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## SPOTLIGHT ON...

### Board of Directors John Trasviña, '80

Appointed by President Clinton, John was the highest-ranking Latino attorney at the US Department of Justice from 1993 to 2001. As

special counsel for Immigration Related Unfair Employment Practices in the Office of Civil Rights. John is a former Washington, D.C., legislative counsel to the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF), and former staff counsel for the U.S. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the U.S. Constitution.



"I was honored to be asked to join the Harvard Club of Northern California Board of Directors," remarked John. "We have an outstanding president in Modesta Garcia and an excellent Board dedicated to serving the Harvard family and making us one of the premier Harvard Clubs in the world. You can't beat the Harvard/San Francisco combo!"  
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## Current Events

Date	Event
3/2	Bowling at Yerba Buena
3/9	Blackhawk Museum & Lunch
3/22	2nd Annual Ski Trip
3/23	Book Club: The Emigrants
4/12	Club Networking Luncheon
4/27	Christmas in April
5/18	AIDS Memorial Grove

## Smithsonian salutes American Musicals

**Saturday, March 9th, 10:00 am  
Blackhawk Museum, Danville**

Join our docent-led tour of a new Smithsonian Institution exhibit of memorabilia from American musical comedy, followed by a private lunch at the celebrated Blackhawk Grille.

The museum, known for its beautiful collection of more than 100 classic cars, has expanded its scope by becoming affiliated with the famous Smithsonian Institution.



This exhibit, "Red, Hot and Blue" -- A Smithsonian Salute to the American

Musical, includes the 25-pound glass-beaded dress Ginger Rogers wore in the 1936 film "Follow the Fleet," and which cut Fred Astaire's nose the first time she spun around in it.

The exhibit showcases costumes, photographs, posters, sheet music, reproductions and original artworks that map the history of the American musical from its multiethnic origins in lower Manhattan into a 20th century American art form -- from George M.

Cohan's patriotic anthems to Ziegfeld's Follies, to Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern,  
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## 2nd Annual Ski Trip at Northstar

**Friday, 3/22 - Sunday, 3/24th  
Northstar at Tahoe, CA**

Enjoy a ski weekend at Northstar. We have reserved 5 condominiums for up to 20 members. Lodging is for 2 days/3 nights, and you receive a 2-day (Saturday, Sunday) adult ski/snowboarding lift ticket for total cost of \$275 per person.

Each condominium has 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, fireplace, full kitchen, microwave and dishwasher, color TV, VCR and telephone. All guests get access to Northstar's Swim and



Racquet Club with outdoor spas, swimming pools, tennis courts, fitness center and teen center.

For two years running, Northstar has ranked in the Top 60 Resorts by Ski Magazine, and was also recognized for having California's best family programs, and Lake Tahoe's best grooming operation.

Call Andre Brown at (415) 474-4017 or email at [acbrown8@aol.com](mailto:acbrown8@aol.com) to reserve your spaces with your down payment.  
- Andre Brown

## Networking Luncheon

**Friday, April 12th, noon**  
**Potrero Hill, San Francisco**

Join a lunch conversation with  
 Elizabeth Colton, Chair and Acting



Executive Director of  
 the new International  
 Museum of Women.  
 She will discuss how  
 this exciting institu-  
 tion will celebrate the

lives of women throughout history.

Colton's clients have included the de Young Museum, the Asian Art Museum, and the California Academy of Sciences. She has led the winning campaigns of Proposition B to retrofit the Old Main Library and Proposition C to retrofit Steinhart Aquarium.

The proposed 75,000 square-foot museum will feature contemporary galleries with permanent and temporary exhibits, educational centers for children and teens, public meeting spaces, and a virtual Museum accessible worldwide on the Internet.

The museum has a projected opening date of 2005 in San Francisco. "This exceptional project will enhance the richness of San Francisco's cultural institutions," notes Colton.

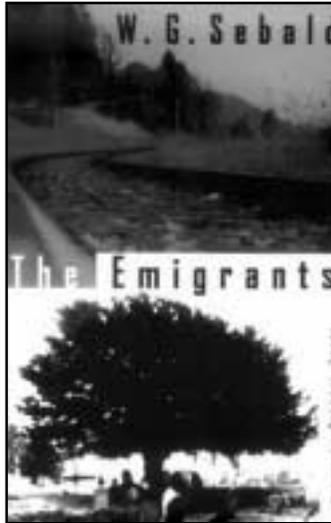
HCSF Patrons may attend at no charge. Otherwise tickets are \$12.00 each, which includes a box lunch from Dominic's at Poplar Creek (on San Mateo Golf Course at Coyote Point) and a special piano performance by recording artist William Watson, who has entertained the HCSF in the past.

RSVP by April 9 to the Club indicating your preference for turkey or vegetarian sandwich. Directions will be emailed or faxed; please leave contact information.

-Andre Brown/Modesta Garcia

## Emigrate to the Book Club

**Saturday, March 23rd, 4-6 p.m**  
**San Francisco, CA**



Our next meeting will be at the home of Roger & Suzanne Park, 999 Green Street (at Jones). The book is "The Emigrants" by W. G. Sebald, which the NYTimes called "A profound and original work . . . an end-of-century meditation that explores the most delicate, most painful, most nervously repressed and carefully concealed lesions of the last hundred years." All are welcome. RSVP to the Parks at (415) 440-3298.

## Spotlight On (cont. from page 1)

With the Asian American Bar Association of San Francisco, Trasviña initiated the centennial celebration of the 1898 Supreme Court decision in Wong Kim Ark v. United States that guaranteed U.S. citizenship to Chinese people born in the United States.

Having graduated from Stanford Law School in 1983, Trasviña specializes in civil and constitutional rights, language issues and immigration.

A native San Franciscan, Trasviña still resides in the city and is on the boards of the La Raza Lawyers Association of San Francisco and League of Women Voters of San Francisco.

## Sponsor HCSF Book Prizes

Support the Club's Admission and Scholarship Committee by sponsoring the Harvard Book Prize. A vital way to attract talented young people to Cambridge, this prize is one of the highest awards that a junior can win in over 60 high schools in the Bay Area.

We encourage the Club's members to contribute designated gifts of \$30 or more for these Book Awards. Help encourage young students' academic achievement. Contact the Club office with your show of financial support.



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## "Red, Hot and Blue" at Blackhawk (cont. from page 1)

Rodgers & Hammerstein, Cole Porter and the Gershwins, to the 1957 masterpiece West Side Story and the complex works of Stephen Sondheim that followed. Artifacts on display include a slapstick --two pieces of wood, joined by a hinge, that vaudevillians slapped against their thighs to simulate the sound of a slap -- the upright piano on which Irving Berlin composed *White Christmas*, and Ray Bolger's scarecrow costume from *The Wizard of Oz* alongside a draft of the movie's script with screenwriter Noel Langley's notes and revisions.



gourmet Southwestern-style lunch (choice of three entrees) in our own private dining room. After lunch, you may browse the Plaza shops or explore the museum further.

Directions: take Route 24 east to Walnut Creek, then I-680 south to the Crow Canyon Road exit. Head east (left) 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. Allow at least an hour to arrive from San Francisco.

Tickets are \$45 each and include lunch (but not wine or other bottled beverages). RSVPs must be received by March 1, so that we can notify the museum and the restaurant properly.  
- David Ratner

After a one-hour tour of the exhibit, is a free hour for visiting other parts of the museum, including the exhibit of "Telescopes" (unique landscape photographs by Francis Sakamoto, using telephoto lenses and astronomical telescopes) and one on the California Gold Rush. At noon, we will adjourn to the nearby Blackhawk Grille for a

## Non-Profit Internships

The Phillips Brooks House Alumni Association seeks to expand opportunities in public service for Harvard undergraduates and alumni. Help provide paid summer internships and first year jobs with not-for-profit groups.

Current students are now being interviewed for positions beginning in the summer of 2002. Students have expressed interest in a wide range of service, such as the arts, the environment, and health care. Last year, the Volunteer Legal Service Program of the San Francisco Bar Association and the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California had local internships. Other students participated in Boston, NY, Baltimore, Washington DC, and Chicago.

Help recommend organizations that could host interns (at \$300 per week minimum) or fellows (\$25,000 per year plus health benefits), and volunteer as mentors or fundraisers. Contact Peggy Brown at 415-972-5365.

### Event Reservations - March 2002

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.

<b>Current Events</b>	<b>Res</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>\$ Total</b>
Bowling - Yerba Buena Center	(R)	3/2	\$15	x _____	= _____
Blackhawk Museum & Lunch	(R)	3/9	\$45	x _____	= _____
2nd Annual Ski Trip - Tahoe	(R)	3/22	\$275	x _____	= _____
Club Networking Luncheon	(R)	4/12	\$12	x _____	= _____
Book Award Donation	Suggested		\$30	_____	= _____
School Choice _____					
<b>\$ Total</b>					_____

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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).

## Help Make Christmas in April Saturday, April 27th, 9 am - 4 pm Emeryville & Berkeley, CA

Volunteer your time to help charities in the Bay Area. For questions or to suggest more projects contact Colleen Gaard at [cgaard@hotmail.com](mailto:cgaard@hotmail.com).

Christmas in April? Absolutely! Join this huge community effort to rebuild and repair dilapidated homes of low-income senior citizens. No construction experience necessary. Saturday, April 27 (9 am - 4 pm) in Emeryville, Berkeley, and Albany. To RSVP to Justin White at (415) 730-3570.



Spring is here! Enjoy the sunshine and make a difference at the same time. On Saturday,

May 18 (9 am - 2:30 pm), assist with the monthly maintenance of the National AIDS Memorial Grove in Golden Gate Park. RSVP to Paul Toomin at (415) 864-1138.  
- Colleen Gaard

## HCSF Bids Farewell to Executive Director Novak

Judith Novak is resigning from the Club to accept a full-time position effective March 1st. The Club thanks Judith for all her years of good work, running the daily operation of the Club in collaboration with the board, the membership and the Cambridge folks. We will miss your presence and humor and wish you the best, Judith!

Therefore, the HCSF is seeking a new Executive Director, who is responsible for daily member relations, liaison for events planning between the V-P Activities and the Newsletter Editor, and processing payments. Send all inquiries to Modesta Garcia at [modesta.garcia@post.harvard.edu](mailto:modesta.garcia@post.harvard.edu).

## Join HCSF Silent Auction

Donate to the HCSF silent auction at the June '02 Annual Dinner. Proceeds will go to the Club's operating expenses. For each tax-deductible donation, the Club will acknowledge you or your business' name in the program.

No donation is too small! Be creative with your talents, connections, and collections. Email Jonathan Barker at [jonathan@mydtv.net](mailto:jonathan@mydtv.net).

## Report: San Mateo Lecture

On February 13th, Club director, John Trasvina, opened the 2002 "President's Lecture Series: Diverse by Design" at the College of San Mateo (CSM). Trasvina addressed "Profiling After September 11th: Protecting Immigrant Civil Rights Today."



Sleeth, Trasviña, Garcia, Griffin, and Kelly

Trasviña examined the current practice of profiling, including a reference to the case of the internment of Japanese Americans 60 years ago when President Roosevelt signed the executive order authorizing it on February 19, 1942.

HCSF's own Modesta Garcia, who is on CSM's Counseling Faculty, initiated and coordinated the Lecture Series. Attending were Club members College President, Dr. Shirley Kelly, VP of Student Services Patricia Griffin, and HCSF President-elect Wally Sleeth.



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