny's at the Berryessa Road exit on I-680, form up carpools, and leave at 9:30 am. If you plan to breakfast at Denny's, please get there early enough so everyone doesn't have to wait for you.

HTG Monthly Meeting

Sunday, May 14

The May meeting will be held at the Billy DeFrank Community Center at 1040 Park Ave., San Jose. The potluck will begin at 6:30 p.m.. Please bring a dish to share. (main dishes always needed!) At this time we do not have a guest speaker lined up, but if we do there will be an announcement on VoiceMail (408) 993-3830.

Russian River Weekend

May 19 - 21

We'll stay once again at the Highland Resort, just a few blocks from beautiful downtown Guerneville, but quite private in their hillside location. It's walking distance (barely) from Fifi's (oops, I mean Fife's) and when you've had your fill of attitude, a short drive to The Woods (if the neighbors haven't shut them down) or the Mine Shaft (or whatever their name is this year). In any event, there's

plenty of (clothing optional) sunning and swimming in their large pool.

The cost is \$40.00 for members, \$45.00 for guests. That is for two nights, double occupancy, (meaning sharing a double bed). If you require private accommodations, double the price. Tent sites are available at about \$15.00 per person. We'll make reservations for you when we've received your money. Don't mail it to the HTG P.O. Box. Call Voicemail for instructions on where to send it.

Rancho Cicada Camping

Friday - Sunday, June 2 - 4

Camping for those of us who just aren't into the nitty-gritty of it all. The tents are on raised platforms with mattresses supplied, the cookhouse has a six-burner restaurant stove, there are flush toilets, hot showers, and electric outlets for your hair driers. Top it off with a wonderful swimming hole in the Cosumnes River directly in front of the camp, croquet on the large lawn at cocktail hour, hike to an abandoned gold mine, and all the privacy you could possibly want.

The cost is \$30.00 per person, and we're limited to 36 people. Priority will be given to HTG members (and one guest) who have paid by the May Meeting.

Little Me

@CALENDAR SDG = Saratoga Drama Group

Friday or Saturday, June 4 or 5

For those of you who can't make it to Rancho Cicada, our "Man on the aisle," Gene, will be leading a group to see this musical version of the Patrick Dennis novel of the same name. Patrick Dennis, you may remember, also wrote the original novel *Auntie Mame*. The book for this version is by "Mr. Broadway" Neil Simon, music by Cy Coleman and Lyrics by Carolyn Leigh. Tickets are \$10.00 and must be paid for at the May meeting.

The performance is at 8:30 pm at the Saratoga Civic Theater, 13777 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga.

Roaring Camp, Big Trees Picnic

Saturday, June 10

Get details and sign up at the May Meeting.

Trinity Alps Camping

Friday - Tuesday, June 30 - July 4

This is our annual "biggie" camping trip. We keep alive our tradition of using the long holiday weekend to visit one of California's spectacular spots just a little too far away for a regular weekend. Lassen (1986), King's Canyon (1987), Klamath River (1988), and now the beautiful Trinity Alps. If you need a little geographic refresher, it's just west of Mt. Shasta way up north near Oregon. We have a group campsite that accommodates fifty people, so there will be plenty of space. The cost will be \$15.00 for members, \$20.00 for guests, for four nights of camping, with firewood, propane, plates, utensils, etc. Watch for details at the May and June meetings.

Forbes Island

Saturday, July 8

Shades of Captain Nemo. The interior of this "Floating Island" (actually an extensively developed barge) has been done up as an elaborate Victorian mansion. It's "parked" out near Sausalito somewhere. Watch for details.

Beach Blanket Babylon

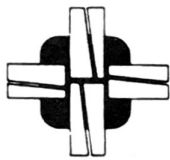
Saturday, July 15

We'll take signups (that means full payment) at the May and June meetings. If you haven't paid by then, we are returning all unsold tickets. The cost is \$24.00 per person.

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HTG Officers Re-elected

Our annual election of officers was held at the April meeting of High Tech Gays. The three current officers were re-elected to serve another one year term; Rick Rudy, President; Lynn Yeager, Treasurer; Don Nelson, Secretary.

A Response From Congress

Recently HTG President, Rick Rudy, sent a letter to many of our representatives in Congress and the Senate regarding the Presidential Executive Order on security clearances proposed by the Bush administration. The following letter is a response from Congressman Norman Mineta.

Dear Mr. Rudy:

Thank you for writing to express your concerns about the proposed Presidential Executive Order on security clearance policy. I appreciate the time you took to do so.

The proposal threatens the process for thousands of government job applicants and existing employees, including members of the gay community.

The White House reports that the proposal is in the review stage. As you may know, Representative Don Edwards, who chairs the Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, has written to President Bush and urged him not to sign the order. I support Representative Edwards' efforts.

In addition, the chair and vice chair of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence have informed the National Security Council that if the order is implemented to its current form they will introduce legislation to amend its due process elements. Also, the Senate committee planned to dedicate a portion of hearings on espionage and counter intelligence to a discussion of the proposed Executive Order as it relates to those areas.

I will continue to follow this proposed Executive Order, since the issue of civil rights for all Americans is of great importance to me. I hope you will keep me informed of your views on this or any other issue. Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely yours,
Norman Y. Mineta

Things Seem Awfully Quiet . . .

Does it seem like a pall of complacency has settled over the Gay community lately? Its easy to feel that way with few foreseen threats to our rights on the horizon and advances in the treatment of AIDS patients, things appear to be going, if not well then not all that badly. But now is the best time to take the offensive and push for the positive measures several years of fighting AIDS and the associated bigotry have not allowed us.

There are currently several opportunities to utilize this calm among storms. One is California Assembly Bill 84 which would ban discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation. The bill is currently in committee but requires one vote to get it out onto the floor of the assembly for a vote. The main problem with getting AB 84 up for a vote, as is the case with many of the measures, is that the elected officials feel there is not a great enough need, they say they

don't hear enough from the community to warrant the action. That is why it is imperative that action through a letter or phone call describing an example of employment discrimination be placed to our representatives.

Next is the federal Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill which would add sexual orientation language to the Civil Rights Act of 1964. There is a reluctance among some elected officials to co-sponsor such a measure because of a lack of vocal support among those most affected. This gives the appearance that the opposition is much stronger than it really is.

Below are phone numbers and addresses of several representatives which may help in getting these measures passed if they hear from us. Floyd, Allen, and Condit are said to be straddling the fence in regards to AB 84 but with documented support may provide the one vote to get the measure to the

floor of the assembly. Mineta has been a strong ally of the community but has been reluctant to support the Gay and Lesbian right bill. Wilson is unfortunately supporting Olympic Club member and Gay Games prosecutor Vaughn Walker to an attorney position on the federal bench. He is co-sponsoring a law banning AIDS discrimination though.

It only takes a short phone call or letter to make your opinions known. Because these bills are coming up for votes soon, it is necessary that you act as soon as possible.

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Names Project Quilt Coming to San Jose

More than 500 panels of the NAMES Project Quilt will be displayed May 19, 20, and 21 at the new San Jose Convention Center. This is the first showing of the Quilt in Santa Clara County.

The display will begin with local community leaders reading the names of those memorialized in the Quilt squares. It will conclude with a special "Symphony of Hope" concert presented by the Musicians of the San Jose Symphony at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 32 in the Imperial Ballroom at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose.

The NAMES Project Quilt will be open to the public in Exhibit Hall 1 at the new San Jose Convention Center, 150 West San Carlos St. in downtown San Jose on the following schedule:

Friday, May 19 Noon - 10 p.m.

Saturday, May 20 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Sunday, May 21 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Admission is free but donations are encouraged to benefit The Aris Project, a non-profit organization dedicated to the care and support of people with AIDS and their families in Santa Clara County.

While the Quilt is displayed in San Jose, new panels representing Santa Clara County residents who have died of AIDS will be added to the permanent collection.


The musicians of the San Jose Symphony, under the direction of George Cleve, will close the quilt weekend with a special benefit "Symphony of Hope" at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the Imperial Ballroom of the Fairmont Hotel. Tickets are \$20 and are available through Ticketron, call (408) 247-SHOW, or (415) 329-SHOW.

Gay Pride Week

Once again it is time for HTG to make plans for the up-coming San Jose and San Francisco Gay Pride Celebrations to be held in mid June.

This year we will have a booth at the San Jose Rally and in San Francisco. We will again march in the San Francisco Parade. Please help us! We need a few volunteers to help set up at the booths, work at the booths, and march with us in the San Francisco Parade.

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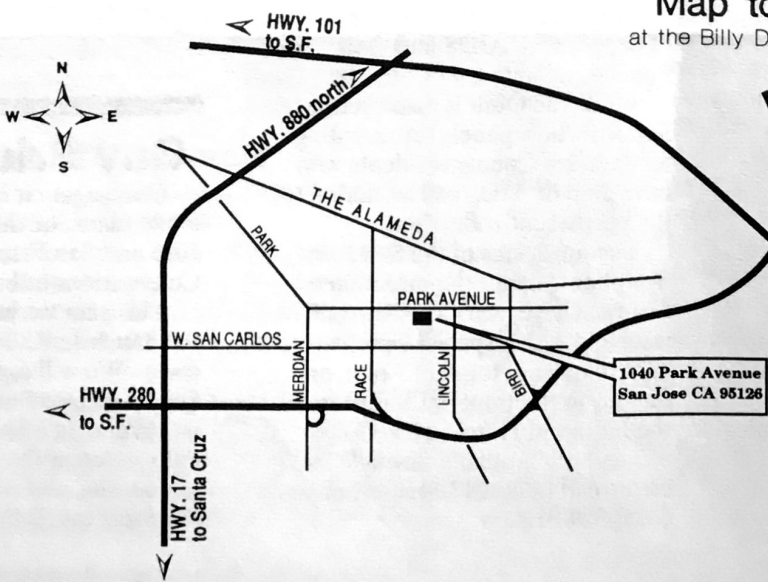
Is anyone interested in going to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Medford, Oregon for the last week in June? The plan is to leave from San Francisco after the Gay Pride Parade and Rally, on Sunday, June 25, travel part way that evening and then the rest of the way on Monday morning. We would spend four days at the Festival, and then drive down to the Trinity Alps to join the holiday weekend camping trip on Friday, June 30.

If you are interested, contact Pete Conroy at 408/379-5074. Please note - this is not an HTG activity.

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R.E. Appraiser has T.I. 700 terminal - needs broker to hook up to San Jose MLS. Happy to pay. Can you help, Call Cherie at (408) 722-4909.

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