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Harvard Club in Outer Space Chabot Space & Science Center Visit Saturday, March 24



Surround yourself with the wonder of space at Oakland's renowned Chabot Space & Science Center, as we visit this brand new museum for a special evening tour on Saturday, March 24th. Members and guests will even be able to check out the telescopes and view the heavens (weather permitting).

We will have the option of visiting the Planetarium for the shows "Supernova" or

"The Sky Tonight" or the Megadome Theater for "Solarmax" or "Mysteries of Egypt". Between the show and telescope viewing we may visit the exhibits, including "Our Place in the Universe", "Planetary Landscapes: Sculpting the Solar System", "The Origin and Meaning of Meteorites" and many more.

Cost: Adults \$15, youth and senior \$12. Reservations and payment for the Chabot must be received by the club office by March 9th. We must have at least 15 attendees to qualify for group rates.

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Directions to Chabot: Take I-580 or Highway 24 to Highway 13 - Warren Freeway. Exit Hwy 13 at Joaquin Miller/Miller Avenue,Go up Joaquin Miller to Skyline Blvd, take a left at the light, proceed 1.3 miles, entrance on the right. Parking garage fee \$4.

Call Paul Toulmin at 415-864-1138 with any questions. Please leave a message if no answer.

Luncheon Lecture Series Inside the Microsoft Antitrust Case Thursday, March 22

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 gets underway (briefs are already being filed and oral arguments are 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, March 22, 2001, 11:45-1:30 p.m. The Banker's Club, 555 California Street, 52nd Floor. Cost: \$30/members, \$35/ non-members, \$5 discount for reservations made 48 hours in advance. Call the Club office at (415) 421-4700 or e-mail hcsf@harvardclub-norcal.org



Nearly 200 members and guests enjoyed the Farewell Dinner for Harvard President Neil Rudenstine the evening of Feb. 24th at the Stanford Court Hotel. Shown bere, l to r: Pres. Rudenstine, Club President Arkie Koebl, Dr. and Mrs. Sheldon Levin. More photos on page 4.

Bugattis, Duesenbergs and Stutzes **Blackhawk Museum Visit & Luncheon** Saturday, March 3



On Saturday, March 3, we have arranged for a docent-led tour of the Blackhawk Automotive Museum in Danville, followed by a private lunch at the celebrated Blackhawk Grille.

The Blackhawk Museum.

which opened in 1988, showcases more than 100 classic cars from the Behring Collection in a setting which encourages visitors to experience the cars as works of art. Its collection is weighted toward custom-bodied classics, including Bugatti, Duesenberg, Daimler and Rolls-Royce. This year, the museum expanded its scope by becoming affiliated with the Smithsonian Institution in Washington in a program to bring portions of the Smithsonian collection to selected institutions around the country.

The current exhibition, "Smithsonian Treasures: Icons of American History," includes objects, photographs and paintings on loan from four different Smith-sonian museums, including Isaac Singer's 1855 sewing machine, Edward Harrison May's 1869 painting of a Gilded Age dandy, a bronzed Joe Louis boxing glove and a series of sketches FDR made for U.S. stamps. There is also an exhibit on spiders, organized by the National Museum of Natural History.

We will meet at the museum at 10 a.m. for a one-hour docent-led tour of the first floor collection, followed by a free hour for visiting other parts of the museum. At noon, we will adjourn to the nearby Blackhawk Grille for a gourmet southwestern-style lunch (choice of four entrees) in a private dining room. After lunch, there will be opportunities for browsing in the Blackhawk Plaza shops or further exploration of the museum.

To reach the museum, take Route 24 east to Walnut Creek, then I-680 south to the Crow Canvon Road exit. Head east (left from the freeway) on Crow Canyon Road for 4.2 miles, then turn right on Camino Tassajara, then take your first left (at the Movies 7 Theater) into Blackhawk Plaza, then your second right into the closest parking area. The Museum is on the hill above the gated Plaza entrance.

The cost of this event, including museum admission and lunch (but not wine or other bottled beverages) is \$45 per person.

RSVP to the Club office at (415) 421-4700, fax (415) 421-6424 or email hcsf@harvardclub-norcal.org

The Harvard Book Prize

An important activity of the Club is its support to the recruitment efforts done by the Club's Admission and Scholarship Committee. The Harvard Book Prize is an important and effective way of attracting talented young people to the opportunities available in Cambridge. It also represents in over 60 schools in the Bay Area one of the highest awards a school can make to a student in the junior class.

The Award is usually made at the school's graduating exercises or Awards Assembly, with appropriate remarks by a local Harvard alumnus or alumna.

We want to encourage the Club's members to contribute designated gifts of \$25 or more for these Book Awards. This year's book is "Harvard Observed."



Pedal San Francisco to Tiburon 2nd Annual Spring Biking Day Saturday, March 17



We live in one of the most beautiful biking areas of the world, yet how often do you actually take advantage of that? Here's the incentive you need to get going. We have organized a bike tour, led by professional guides/alum Chris Hannan and Susan Kim, who will take us from San Francisco to Tiburon on March 17th. We will be taking the

easiest, flattest course possible and you will be rewarded with lunch at Servino's right on the water and drinks next door at Sam's. Afterwards, you can take the ferry back to San Francisco (or bike back, for the triathletes among us).

You don't have to be Lance Armstrong to come along but you should be able to handle 2 hours of moderate biking (those spinning classes were good for something!). You'll need to bring your own bike, a helmet, money for lunch and the ferry ride back and some layers of clothing (it can be nippy crossing the bridge, but quite warm in Marin).

We will be meeting at 11 am at the Safeway parking lot at 15 Marina Blvd, San Francisco, CA 94123

For more information, please email patricia_chou_ab95 @post.harvard.edu or call 650-295-6859.

There is a \$5 fee for the tour, checks should be made out to The Harvard Club of San Francisco. Bikers will need to bring money for lunch Servino's (moderately priced), drinks at Sam's and Ferry fare (if not biking back). When registering, please leave contact phone number at Harvard Club office, in case of weather induced last minute changes.

Book Discussion Group Saturday, March 24



The February meeting of the Book Discussion Group will be on Saturday, March 24, at 4 p.m. This month's book is "Parallel Lives," by Phyllis rose. (The book is available at Border's Books for \$13). We will be meeting at the home of Norman Coliver at 795 Sutter Street, corner of Jones. Please call Norman at (415) 673-2640 if you plan to attend.

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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.

History and Beautiful SF Bay Cruise on FDR's yacht "Potomac" Saturday, April 28, 2001



Join us on April 28th for our rescheduled (from last October's rainout) two-hour cruise on the Bay on board the U.S.S. Potomac, the yacht used by President Franklin D. Roosevelt

'04 during his years in the White House. The October tickets are valid for this cruise. And a limited number of tickets are available for other members who couldn't make the previous cruise.

The yacht, originally built as a Coast Guard cutter, was refitted for Presidential use and renamed the "Potomac" in 1936. Over the next eight years, it was used on almost every weekend Roosevelt was in Washington. Among the many guests he entertained on board was King George VI. In 1941, the yacht took the President on the first leg of a trip to a secret rendezvous with Winston Churchill off Newfoundland to discuss America's entry into the war.

The yacht was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1990. It is now owned by the Potomac Association, a nonprofit organization which has spent more than \$5 million on its restoration.

The vessel is berthed at the FDR pier at the north end of Jack London Square in Oakland. Plan to arrive by 9:30 a.m. to view an orientation video at the visitor center (corner of Clay and Water Streets.) Boarding will be at 10:00 a.m. and the vessel will sail at 10:30 a.m. for the two-hour cruise.

The cost of the cruise is \$30 per person (\$15 for children 6 to 17, under 6 free). Your reservation and payment must be received at the Club office by Monday, March 26. RSVPs required one month in advance of the cruise.

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

EVENT	DATE	COST	NO.	\$ AMT.
Blackhawk Museum (R)	3/3	\$45/advance	x=	\$
Biking Day	3/17	\$5 per person	x=	\$
Inside the Microsoft Antitrust Case (R)	3/22	Members \$30, Non-members \$35	x=	\$
Chabot Science Center	3/24	\$5 discount for reserv. 48 hrs. in advance \$15 / Adults, \$12 / Youth & Seniors	x=	\$
Potomac Cruise (R)	4/28	\$30 / Adults, \$15 / Children 6-17	x=	\$
Tao House	5/5	\$5 / Members, \$10 / non-members		
Book Award Donation		\$25 Recommended	x=	\$
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You may fax credit card payment to: Harvard Club of San Francisco, (415) 421-6424. 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.

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At the Farewell Dinner for University President Neil Rudenstine, Stanford Court Hotel, Feb. 24th, 2001



Club Treasurer/CFO Wally Sleeth and former Club President David Ratner



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