



Volunteers Needed For Gay Pride

High Tech Gays will have a booth at both the San Jose Gay Pride Rally on June 17th and the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade on June 25th. We will need volunteers to help set up and staff the booths for both events. The HTG booth is always a popular one so don't miss out.

Additionally, the San Francisco Gay Parade Committee requires that all marching contingents provide 2 monitors for each 25 persons in the contingent. A monitor

must attend one of the Safety & Contingent Monitor Training Sessions to be held on various dates during the month of June prior to the parade. Because 25 and 30 members of HTG are expected to march at least 3 volunteers are needed to meet the requirement.

If you are interested in being a contingent monitor or helping with other tasks regarding the rally or parade, please call Don Nelson at (408)379-5074. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

March with High Tech Gays!

Look for the blue HTG banner at the gathering area for the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade near Church St. and Market St. on June 25th. We'll get into position (undetermined at press time) between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Wear your HTG t-shirt or sweatshirt (or pick one up at the next meeting) and join us for a day of Gay Pride.

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HTG Bulletin Board to add two more lines

This month marks the one year anniversary of the High Tech Gay BBS. Thanks to the tireless efforts of the sysop, Sagittarius, usage has gone from a few phone calls a day to 30 or more. Unfortunately that success has caused delays as users try to access the board but find they can't because someone else is already logged on.

To alleviate the problem, individual users have been asked to make a contribution to upgrade the system to handle two more phone lines. This would allow more than one user to access the board at the same time relieving the problems of the current system. After a brief discussion at the May potluck meeting, a motion to make a contribution from the general fund to assist in the upgrade of the HTG BBS was made and carried.

A Response From Congress

Recently HTG President, Rick Rudy sent letters to several of our representatives in Congress and the Senate regarding the Presidential Executive Order on security clearances proposed by the Bush administration. The following is a response from Congressman Tom Campbell:

Dear Rick

Thank you for your letter concerning the proposed Executive Order which would allow the government to deny security clearances to persons without furnishing a reason for the denial or an avenue of appeal. I appreciate your bringing this to my attention.

I believe that such an order, if implemented, would seriously conflict with the due process rights of citizens. I am hopeful that the Administration will opt for a regime

that affords the same procedural safeguards as President Eisenhower's Executive Order in 1960--a written statement of the reasons for denial, the right to appear personally with an attorney to contest the ruling, and the right to confront and to cross-examine witnesses against a person.

Please be assured that I will follow this issue with interest. If the order is implemented, I will obtain a copy, study it carefully, and consider further action.

Thanks again for apprising me of this situation. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,
Congressman Tom Campbell

HTG BBS Status Report: One Year Later

by Allan Hurst

It was a year ago, in May of 1988, that HTG's officers asked for someone to run a computer bulletin board system ("BBS") for our group. I was running (to be frank, a nearly-dead) BBS in San Mateo, and decided that it was time to either find a purpose for the board or shut it down. I figured that the combination of an established bulletin board system combined with the dynamic energy and community service of HTG would produce a popular system.

As it turns out, the synergy has been impressive, indeed:

We've had callers peruse the HTG section from all over the U.S. (30- odd states at last count), plus international callers from Canada, England, and Italy.

Other high-tech groups (such as TAGS in Research Triangle Park, NC) have called the BBS to obtain information on security clearances, job information, HTG membership information and HTG activities.

The BBS has provided a forum for people who are still closeted at home and at work to ask questions anonymously, without fear of exposure or retribution, especially regarding sexual preferences and security clearances.

HTG members and prospective members are able to peruse and/or download the monthly HTG activities calendar.

Overall, I feel that the board has accomplished its original goals and more:

From 10 callers a day in June of 1988, the board's user population has swollen to over 40 callers a day on the average, with as many as 50 or 60 callers a day on weekends and holidays.

From approximate 100 users, the board has grown to a fairly steady 600 users, even taking into account the weekly deletion of "inactive" users who haven't called for 90 or more days.

Conservative estimates place the board in use between 10 and 20 hours out of each 24 hours!

The down side? A LOT of busy signals! To the point where even *I* as the system operator can't log on for long periods! To solve this problem, I'm in the process of raising money to upgrade the BBS to a multi-line system.

Initially, the upgrade will consist of two more phone lines and real-time line-to-line chat capability. The software we're using (TBBS 2.1, from eSoft of Aurora, Colorado) provides the capability to go to as many as 5 or 6 lines on the current hardware setup, and up to 16 lines on a more powerful processor.

The cost for all this? \$1,600, divided up as follows:

- \$600 TBBS software upgrade (single-line to multi-line)
- 500 Digiboard (multiple port serial interface)
- 300 Two 2400 bps modems
- 200 Installation of two new phone lines

The fundraising campaign is simple: each regular caller is asked (though not required) to make a one-time donation of \$20 towards the upgrade.

At the May meeting, the members and officers of HTG voted to contribute \$400 towards the upgrade. I'm very pleased to accept the contribution, and thank everyone for the vote of confidence as well as for the funds!

Once this upgrade is completed, future enhancements may include the addition of more lines, faster modems, and (possibly) an access number in Area Code 408! I'm also looking into taking the HTG Message Area national as an EchoMail conference; this would enable interested BBSes in other parts of the country to pick up our mes-

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HTG Activities Calendar

Rancho Cicada Camping

Friday - Sunday, June 2 - 4

Chances are, by the time you get this newsletter, the Rancho Cicada weekend will be over. Sorry about that. Not to worry, however, the trip was sold out weeks ago. I'm sure everyone who went will be more than glad to tell you what a great time you missed.

Little Me

Saratoga Drama Group

Friday, June 4

You've probably missed this, too. That's what happens when you don't believe us about deadlines.

Activities Committee

Tuesday, June 6

At Charlie's, in Santa Clara. If you'd like to join in the planning and organizing of some of our activities, give us a call on Voicemail and we'll get back with directions. New ideas always welcome.

Roaring Camp, Big Trees Picnic

Saturday, June 10

Anyone can join in, but we'd like to get an idea of how many to expect, so call Voicemail and leave a message if you didn't sign up at the May meeting. Bring a lunch (we'll have charcoal for barbecuing) or you can purchase the BBQ lunch from Roaring Camp (\$10.00 - \$13.25). Parking is \$4.00 per car and most of us will take the 1880 steam train excursion through the redwoods at \$10.50 per person. Meet us there at about 11:00 am. Take Hwy 17 south to the Glen Canyon/Mt. Hermon Rd. exit in Felton; go three miles west on Mt. Hermon Rd. to Graham Hill Rd.; turn left on Graham Hill Rd. and go about 1/2 mile to Roaring Camp.

HTG MEETING

Sunday, June 11

Our monthly meeting will be held at the Billy DeFrank Gay and Lesbian Community Center at 1040 Park Ave. in San Jose beginning at 6:30 pm. Please bring a dish to share for the pot luck. The busi-

ness meeting will begin at 8:00 pm. to be followed by our guest speaker.

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Santa Cruz Gay Pride Parade

Saturday, June 17

It's possible some of our Santa Cruz members will take our "Travelling Banner" over to Santa Cruz and march in their parade in the morning and then come back for the San Jose Celebration. If you think you'd like to join in, leave a message on Voicemail or see Alan at the June meeting.

San Jose Gay Pride Celebration

Saturday, June 17

Wear your HTG T-shirt, be sure to stop by at our booth, and how about helping staff the booth for an hour? We could also use a little help on setup and cleanup. See Secretary Don at the June meeting.

San Francisco Gay Pride Parade and Celebration

Sunday, June 25

Come experience the thrill of marching down Market Street and hearing the cheers of the crowd. You might be surprised how much attention and recognition we get. We will also need people to staff the booth, see Don.

Trinity Alps Camping

Friday - Tuesday, June 30 - July 4

We have reserved a group campsite for 50 people on the shores of Clair Engle Lake in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest for four nights. If you need a little geographic refresher, that's just west of Mt. Shasta way up north near Oregon. The cost will be \$15.00 for members, \$20.00 for guests, for four nights of camping, with firewood, propane, paper goods, utensils, etc. Please pay at the June meeting so we will know how much charcoal to buy. Maps

will be mailed after the June meeting to everyone who has signed up.

Forbes Island

Forget it! They aren't interested enough to return our phone calls, so they must not need the business.

Beach Blanket Babylon

Saturday, July 15

We have reserved 40 of the 50 seats in the balcony (reported to be a great place to see the show). We'll take signups (that means full payment) at the June meeting. If you haven't paid by then, we are returning all unsold tickets. The cost is \$24.00 per person.

Gay Picnic Day

Sunday, July 23

The DeFrank Center is running a rip-roaring "Hang on and let's party" picnic at Saratoga Springs. Admission includes burgers, dogs, chicken (the kind that used to go "cluck, cluck"), steak (I think), and all the beer, wine, and soft drinks you can (safely) drink. Until July 16 the price is \$26.00 (\$23.00 for DeFrank members), then it goes up to \$30.00. Kids under 12 get in for about \$18.00. Tickets will be available at the June and July HTG meetings and can be paid for with cash, check, VISA, or Master Card.

Waterskiing at Lake Berryessa

Saturday, July 29

Have you ever wanted to ski behind a boat with enough power to pull a skier and carry everybody else in the group? Here's your chance. We'll need seven people at \$50.00 each for eight hours of skiing. We must have the money from at least seven people before we will make a reservation.

A Day at Alcatraz

Sunday, August 6


HTG Picnic Meeting

Sunday, August 13

Rancho Cicada Camping II

Friday - Sunday, August 18 - 20

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sage area and add to it, increasing message traffic as well as HTG's national visibility. (All funds received in excess of the requested \$1,600 will be applied towards the above enhancements as well as replacement of worn-out system components as needed.) If you haven't called the BBS recently (or at all), give it a call at (415) 572-0594 (300/1200/2400 bps access, 8N1)soon!If you'd like to make a personal contribution towards the multi-line upgrade, full details are available online.

Once again, thanks to HTG's members and officers for the upgrade contribution -- it's much appreciated!

Rental to Share
Two quiet, GWM housemates in Daly City have a modern 3 bedroom, 2 bath home to share in the Serramonte Mall area. Rent is \$335 + 1/3 util., month. Your own room, use of living room, kitchen, storage, washer/dryer, fireplace. Prefer employed, non smoker, no pets, call Loren at (415) 992-8827.

Map to HTG Meeting
at the Billy DeFrank Community Center

