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SF PARK HIKE

**Saturday, December 6th, 10:30 am
San Francisco, CA**

The northern section of McLaren Park has been transformed to a safe and pleasant destination for families, dog walkers, runners, and city residents craving a bit of nature.



With McLaren's 318 sprawling acres, inside San Francisco city limits only Golden Gate Park and the Presidio have larger recreation footprints. The park's greatest asset could be its topography. Unlike flat Golden Gate Park, McLaren boasts hills, which make it feel less like a park and more like open space. Although McLaren is comprised of mostly exotic vegetation, with some grassland, new installations of native plants are helping to reestablish a balance.

We will start at the parking lot off Shelley Drive, and create a hike on a seemingly-infinite assortment of paved and dirt paths.. From Mission St. in the Excelsior District, turn east onto Persia Ave. Continue on Persia as it transitions into Mansell at the junction with Brazil, then turn left onto John F. Shelley Drive. Proceed 1/2 mile and turn right into a parking lot.
- Oliver Chin

Current Events

Date Event

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| 11/22 | EastWind Books, Berkeley |
| 11/22 | Harvard-Yale Game |
| 11/28 | SF Ballet Nutcracker |
| 12/6 | McLaren Park Hike |
| 12/15 | JCCNC, San Francisco |
| 12/28 | Harvard Band at Stanford |

Celebrate the SF Ballet's Nutcracker

**Friday, November 28, 8:00 p.m.
San Francisco Opera House**

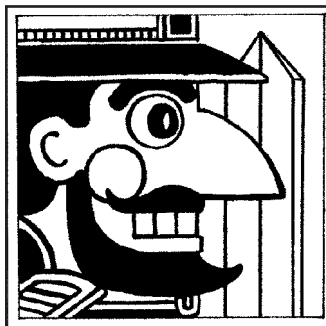
The Harvard and University of Chicago Clubs are celebrating Gala Opening Night of the S.F.

Ballet's The Nutcracker a bit early this year, on the Friday evening after Thanksgiving. Join us in the fantasyland of The Nutcracker to enjoy this San Francisco tradition. Once again snow will be falling as guests arrive on the Opera House steps

and a Sugar Plum world of holiday magic and costumed characters awaits inside the resplendent lobby.

A leading S.F. designer transforms the

lobby into a wonderland of costumed characters, super-sized candycanes, teddy bears, tin soldiers, and such things that are usually visible only to young people nodding off to sleep.



Our guests are greeted and entertained during intermission by the Fairy Princess, the Snow Queen, stilt walkers and other players in costume. No-Host Champagne and other beverages are available during intermission but this year complimentary dessert will not be offered.

We suggest that guests may take advantage of the pre-performance dinner served in the Opera house Dining (continued on page 2)

The Harvard - Yale Football Game

**Saturday, November 22th, 9:00 am
San Francisco, CA**

Join your classmates, friends, and the Yalies at the 120th playing of THE GAME via closed circuit telecast. We will gather at the Elephant and Castle Pub at 424 Clay Street (near Battery) in downtown San Francisco (415-268-3900).

With last year's triumph of 20-13, Harvard has won two straight years over the dreaded Bulldogs. While Yale still leads the all-time series, 64-47-8, in formal League play (since 1956), the rivalry now is deadlocked at 23-23-1. In 2001 Harvard's win of 35-23 in the Bowl capped a perfect 9-0 season for the Crimson. With your support this

year, the Crimson undoubtedly will roll onward to victory!

After the results of seven games this



season, the team is 6-1 (3-1 in the Ivy League). The leading rusher is freshman Clifton Dawson who has nine touchdowns and is averaging more than 100 yards per game. The leading receiver is junior Brian Edwards, who has 36 catches for 640 yards and six touchdowns. Junior quarter-

back Ryan Fitzpatrick has completed 77 of 122 passes for 1,290 yards and 11 touchdowns against six interceptions, while he has rushed for 376 yards and six TDs on 82 carries.
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San Francisco Ballet's Nutcracker (cont. from page 1)



Room downstairs from 5:30 p.m. at \$26.99. Call the Opera house café (415-861-8150) to confirm reservations for this dinner service as soon as you have reserved your ticket(s) through the

Harvard Club Office. The Dining room offers a buffet style dinner service but the staff sets aside an open seating area large enough to serve all dinner reservations. It is unlikely that any unreserved table seating will be available if you wait until the 28th.

Please indicate to the Club office, when making your ticket reservation, that you are also calling the Opera house café for dinner reservations so that we may try to arrange an area where the clubs may gather together in the dining room.



We will also have the opportunity to meet and greet each other in the lobby at intermission.

Elaine Black will hand out your reserved ticket envelopes at 7:30 pm in the lobby, since guests must be seated prior to the performance time at 8:00 p.m. We will send another e-mail as our event draws near to clarify or alter any details as necessary.

Enjoy this fantastic holiday dream that lingers in the imagination of children

of all ages. We have reserved great orchestra seating five months early. Tickets are \$60.00 per person. Reservations must be paid before November 15. Contact

Elaine Black with questions (emblk@hotmail.com, 415-389-9043) and RSVP to the Club office.
- Elaine Black

The Game (cont. from page 1)

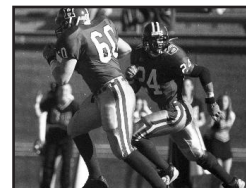
Harvard enters its eighth game as the Division I-AA leader in total offense with an average of more than 500 yards per game.

Now Harvard is ranked No. 23 in both The Sports Network

Division I-AA

national poll and the USA

Today/ESPN coaches poll. This is the fifth consecutive week in which Harvard has been nationally ranked.



A full bar service is available, along with a menu of meals. Guests are responsible for their own charges and tips. Tickets are \$10 reserved and \$15 at the door. Children under 12 are free. RSVP to the Club office so we can reserve the proper amount of seats. Parking is available on the street in metered spaces or nearby garages. The game starts promptly at 9:30 am.
- Paul Toulmin

Harvard Glee Club Tour '04

This year's Spring Tour by the Harvard Glee Club will take place in northern California March 26 - April 4, 2004. As of now, this 65-man chorus plans three concerts in the Bay Area and others in Sacramento and Nevada City. The first Bay Area performance will be a free as part of the Ensign Street Concerts of Palo Alto, at the Church of Latter Day Saints, Sunday evening, March 28. The other two will be paying concerts: Friday night, April 2, at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, and Saturday night, April 3, at St. Mark's Church in Berkeley, jointly with the University of California Men's Chorale. A concert venue in San



Francisco is currently being sought.

HGC needs financial backing for these events, and is looking for persons or corporations to 1) underwrite the Palo Alto performance or 2) guarantee HGC's concert fee for the other two performances. HGC is a 501(c)3 organization, so donations are tax-deductible.

Contact HGC's Tour Manager, Andrew Jorgensen [jorgens@fas.harvard.edu] or HGC's Alumni Secretary, Dr. Bernard E. Kreger '59 [bernard.kreger@bmc.org]; mail address: c/o Harvard Glee Club, Inc., Holden Chapel, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 02138, 617-495-5730. Keep your eye out for further updates.

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Worldly Wisdom from the Court of Basketball

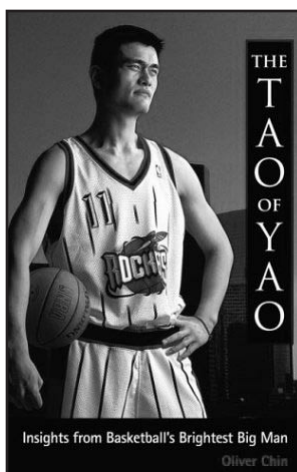
**Saturday, November 22nd, 3:00 pm
Berkeley, CA**

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).

Amazing fans, players, and experts with both his surprising performance and down-to-earth personality, Yao has proven to be a refreshing font of contemporary wisdom. But perhaps that is because that Yao's words and deeds are deeply rooted in the ancient Chinese philosophy of Taoism.

By viewing Yao's character, accomplishments, and image in the proper context - in the lineage of great basket-

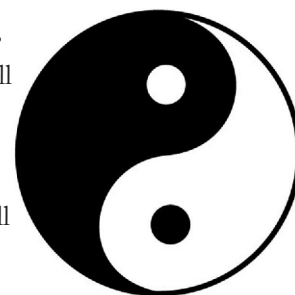
ball players and coaches, as well as the evolving history of Asian and American culture - readers can come to a more profound understanding of not only this one young man but also the role and responsibility of the athlete in modern society.



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."

Sports columnist for the *Contra Costa Times*, Neil Hayes commented, "Chin lends a unique perspective to the story of the NBA's most intriguing player. Yao Ming has turned the world of sports on its head in more ways

than one. *The Tao of Yao* will inspire athletes, parents, and teachers of all ages."



Iris Chang, the *New York Times* best-selling 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 located at 2066 University Avenue in Berkeley (510-548-2350, www.ewbb.com). The author will then speak at the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California on Monday, December 15, at 6:30 pm (415-567-5505 ext. 228, fax 415-567-4222, www.jccnc.org). For more info, visit www.taoofyao.us.

Event Reservations - November/December 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>
Harvard - Yale Football Game	(R)	11/22	\$10/15 x	_____	= _____
San Francisco Ballet Nutcracker	(R)	11/28	\$60 x	_____	= _____
MacLaren Park Hike	(R)	12/6	Free 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).

New HCSF Executive Director Jacqueline Park

A native San Franciscan, Jacqueline Park graduated from UC Berkeley cum laude with an undergraduate degree in Psychology. After teaching elementary school children and then tutoring privately, she got a Masters in Special Education, emphasizing in Learning Disabilities, from Stanford.

Earning SEC licenses 6, 7 and 24, Jacqui worked on the floor of the NYSE, and is a founding member of the Committee of Korean Art of the Asian Art Museum. She loves playing the violin and classical piano, knitting, needlepoint, opera, cooking and entertaining, and manages her business The Perfect Beginning which provides concierge gifts and gift baskets for Bay Area hotels and corporate and special event planning. In her own words, Jacqui writes:

"I'm very excited about my position as Executive Director of HCSF and the opportunity to work closely with Harvard alumni. I understand the importance of attracting new gradu-

ates who have migrated to the Bay Area as well as providing great customer service so we can keep current members happy. I look forward to meeting as many members as I can at upcoming events and working closely

with our President-Elect John on our Annual Dinner next June. I'm very excited about planning that event. It will be spectacular.

"Please call the office and say hello and introduce yourself. My special thanks to our current Board Members for their support and help during

this first month of my transition. Everyone has been great!"



Strike Up The Band!

**Sunday, December 28th, 5:00 pm
Stanford, CA**

The upcoming game between the Harvard and Stanford basketball teams will provide a great

occasion for the loyal alumni of The Band to reunite. All local band alumni are heartily encouraged to join in and play Harvard songs at the game.

Interested musicians (H-R Orchestra members or other musicians are welcome to jam with us) should contact Mark Alper (work 510-486-6681, home 510-339-8595, mdalper@lbl.gov). We have music and can possibly get instruments for those who need them.

Provide much appreciated moral support and have a blast at the same time!



Members: Update Your Contact Information

It is important that all members let the HCSF office know when their contact information changes. That way you can receive timely email and newsletter notices of important and interesting upcoming events. At renewal time, some members indicated that their addresses are the "same as last year." However, many email and mail have been bouncing back lately, so we request that all members inform the HCSF of their present whereabouts. Please send your email, mailing address, and phone number to Jacqueline Park at the Club office (415-750-1442, fax 415-750-1446, hcsf@harvardclub-norcal.org). Thanks for your help.



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