

### HTG Activities Calendar

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#### Activities Committee Tuesday, September 5

We'll meet up in Palo Alto this month, at Gene's. We'd love to have some new faces. If you want to help plan and run some of our activities, give a call to Voicemail (993-3830) and we'll get back with directions. Don't forget that the Halloween party is coming up sooner than you think and we'll need plenty of help on that.

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#### HTG Monthly Meeting Sunday September 10

The September meeting brings us back to the Billy DeFrank Community Center at 1040 Park Ave. in San Jose. The potluck will begin at 6:30 PM. Please bring a dish to share! The business meeting will begin at 8:00 PM to be followed by our guest speakers from PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays).

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#### Gay Day on Angel Island Sunday, September 17

You can't believe how hard it is to contact someone who knows any hard facts about this event. We know it is sponsored by several San Francisco organizations involved in athletics, but we can't seem to locate the right people. Anyway, Angel Island is an interesting place to visit and we'll go there that day, but we don't exactly know what we'll be doing. Plan to pack a picnic lunch. We will definitely have details at the September meeting.

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#### Tacky Tour of Santa Cruz Saturday, September 23

I'm sure Alan will have something unusual organized for us. Sign up at the September meeting.

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#### La Cage aux Folles Friday, September 29

Sure, we've all seen it at least once, but that's never enough. Come see the Palo Alto Players' production at the Lucie Stern Theater. Tickets are \$14.00; the deadline is at the September meeting on Sept 10.

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#### Stanford Linear Accelerator Center

Saturday, October 14

There is a limit of 70 people for this trip and it was wildly popular the last time we did it, about two years ago. Signups will continue until the October meeting or until it is filled. The cost is \$3.00.

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#### Broadway Bound Friday, October 20

Theatreworks presents the final installment of Neil Simon's autobiographical trilogy at the Burgess Theater in Menlo Park. Tickets are \$17.00; the deadline for signups is the September meeting.

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#### Halloween Party Saturday, October 28

Well, we have the location, now - it will be at Al's house in Willow Glen. There will be a map in the October newsletter and we'll be looking for volunteers for the decorating, refreshments, and cleanup committees. If you want to help, give your name to Steve, Bill, or Al.

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#### Dreamgirls

Sunday, November 5

By San Jose Civic Light Opera, at the Center for the Performing Arts.

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#### Thanksgiving at Disneyland Wednesday - Sunday November 22 - 26

We did this two years ago, and it only works if you can travel on Wednesday and spend Thanksgiving day at Disneyland. On Thursday, it's almost empty, Friday is one of their busiest days of the year. We'll pick out the place to stay and publish it, but all arrangements are up to you.

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#### San Jose Cleveland Ballet Sunday, November 26

Members: \$20.00; guests: \$22.00.

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#### Ski North Tahoe December 1 - 3

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#### Ski Kirkwood January 5 - 7

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#### Mapplethorpe Exhibit Berkeley Art Museum January

We've heard that the exhibit of the photographs of the late Robert Mapplethorpe that rattled Jesse Helms' cage so badly is coming to Berkeley in January. When we get more details we'll plan something definite.

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#### Breaking the Code Sunday, February 18

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#### Yosemite Skiing March 16 - 18

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#### Gay Games III Vancouver, B.C. August 5 - 13, 1990

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## Conroy Leaves DeFrank Post

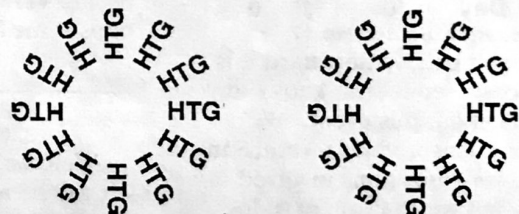
Pete Conroy has announced his resignation from the Board of Directors of the Billy DeFrank Community Center, effective immediately. He was appointed to the board in March, 1988, to fill an empty position and was then elected to a two-year term in June, 1988. This term was extended to September, 1990, when the DeFrank by-laws were amended to move the annual election of board members from June to September.

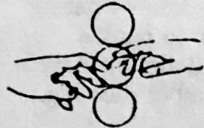
Conroy stressed that his resignation is for personal reasons and that it does not reflect any conflict with the board or any disagreement with their plans and goals. He said that he will continue to support the Center and expects to serve as a volunteer in the future. He urged other HTG members to do the same.

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## PFLAG To Speak at September Meeting

Representatives from PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays) will speak at the September monthly meeting. The South Bay chapter of PFLAG, Inc. is a support group for parents, other relatives, and friends of lesbians and gays. The speakers will give a presentation on PFLAG followed by questions and answers.



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## Letters to HTG

Dear Mr Rudy:

In the past, you have contacted me with your views concerning civil rights. I know you share the anger and dismay that I feel when I hear of violations against fellow citizens based on prejudice. There are no acts more antithetical to our ideals and principles than hate crimes -- crimes committed against another in a violent manner on the basis of sexual preference, ethnicity, race, or religion. Disturbingly, there has been a significant and unsettling increase in the number of hate crimes committed in the U.S.

I feel it is of utmost importance that the public be educated on the dangers of such crimes. Unfortunately, at the present time, the Federal Government takes a very limited role in collecting data on hate crimes. Without this needed data, it is extremely difficult to educate the public.

On June 28, 1989, the Hate Crimes Statistics bill passed the U.S. House of Representatives by a vote of 368 to 47. The Hate Crimes Statistics Act would require that the Federal Government keep track of the number of hate crimes committed in the United States. This legislation was the subject of hearings and scrutiny throughout the last congress. Although the house passed this legislation, the Senate did not act.

As a member of congress representing the 13th congressional district and an original co-sponsor of the proposed legislation, I am hoping that this bill will now be adopted by the United States Senate.

If enacted, the Hate Crimes Statistics bill would create a system to gather data on prejudice-related homicides, assaults, robberies, burglaries, arsons, vandalism, and thefts. The information would assist in determining, for example, whether a particular hate crime is an isolated incident or part of a coordinated hate campaign targeted at a particular group. In addition, the data might indicate whether or not violent racism or other forms of prejudice-related crimes are on the rise in this country.

Nearly every day, I hear of a different tragedy motivated by hate. But the victims of hate-inspired violence are not only those who are on the wrong end of a clinched fist, tire iron, or gun. As long as this violence continues, we are all victims. When an individual terrorizes another because of race, religion, sexual preference, or ethnicity, the very principles upon this nation was founded are threatened.

If collecting data can offer insight into underlying motivations for these crimes, we will be taking our first step toward ending hate crimes entirely. In a nation founded on freedom and founded on equal rights for all, this should be one of our highest priorities. Please be assured that I will continue to strive for the enactment of this legislation.

Sincerely yours,

Norman Y. Mineta  
Member of Congress

*Editors Note: The following letter was sent to HTG President, Rick Rudy recently from a member of High Tech Gays. I wanted to print this letter because I feel that many other members of HTG, myself included, have had similar experiences. Also this letter makes all of the people who volunteer their time and effort in High Tech Gays feel very proud.*

Dear Rick:

As I will be moving back east in August, I wanted to write you and let you know how much I have appreciated being a part of HTG. Starting in September, I will be studying Materials Science And Engineering.

When I attended my first HTG meeting in February, 1988, I had just recently come out, and seeing a large room full of mostly gay men who looked alot like me, talked alot like me, and walked alot like me, made all the old stereotypes of gays that I had been carrying around in my head seem very false.

Since that time I have continued attending HTG Meetings and have made some really good friends. That's really been the best thing about HTG for me; the friends I have made.

Another thing that I like about HTG is te way that it is run. If a member wants to get active in politics through HTG they can, but they don't have to, it is not mandatory. There is a safe feeling at the meetings, in that regard.

I know HTG would not be what it is without your hard work; thanks for all you've done. HTG has been a positive force in my life when I really needed one, and I'm going to miss the group.

With love, . . .

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## Join HTG

High Tech Gays is a membership organization, so if you receive this newsletter and are not a paid member please join HTG now! Our dues is only \$25 per year. If you join, you will stay on the mailing list and receive the newsletter to keep up with our many activities.

If you signed up on our mailing list at the San Jose or San Francisco Gay Freedom activities but have not yet joined HTG, you will only receive the newsletter for a couple of months, so Join NOW!

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## Thanks For Your Help!

Thank you to everyone who have made suggestions for guest speakers for the HTG monthly meetings. We have had several possibilities now, and we appreciate hearing from you. We still can use your input.

### Room For Rent

Mountain View - 3 bedroom, 2 bath house to be shared with two men. Male non smoker preferred. \$425 per month plus 1/3 utilities. Call 415 964-4171.

**Map to HTG Meeting**  
at the Billy DeFrank Community Center

