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Exciting New Membership Categories Renew Your Membership Now

See enclosed insert

It's membership renewal time. And this year there's something new: We've enhanced our four existing categories and added a special new one. Please take a moment to read the Club President's letter on the enclosed insert, then fill out the renewal form on the reverse and mail/fax to the Club Office.

Inside Natchez & "The Big Easy" Novelist Ciji Ware's Secrets Tuesday, May 22

Join your fellow members at the University Club on Tuesday, May 22, for "Fact AND Fiction," where veteran Broadcaster, Novelist and fellow Club member Ciji Ware '64 will bring us a lively, illustrated



"Fictional View of Natchez and New Orleans," focusing on the ways in which true life can be turned into compelling fiction.

Ware, a former President of the Harvard Alumni Association, will tell how she employed her Emmy Award-winning reportorial skills to gather and weave contem-porary information into her bestselling fiction. Her latest work, A LIGHT ON THE VERANDA, is set in contemporary Natchez, Mississippi. Her previous Random House release, MIDNIGHT ON JULIA STREET, takes place in a celebrated historic district in New Orleans. Both novels are based, in part, on controversial subjects Ware found in the headlines and by digging deeply *Continued on page 4*

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Special Event — Special Speaker Charles Willie at our Annual Dinner Thursday, June 21



Our Annual Dinner will again be held at the beautiful Fort Mason Officers Club, with its sweeping Bay views, excellent parking, fine food and attentive service. The last two years have seen record turnouts or members and guests, so early reservations are strongly advised.

Our guest speaker this year will come from Cambridge for the occasion. He is Charles Vert Willie, Professor Emeritus, Harvard Graduate

School of Education. He will share with us his views on "Education as a Moral and Ethical Enterprise."

A human rights activist, Willie was a classmate of Martin Luther King, Jr., at Morehouse College. He has published over 25 books and numerous articles on the topics of diversity, race relations, black and white families, minorities in higher education. An applied sociologist who is concerned with solving social problems, his areas of research include desegregation, higher education, public health, race relations, urban community problems, and family life.

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Special Harvard Club docent tour Toulouse-Lautrec and The Spirit of Montmarte Saturday, May 12

Your Activities Committee has made special arrangements for a docent-led tour of the new exhibit at the Palace of the Legion of Honor — "Toulouse-Lautrec and the Spirit of Montmartre:

Cabarets, Humor, and the Avant-Garde, 1875-1905" for Saturday, May 12th. We'll view over 400 works, including illustrated books and journals,



prints, posters, drawings, water-colors, shadow theater silhouettes, and various ephemera such as invitations and programs from cabaret, music hall, and theatrical performances.

Montmartre was the catalyst for artistic and intellectual collaboration at a time when avantgarde activity relied on humor, challenging the established standards of art and using nontraditional media, all of which profoundly *Continued on page 3*

Back by popular demand Eugene O'Neill's East Bay "Tao House" Saturday, May 5



Several fortunate Club members made this memorable visit some years ago, and found it enormously enjoyable. We have scheduled a two-hour revisit for Saturday, May 5th.

Eugene O'Neill, the only Nobel Prize winning playwright from the United States and the architect of modern American theater, lived at Tao House in the hills above Danville from 1937 to 1944. It was at this site that he wrote his final and most successful plays;

"The Iceman Cometh," "Long Days Journey Into Night," and "A Moon For the Misbegotten."

He is pictured here with his wife, actress Carlotta Monterey. Although their life together at Tao House was tumultuous, he often refered to her as his "collaborator." She was devoted to maintaining the isolated home environment in which his genius flourished, and the National Park Service restoration clearly shows the same devotion.

Our group will assemble in Danville at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 5 for the van ride up to Tao House. There will be a charge of \$5 per person for members, \$10 for guests. As we must notify the Park Service of the exact number of people who will be attending, please make your reservation early.

Directions: From San Francisco, take Highway 24 to Walnut Creek, then I-680 south to the Sycamore Valley Road exit in Danville. Follow the signs for Sycamore Valley Road East. This exit ramp circles around over the freeway and brings you on to Sycamore Valley Road beading east. At the second traffic light, turn left into the Park and Ride parking lot. You may park anywhere in the lot. The Park's van will stop near the bus stop. Please allow enough time so that you can be there promptly at 12:30 p.m.



Save the Date!

The Club's popular Annual Croquet Challenge will be held this year on Saturday, July 21st, 10am to 4pm at the beautiful Sonoma-Cutrer Winery in Sonoma County. Watch for details in the June newsletter.

Luncheon Lecture Series Inside the Microsoft Antitrust Case Thursday, June 7

John Heilemann is a journalist and author who has been chronicling the information revolution for publications such as The New Yorker. Economist and Wired, and its implications for the economy, politics, business, and society for more than a decade. His first book, Pride Before the Fall: The Trials of Bill Gates and the



End of the Microsoft Era, the definitive account of the Microsoft antitrust case, was published by HarperCollins in January 2001. The book was released just as the appeals process got underway (briefs were already being filed and oral arguments were scheduled for February 26 and 27). Heilemann will have just returned from these proceedings when he speaks to the Harvard Club. The ongoing legal battle will undoubtedly be one of the earliest issues the Bush Administration will have to face. In addition, the results of the appeals process in the case will have a profound effect in setting the rules that govern competition in the digital age.

Thursday, June 7, 2001, 11:45-1:30 p.m. The Banker's Club, 555 California Street, 52nd Floor. Cost: \$30/members, \$35/nonmembers, \$5 discount for reservations made 48 hours in advance. Call the Club office at (415) 750-1442 or e-mail hcsf@harvardclub-norcal.org

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Second Annual Whitewater Rafting Extravaganza Saturday, June 2



Don't miss out on the hottest(coolest) event of the year! Last year, the rafting trip was three times oversubscribed. Do not be left out of the party this time!

Tucked away in the Sierra foothills, the South Fork American is located just 40 miles east of

Sacramento. This river offers diversity...classic scenery, narrow rocky gorges, peaceful calms, and over 50 rapids! Whitewater rafting on the South Fork draws people to the very same Coloma Valley where James Marshall discovered gold in 1848. Your one day excursion will venture 11 miles through rugged wilderness, towering canyons and oak studded meadows. Swift current, big waves, plenty of sun and whitewater will ensure action packed excitement not soon forgotten.

We must reserve and make payments to the Harvard Club of San Francisco before May 15, 2001. Price per person is \$125, and includes professional guies, eqipment, lunch, and rafts.

This event will sell out fast. Make your reservations and payments with the Harvard Club at: hcsf@harvardclub-norcal.org or call us at (415) 750-1442.

Meeting Time: June 2, Saturday at 11 A.M. at Camp Lotus (The trip will end by 6:15 pm)

Directions From Sacramento:

Traveling east on Hwy 50, take the North Shingle Rd/Mother Lode Dr. exit, just after Cameron Park. Turn left over freeway and take the first right onto North Shingle Rd. Travel 4.5 miles to the Y and turn left onto Lotus Rd. Travel 6 miles until you get to the second stop at Bassi Rd. Turn left onto Bassi Rd. Travel 1 mi. Camp Lotus is on your right.

Driving Distances and Times to Meeting Places From: San Francisco: 130 mi / 3 hrs San Jose: 155 mi / 3 hrs Walnut Creek: 115 mi / 2.5 hrs PLEASE CALL THE CLUB OFFICE AT (415) 750-1442 2 DAYS BEFORE THE TRIP TO CHECK FOR LAST MINUTE CHANGES OF MEETING TIME AND PLACE.

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influenced early 20th-century art forms such as dada, surrealism and performance art.

The tour will begin promptly at 9:20 a.m. (before the crowds arrive), and will last about one hour. We will of course be free to explore more of the exhibit or the museum on our own after the tour. The cost is \$15 per person (\$13 for seniors over 65). The number of people who can be accommodated on

the tour is limited, so sign up early to assure yourself a place. The Palace of the Legion of Honor is located in Lincoln Park,

and can be reached by taking Legion of Honor Drive from 34th Avenue and Clement, or (if you are coming across the Golden Gate Bridge) by taking Lincoln Boulevard and El Camino del Mar. The Club group will meet at the main entrance to the museum.



Reservation Form (Events marked (R) require advance reservations) Advance reservation must be accompanied by payment. The Club policy requires 48-hour notice for cancellations. No-shows will be charged. We accept Visa and MasterCard credit cards.

EVENT	DATE	COST	NO.	\$ AMT.
Tao House (R)	5/5	\$5 / Members, \$10 / non-members	x=	\$
Toulouse-Lautrec	5/12	\$15 / Members, \$13 / seniors 65 and over	x=	\$
Ciji Ware	5/22	Members \$10/advance, \$15 at the door; Non-members \$15 advance, \$20 at the door	x=	\$
River Rafting (R)	6/2	\$125 / person	x=	\$
Ted Fang	6/5	Members \$10/advance, \$15 at the door; Non-members \$15 advance, \$20 at the door	x=	\$
Inside Microsoft	6/7	\$30 members, \$35 non-members		
		\$5 discount for reservations 48 hrs prior to event	x=	\$
			Total	\$
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You may fax credit card payment to: Harvard Club of San Francisco, (415) 750-1446. Please make checks payable to: Harvard Club of San Francisco. Note: Refunds require 48 hours notice. No confirmations are made. Door lists are maintained. All reservations made less than 48 hours prior to an event must be made by credit card. The University Club dress code requires coat and tie for men and comparable formality for women. NO denim or tennis shoes.

Save the Date A Conversation with Ted Fang Tuesday, June 5, 2001



Mr. Fang is the new Publisher & Editor of the San Francisco Examiner. He also is the publisher for the Independent Newspaper Group in San Francisco. Mr. Fang is a San Francisco native, of Chinese immigrant parents, and is the first Asian-American to own a major daily newspaper in the United States.

Cost is \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door for members; \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door for non-members. University Club, 800

Powell Street (at California). Reception at 6:30 pm; lecture at 7:00 pm. Reply to the Club by phone at (415) 750-1442, by fax at (415) 750-1446 or by e-mail to hcsf@harvardclub-norcal.org. The University Club dress code requires jacket for men and comparable formality for women. No denim or tennis shoes.

The Craft of Malt Whisky Making A Scotch Tasting & Lecture Reception Tuesday, May 8

Join us at CAFE and learn how single malts are made, what distinguishes one from another, how to assess and evaluate purity and quality, the art of nosing, and how best to enjoy scotch. The scotch to be featured will the The Balvenie 10 year Founder's Reserve, 12 year Doublewood, and the 15 year Single Barrel. The Balvenie Distillery has been owned and manged by an independent family for five generations. This is a rare and exclusive opportunity to partake in a traditional tasting and lecture on the fine art of single malt scotch. Please RSVP soon. Space is limited. CIJI WARE'S SECRETS, Continued from page 1

into local lore and politics.

Previous Club lectures by Ciji have quickly sold out, so we urge you to sign up now.

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New Club Offices

As our lease at 465 California Street has run its course, the Club has been fortunate to find reasonably priced accommodations at an easily accessible new location: 4200 California Street, between 4^{th} and 5^{th} Avenues, Suite 207, San Francisco, CA 94118. Please make note of the new contact numbers:

Phone: (415)750-1442; Fax: (415)750-1446. The email address remains the same: hcsf@harvardclub-norcal.org.



Book Discussion Group

Call the club office at (415) 750-1442 for May meeting information.

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Before arriving at Harvard, Willie was chairman of the Department of Sociology and vice president of Syracuse University. He was appointed by President Carter to the President's Commission on Mental Health and has been a member of the board of directors of the Social Science Research Council. He has also served as a consultant, expert witness, court appointed guardian, and master in major school desegregation cases. Willie is the author of over one hundred articles and twenty-five books on issues of race, education, and urban communities.

Don't miss our biggest event of the year! More details in the June newsletter.



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