

February 1990

HIGH TECH GAYS
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HTG Activities Calendar

Activities Committee Tuesday, February 6

Rev up your low-rider and get the little doggie's head nodding, we're over to East San Jose for a meeting at Steve and Phil's. Why don't you come along and give us some new ideas? Leave a message on Voicemail and we'll call back with exact directions.

February HTG Meeting Sunday, February 11

Our meeting and potluck dinner will be held at the Billy DeFrank Community Center at 1040 Park Ave. in San Jose. For directions, see the map on the back page. Please bring a dish to share for the potluck which will begin at 6:30 PM. The meeting will start at 8:00 PM to be followed by our guest speaker, John Caldwell of Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. For more information about GLAAD, see related story elsewhere in the newsletter.

Breaking the Code Sunday, February 18

Palo Alto Players presents the dramatic story of Alan Turing, the gay British mathematician who broke the German "Enigma" code during World War II. Gene will meet us outside the theater at about 1:40 with the tickets you ordered at the December and January meetings. That's at the Lucie Stern Theater in Palo Alto.

Bear Valley Skiing February 23 - 25

Charlie's message is: "Drive a little; save a lot!" Contrary to what we said last month, we **will** be staying at Arnold, about a 30 minute drive from the ski area. (Hey, all I do is put down what they tell me.) Anyhoo..the cost for the weekend is \$35.00 for HTG members if you share a double bed, or \$50.00 for a single bed. Non-members pay an additional \$10.00. For a mere \$5.00 more, you can enjoy a culi-

nary extravaganza on Saturday evening, prepared by TDS' master chefs, Jim and Pete (blush, blush). Signup deadline (with full payment) is the February 11 HTG meeting.

Mapplethorpe Exhibit Berkeley Art Museum Sunday, March 4

Finally, we've got a definite date, thanks to feature articles in the San Jose Mercury News and the S. F. Chronicle. We'll meet at the Fremont BART station about eleven-ish, travel to Berkeley, and then brunch at a local cafe before visiting the museum. Everything will be pay-as-you-go, but we'll take signups at the February meeting so we can let the restaurant know how many to expect. Full details will be available at the February meeting.

Jesus Christ Superstar Sunday, March 11

Number two in the CLO triple-header.

Yosemite Skiing March 16 - 18, 1990

This trip may not excite the expert skiers, but it's just right for novices or intermediates who want a day or two skiing with a bunch of friends. There is also all the cross-country territory you could want. Even if you don't ski at all, wouldn't you like to see Yosemite without tens of thousands of other tourists at every turn? ...with LOTS of water coming over the falls? ...with temperatures that allow you to hike without sweating out more moisture than last year's San Jose rainfall? The cost is \$45.00 per person sharing a double bed, or \$70.00 for a separate bed. Signups will stay open until March 1 (or until the trip is full).

Stairway Hike V Saturday, March 31

Please note that this is a date change. As far as I know, Donna

is still planning on either the Presidio area or somewhere around Telegraph Hill (but not as strenuous as the first one). Exact directions will be available at the March meeting.

White Water Rafting April 21 - 22

This is going to be a two-day, Class IV-V trip on the Yuba River. The cost will be about \$200.00, which includes four meals (lunch Saturday through lunch Sunday) and use of a helmet. Wetsuits (required) are additional. Bill has an information sheet with all the details. The March HTG meeting is the absolute deadline for signups (or cancellations).

Pinnacles Camping May 4 - 6

This is the best time to visit the high desert landscape of Pinnacles National Monument. Cactus are in bloom and the 100+ temperatures are still a month away. Details at the March and April meetings.

Mendocino Wine Tour & Camping June 2 - 3

Gene ran this same trip for his car club last year and it was voted the best trip of the year. It will be a little different from most of our camping trips, but it sounds like lots of fun. Watch for details in coming months.

Rancho Cicada Camping June 29 - July 1

This feels like saying we're going home for the weekend. If you've been there - you know. If you haven't - ask somebody.

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

John has a packet of information from Yankee Clipper Travel in Los Gatos. We aren't going to organize the trip, but we have suggested three close-together hotels

Wysocki Will Run For S.J. Council

Long time HTG member and former chair of HTG's Political And Business Action Committee (PABAC), Paul Wysocki, announced on January 15th that he is a candidate for the San Jose City Council, representing district 3.

Paul has been a long time community activist supporting causes and candidates representing improved human rights. He currently serves as the coordinator of AIDS Legal Services, a joint project of the Santa Clara County Bar Association and the United Way.

Paul will be having a kick-off fundraiser at the Billy DeFrank Community Center in San Jose on Sunday, February 4, 1990 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Special guest speakers will be Councilman, John Laird and Supervisor, Tom Nolan. Tickets are \$25 and can be picked up at the door. For more information, call the Paul Wysocki for City Council office at (408) 275-0834.

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Don't Stop Now

by *Pete Conroy*

I know we were all pleased when HTG raised \$307.00 from member donations and then added \$250.00 from the HTG treasury for ARIS and Necessities and More at the December meeting. I certainly hope and expect that this is just a little icing to the amounts that HTG members donate individually to these causes.

Before we get too impressed with ourselves, however, consider that the San Jose Spurs, all 20 or 30 of them, raised over \$2,000,000 for ARIS during the holiday season.

I would like to make a proposal.

Every month, 100 or more HTG members converge on the DeFrank Center for an evening of fellowship. Most of us bring food or beverages to share at our potluck supper. How much more trouble would it be for each of us to bring something for the ARIS food basket each month?

Sometime during the month, pick up an extra can of soup, a bottle of juice, a package of pasta, while doing your regular shopping. Bring it to the meeting on the second Sunday of the month. Consider it your ticket of admission. What you bring to the potluck is for yourself (ourselves). Bring something also for those who need it more than we do.

Not just this month - every month. Let's let the ARIS volunteers know that they will need a truck every month to pick up our collection.

Am I becoming a nag? Fine! I'll start wearing a badge at the meetings: "Official Nag." I've been called worse.

February Guest Speakers

John Caldwell of Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation - San Francisco Bay Area (GLAAD-SFBA) will be the guest speaker at the February HTG potluck meeting. Caldwell, who is a founding member of GLAAD-SFBA, will discuss the organizations work in fighting anti-gay and lesbian defamation in radio, television and print. As past co-chair, Caldwell was involved in the complaint with the FCC against KSJO radio for anti-gay bigotry and dj, Perry Stone

GLAAD-SFBA, which is the local chapter of the national organization, has also taken action against the San Francisco Chronicle for anti-gay bias editorials and persuaded radio station KITS (105.3 FM) to include gay oriented programming.

February Calendar

of varying prices. Keep us apprised of your plans and we'll try to organize some activities together.

Rancho Cicada Camping

August 17 - 19

"Again?" you say? "Only twice?" I say!

Don't Forget!
Bring a non-perishable
food item to the HTG
meeting for the ARIS
Food Basket.

Campaign to recall Robert Stipicevich fails

The effort by the Fremont Family Alliance to recall Fremont School board president, Robert Stipicevich, has suffered a well deserved defeat. Stipicevich, who spoke at the July 1989 potluck meeting, faced possible removal from office less than one year before his tenure was to expire because he was gay.

The FFA (?) needed to collect 12,219 signatures to place the recall measure on the ballot. Recently the Right Wingers have scored in San Francisco with the loss of Proposition S (Domestic Partners) and in Contra Costa County with the defeat of an AIDS anti-discrimination ordinance. We can claim this as a victory for our side.


HTG to be featured on Gay TV

High Tech Gays will be the featured subject of an upcoming edition of *Outlook*, the gay and lesbian video magazine. Using Hearst Cablevision facilities, Outlook is written, directed and produced by gay persons living and working in the South Bay and peninsula. Outlook has featured Mike Hippler of the Bay Area Reporter, Roberta Actenberg of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, Robert Stipicevich of the Fremont School Board and Harry Britt of San Francisco.

Interviews with the founding members and current board members of HTG were recently filmed. The history of HTG, our current activities and future plans were some of the subjects that were discussed. Outlook hopes to have a crew at the next monthly potluck meeting and at some of the upcoming activities to shoot footage to be included in the program.

The show is expected to air after March 1st on various cable systems including Viacom in San Francisco, PCTV in Oakland and the East Bay and Hearst Cable in Cupertino and Mt. View. Check local listings for dates and times. Unfortunately the cable company that services San Jose does not show Outlook (write them and complain) but there is a possibility that it will be shown by special arrangement at one of the local bars.

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Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus

The Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus presents All The Things You Are, A Valentine Follies on Friday and Saturday, February 16th and 17th at 8:00 PM at the Congregational Community Church at 1112 Bernardo Ave. at Remington in Sunnyvale. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call (408) 275-6344.

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Some Dates to Remember

The following dates are for some HTG meetings and activities that help keep the club going. Give us a call if you are interested in details about any of the meetings listed here. The general meeting is our monthly potluck at the DeFrank Center.

Executive Council
Thursday 02/08/90

General Meeting
Sunday 02/11/90

Newsletter Deadline
Thursday 02/15/90

Folding Party
Thursday 02/22/90

Map to HTG Meeting
at the Billy DeFrank Community Center

