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Happy Anniversary, HTG, and Thanks!

by Steve Weirauch

HTG celebrates its tenth anniversary this month! That's quite an accomplishment, considering how many groups fail to stay together or continue to grow for more than one year.

I have personally been involved with HTG since 1984, when I moved to the Bay Area. I wanted to find some place to meet people other than at the bars. While thumbing through *Our Paper* one day I saw a group called "High Tech Gays." I thought it sounded interesting, and called the number listed. At that time, the listing was Rick Rudy's home phone number. I spoke with Rick for quite some time about the group, and then decided that I would try attending a meeting.

Alan Stephenson and I decided to attend our first meeting together. That way, if the group turned out to be something strange, we could protect each other as we headed for the door. Needless to say, that was not the case, and I have been an active member ever since.

I have made a lot of friends in HTG and learned a lot. I've become more politically motivated through the group, and have made some enlightening discoveries about myself during the last eight years.

If you are not currently a member, I would strongly

the years, we've had activities which have ranged from Dessert Orgies and Tacky Tours to Rancho Cicada "Camping."

HTG's political involvement has been equally varied, with lawsuits such as HTG v. DISCO, letter-writing campaigns by PABAC, and support for rallies such as the recent Moffett Field rally for gays in the military.

The highlight of HTG, though, must be the monthly meetings. HTG has hosted political candidate forums, respected local personalities (Dick Gayer, then SJ Police Chief Joe MacNamara), entertainers (Mother

Tongue, SJ Spurs), and countless others. The meetings are also a way of staying in touch with friends I've met over the years, and whom I look forward to seeing each second Sunday of the month!

Thank you HTG for all you have done. Have a Happy Anniversary and a tremendous second decade!



encourage you to consider joining and becoming an active part of the group. We try to arrange varied events that would appeal to a broad range of tastes, and if there is something you would like to see us do, please let us know. We're always looking for new and interesting activities. Through

GLAAD Pitches Video to HTG

by AJ Alfieri

At HTG's March meeting, guest speakers Greg Hullender and Robert Greeley of South Bay GLAAD, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, spoke about their current efforts to counter the fundamentalist right's hate-video *The Gay Agenda*.

Following a brief introduction of GLAAD and the video, *The Gay Agenda* was shown in its entirety -- 20 minutes of the worst lies and stereotypes about gays and lesbians imaginable. (Actually, lesbians were barely mentioned, the focus being mostly on gay men.) Gay men were characterized as wildly promiscuous, intent on seducing children into a disgusting lifestyle; as disease-carrying perverts; as dangerous, militant subverters of traditional society, etc., etc., ad nauseum.

The video completely fabricates statistics, generalizes about gay people based on outrageous footage from the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade, and attempts to give credence to the notion of "reparative therapy" by featuring a bogus psychologist and cured

"ex-gays." Worst of all, explained the GLAAD reps, is that this slick video is being duplicated and shown all over the country, including to Congress and military leaders.

GLAAD is requesting that individuals help them obtain funding for their activities through corporate matching grant programs. Any help obtaining application forms, making contacts, or getting recommendations from gay/lesbian employee groups would be most welcome. Leave a message for Robert on the South Bay GLAAD Hotline: (408) 235-0229.

A second video, entitled *Hate, Lies and Videotape*, was also shown. This hastily-assembled response to *The Gay Agenda* was created by a group in New York. It was characterized as inadequate by the GLAAD speakers because it lacks focus, dwells too heavily on the worst parts of *Agenda*, and lacks a sense of humor. Greg explained that the response video GLAAD

is planning will combine humorous ridicule with a factual rebuttal to lies. If done right, the video has the potential for wide circulation and education throughout the U.S.

Comments from HTG members were very supportive, and their donations at the meeting will help to create GLAAD's video. Anyone wishing to donate to this project should make their **tax-deductible** check, clearly marked with the word "video," out to:

GLAAD/SFBA
514-B Castro Street
San Francisco, CA 94114

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Coming Attractions

By Pete Conroy

Activities Committee -- Tuesday, April 6

The February meeting is at Dale's. If you'd like to attend, leave a message on Voicemail and we'll call back with directions. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

U.C. Santa Cruz Arboretum -- Saturday, April 10

The arboretum at U.C. Santa Cruz is recognized as one of the best, with the specimens in its plant collection grouped according to their countries of origin. Meet at the DeFrank Center at 10:30 AM, and we'll carpool over the hill. If you go directly, follow directions to the university, but then go past the main entrance and continue on up High St. until you see the sign for the arboretum. Look for us to arrive about 11:30. Admission is free. We'll probably "do lunch" somewhere in Santa Cruz afterwards.

HTG Monthly Meeting -- Sunday, April 11

This meeting will be a celebration of HTG's Tenth Anniversary. We'll select the leaders who will lead us into our second decade, and we'll congratulate the deserving winner of the third annual Richard P. Rudy Community Service Award. The potluck starts at 6:30 PM. The activities portion of the meeting will be about 7:30. See additional details, including directions and map, elsewhere in the newsletter.

March on Washington -- Sunday, April 25

There's lots elsewhere in the newsletter about this historic event and HTG's participation.

Whitewater Boogie Boarding -- Friday-Sunday, April 30-May 2

He's at it again, folks. This time, Paul wants to talk seven of you, his friends, loyal members of HTG, into jumping into a Sierra river in the Springtime with nothing but some flimsy "boogie board" to ride on. No rafts, no kayaks -- nothing but these silly little pieces of some kind of plastic.

Okay, so there'll be wetsuits, and helmets, and leg protectors, and life jackets, but we're talking about the South Fork of the American River, eight miles above Chili Bar, in April after the snowiest winter in about eight years. They're still going to be skiing a few miles away, for crying out loud!

Well, I guess the world needs both Arboretum-goers and Boogie-boarders. If you share Paul's penchant for living on the edge, you can join in this latest folly -- "adventure" for a mere \$157. This covers a full day of boogie boarding, including all equipment, camping Friday and Saturday nights, and meals from Friday to Sunday. The deadline for signups is April 11 (the HTG meeting), but the trip is limited to eight participants and could be sold out before the deadline, so call Paul at (408) 245-SWILD (yes, that's his number) to be sure to get yourself a spot.

Hearst Castle Revisited -- Saturday-Sunday, May 22-23

Our last trip was so popular that Dale is doing it again! Sunset will be much later in May, so the tour won't start until 7:50 PM, and we'll fill in the time with a group dinner before the castle tour. To make a reservation, get a check to Dale for \$27 to cover the cost of the tour. The deadline is the April meeting, so call Dale at (408) 377-3810. He has a list of recommended hotels in San Luis Obispo, and will get word to you on the cost of the dinner. There's a gay bar/cafe that has recently opened in San Luis Obispo, so we'll be certain to pay them a visit!

Full Moon on Half Dome -- Friday-Sunday, June 4-6

The climb to the top of Half Dome in Yosemite is a daunting challenge followed by a dazzling reward of truly spectacular vistas. Imagine it all under the eerie silver light of a full moon. Incredible! HTG is going to do it. Our entry in the National Park Service's lottery was drawn, and we have 12 coveted back-country permits to camp atop Half Dome on the night of June 5. We also have campsites reserved at Upper Pines in Yosemite Valley for Friday and Saturday nights. Those going to the top on Saturday can camp in the Valley Friday, and then leave their heavier gear there Saturday night. Those not going to the top can remain at the Valley campsites Saturday night. The cost for the weekend is \$40, which includes the wilderness permits, campground fees, firewood, and all meals. This will include freshly-brewed hot coffee and buttered croissants at dawn on Half Dome! Signup deadline is May 31. First come, first served.

Roaring Camp and Big Trees Railroad -- Saturday, June 5

For those who can't go to Yosemite, we'll be taking a day trip up to Roaring Camp in Felton and the train ride down into Santa Cruz. More details to come.

Details of the following events will become available as they approach:

Point Reyes Camping: May 28 - 31 (Memorial Day Weekend)

White Water Rafting: Saturday, July 3 (Middle Fork of the American River)

Sign up for HTG Activities

When signing up for an activity, please do NOT send payments to the HTG P.O. Box. Send it directly to the person running the activity, or if the address is unknown, send it to: HTG Activities, c/o David Trautvetter, 685 N. 15th St., San Jose, CA 95112.

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Family.....	\$50
Full-time Student.....	\$12

For information on advertising or submitting articles, contact Steve Weirauch at (408) 272-5555. The deadline for advertising or articles is the second Sunday of each month.

Advertising rates:

Business Card (3.5 x 2").....	\$25
1/4 page (3.75 x 5").....	\$40
1/2 page (7.5 x 5").....	\$70

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Thanks...

by Don Nelson

As you no doubt have noticed, my name does not appear on the ballot for president of HTG.

The decision not to seek a third term was made after a great deal of consideration, and I would like to take a little space in the newsletter to present to you my feelings.

Let me first say that my association with HTG has been, without a doubt, the most rewarding experience of my entire life. I will never be able to fully convey the wonderful feelings I have for this organization or for the lifelong friends I have made because of my association. I can think of no other gay and lesbian organization that has the caliber of individuals who are as intelligent, talented, and well-educated. I consider it an absolute privilege to have become friends with so many of you and to have had the opportunity to contribute to this wonderful organization.

I think back to the time it was agreed that I would become interim president after Rick Rudy died in late summer of 1990. I remember waking up on the morning of the first meeting I was going to chair as president thinking, "What the hell have I gotten myself into?" There was so much involved in running an organization the size of HTG. What made me think I was up to the task? Could I arrange interesting speakers each month? Could I handle all the necessary correspondence? Could I handle all the people wanting something from HTG? Could I handle the media or the politicians or the fundies, etc.? Rick seemed to handle it all with such aplomb. How could I possibly think that I would be able to do even half as well as him? The feeling hit me all at once and it was not mere fright, it was stark terror!

Naturally, no organization as successful as HTG is dependent on a single individual. We are all lucky to have had the help of people like Lynn Yaeger as treasurer, Chris Clarke who stepped in as interim secretary, Bob Correa as newsletter editor, Steve Weirauch as activities chairperson, and Denny Carroll as sage to help keep the organization running smoothly through its darkest period. Later on, with the added help of Phil Boyer as membership chairperson, the organization quickly got back on track and I was able to concentrate on the tasks at hand. I thank all of you as well as all of the members of HTG for your patience and your words of encouragement during that extremely difficult time.

As president of HTG I have been given so many opportunities to represent the gay and lesbian community. Sometimes, too many! Since becoming president, I have worked on such community projects as the Needs Assessment Program for the San Jose Public Library, and the Joint Venture: Silicon Valley Task Force. I recently completed my term as a commissioner on the City of San Jose Project Diversity Citizen's Commission and have been a board member of BAYMEC since 1990. I have also been involved in the Community Policing program for the San Jose Police Department, speaking to officers about gay and lesbian issues.

On every occasion I have been proud to be introduced as president of High Tech Gays, and that I represent an organization of gay and lesbian professionals in the high tech industry. That is a responsibility I have never taken lightly, and I have appreciated the every opportunity.

Those and other responsibilities are part

of the reason why I have chosen not to seek reelection. I have enjoyed nearly every minute of my two plus terms and am extremely proud of the things I have accomplished, but the time has come for me to let some things go. It is also time to give another member the opportunity to enjoy the same experience and take the organization into its next ten years.

What's next? Well, as far as my involvement with HTG is concerned, I will continue to work with PABAC in our ongoing effort to persuade companies to add sexual orientation to their EEO statements and domestic partner benefits. The annual BAYMEC Dinner Dance is coming up in June, and I am involved with its planning. So, along with my other community involvement, I will remain very busy. Along with all that, I would like to finish (start?) the restoration of my 1954 MG, and start remodeling my kitchen. Hopefully, there will be a little time for a personal life as well. No rest for the weary, as they say.

I am going to close by reminding all of you that there is so much to be done in the struggle for equality and recognition and so much of that work is being done by a very small number of people with at times, only a minimum of support from the gay and lesbian community. That must change if we truly deserve what is rightfully ours. If every single gay or lesbian volunteered just a small portion of their time we would accomplish so much more.

Again, "thank you" to all of you who have supported me and had confidence in my ability. I have and will continue to enjoy my participation in High Tech Gays.

Don

Homosexuality Is Not A Sin, Prominent Theologians Say

Their answers, published in a booklet *Is Homosexuality a Sin?*, were given in response to a survey conducted by the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (Parents FLAG) in conjunction with the Metropolitan Washington Chapter of Parents FLAG.

"This booklet comes as a relief to many parents who were taught that homosexuality is wrong," says Mitzi Henderson, Federation President. "The enlightened answers from prominent Christian and Jewish leaders will now help families reconcile their love of God and of their gay or lesbian loved one. It will help reunite families who had become alienated by the gay issue."

The booklet, prepared by Tineke Bodde, author of *Why is My Child Gay?*, is being released at a time when President Clinton is considering ending the ban on gays in the military.

Is Homosexuality a Sin? can be purchased from the Federation of Parents FLAG, P.O. Box 27605, Washington, DC 20038-7605 for \$7.75 each. Parents FLAG is a 10-year old organization of families and friends of gays and lesbians, and has over 200 chapters across the country. Questions about the booklet or the organization may be directed to either of the two local chapters, (408) 270-8182 or (415) 857-1058.

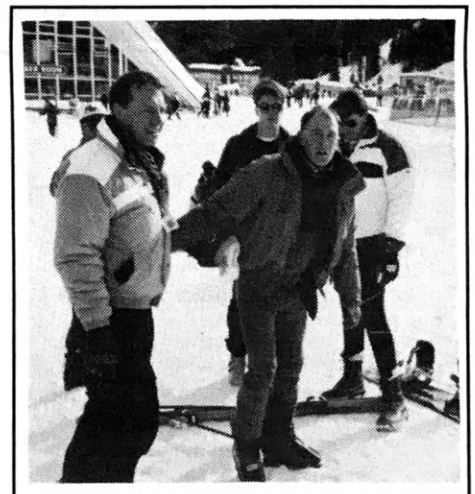


Photo by Steve Weirauch

Swishing...uhh...schussing with HTG at Squaw Valley. Jerry, Bill, Ken, and Paul prepare for a day of skiing at the North Tahoe Ski trip.

HTG Officer Elections

Elections for HTG officers for the next year will take place at the April meeting. The following are biographies of the candidates for president, secretary, and treasurer. Enclosed with this month's newsletter is a ballot which you should fill out and bring to the April meeting, or mail to the P.O. Box. All mailed ballots must be in the P.O. Box by Saturday, April 10 in order to be counted. Ballots will also be available for members at the April meeting.

David Trautvetter - Treasurer Secretary

(Editor's note: David agreed to run for the office of secretary after his bio was submitted for press. Some "slight" changes have been made.)

An HTG member since nineteen eighty-something, I am currently the chairperson of the Activities Committee. I am employed at a small corporation in the totally untech world of the wholesale florist industry, but I am computer literate. In addition to sales, I am responsible for various aspects of accounting and finance, including margin control. I've completed a three term accounting class at De Anza College. I feel I can use these skills to benefit HTG if elected treasurer secretary. ~~I would like to set up HTG's finances on surprise, the computer to produce timely financial reports, and to set up a budget.~~ Read my lips - No new taxes!! Vote YES for David Trautvetter, not just another HTG member with a hard-to-pronounce name!

Frederick W. Parsons - Treasurer

For the past twelve years, I have worked as a budget analyst for Lockheed Missiles and Space Company in Sunnyvale and Austin, Texas. After joining HTG in 1988,

I went on to cofound GLOBAL, the Lockheed Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Employees Group. I am also currently an active member of GLAAD and *Outlook Video*. If elected as Treasurer, I would utilize my financial and organizational skills to expand HTG Activities and keep the organization financially sound.

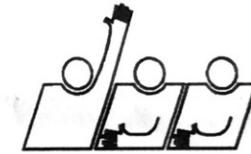
AJ Alfieri - President

Hello, folks. Yes, I have been Treasurer for the past year. I work for a small software company of 10 people in Los Gatos, called Transcription Enterprises. I am one of three people dedicated to "Customer Support, and Training." I own a house in San Jose in the "Gay Zip Code" about 5 blocks southwest of the DeFrank Center. I have also recently become involved with *Outlook Video*. What I really want to take time to do now, is to quickly review my hopes and concerns for HTG. It is quite often that when you are involved with an organization such as HTG, you'll often hear people say, "You know, HTG should do this," or "HTG should look into that." My concern is to have answers for "this" and "that." As president of the organization, I will work not only to maintain the current success of the organization, but also to add to it. I would like to see more of the membership involved in the direction and the decisions that will shape HTG's next ten years. My emphasis will be to:

1. Poll the organization for interests, concerns, talents, and resources.

2. Make clear the "Mission" of the organization, either by affirming, adding to, or changing the current mission.

3. Set clear goals to accomplish or maintain this "Mission."



4. Provide a supportive environment for members involved in achieving the goals.

It is very important to me that when people have ideas and suggestions for HTG, that I be able to say either "The organization is doing exactly what the membership wants it to be doing," or "You know, so and so has a similar concern, and has been looking for someone to work with them in that project. Can I give them your number?"

Yes, this is very brief. If you are interested in shaping the details, I seek constructive interaction from anyone interested in helping direct HTG through its next decade. You can call me at home from 8:00AM till 10:00PM at (408) 275-0990, send a letter to me on the BBS (login is AJ), Email me on the Internet at "aja@te-cats.COM", or send mail to the HTG P.O. Box.

The following article appeared in the August 1985 edition of the HTG newsletter

DISCO Suit Update

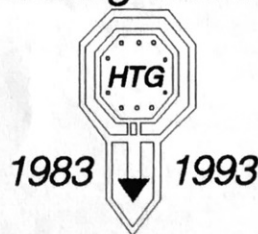
Judge Thelton Henderson granted a motion to grant a class action status to our suit. The class consists of "all gay person who, since January 1982, have applied for, or are applying for, or may in the future apply for Secret or Top Secret industrial clearances from DISCO in any of the eight DIS regions in the country, and all gay person who, since January 1982, have held, now hold, or may in the future hold such clearances." In addition, Judge Henderson ruled to keep High Tech Gays in the title of the suit, even though we are no longer plaintiffs in the case. Congratulations to Dick Gayer on this important victory!

In other legal action, Dick Gayer has been retained by HTG member Robert Weston in a suit against Lockheed Missiles and Space Company. The suit charges Lockheed with failure to forward Robert's

application for a Top Secret clearance to the government for review. It alleges that Lockheed discriminates against gay people by

secretly withholding their paperwork without proper cause. HTG's Political and Business Action Committee (PABAC) sent a letter to Lockheed concerning the matter in May. We received no reply.

Looking Back...



Editor's Note: As a follow up to the above story, you may or may not remember the outcome of that lawsuit. Judge

Henderson eventually ruled that DISCO could not use a person's sexual orientation to delay the granting of a security clearance. The government appealed that ruling which was overturned by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in February of 1990 and no further action has been taken.

The case, *High Tech Gays v. DISCO*, has taken on a certain fame, having been cited in at least one book about gays in the military and in Naval Officer Keith Meinhold's effort to remain in the service. And according to a member who was viewing a mock trial on C-SPAN the defense attorneys cited the case in their arguments.

For his efforts in this and other gay rights cases, Dick Gayer won the Richard P. Rudy Community Service Award in 1992.

Special March On Washington Pull-Out Section

On April 25th, 1993, an anticipated one million (some say that number may double) gays, lesbians, and bisexuals will descend on the nation's capitol to March On Washington for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Rights.

This special section of the newsletter contains information regarding the HTG contingent and other events for those of you who are planning to attend.

HTG Central

Many members of the HTG contingent are staying at the Hyatt Regency Washington located at 400 New Jersey Ave. N.W., Washington, DC 20001. Because so much of the information regarding where to meet before the March, etc. was not available by time this newsletter went to press, it will be necessary for those interested in marching with HTG to contact us at the Hyatt. The phone number is (202) 737-1234 and ask to be connected with Don Nelson's room. Most HTG members staying at the Hyatt will be arriving on the 22nd of April.

It would also be helpful for you to let us know before the March where you will be staying in the DC area and how we may contact you regarding more information. Either call Voicemail at (408) 993-3830 or Don Nelson at (408) 379-5074.

HTG Hosts Pre-March Reception

HTG will host a pre-march reception at HTG Central (otherwise known as the Hyatt Regency Washington, 400 New Jersey Ave., Washington, DC 20001) on Friday, April 23rd, from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Cost will be \$5.

The hotel is still arranging a reception room for us so call us at (202) 737-1234 and ask to be connected with Don Nelson's room for more information.

This invitation is open to all who are planning to attend the March, especially those members and friends of HTG who live outside the Bay Area. This will be a wonderful opportunity for all you who have supported HTG from afar to meet your fellow members.

HTG Contingent Info

As of this writing, HTG will be marching with the California contingent which is positioned 11th in line, but no information has been provided to us regarding a pre-March staging area. We will have more information by the HTG reception on the 23rd (see HTG Hosts Pre-March Reception). We will be taking the HTG banner to march behind, but those fantastic signs with such phrases as "Show Us Your Hard Disk!" and "Unix, Not Eunuchs" etc. that have become a trademark of our contingent in past parades are too bulky to bring along. Would someone like to take up the task of doing something similar especially for this event? They have always been a hit, and draw a lot of attention to the group!

Support the March

The National March asks everyone who plans to attend the 1993 March on Washington to register so they may have a more accurate count of those participating. Registering your participation will help them with their organization efforts and help finance this historic effort. Please make your donation as generous as possible.

Print your name, address, city, state, zip code and phone number and send to: March on Washington, P.O. Box 34607, Washington, DC 20043-4607. Make checks payable to "March on Washington."

Those sending a donation will receive a packet that includes a calendar of events, maps, information on using the DC Metro system, the latest MOW newsletter, a certificate suitable for framing and more.

**Washington DC
APRIL 25, 1993**



**DON'T MISS
THIS ONE!**

The Park Service Can't Lie This Time...

Order your Official Count 1993 March on Washington Rainbow Wristbands for people attending the March. Each wristband embroidered with a unique number from 1 to 1,000,000.

Send your name, address, city, state, zip code, and phone number and a check for \$5 for each wristband (add \$1 for shipping and packing) to: March on Washington, P.O. Box 34607, Washington, DC 20043-4607. Make checks payable to "March on Washington."

March on Washington Events

Below is only a partial list of events surrounding the March On Washington. For more information, contact MOW at the address listed on the previous page.

Wednesday, April 21

Legal Documents Workshop (Apr. 21-27)
Sponsor: National Center for Lesbian Rights
contact: Liz Hendrickson or Stephanie Smith (415) 621-0674

Historical Exhibit (Apr. 21-27)
Sponsor: One In Ten
contact: Thomas Ham (202) 319-7208

Lobbying - MOW, NGLTF, HRCF, Mobilization Against AIDS
(Apr. 21-27)
contact: Eric Rosenthal (202) 628-4160 or Marla Stevens
(202) 322-6483

Thursday, April 22

AIDS Cure Now Demo - ACT UP
HHS Building 10 AM
contact: Jim Hill (414) 483-0376

People of Color Lobby Briefing
contact: Mandy Carter (202) 628-4160

Candlelight Vigil
Holocaust Museum, Rachel Wallenberg Plaza 8:00 PM

Friday, April 23

Welcome Reception - Asian + Friends
Chaslteton Apartments, 1701 16th St. N.W.
7 PM to 11 PM
contact: Gil Aurellano (301) 345-1230

Gay and Lesbian Elected Officials Gathering
contact: Ken Vincent (206) 684-5321

Park Beautification Project
Sponsor: Forgotten Scouts
contact: Allan D. Shore (510) 835-2433 or Ken McPherson
(415) 626-8299

HRCF Field Training
contact: Cathy Nelson (202) 628-4160

HRCF Gala Dinner
contact: Steve Huber (202) 628-4160

MOW/NGLTF Concert (202) 628-0493

Gay and Lesbian Parent Coalition Internation banquet and
reception
contact: Jim Fagelson (301) 762-4828

People With Disabilities Dance
contact: Melissa Carrea (408) 929-7128 or Tom Vickery
(708) 524-0600

Saturday, April 24

Amnesty International Reception
contact: Paul Tighe (908) 242-5506

Lesbian/Gay Bands of America Concert
contact: Zoe Perry (617) 497-7828 or Connie Moore (713)
522-4282

Fight the Right Town Meeting
Sponsor: NGLTF 4 PM to 7 PM
contact: Michelle Crone (202) 332-6483

HRCF Leadership Conference
Sponsor: HRCF (202) 628-4160

Gay Rites Dance
Benefit: HRCF/NGLTF/MOW
Washington Hilton (202) 332-6483

Public Meeting
Sponsor: Nation Lesbian & Gay Law Association
Dupont Hotel 2 PM to 5 PM
contact: Mark Argrast (202) 332-6920 or Suzanne Bryant
(512) 440-0792

Harvey Milk Memorial Unveiling
contact: Ken McPherson (415) 626-8299

NGLTF Fund-raiser - Romanovsky and Phillips, Margi Adam,
Karen Williams
Sponsor: NGLTF
UDC Auditorium 8 PM cost \$18
contact: Jeanette Paroly (202) 244-2163

Women's Dance
Sponsor: NOW (202) 331-0066

The Wedding- Interfaith Ceremony of Commitment
\$10 registration for Certificate of Union
IRS Building
contact: Rev. Troy Perry (213) 464-5100

Sunday, April 25

The March

Opening stage and assembly rally
White House Ellipse 9 AM - 1 PM

The March begins
noon

Main stage & Rally
The Mall -- 2 PM - 6 PM

Freedom Rings Dance
Washington Hilton 9 PM, cost: \$25
(617) 262-4878

Wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
Sponsor: Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Vets of America
contact: Gene Barfield (802) 479-7934

Monday, April 26

Direct Civil Disobedience
Sponsor: March on Washington
contact: Rebecca Hensler (415) 930-0616



Photo by Paul Falworth

Rat ta tat, SPLAT! John Angel and Dave Conger dressed and ready for action as HTG goes Paintballing.

Battle Zone

by Phillip Moss

Aieeeeeennnn!!!!...The siren whines. Suddenly your eardrums are pierced with a sharp rhythmic patter...Rat Ta Ta Tat, Split, Splat!!! Pounding feet add to the cacophony resonating in the air. Should you run for the tower or enter the maze? Covering your partner, you listen for threatening movement nearby. Silence. Rat ta ta tat, split splat! Whoa!! A miss. You move closer. Thump! Bump! Whoops, retreat, someone's top-side. You adjust, keeping your partner in view. You set your sight on getting into the maze. You hold your weapons close, ready to pump the instant you sight your target.

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Thanks, Paul, you did it again!

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LIFE AIDS Lobby Forum

Plan to attend a public forum sponsored by LIFE (Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality) on Thursday, April 8, 1993, at 7:00 PM to be held at the Billy DeFrank Lesbian and Gay Community Center (175 Stockton Ave., San Jose). The state AIDS budget and pending AIDS and Civil Rights legislation will be discussed. Other topics will include legislation for domestic partner benefits and preventing discrimination by insurance companies based on HIV/AIDS status. Presenting will be Audrey Covner, LIFE Co-chair and Bob Sorensen from ARIS.

For more information call Audrey Covner at (415) 325-9210 or Bob Sorensen at (408) 370-3272.

SCIENCE FICTION FANS

The 51st World Science Fiction Convention will be held in San Francisco this Labor Day weekend. If you are interested in attending, and would like to join up with other HTG members, please contact Dale Benjamin @ (408) 377-3810.

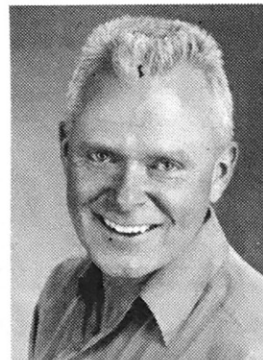
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All HTG Activities are self-supporting with no funds budgeted from the treasury. Many of the costs involved in organizing an activity are nonrefundable to HTG, therefore unless specified otherwise, refunds cannot be given for cancellations. The only exception is if someone is found to fill the vacant slot.

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The response to last month's article for available positions at Silicon Graphics was overwhelming, so HTG member and SGI employee Ken Krings, who offered the information about the postings, will handle your inquiries directly in the future.

Ken is a great guy and we appreciate his help and the information he has provided. Give Ken a call at (415) 390-3327.

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If you attend the Hillsdale 24 Hour Nautilus, and would like to be a workout partner and source of inspiration to another HTG member, please contact Dale Benjamin (408) 377-3810. (His present and future boyfriends and friends will be eternally grateful to you.)

Strunz and Farah

by Dale Benjamin

Seven HTGers recently braved the wild of downtown Mountain View's Castro street (not quite the same as further up the peninsula). We attended a performance of the guitar duo Jorge Strunz and Ardesir Farah.

The performance was high-energy. The musical style was similar to Spanish flamenco in the quick fingerings of the guitar, but included African-Cuban and Mesoamerican percussion. There was frequent use of bird calls, strings of shells, and other exotic sounds. The audience was frequently invited to join the band in keeping time, or "shushing" (you had to be there).

After the performance, most of the HTG attendees wandered Castro street in search of a good club. Unfortunately, even though downtown Mountain View now has quite a good size evening crowd, it doesn't yet have a really fun place for this HTGer to party (although it is nice to cruise Printer's Inc, but that's another story....).

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