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PACIFICA HIKE

**Saturday, October 4th, 10 am
Pacifica, CA**

Enjoy one of the peninsula's most leisurely hikes: Loop Trail to Brooks Falls in the San Pedro Valley County Park. A 1,150-acre jewel in the chain of San Mateo County parks, SPVC



offers fine hiking through rich and diverse vegetation and along year-round creeks. When the rest of the coast is foggy, you can hike the park's sunny valley and watch the fog pour over the mountain tops. Or, on brilliant sunny days, you can hike to the mountain tops and enjoy spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean, San Mateo County, San Francisco and Marin County

San Pedro Valley County Park is located at 600 Oddstad Boulevard in Pacifica. Take Highway 1 to the Linda Mar intersection (the southern most stoplight in Pacifica), and turn inland 2 miles until Linda Mar Boulevard ends at Oddstad. Turn right and then immediately left into the park. (Parking is \$3.00, 650-355-5454). Meet in the parking lot at 10:00 am. Dress appropriately and pack a lunch and beverage to refresh yourself along the way. RSVP to the Club office.

- Oliver Chin

Current Events

Date Event

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| 9/24 | World Affairs Council |
| 10/4 | Pacifica Park Hike |
| 10/10 | St. Petersburg Anniversary |
| 11/22 | EastWind Books, Berkeley |

Celebrate St. Petersburg Tri-Centenary

**Friday, October 10th, 8:00 pm
San Francisco, CA**

The year 2003 is the 300th anniversary of Peter and Catherine the Great's legendary

capital, and Humanities West will celebrate the occasion October 10-11 with a program entitled "St. Petersburg's 300-Year Legacy." A block of seats will be reserved for HCSF members for the October 10

part of this program, scheduled at the Herbst Theater. An exclusive reception follows at "Clean Well Lighted Place for Books," within walking distance of the theater, where club mem-

bers can meet some of the speakers and performers.

The program opens with a slide-illustrated overview of the city's colorful

and dramatic past by Edward Naimark, Stanford's world-renowned expert in Russian and East European History. Next the Russian Chamber Orchestra will offer a concert of vocal and orchestral music by great



Russian composers, such as Mussorgsky and Tchaikovsky, who called St. Petersburg home. These talented artists have performed through (continued on page 2)

Discover the Wisdom of Yao Ming and Taoism

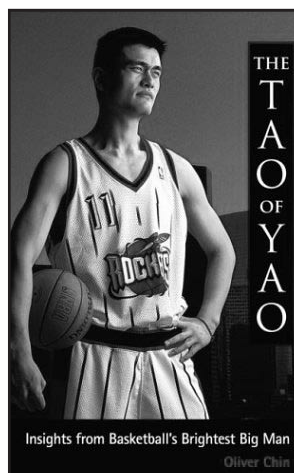
**Saturday, November 22th, 3:00 pm
Berkeley, CA**

At 7'5", Yao Ming was the NBA's #1 draft pick in 2002 and proceeded to become a global sports icon. HCSF's Oliver Chin '91 will discuss this cultural phenomenon in his new book *The Tao of Yao: Insights from Basketball's Brightest Big Man* (\$13.95, ISBN 1-58394-090-1).

The *San Francisco Chronicle's* Bruce Jenkins said, "Basketball has known great, versatile centers but Yao, selfless and fundamentally sound, has the potential to write a whole new chapter. Chin's enlightening spin on the man who's at

the forefront of the cultural changes happening in the NBA and the world is a slam dunk." Iris Chang, the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The*

Chinese in America: A Narrative History, wrote, "By deftly bridging the cultures of East and West, by drawing inspiration from sports heroes, warriors and philosophers over thousands of years of history, *The Tao of Yao* transcends both time and space, highlighting universal principles of leadership essential to victory."



Eastwind Books is at 2066 University Avenue in Berkeley (510-548-2350). For more info, visit www.taoofyao.us.

San Francisco Ballet's Nutcracker

Date to be Determined San Francisco, CA

Join our annual winter evening at the Gala Opening Night of the San Francisco Ballet's Nutcracker. Be dazzled by the splendid performance, holiday decorations and fabulous treats in the grand foyer of the Opera House. Opening Night is a special tradition,

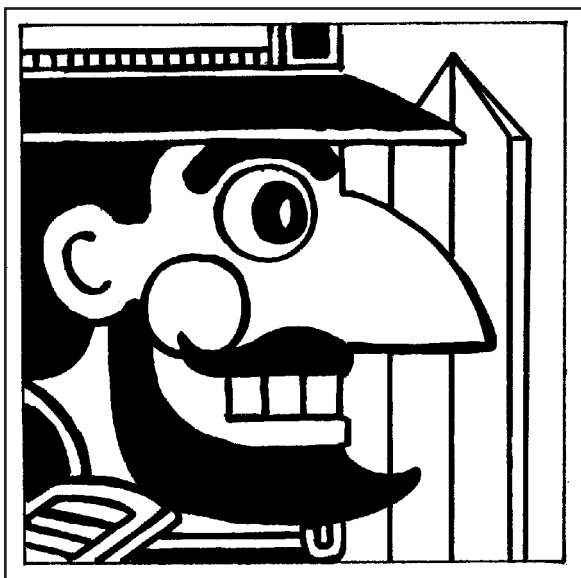
with snow falling as guests arrive on the Opera House steps and a Sugar Plum world of fantasy and feast awaiting inside the resplendent lobby.

Our guests will be greeted and entertained, with special photo opportunities, by the Fairy Princess, clowns, a stilt walker, Nutcrackers, and other ballet players in costume.

Complimentary desserts will be served at intermission along with no-host champagne.

The date of the performance will be set soon. As usual, the ticket price will include all desserts and entertainment. If you are interested, please RSVP to the club office immediately so we can gauge interest and buy our block of tickets accordingly.

- Elaine Black



Raise College Awareness

With the new school year starting, it's time to consider joining in to support your local schools. The Harvard Club of San Francisco conducted a very successful program last spring, the Stanley Lynn Early College Awareness Program, that provided a glimpse of college life to over 120 middle school students and their parents.

We encourage HCSF members who are interested in community service to join us again to build on the success we had in our first year effort. HCSF will be joining other organizations such as the Bar Association of San Francisco and La Raza

Lawyers Association in an existing program at San Francisco's Balboa High School as well as putting on our own special school-based programs to help middle school and high school students prepare for higher education. Putting on our programs has been fun, very appreciated by the students, parents and schools and something that will be valued by all participants for years to come.

If you are interested in volunteering some time to work with fellow HCSF

members, local educators, parents and students, please email HCSF

President-elect John Trasvina at jdtrasvina@aol.com or call the HCSF Office.



St. Petersburg (cont. from page 1)

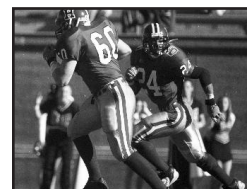
out the United States and feature a range of Russian music in their vast repertoire. The Russian American Cultural Foundation, President, Ivan Pouschine, '52, has collaborated with Humanities West in this production.

Price is \$35.00 per person, including program and reception. Deadline for reservations is September 26. For more details of the program's continuation on October 11, please visit the Humanities West at www.humanitieswest.org or call Frank Rettenberg, '52, at (415) 472-1339.

Harvard-Yale Football

The annual telecast of the Harvard-Yale football game will be November 22nd. The new location and details will be announced soon, so please plan on attending for all the fun.

- Paul Toulmin



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World Affairs Council on Russian-American Relations

**Wednesday, Sept. 24th, 7:00 pm
San Rafael, CA**

Dr. Edward W. Walker (Ned to his friends), Harvard '77, will speak on "Russian-American Relations after Iraq," at an event jointly sponsored by the Harvard Club of San Francisco and the Marin Chapter of the World Affairs Council.

The Executive Director of the Institute for Soviet and Post-Soviet Studies at Berkeley, Professor Walker has focused on the relationship between beliefs and institutions in the Soviet Union and its successor states, and more broadly on the influence of normative ideas and mythologies on institutional change. He has written and taught on problems of ethno-politics and ethnic conflict, federalism, secession, and nationalism in post-Soviet Russia and the new states of the



Caucasus and Central Asia. Ned has recently completed a manuscript, *Dissolution: Sovereignty and the Breakup of the Soviet Union* (forthcoming Rowman & Littlefield), which emphasizes the role of institutions and the mythologies of Soviet federalism and nationality policy in the breakup of the Soviet Union.

Professor Walker received his Ph.D. in political science from Columbia University in 1992. He has a Masters degree in international affairs from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (1987) and a B.A. from Harvard (1977).

The US and Russia are trying to mend fences, but differences over Iraq and Iran remain serious barriers to the resumption of a friendly, cooperative relationship in the international sphere. Ned will review the prospects for more

amicable relations. As a bonus, he is a recognized expert on Russian minorities and can answer all your questions about Chechnya.



The event will be held at the Shield Room, Caleruega Dining Hall, Dominican University of California, beginning at 6:30 pm with a wine and cheese reception. A buffet dinner will be served at 7:00 pm, and Ned's talk begins at 8:00 pm. Cost is \$25.00 (members' price).

Reservations by credit card required by close of business Friday, September 19. Call (415) 293-4600 and make sure to identify yourself as a member of the HCSCF. Alternatively, you can come for just coffee and cookies between 7:30 and 8:00 pm for a charge of \$6.00.

For details, contact Frank Rettenberg, '52, at (415) 472-1339.
- Frank Rettenberg

Event Reservations - September/October 2003

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.

<u>Current Events</u>	<u>Res</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>\$ Total</u>
World Affairs Council	(R)	9/24	\$25	x	_____ = _____
Pacifica Park Hike	(R)	10/4	Free	x	_____ = _____
St. Petersburg, Herbst Theater	(R)	10/10	\$35	x	_____ = _____

* Non-members must pay \$5 more for all events

\$ Total _____

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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).

Successful Club Annual Dinner

This year's Annual Dinner held at the St. Francis Yacht Club on June 19, was a great success! With over 160 people in attendance, awards were presented and all were enlightened and entertained by the keynote speaker, Emil Guillermo '77, an acclaimed author and print and broadcast journalist.

The Distinguished Citizen Award was presented to Honorable Norman Y. Mineta, Secretary of Transportation. The Distinguished Secondary Educator Award was presented to Ms. Senda Luz Rios, a Puente Project Counselor at Tennyson High School in Hayward. The Distinguished Human Rights Leadership Award was presented to Dr. Joseph E. Marshall, Jr., the Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Omega Boys Club. New officers and directors were also elected: President Michael Sears '84/'85; President-elect John Trasvina '80; Vice President, Schools Gautham Reddy '85; Secretary Myung! Joh '02; Directors Christopher R. Ball '79, Zachary McGee '94/JD '97, Nancy Stamm '73, Garrett Stone MBA '67, and Justin White '98.

The silent auction was also a great suc-

cess, bringing in more than \$3,000 to be allocated to the educational programs run by the Club.

The Harvard Club of San Francisco would like to thank the following people and businesses for their generous donations to the silent auction:

Businesses:

The City Club
Four Seasons Hotel - San Francisco
Goosecross Winery
Half Moon Bay Brewing Company
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San Francisco Opera's BRAVO! Club
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The Sports Club(LA, San Francisco)

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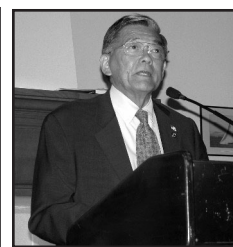
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Emil Guillermo '77



Norman Mineta



At left:
HCSF VP, Activities,
Jennifer Steffen presents the award for Distinguished Human Rights Leadership to Dr. Joseph Marshall Jr.

At right:
HCSF President-elect John Trasvina honors Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation, as the Distinguished Citizen.



Photos courtesy of Mr. Fidel Garcia-Reichman.

Plan a Club Program

Join the next Activities Committee meeting! Come to the offices of McCutchen at 3 Embarcadero Center, 25th floor in San Francisco. Attendees enjoy complimentary refreshments. If you are interested in attending, RSVP to the Club office.



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