

December 1989

## HIGH TECH GAYS

P.O. Box 6777 San Jose, California 95150

### HTG Activities Calendar

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#### Ski North Tahoe

December 1 - 3

The deadline for this was the November meeting. See below for our other two ski trips.

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#### Activities Committee

Wednesday, December 6

We're switching to Wednesday this month because almost half the committee are going to San Francisco on Tuesday to sing Messiah. The meeting is at Pete's. If you would like to attend, call Voicemail and we'll get back with directions.

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#### December HTG Meeting

Sunday, December 10

This is our annual holiday party meeting - no speakers, short announcements, and some entertainment. HTG will supply the turkeys, you bring the fixin's.

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#### Dinner at Cats

Thursday, December 14

How long has it been since we've gone to dinner at our favorite restaurant? For those of you who aren't familiar with Cats, it is the roadhouse on highway 17, just outside Los Gatos. They give us their private upstairs dining room and their cutest waiter (straight, alas) and we always have a great time. We're charging a \$2.00 signup fee - pay at the December meeting or call Voicemail in advance and we'll tell you where to send it.

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#### Happy Hannukah!

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#### Merry Christmas!

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#### Happy New Year!

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#### Ski Iron Mountain

January 5 - 7, 1990

This is a bit different from our usual ski trip. Iron Mountain is a small ski area on Highway 88, about 20 minutes west of Kirkwood. The accommodations are dormitory-style: four persons per room in bunk beds - and bring your own linens. The cost is \$45.00

per person, which includes breakfasts Saturday and Sunday and dinner Saturday night. If we have paid orders for 20 or more lift tickets, they are \$19.00; otherwise, they are \$24.00. The reservation deadline is the December meeting.

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#### January HTG Meeting

Sunday, January 14

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#### Dinner Night

Wednesday, January 17

Place to be announced.

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#### Movie Night

Friday, January 26

Another HTG favorite is reborn. There will be two or three double bills going on simultaneously in different rooms at Lynn and Donna's. Each one will have a different theme. Bring beverages and snacks. We'll have directions and signups at the January meeting.

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#### Civic Light Opera Triple Header

Pirates of Penzance - Jan. 21

Jesus Christ Superstar - Mar. 11

Guys and Dolls - May 20

For \$30.00 you get one Sunday matinee ticket for each of these shows. These tickets normally sell for \$26.00 each. You save \$48.00. We have a limited number available and they were already going fast at the November meeting. December is the deadline.

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#### Breaking the Code

Sunday, February 18, 1990

Palo Alto Players presents the dramatic story of Alan Turing, the gay British mathematician who broke the German "Enigma" code during World War II. Tickets are \$14.00; signups at the December and January meetings. The play is at 2:30 pm at the Lucie Stern Theater in Palo Alto.

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#### Mapplethorpe Exhibit

Berkeley Art Museum

February - March, 1990

We've talked to the museum and we're happy to report that this show is definitely back on. We'll

probably be going some Saturday or Sunday in March. Watch for a definite date announcement next month.

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#### Yosemite Skiing

March 16 - 18, 1990

Two nights in the cabins at Yosemite Lodge for \$35.00. At this time of year there is usually plenty of intermediate downhill and cross-country skiing at Badger Pass while the valley is clear and dry for hiking or biking. Sign up at the January or February meetings. Don't forget, that price is based on two people sharing a double bed. If you want a private bed, it will be \$70.00.

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#### Stairway Hike V

Saturday, April 7

Donna says as long as people keep showing up, she'll keep leading them - she has a whole book full. The next one will be either in the Presidio area or back around Telegraph Hill (but not as strenuous as the first one). Exact directions will be available at the March meeting.

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#### White Water Rafting

April 21 - 22

Bill has picked out a two-day, Class IV-V trip on the Yuba River this time. These usually include four meals and involve camping along the river on Saturday night. Costs run about \$200.00, so start saving up those pennies now. There will be more details available in January.

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#### Mendocino Wine Tour &

Camping

May, 1990

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#### Gay Games III

Vancouver, B.C.

August 5 - 13, 1990

## Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual Awareness Program Guest Speakers at Last Meeting

Several members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual Awareness Program or LGBAP, including HTG's own Lynn Yeager as spokesperson, were on hand at the November potluck meeting to discuss the main focus of the group and to share some amusing anecdotes. LGBAP, as the name implies, provides speakers for gay awareness discussion groups to high schools, junior colleges, and colleges.

Increased gay-bashing, found to be perpetrated mostly by white teens, was the main reason for starting LGBAP back in 1985, states Lynn. She says founding members hoped by speaking to young people about being gay and showing that gays and lesbians are no different, stereotypes could be broken down. Also by providing positive images of the gay community, young



Members of LGBAP at the November HTG Meeting

Photo by Ted Sahl

people who have questions regarding their own sexuality might be less afraid to seek proper information.

Questions posed to the speakers by the students ranged from religious and ethical to the inevitable questions regarding sex and amusingly enough, role playing, as Lynn pointed out. We'll let Lynn relate some of those anecdotes to you personally.

LGBAP, Lynn says, is looking for more gay speakers, particularly women, persons of color and those who have overcome problems with drugs, etc. They are also looking for teachers and administrators who would be willing to allow LGBAP to do a program in their schools. For more information, contact LGBAP at (408)945-6989.

In support of their hard work and commitment, HTG voted a \$150 donation to LGBAP.

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## Are You New to High Tech Gays?

Then let us know by affixing the special 'New to HTG' sticker to your name tag the next time you come to a meeting. Doing so will let us, dare we say, 'old-timers', know that this is your first meeting and to help make it a little less intimidating. And for those who aren't so new to HTG, if you see a name tag with the 'New to



HTG' sticker, do what you can to make that person feel welcome.

## Letters to HTG

The following are additional letters received by HTG From from local members of Congress regarding publishing educational material on AIDS.

Dear Mr. Rudy:

Thank you so much for taking the time to contact me about the HHS decision not to publish a sex education/AIDS prevention booklet. I appreciate your thinking of me on this.

We both know how absolutely vital a tool education is in the struggle against the AIDS crisis. It is, I agree, an inexplicable decision to stop the flow of information that quite literally could save many lives.

I have written a letter to the Commissioner of the FDA within the Department of Health and Human Services, Dr. Frank E. Young. I have attached a copy of your letter to my request that he provide as full an explanation as possible as to why the booklet's printing was halted. I will certainly forward any response I receive on to you immediately.

Thank you again for writing. I know that together, we can work to achieve what is right.

Best regards,  
Congressman Tom Campbell

Dear Mr. Rudy:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your concerns about the federal government's failure to issue a proposed booklet on the proper use of condoms.

My staff has actively investigated this issue and has had the opportunity to review a draft of the brochure dated 9/11/89. The potential publication would appear to be useful in the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases -- especially AIDS.

A chronology of events delaying the publication of the brochure has been formally requested of the Department of Health and Human Services. This document is expected in the near future.

At present, all that I can tell you is that my office is actively investigating the situation and attempting to see that the brochure is published and distributed to those who would profit from this information.

Thank you again for taking the time to express your views on this important subject. I hope you will continue to communicate with me on matters of concern to you.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Pelosi Member of Congress

## BAGAL's at the December meeting

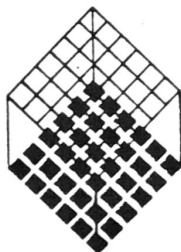
The Bay Area Gay And Lesbian Band will be the featured entertainment for this years HTG holiday potluck meeting. The band will play many of your holiday favorites but with that special twist that BAGAL Band is famous. Bring your best singing voice for the sing-along and your most special holiday dish for a festive evening.

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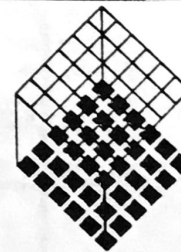
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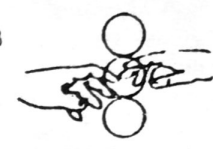
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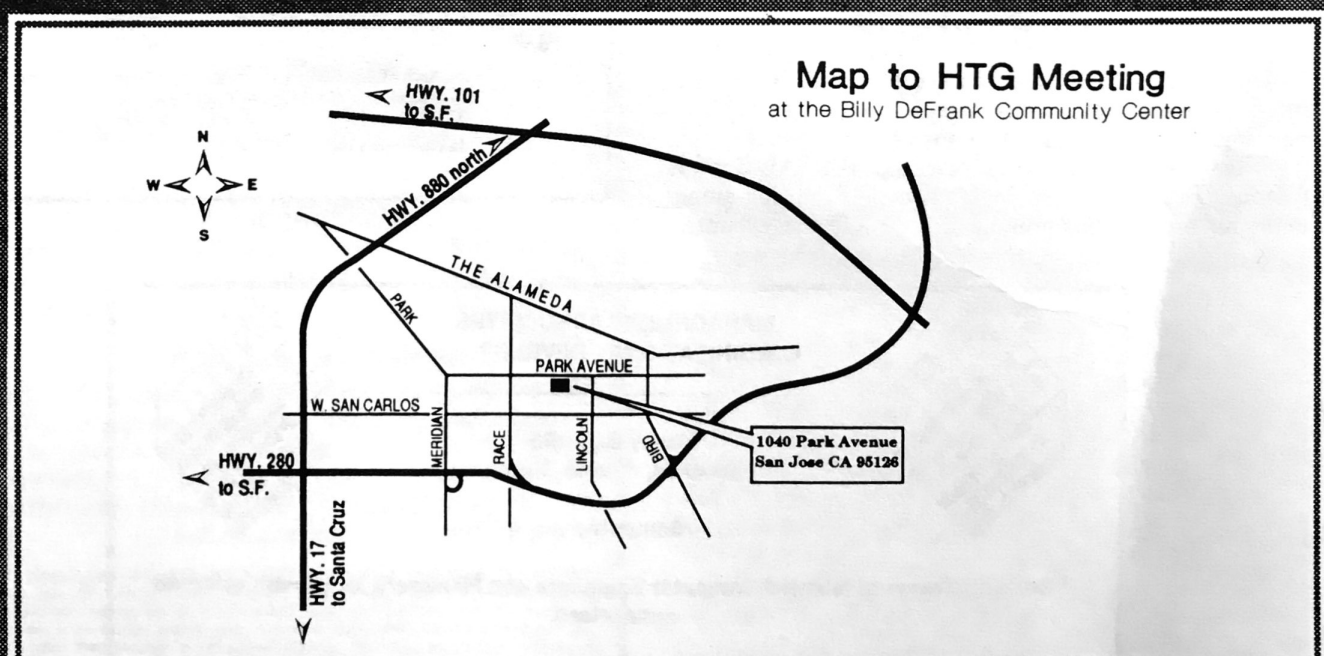
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