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## SPOTLIGHT On...

#### Land's End Coastal Trail



What is the wildest place in San Francisco? It might be the Land's End Coastal Trail. Natural and remote, it features million-dollar views of crashing surf, offshore outcrops, the Golden Gate Bridge, and the Marin Headlands.

Walking is a great way to see our fair city, so join the HCSF on an afternoon hike to the famous Land's End. The trail begins near Ocean Beach and winds its way north and east along the ocean bluffs to China and Baker beaches. In its entirety, Coastal Trail is 11 miles long, although it's not contiguous. A favorite stretch is a 3.5mile round-trip that follows the most "wilderness-like" section from above the Cliff House Restaurant to 32nd Avenue and El Camino del Mar. (continued on page 3)

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2/8	Beethoven at Herbst
2003	Ano Nuevo Elephant Seals

# Cheer Harvard Football Onward to Victory!

#### Saturday, November 23, 9:00 am San Francisco, CA

njoy the annual tradition of watching the Harvard-Yale Football Game with the HCSF. Festivities will take place at our favorite

hangout, the Boathouse Bar & Restaurant. After last year's magnificent Ivy League championship season, the Crimson's certain triumph over the Bulldogs will taste as sweet as ever!

Join your classmates, fellow alums, friends,

and Yalies at the 117th playing of The Game via closed circuit telecast. There will be a full service bar and menu available. Guests are responsible for

their own charges and tips for food and drinks.

The Boathouse Bar & Restaurant is located at the entrance to Harding Park Golf Course, just off of Skyline

Boulevard and one half mile south of the San Francisco Zoo.

This is always a wellattended event, so reservations are strongly suggested. Tickets are \$10 per person in advance, \$15 at the door. Of course, children under 12 are free, so as to

inspire the next generation of Harvard students to partake in such fun tradi-



### Tuesday, December 10th, 6:30 pm

# San Francisco, CA

Join our 3rd annual evening at Gala Opening Night of the San Francisco Ballet's Nutcracker. Be dazzled by the

splendid performance, holiday decorations, and fabulous treats from the Sugar Plum world of fantasy.

Greet the Fairy Princess, clowns, a stilt walker, Nutcrackers, and

other players in costume. The performance begins at 7:30 pm but preperformance festivities begin at 5:30 pm in the grand foyer of the Opera

House. Complimentary desserts will be served at intermission along with no-host champagne. Ticket price, including pre-performance and intermission desserts and entertainment, is

> \$60.00 per person. Reservations must be paid for as soon as possible.

Last year's tickets sold like

hot cakes! RSVP to the club office immediately

to reserve your seats at this time-honored holiday celebration.

- Elaine Black





# Hear Whistleblowing on Corporate America

#### Monday, November 11th, 6:00 pm San Francisco, CA

Roberta Ann Johnson, USF Professor of Politics, Harvard Ph.D. in Political Science, and former HCSF Board and Activities Committee member, offers

us a great advance glance and discussion of her timely, groundbreaking book *Whistleblowing: When It Works - And Why.* It is scheduled for release by Lynne Reinner Publishers in November so our evening is a special first signing opportunity.

Professor Johnson analyzes headline-making

examples of courageous individuals such as *The Insider's* inspirational hero, Jeffrey Wigand in the tobacco industry, Roger Boisjoly of NASA, Cindy Ossias of the California DOI and Barbara Moulton of the FDA. Johnson shows how individuals can transform institu-

tions and even shape public policy. In an engaging narrative, Johnson captures how whistleblowers make decisions and she also explains why more employees of public companies didn't come forward to expose corruption.

> Helen Thomas of Hearst Newspapers, Washington Bureau describes Whistleblowing as "an inspired book that documents the courageous actions of the many heroes and heroines who put their livelihoods on the line to expose danger to the public safety and trust of the American

people. It is must reading." Former Congresswoman Pat Schroeder says "Johnson does an excellent job of explaining why we should all insist on protection for whistleblowers."

Tickets are \$15 per person. Come to

the Mechanics' Institute Library (415-393-0101, www.milibrary.org), located at 57 Post Street in downtown San Francisco. RSVP to the Club office. Join us to hear Professor Johnson discuss *Whistleblowing* and how insiders continue to expose waste, fraud, and abuse in government and industry.

- Elaine Black



### Book Club Discusses "The God of Small Things"

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#### Saturday, November 23rd, 3:00 pm San Francisco, CA

The Harvard Book Discussion Group will cover "The God of Small Things"

by Arundhati Roy. First published in 1996, it won the prestigious Booker Prize in 1997.

In this Indian screenwriter's first novel, Roy tells the story of young twins Rahel and Estha and their family. In a setting that is strangely both exotic and familiar to the Western reader, this tale is written in an English that

is invigorated by the Asian Indian influences of culture and language. Consequently, this combination has

drawn praise from many circles. John Updike wrote in *The New Yorker*, "A novel of real ambition must invent its own language, and this one does.... A

Tiger Woodsian debut."

The New York Times Book Review offered this praise, "The quality of Ms. Roy's narration is so extraordinary at once so morally strenuous and so imaginatively supple that the reader remains enthralled all the way through."

As always, new members are welcome. Norman

Coliver's home is located at 795 Sutter Street in San Francisco.

- Dr. Ernest Levinger

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### Harvard-Yale Happy Hour

It's time to raise your glasses and welcome in the winter season at our monthly Happy Hour! Come see what you've been missing by joining us at this popular event, held on the first Thursday (11/14) of each month.

We'll celebrate November at a typically swanky locale, famous for its extensive selection of spirits and its luxurious interior décor. See old friends and make new ones while enjoying one of city's hottest night spots. There will be a nominal charge to cover the cost of hors d'oeuvres. Email Justin White at justingawhite@yahoo.com for details.



# Hike Scenic Land's End (cont. from page 1)

### Saturday, December 7th, 1:00 pm San Francisco, CA

Starting with the ocean views from the Merrie Way trailhead, take the trail from the north end of the lot that dips into a canopy of cypress trees. You'll connect to a wide main path, the

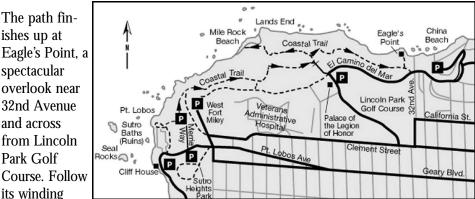
remains of an old railroad roadbed. The path finishes up at Eagle's Point, a spectacular overlook near 32nd Avenue

and across from Lincoln Park Golf

its winding staircase down the bluffs for the best views of the day.

For more park information, call the GGNRA/Presidio Visitor Center. (415) 561-4323. Or contact the GGNRA/Cliff House Visitor Center, (415) 556-8642 (www.nps.gov/goga).

Getting There: Take MUNI bus #38 or #38L to Point Lobos and 48th Avenue. Walk west on Point Lobos for a short distance to the Merrie Way parking lot, just above Louis' Restaurant. The trail leads from the



north side of the parking lot.

The more hikers the merrier for this free event. RSVP to the Club office. Arrive promptly and bring hiking shoes, water, and appropriate clothing.

- Oliver Chin

Event Reservations - November/December 2002							Name:
Events marked (R) require advance reservations and payment. Club policy requires a 48-hour notice for cancellations. No-shows will be charged. Reserve your seats by phone, fax or mail. You may pay by credit card (Visa, MasterCard) or with a personal check.							Address:
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Land's End Coastal Trail Hike	(R)	12/7	Free x		=		•
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Note: No confirmations are sent. Door lists are maintained. Reservations made less than 48 hours before an event must be placed with a credit card. Events at the University Club require a dress code: men wear a coat and tie and women wear comparable formality (no jeans or tennis shoes).

### Evening of Beethoven at Herbst Theatre

#### Friday, February 8th, 8:00 pm San Francisco , CA

Join Humanities West for an evening of listening to, thinking about, and, later, at an exclusive Harvard Club reception, toasting the music of Ludwig van Beethoven -- all at the Herbst

Theatre.

This event, the fourth in our series of collabora-



tions with Humanities West, begins at 8 PM with a lecture by Alessandra Comini, Distinguished Professor of Art History at Southern Methodist University, who will consider the meaning of Beethoven's Ninth to leading European composers and writers of the 19th and 20th centuries. Then pianist Charles Rosen, a foremost interpreter of Beethoven, will perform a series of Beethoven Sonatas. (The Yale University Press has recently published Prof. Rosen "Beethoven's Piano Sonatas: A Short Companion.")

After the performance, we are are invited to the nearby "A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books," for a reception featuring the finest California

wines. Profs. Comini and Rosen are both being invited to this reception.

The Humanities West Beethoven program continues Saturday, February 9, for a separate fee. For information, please call Frank Rettenberg (415) 472-1339. Cost is \$35.00. For best seats, reservations must be received at the Harvard Club office by January 17.
- Frank Rettenberg

### Watch for Elephant Seals

In early 2003, we will make our annual pilgrimage to the famous Ano Nuevo beach to observe the largest mainland breeding colony of Northern elephant seals. During the breeding season, December 15 through March 31, daily access to the Reserve is available only via guided walks. Look for further details in the January 2003 newsletter. Call Paul Toulmin '59 with any questions (415) 864-1138.



### Club Starts Search for New Executive Director

Recently HCSF Executive Director Guadalupe Nickell submitted her resignation to to take effect on October 28, 2002.

All of us are most disappointed to have her go. She has added so much sparkle, new ideas, and a deep loyalty to what we are doing. We are pleased that she has found a full time position



with benefits with SF-based Hispanic Scholarship Fund. Lupe expressed interest in this kind of program for sometime. From all her friends at the Harvard Club, we wish this dynamic

Tiger the best, and hope she will join us at future events. We wish the best of luck to her in the future.

Consequently, the HCSF is looking for a new executive director! All leads, contacts, or recommendations are very welcome! Please send your thoughts by email to the office or to the club's President Walter Sleeth at wjsleeth@attbi.com.



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